

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Bulletin announcements are due Monday by 5:00 p.m. for the following Sunday. Please contact Rosio Contreras at rcontreras@stmhouston.org to request a bulletin announcement for your group or ministry. All requests are subject to approval and space availability and will be formatted to fit the overall design of the bulletin. Thank you.



We are proud to welcome Ms. Carolina Bowman to the Saint Thomas More family. Ms. Bowman is the new principal at St. Thomas More Parish School.

This school year promises to be one of new challenges, but she is up to the task. She has been hard at work since July 1.

Let's all join in prayer for a successful school year 2020-2021 .

Current Mass and Confession Schedule

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

MISA ENTRE SEMANA (INGLES)

Lunes-Viernes

6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.



CONFESSION CONFESIONES

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)



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's hard to believe that we are already past the halfway point of July. Summer is here and it's flying by! I would like to think that everyone is spending this time getting some nice R&R, but the reality is that these recent days and weeks have been anything but restful and relaxing. After four months of dealing with the Coronavirus health crisis, the novelty of the situation has worn off. People are tired of it. Today seems to be more uncertain than ever, and many people I have spoken to have expressed their own feelings of anxiety and despair.

What are we supposed to do? As always, we turn to the Lord. At the beginning of the health crisis, I shared a passage from scripture that I thought was very appropriate at that time. The same passage is just as relevant today: "Do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?'" All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Matthew 6:31-34).

So, what are we supposed to do? Place our trust in the Lord and focus on today. That being said, we have to be honest with ourselves and face reality square in the face. We have to understand that challenges lie ahead. But we also have to have the unwavering faith that God will help us get through these upcoming days. "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

This bulletin letter is the first print edition we have had in quite some time. During these past several months while things have seemed relatively slow, we have actually accomplished a lot of things behind the scenes at the parish! We have several new essential staff members. We are continuing to upkeep and improve our facilities. And, while we are striving to safely serve our parish today, we are also laying the groundwork to hit the ground running once we return to some sense of normalcy in the future. For the time being, for today, continue to focus on your relationship with Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus, I believe that
You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive you
in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this mo-
ment receive You sacra-
mentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.*

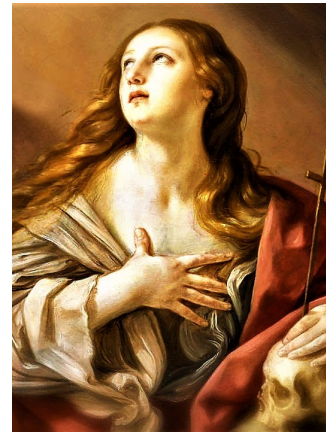
*I embrace You as if You
are already there.*

*And unite myself wholly to
You.*

*Never permit me to be
separated from you.*

Amen

Saint of the Week



Feast of St. Mary
Magdalene

Feast Day: July 22

WEEKLY READINGS

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 19, 2020

Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30
Monday	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Saint Bridget, Religious Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Feast of Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127- 128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

LECTURAS SEMANALES

Lecturas de las Escrituras por la Semana del 19 de Julio de 2020

Domingo	Décimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Sab 12, 13. 16-19; Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16a; Rom 8, 26-27; Mt 13, 24-43 o Mt 13, 24-30
Lunes	San Apolinario, Obispo y Mártir Mi 6, 1-4. 6-8; Sal 49, 5-6. 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23; Mt 12, 38-42
Martes	San Lorenzo de Brindis, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia Mi 7, 14-15. 18-20; Sal 84, 2-4. 5-6. 7-8; Mt 12, 46-50
Miércoles	Fiesta de Santa María Magdalena Cant 3, 1-4a o 2 Cor 5, 14-17; Sal 70, 1-2. 3- 4a. 5-6ab. 15ab y 17; Jn 20, 1. 11-18
Jueves	Santa Brígida, Religiosa Jer 2, 1-3. 7-8. 12-13; Sal 35, 6-7ab. 8-9. 10-11; Mt 13, 10-17
Viernes	San Charbel Makhluf, Presbítero Jer 3, 14-17; Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13; Mt 13, 18-23
Sábado	Fiesta de Santiago, Apóstol 2 Cor 4, 7-15; Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 7-8; Mt 20, 20- 28
Domingo	Décimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 1 Re 3, 5. 7-12; Sal 118, 57 y 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130; Rom 8, 28-30; Mt 13, 44- 52 o Mt 13, 44-46

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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. Thuc Nguyen, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Binny Philip, *In Residence*

Deacon John Krugh

Deacon Danny Naranjo

Parish Staff

Suzie Hamilton, *Pastoral Associate*

Eloise Starr, *Secretary*

Rosio Contreras, *Receptionist*

Ingrid Gooding, *Bookkeeper*

Ron Biba, *Facilities Manager*

Faith Formation

Ryan Lambert, *Director*

Mary-Therese Hafernik, *Confirmation*

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Chris Bearer, *Director*, (713) 980-3111

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School Office Hours (Summer)

Monday to Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Staff

Carolina Bowman, *Principal*

Kathleen Prado, *Director of Advancement*

Judy Gentempo, *Admissions*

Noel Novak, *Dean of Students*

Doris Cook, *Business Manager*

Mary Heard, *Secretary*

Rebecka Zepeda, *Nurse*

Andrea Osborne, *School Counselor*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 19

7:30am † Ugochukwu Nwachukwu
 9:00am * Deacon David Johnson
 11:00am * Missa Pro Populo
 1:00 pm † Adrian Parra

Monday, July 20

6:30am * Paul O'Neal Family
 5:30pm † Hector Pineda

Tuesday, July 21

6:30am † Johanna Kampschneider
 5:30pm * In honor of our Blessed Mother

Wednesday, July 22

6:30am * Brian Riley Family
 5:30pm * Donald Kanu

Thursday, July 23

6:30am † Nasry Handal
 5:30pm * Fr. Bill Oliver

Friday, July 24

6:30 am * All Priest
 5:30pm † Ugochukwu Nwachukwu

Saturday, July 25

5:00pm * Brian & Arianna Barton

†(Deceased)
 *(Special Intention)

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



*Uno puede solicitar Intenciones visitando la
 oficina parroquial 8:00 am - 5:00 pm,
 Lunes - Viernes*

Stewardship for July 12, 2020

Collection	\$12,281.00
Online Giving	\$ 10,942.10
Total	\$ 23,223.10

Upcoming Second Collections

Infirm Priest's
 August 9, 2020



Parish Goal: \$193,000.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$75,364.50
 Total Amount Paid: \$56,034.00
 Total Number of Participant: 208
 Total Number of Households: 4184
 Average Participant Pledge: \$362.33
 Paid Over (Under) Goal: (\$136,966.00)
 Pledged Over (Under) Goal: (\$117,635.50)
 Percent Paid: 29.03%

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.

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Es difícil creer que ya pasamos la mitad de julio. ¡El verano está aquí y pasa volando! Me gustaría pensar que todo el mundo pasa este tiempo R&R (descanso), pero la realidad es que estos últimos días y semanas han sido todo menos relajantes. Después de cuatro meses de lidiar con la crisis de salud de Coronavirus, la novedad de la situación ha desaparecido. La gente está cansada de eso. Hoy parece ser más incierto que nunca, y muchas personas con las que he hablado han expresado sus propios sentimientos de ansiedad y desesperación.

¿Que se supone es lo que tenemos que hacer? Como siempre, acudimos al Señor. Al comienzo de la crisis de salud, compartí un pasaje de las Escrituras que pensé que era muy apropiado en ese momento. El mismo pasaje es igual de relevante hoy: "No se preocupen y digan: "¿Qué vamos a comer? "O" ¿Qué debemos beber? "O" ¿Qué debemos vestir? "Todas estas cosas que buscan los paganos. Tu Padre celestial sabe que necesitas de todas esas cosas. Pero busca primero el reino [de Dios] y su justicia, y todas estas cosas te serán dadas. No te preocupes por mañana; mañana se cuidará solo. Suficiente para un día es su propio mal" (Mateo 6: 31-34).

¿Entonces, qué se supone que debemos hacer? Confíe en el Señor y enfóquese en el hoy. Dicho esto, tenemos que ser honestos con nosotros mismos y enfrentar la realidad de frente. Tenemos que entender que los desafíos están por venir. Pero también tenemos que tener la fe inquebrantable que Dios nos ayudará a superar estos próximos días. "No te preocupes por mañana; mañana se cuidará solo. Suficiente para un día es su propio mal.

Este boletín es la primera edición impresa que hemos tenido en bastante tiempo. Durante estos últimos meses, mientras las cosas parecían relativamente lentas, ¡hemos logrado muchas cosas detrás de escena en la parroquia! Tenemos varios nuevos miembros esenciales del personal. Continuamos manteniendo y mejorando nuestras instalaciones. Y, mientras nos esforzamos por servir de manera segura a nuestra parroquia, también estamos sentando las bases para comenzar a trabajar una vez que regresemos a un sentido de normalidad en el futuro. Por el momento, por hoy, continúa enfocándote en tu relación con Jesús

De ustedes en Cristo,

Fr. Clark

Oración de Comunión espiritual

Jesús mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo recibirte en mi alma.

Como no puedo recibirte en este momento sacramentalmente, entra al menos espiritualmente en mi corazón.

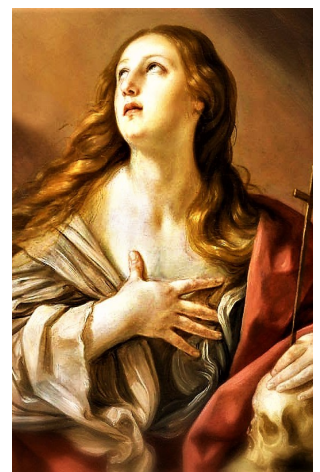
Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí.

Y me uno totalmente a ti.

Nunca permitas que me separe de ti.

Amen

Santo de la semana



Fiesta de Santa María
Magdalena

Fiesta: 22 de julio