**Mass and Confession Schedule**

**Weekday Mass**

**Misa Entre Semana**

- **Monday – Friday**
  - 6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

- **Saturday**
  - 8:00 a.m.

**Confession**

**Confesiones**

- **Tuesday • Martes**
  - 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Wednesday • Miércoles**
  - 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Saturday • Sábado**
  - 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Weekend Masses**

**Misas del Fin de Semana**

- **Saturday • Sábado**
  - 5:00 p.m.

- **Sunday • Domingo**
  - 7:30 a.m.
  - 9:00 a.m.
  - 11:00 a.m.
  - 1:00 p.m. (español)
  - 5:00 p.m.
  - 7:00 p.m. (español)
Dear Friends in Christ,

The Season of Lent is upon us, the time of year we prepare ourselves for Easter. Lent applies not just to our parish... not just to our Archdiocese... not just to the Catholic Church in the USA... but rather to the universal Church! Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has given a message to the whole universal Church for Lent 2020.

1. The Paschal Mystery as the Basis of Conversion

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This *kerygma* sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue.” Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (John 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (John 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit: “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew.” Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. The Urgency of Conversion

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God’s mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favorable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert, so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Clark*
**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, March 1**
- 7:30am  † Keith Winter
- 9:00am  * Valentine & Queen Ozigboh Family
- 11:00am  * Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00 pm  † Maksim Shparik
- 5:00 pm  † Homero Martinez
- 7:00 pm  † Carolina Sarrazola

**Monday, March 2**
- 6:30am  * Michelle Kanu
- 5:30pm  * Pablo Pineda

**Tuesday, March 3**
- 6:30am  * Souls in Purgatory
- 5:30pm  * H.O. Nwachukwu & Family

**Wednesday, March 4**
- 6:30am  † Suzie Hamilton
- 5:30pm  † Katherine Burda

**Thursday, March 5**
- 6:30am  † Maksim Shparik
- 5:30pm  * Sauceda Family Intentions

**Friday, March 6**
- 6:30 am  † Carole Hinkle
- 5:30pm  * Mike Mc Crate Family

**Saturday, March 7**
- 8:00am  * Claudia Janssens
- 5:00pm  † Shirley Bridges
† (Repose Soul)

**One may request Mass Intentions by visiting the parish office from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday.**

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**Weekly Readings**
*Scripture Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020*

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**Lecturas Semanales**
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**First Sunday of Lent**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 1
8:00 am Religious Article Sales-Servant Hall
8:30 am Coffee and Donuts-Servant Hall
9:00 am CCE Parents (English)-Youth Prayer Room
9:30 am RCIA (English)-Donovan’s Den I
10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am CCE Parents (Spanish)-Youth Media Room
4:00 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal-Church
6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Monday, March 2
10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida - Donovan’s Den
5:30 pm Saint Vincent de Paul/PAM Meeting-Donovan’s Den
6:50 pm Apostolado de la Cruz-Youth Prayer Room

Tuesday, March 3
9:45 am Bridge-Donovan’s Den
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting-Prinster Hall
7:00 pm English As A Second Language (ESL)-School Building
7:00 pm Talleres de Oración y Vida-Youth Media Room
7:30 pm Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Wednesday, March 4
7:00 pm Confirmation 1 Class-Youth Center
7:00 pm Confirmation 2 Class-School
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting-Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group-Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA (Spanish)-Youth Center
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
7:30 pm Legion of Mary Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:30 pm R.C.I.A. Inquiry Meeting (English)-Donovan’s Den

Thursday, March 5
9:45 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting-Donovan’s Den
6:30 pm Gabriel Project Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm English As A Second Language (ESL)-School Building
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Friday, March 6
10:30 am Bible Study-Youth Prayer Room
5:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Kof C) Fish Fry-Prinster Hall
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm Via Crucis Viviente-Scout House

Saturday, March 7
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones-Church
4:00 pm Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Sunday, March 8
9:00 am CCE Parents (English)-Youth Prayer Room
9:30 am RCIA (English)-Donovan’s Den
10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am CCE Parents (Spanish)-Youth Media Room
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Stewardship for February 23, 2020

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Upcoming Second Collections

Black & Indian Missions
March 1, 2020

Catholic Relief Services
March 22, 2020

2020 Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Pledged: $31,560.00
Total Amount Paid: $15,315.00
Total Number of Participant: 97
Total Number of Households: 4184
Average Participant Pledge: $325.36
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($177,685.00)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($161,440.00)
Percent Paid: 7.94%

Online Giving

The parish website has instructions on how to register for convenient on-line giving. You will have full control of your contribution account and scheduling. Visit our homepage at STMHOUSTON.ORG for details and registration.
**FAITH FORMATION**

**Grade School CCE**

**English Elementary and Middle CCE** meets in the School on Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 am

**Spanish Elementary and Middle School CCE** meets in the School on Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Teen Confirmation One (I)** meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Upstairs Youth Media Room.

**Teen Confirmation Two (II)** meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the School.

**Bible Study for CCE Parents** is available on Sundays during the CCE sessions in the Upstairs RE Building Prayer Room.

**Youth**

**Young Disciples** is a gathering of teens on the 2nd Sunday of the month to fellowship together and learn more about the wonders and richness of the Catholic faith.

**Next gathering: March 8, 2020**

Join Danielle Luna as you learn more about how life truly looks in the eyes of teenage Catholics. We meet in the Religious Education Building, 2nd floor Youth Room after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

“The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.”

- Saint John Paul II

**Adults**

**The Word of Truth Bible Study** for adults meets on Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Upstairs Prayer Room. This series takes as its content talks given biblical scholars Dr. Scott Hahn of Franciscan University of Steubenville and Jeff Cavins from The Great Adventure Bible Studies. This is a 24-week Bible and Catholic study that will help deepen your knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures and enrich your spirituality and prayer as you integrate the Scriptures into your communion with God. Join us!

**Adult Confirmation** takes place on Wednesdays, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Upstairs Prayer Room in the RE Building.

**Interested in Joining the Catholic Church?**  This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It begins with informal question and answer sessions called “Inquiry.” Inquiry sessions are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:00 am and Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm in Donovan’s Den. For more information, contact Deacon John Krugh at John Krugh at deacon@krugh22.com

**Register Now for the Men’s Retreat**

**Standing on Holy Ground – The Call to Holiness in Today’s World** is the theme of this year’s Men’s Retreat at the Holy Name Retreat Center on Bunker Hill Road in the nearby Memorial area.

As Christian men, we are urged to live our vocation to holiness. Over the weekend of Friday evening, April 3 through noon, Sunday, April 5 you’re invited to join your fellow parishioners and other men from around the diocese to prayerfully explore what it means to be holy in today’s world.

For more information and to register, go to [www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com](http://www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com) or call SMT Retreat Coordination Hiett Ives at (832) 372-6900.
CONTACTS

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St.
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 729-0221
(713) 729-3294 fax
www.stmhouston.org

Parish Office Hours
Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Clergy
Rev. Clark Sample, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Joseph Methanath, O.S.H., Parochial Vicar
Rev. Micheal Carmody, In Residence
Rev. Binny Philip, In Residence
Deacon John Krugh

Parish Staff
John P. Chambers, Jr., Pastoral Associate
Eloise Starr, Secretary
Rosio Contreras, Receptionist
Ingrid Gooding, Bookkeeper
Gabriel Villarreal, Maintenance

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Deacon David Johnson, Interim Director
Mary-Therese Hafernik, Confirmation

Office of Music:
Sabrina Nguyen, Ed.D., Director, (713) 980-3111
Jian Guang Shi, Organist (713) 988-9829
Rommys Orozco (1:00 p.m.)
Lisa Veneralla (5:00 p.m.)
Rogelio Mendoza, Spanish (7:00 p.m.)

St. Thomas More Catholic School
5927 Wigton Drive
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 729-3434
(713) 721-5644 fax
www.stthomasmoreschool.org

School Office Hours
Monday to Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Staff
Kristen Thome, Principal
Nina Coltharp, Director of Preschool
Kathleen Prado, Director of Advancement
Judy Gentempo, Admissions
Noel Novak, Dean of Students
Linda Fox, Business Manager
Mary Heard, Secretary
Rebeka Zepeda, Nurse
Andrea Osborne, School Counselor

www.facebook.com/stmhou
Parish Ministries

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul: The Society at STM is committed to helping those less fortunate in our immediate area. Due to the generous donations of food and funds from the parish, the Society is able to operate a food pantry and to make home visits to those requesting financial assistance. If further needs are identified upon a home visit, appropriate referrals to resources at the parish or in the community will be made.

Pantry Hours are Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm, and the third Saturday of the month 10:00 am-12:00 pm. For more information on this outreach ministry call the office at (713) 980-3113.

Meals and Samaritan Ministry: If you are looking for a way to help out the parish community, please consider joining the meals ministry and/or the Samaritan ministry! These two ministries allow you to practice the corporal acts of mercy with the community. We are looking for cooks for both ministries! Please contact Monique Close at goodsamaritans@stmhouston.org or at (713) 628-3323 with questions or to volunteer in this ministry of compassion.

Respect Life Committee: Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9:00 - 9:40 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. We will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the protection of life from conception to natural death. For more information please contact Marianne Kahlich at hekahlich@aol.com or (713) 728-4955.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: For more information, visit: www.stmhouston.org or contact Margaret Schueler at (713) 666-1311 or via email at meschueler2@gmail.com

Building and Grounds Committee: If you are interested in using your talents to help the maintenance of the parish properties and grounds, please contact Vince Stasio for more details at vcstasio@gmail.com

Perpetual Adoration: If you wish to sign up for a Perpetual Adoration hour to watch with our Lord for one hour a week, please contact Edna Valdez at valdezDNA5@gmail.com or (713) 425-9506

STreaMliners: We will begin collecting dues for 2020, $20 per member and collecting for our Christmas project the “Crime Stoppers.” Please make checks out to St. Thomas More Church. “Don’t forget to bring “Toothpaste or Bar Soap” for the STM Food Pantry and Toiletries for the Hospital. Entertainment: A K-9 Bomb Sniffer dog and handler from the Houston Police Dept.

Tuesday, March 10th trip is also before the March meeting. The March day trip is a visit to the San Jacinto Monument which includes a 30 minute film on Texas history and elevator ride to the top observation deck, $12 pp. Lunch on your own at the Monument Inn at noon. Their seafood and rolls are to die for. Bus leaves sharply at 9:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Contact Beth Massa at 281-450-1386 or email emasssa@sbcglobal.net or to Joyce Coles 713-774-2628 or jcoles8433@sbcglobal.net or drop in mail slot at 6206 Yarwell.

The Game of Bridge: All are welcome to gather in Donnovan’s Den on Tuesday, March 3rd at 9:45 a.m. for fun and fellowship while playing Bridge. Bring a snack to share and $1.00. Some goodies will be provided. Please call Rose Mulvancy at (713) 723-3795 for details.

A Big Thank You!
The Choirs of STM would like to thank everyone for coming out to support the Choir Gala this year – it was a great event and a wonderful show of support.

On Friday’s during Lent, the Knights of Columbus host a Fish Fry for your eating and communal pleasure. Come join us!

What: K of C Fish Fry
When: Fridays in Lent
Where: Prinster Hall
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m
Cost: $10.00/Adult
      $6.00/Child
The Following Hours Still Need Committed Adorers for Perpetual Adoration!

If you would like to inquire about taking an hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Thomas More, please contact Edna Valdez at valdezedna5@gmail.com or (713) 425-9506. Please prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with our Lord, you will not regret his company.

Valentine’s Day is the perfect time to romance your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter puts the spark back in your marriage. Learn a tool that will help you communicate about the important things. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (March 13-15 or May 15-17). Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information or go on-line to www.houstonme.org

### Lenten Fasting & Abstinence

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**Who**

- **Catholics 14+**: are obliged to practice abstinence
- **Catholics 18-59**: are obliged to fast

**What**

- **Abstinence**: no meat, fish is ok
- **Fasting**: 1 regular meal and 2 smaller meals

**Please Note**

These guidelines are the minimum requirements for Lenten sacrifices. All are encouraged to impose some sort of personal penance or act of charity or piety on top of these minimums.

You could increase the number of days you practice fasting and/or abstinence, or abstain from a favorite food or activity for all of Lent. You could add things, such as committing to read the Bible for 20 minutes a day. As in all things, Lenten penance and mortification calls for prudence. It is wise to consult your spiritual director before undertaking additional Lenten practices.
**SACRAMENTS**

**Anointing of the Sick:**
Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Marriage Preparations:**
Engaged couples, please contact the parish office at least 6 months to a year ahead of the wedding to begin the church reservation process and marriage preparation.

**Funerals:**
In the event of the death of a loved one, call the parish office at (713) 729-0221.

**Visiting the Sick and Homebound:**
If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, or if you know of anyone who is home-bound and would like to receive communion, please call the parish office at (713) 729-0221.

**Baptism Preparation and Classes:**
Baptism Class for parents interested in having their infant (or child) baptized is offered every third Saturday of the month. English classes meet at 9:00 a.m. in the RE Building Upstairs Media Room and Spanish classes meet at 10:00 a.m. in the RE Building Upstairs Prayer Room.

**Attendance is required of both parents and godparents. St. Thomas More ONLY accepts active registered members of the parish, and living in zip codes 77096 and 77035.**

If godparents are married, they must be married by the Catholic Church and bring proof. Single godparents must have received all three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) and bring proof. Pre-registration is required, please contact the parish office for the English class at (713) 729-0221.

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**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SCHOOL**

**Reaching Minds · Touching Hearts · Shaping Souls**

St. Thomas More Parish School is “committed to developing the minds, hearts, and souls of our students. By planting faith-filled seeds of good habits, we open our students’ minds to knowledge, their hearts to service, and their souls to the beauty of God’s Creation.”

*Now Accepting Applications for the 2020-2021 School Year*

To schedule a private tour, call the office at (713) 729-3434.

Application and other information can be found at [www.stthomasmore-school.org](http://www.stthomasmore-school.org)
It’s TIME! Place your orders NOW! There’s absolutely No “Italian Sausage” on the market like it. It’s our very own STM Knights of Columbus Sausage....

**K of C HOMEMADE**

**Italian Thanksgiving Sausage Fundraiser - Still only $6.00/lb.**

Please Note: Pre-Sale Orders the weekend of March 8th and 9th and March 15th and 16th. Order deadline is Sunday, March 16, 2020. All orders must be paid in advance!! Sausage Delivery: After the Saturday 5:00PM Mass on March 22, 2020 and after all Sunday Morning Masses on March 23, 2020

Please fill out order form (below) and give to K of C representative after Mass with payment.

**Cash and/or Check payable to:**
Knights of Columbus # 3910
10330 Hillcroft Ave.
Houston, TX 77096-4795

Please Print:
Name: ________________________________ ($6.00 per 1 lb. package)
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Number of pkgs: ______
Home/Contact Phone: ____________________ Total Cost: ________________
Circle 1: Cash / Check

Date of Order: _________________ K of C Representative: _________________

“Thank You” for your continued support
All profits go to STM Knights of Columbus Charities
Queridos amigos en Cristo:

La temporada de Cuaresma está sobre nosotros, la época del año en que nos preparamos para la Pascua. La Cuaresma se aplica no solo a nuestra parroquia ... no solo a nuestra Arquidiócesis ... no solo a la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos ... sino a la Iglesia universal. Nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, ha dado un mensaje a toda la Iglesia universal para la Cuaresma 2020.

1. El misterio pascual como base de la conversión

La alegría cristiana fluye al escuchar y aceptar la Buena Nueva de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Este kerygma resume el misterio de un amor “tan real, tan verdadero, tan concreto, que nos invita a una relación de apertura y diálogo fructífero”. Quien crea este mensaje rechaza la mentira de que nuestra vida es nuestra para hacer lo que queramos. Más bien, la vida nace del amor de Dios nuestro Padre, de su deseo de concedernos vida en abundancia (Juan 10:10). Si escuchamos la tentadora voz del “padre de la mentira” (Juan 8:44), corremos el riesgo de hundirnos en el abismo del absurdo y experimentar el infierno aquí en la tierra, como demasiados eventos trágicos experiencia personal humana y colectiva tristemente dar testimonio.

En esta Cuaresma de 2020, me gustaría compartir con cada cristiano lo que escribí a los jóvenes en la exhortación apostólica Christus Vivit: “Mantén tus ojos fijos en los brazos extendidos de Cristo crucificado, déjate salvar una y otra vez. Y cuando vayas a confesar tus pecados, créete firmemente en su misericordia que te libera de tu culpa. Contempla su sangre derramada con tanto amor y déjate purificar por ella. De esta manera, puedes renacer de nuevo. La Pascua de Jesús no es un evento pasado; más bien, a través del poder del Espíritu Santo, está siempre presente, permitiéndonos ver y tocar con fe la carne de Cristo en los que sufren.

2. La urgencia de la conversión

Es bueno contemplar más profundamente el misterio pascual a través del cual la misericordia de Dios nos ha sido otorgada. De hecho, la experiencia de la misericordia solo es posible en una relación “cara a cara” con el Señor crucificado y resucitado "que me amó y se entregó por mí" (Gal 2:20), en un diálogo sincero entre amigos. Por eso la oración es tan importante en la Cuaresma. Incluso más que un deber, la oración es una expresión de nuestra necesidad de responder al amor de Dios que siempre nos precede y nos sostiene. Los cristianos rezan sabiendo que, aunque indignos, todavía somos amados. La oración puede tomar muchas formas diferentes, pero lo que realmente importa a los ojos de Dios es que penetra profundamente en nosotros y destruye nuestra dureza de corazón, para convertirnos cada vez más plenamente a Dios y a su voluntad.

En esta temporada favorable, podemos permitirnos ser conducidos como Israel al desierto, para que al fin podamos escuchar la voz de nuestro Cónyuge y permitir que resuene cada vez más profundamente dentro de nosotros. Cuanto más comprometidos estemos con su palabra, más experimentaremos la misericordia que él nos da libremente. Que no permitamos que este tiempo de gracia pase en vano, en la tonta ilusión de que podemos controlar los tiempos y los medios de nuestra conversión a él.

De ustedes en Cristo,

Fr. Clark
¡Las siguientes horas todavía necesitan adoradores comprometidos para la adoración perpetua!

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Si desea informarse sobre estar una hora en Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en STM, comuníquese con Edna Valdez al valdezeda5@gmail.com o (713) 425-9506. Por favor póngase en oración, y considere dar su tiempo a Jesús de esta manera tan especial. Gracias.
**Bautizo infantil:** Niños/as de 0 meses a 6 años. Las clases de preparación bautismal para Padres y Padrinos, son el tercer sábado de cada mes de 10:00 am a 1:00 pm (registración inicia a las 9:30am) en el 2do. Piso del edificio de Educación Religiosa. **Necesitamos toda tu atención durante la clase, no se permiten niños en la clase.**

**Requisitos:**
1. Los Papás: deben ser miembros activos y estar registrados en la parroquia de St. Thomas More, 6 meses antes de solicitar el Bautismo o vivir en el código postal 77096 y 77035.
2. Los Padrinos: deben ser suficientemente maduros y mayores de 16 años de edad, haber recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía y ser miembros activos de la Iglesia Católica y canónicamente libres de llevar a cabo sus tareas. Si son casados, deben de ser casados en la Iglesia.
3. Inscribirse en la Oficina parroquial para la Clase de Preparación Bautismal
4. Asistir a la Clase de preparación Bautismal el tercer sábado del mes, ambos Papás y Padrinos

**Después de la clase de preparación bautismal:**
5. Entregar a la oficina la forma de registro de papás y acta de nacimiento del niño/a
6. Entregar a la oficina la forma de registro de padrinos y acta de matrimonio

Para más información llamar al (713) 729-0221

**Legion de María (Español)**
Si desean servir a Dios, por medio de la Virgen María, nuestro ministerio, se reúne todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en Donavon's Den. Tenemos como mision la devoción al santísimo rosario, peregrinar la Virgen María en los hogares, visitar enfermos, etc. Si tienes ese llamado en tu corazón para servir o recibir la Virgen María, no tardes, la Virgen María te espera. Para mas informacion llame: Gricelda Sanchez al (713) 550-3608.

**Ministerio de comidas y ministerio samaritano:** está buscando una manera de ayudar a la comunidad parroquial, ¡considere unirse al ministerio de comidas y / o al ministerio samaritano! Estos dos ministerios le permiten practicar los actos corporales de misericordia con la comunidad. ¡Estamos buscando cocineros para ambos ministerios!

El Ministerio de Comidas proporciona comidas a los feligreses que no pueden cocinar por si mismos debido a una situación médica a corto plazo. Estamos buscando cocineros que se comprometan a cocinar UN DÍA AL MES. También necesitamos personas que estén interesadas en ser un cocinero sustituto para el ministerio de comidas.

El Ministerio Samaritano ofrece una comida caliente para las familias en duelo y sus invitados después de un funeral. La comida será proporcionada, al igual la organización del salón y servida por el ministerio samaritano.

Ambos ministerios fueron partes activas importantes de nuestra comunidad parroquial durante décadas. ¡Estamos emocionados de ponerlos en funcionamiento nuevamente! Póngase en contacto con Monique Close (713) 628-3323 o mogeclose@yahoo.com si tiene preguntas o para ser voluntario.

**Celebración de Quince Años:** Para Señoritas y Jóvenes Si te gustaría recibir la bendición de Dios en este día tan especial para ti. Te invitamos a que vengas y reserves tu día de acción de Gracias

**Requisitos:**
- Los papás deben de ser miembros activos y estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de solicitar la celebración o vivir en la zona postal 77035 0 77096.
- Haber recibido los sacramentos del Bautismo y Primera Comunión.
- Estar en el programa de educación religiosa el año anterior a la celebración y estar en el proceso de recibir la confirmación.

El/ La joven y los papás deben de asistir al día de preparación espiritual de Quince Años. Para mas informacion llamar a la oficina al 713-729-0221

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