

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ON THE COVER:

MIRACLE OF THE BREAD AND FISH

GIOVANNI LANFRANCO (1582-1647)

The Parish Office is open during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Closed 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. and is fully staffed. Please call 713-729-0221 for more information. If you visit us in person, please wear a mask for your safety and ours.



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.

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

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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. 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*

Office of Music

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

Saint Thomas More Catholic School

(713) 729-3434

(713) 721-5644 fax

www.stthomasmore-school.org

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*

Current Mass and Confession Schedule

WEEKDAY MASS

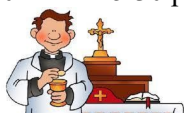
Monday – Friday

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

MISA ENTRE SEMANA (INGLIS)

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 been great seeing many of you after Mass and around campus. Due to the COVID-19 situation, however, many people have been unable to come up to our church and I miss seeing their familiar faces. It's hard to say that our parish has been hitting on all cylinders, but that doesn't mean it's been boring around here! I would like to update you on some recent happenings around the parish.

Fr. Thuc, our new Parochial Vicar, has already been here a month. He is making a smooth transition into our community, and it is a joy to have a newly ordained priest with us. It's crazy to think that I'm the old priest here!

Carolina Bowman, our new School Principal, has been working hard with the school staff in order to best prepare for the upcoming school year. As you are probably well aware, the current health crisis is a very fluid situation and things seem to change daily. All things considered, I am confident that this semester will be a success, and I know that our school has a very bright future.

Ryan Lambert, our new Director of Faith Formation, has been busy tying up loose ends with last year's CCE and preparing for this upcoming year. Due to COVID-19, we will not be having CCE in person. Instead, we will be running a home-based program that will focus on catechesis of the entire family. Because parents are the primary educators of their children, we want to assist them as they teach their children, and we hope that parents will learn more about their faith in the process! We hope to set the foundation for a richer and more lively faith formation program at STM.

Ron Biba, our new Director of Facilities, has had his hands full working to maintain our buildings and property. We had some significant projects this past year, perhaps the most significant was putting a completely new roof on the school. We also finished installing the new floor in the church and repainted the interior. There are many other little projects that need to be done around campus in order to preserve what we have and in order to make our property as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

Lastly, I recently received the news that I was formally appointed as Pastor of our parish, St. Thomas More Catholic Church. While it doesn't change too much about running day to day activities at the parish, it does mean that I'm locked in here for the years ahead. So... I'm not sure if that's good news or bad news! Of course, I'm kidding. It's been a great first year for me at STM, and I look forward to working with all of you and doing what I can to make our parish the best it can be.

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 moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

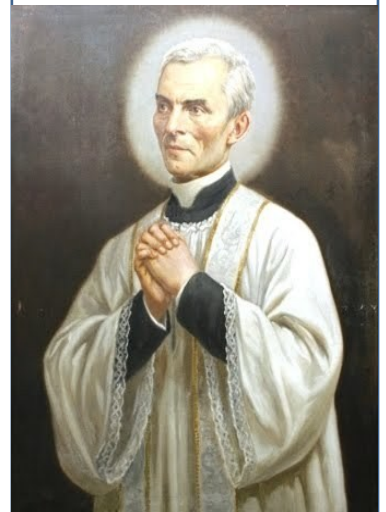
I embrace You as if You are already there.

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

Saint of the Week



Feast of St. Peter
Julian Eymard

Feast Day: August 2

WEEKLY READINGS

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 2 2020

Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3, Ps 145:8-9,15-16,17-18,Rom 8:35,37-39,Mt 14:13-21
Monday	St. Aspren Jer 28:1-17, Ps 119:29,43,79,80,95,102, Jn 1:49b, Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday	St. John Vianney Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Ps 102:16-18,19-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,10-14
Wednesday	St. Afra Jer 13: 1-7; Jer 31:10,11-12AB,13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;Mt 17:1-9
Friday	St. Albert of Trapani Na 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7; Dt 32:35CD-36AB, 39ABCD,41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Saint Dominic Hab 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-9,10-11,12-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1Ki 19-9a,11-13a,Ps 85:8,9,10,11-12,13-14, Rom 9:1-5,Mt 14-22-33

LECTURAS SEMANALES

Lecturas de las Escrituras por la Semana del 2 de agosto de 2020

Domingo	Décimo octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is 55:1-3, Ps 145:8-9,15-16,17-18,Rom 8:35,37-39,Mt 14:13-21
Lunes	San Aspren Jer 28:1-17, Ps 119:29,43,79,80,95,102, Jn 1:49b, Mt 14:22-36
Martes	San Juan Vianney Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Ps 102:16-18,19-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,10-14
Miercoles	Santa Afra Jer 13: 1-7; Jer 31:10,11-12AB,13; Mt 15:21-28
Jueves	Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;Mt 17:1-9
Viernes	San Alberto de Trapani Na 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7; Dt 32:35CD-36AB, 39ABCD,41; Mt 16:24-28
Sabado	San Dominic Hab 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-9,10-11,12-13; Mt 17:14-20
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Dear STM Family,

Your fellow parishioner Vincentians are hard at work to meet the needs of our neighborhood friends with the support of your donations and prayers. Thank you for your unwavering support. In addition to your financial donations, we were blessed with Covid-19 relief funds via our SVdP council. And, just this past week we received a much needed cooler from a Houston Food Bank donor. Effective in June the food pantry established new operating hours on Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (distribution from parking lot only).

Below is a summary of the last quarter’s activity which is reflective of the increased need. We have been able to assist 65 out of approximately 240 requests for financial assistance during this period.

Food distributed via parking lot drive thru Assistance provided for rent or utilities

	<u>Households</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Est. Value</u>	<u>Households</u>		<u>Individuals Disbursed</u>
April	-0-	-0-	n/a	10	40	\$ 2,550
May	72	310	\$ 2,160	16	62	\$ 3,777
June	93	352	\$ 2,790	49	146	\$ 17,430

Due to the increasing and dire needs of our neighborhood we appeal to you for help once again. The continued lack of employment, the threats of evictions, the spread of Covid-19 and the deportation of loved ones among the families we serve, has created a serious crisis. First and foremost, please unite with us in prayer** and if you are able, assist in any of the following ways:

FOOD: Peanut butter, tomato sauce, cereal, powdered milk and diapers sizes 3-6.

GIFT CARDS: Walmart, Fiesta, HEB or Kroger

FINANCIAL: Checks payable to SVdP or via STM On-line Giving

VOLUNTEERS: Fill grocery bags, deliver food to those without transportation or quarantined, or handle phone calls (bi-lingual speakers greatly needed). All these volunteer tasks can be done safely and at the convenience of your schedule. Only STM staff and volunteers are allowed in pantry. All are required to wear masks and social distance at all times.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 2

7:30am † Leland Fontenot
 9:00am † Qui Thi Maria Nguyen
 11:00am * Missa Pro Populo
 1:00 pm

Monday, August 3

6:30am * Fr. Clark Sample
 5:30pm * Dee Stapleton

Tuesday, August 4

6:30am * Michelle Kanu
 5:30pm * Mr. & Mrs. H.O. Nwachukwu & Family

Wednesday, August 5

6:30am * Tom & Kathy Lenczycki
 5:30pm † Vessie Peters

Thursday, August 6

6:30am * Prima Nwachukwu
 5:30pm † Elsie Vanderhider

Friday, August 7

6:30 am * Alma Perez
 5:30pm * Fr. Joseph

Saturday, August 8

5:00pm * Tina Hamilton

*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 26, 2020

Collection	\$13,620.00
Online Giving	\$ 9,617.90
Total	\$23,237.90

Upcoming Second Collections

Infirm Priests
 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:

Ha sido un gusto ver a muchos de ustedes después de la misa y alrededor del campus. Sin embargo, debido a la situación de COVID-19, muchas personas no han podido venir a nuestra iglesia y extraño ver sus rostros. Es difícil decir que hemos estado ocupados en nuestra parroquia, ¡pero eso no significa que ha sido aburrido por aquí! Me gustaría informarle sobre algunos acontecimientos recientes en la parroquia.

El Padre Thuc, nuestro nuevo Vicario Parroquial, ya ha estado aquí un mes. Su transición a nuestra comunidad no ha tenido problemas, y es una alegría tener un sacerdote recién ordenado con nosotros. ¡Es una locura pensar que soy el sacerdote viejo aquí!

Carolina Bowman, nuestra nueva directora de la escuela, ha estado trabajando duro con el personal de la escuela para prepararse para el próximo año escolar. Como probablemente saben, la crisis de salud actual es una situación muy fluida y las cosas parecen cambiar a diario. A fin de cuentas, estoy seguro de que este semestre será un éxito, y sé que nuestra escuela tiene un futuro muy brillante.

Ryan Lambert, nuestro nuevo Director de Formación de Fe, ha estado ocupado atando cabos sueltos del CCE del año pasado y preparándose para el próximo año. Debido a COVID-19, no tendremos CCE en persona. En cambio, ejecutaremos un programa en el hogar que se centrará en la catequesis de toda la familia. Debido a que los padres son los principales educadores de sus hijos, queremos ayudarlos mientras enseñan a sus hijos, ¡y esperamos que los padres aprendan más sobre su fe en el proceso! Esperamos sentar las bases para un programa de formación de fe más rico y vivo en STM.

Ron Biba, nuestro nuevo Director de Instalaciones, ha trabajado mucho para mantener nuestros edificios y propiedades. Tuvimos algunos proyectos importantes el año pasado, quizás el más significativo fue poner un techo completamente nuevo en la escuela. También terminamos de instalar el nuevo piso en la iglesia y pintamos el interior. Hay muchos otros pequeños proyectos que deben hacerse en el campus para preservar lo que tenemos y hacer que nuestra propiedad sea lo más estéticamente agradable posible.

Por último, recientemente recibí la noticia de que me nombraron formalmente como pastor de nuestra parroquia, la Iglesia Católica St. Thomas More. Si bien no cambia demasiado sobre la realización de actividades diarias en la parroquia, significa que estoy encerrado aquí durante los próximos años. Entonces ... ¡No estoy seguro si esas son buenas o malas noticias! Por supuesto, estoy bromeando. Ha sido un gran primer año para mí en STM, y espero trabajar con todos ustedes y hacer todo lo posible para que nuestra parroquia sea lo mejor posible.

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.

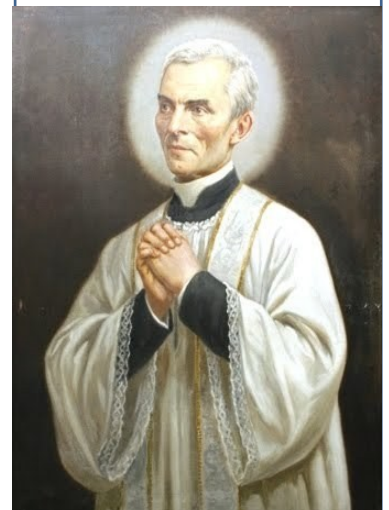
Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí.

Y me uno totalmente a ti.

Nunca permitas que me separe de ti.

Amen

Santo de la semana



Fiesta de
San Pedro Julian
Eymard
Fiesta: 2 de Agosto