

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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**ON THE COVER:
THE CANAANITE WOMAN
ASKS FOR HEALING FOR HER DAUGHTER
JUAN DE FLANDES (1416-1519)**

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

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Thank you.

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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, *Pastor*
Rev. Thuc Nguyen, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Binny Philip, *Priest 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 of Faith Formation*
Mary-Therese Hafernik, *Youth Confirmation Coordinator*

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

Saint Thomas More Catholic School

(713) 729-3434
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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*
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 (INGLÉS)

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,

After much consultation with the Archdiocese and various health care professionals, Carolina Bowman (the new principal) and I made the decision to open our school with in-person learning. Monday, August 17, marks the beginning of this school year at St. Thomas More Parish School. Obviously, this year will begin a little differently than it has in years past because we have to take the necessary precautions in order to operate the school as safely as possible during this COVID-19 time. For instance, we will not be fully operational until Labor Day, students will have to wear face masks, social distancing guidelines will be observed, temperature tests will be taken, and hand-washing stations will be readily available. While the beginning of this school year will look a little bit different, the mission of our Catholic school remains the same.

This raises an important question: what should a Catholic school look like? First and foremost, a Catholic school should be *Catholic*. St. Thomas More Parish School is not simply a private school attached to our parish. Our school is part of the parish mission itself. The Church's Declaration on Christian Education, *Gravissimum Educationis*, says, "To fulfill the mandate she has received from her divine founder of proclaiming the mystery of salvation to all men and of restoring all things in Christ, Holy Mother the Church must be concerned with the whole of man's life, even the secular part of it insofar as it has a bearing on his heavenly calling. Therefore, she has a role in the progress and development of education." So, back to the question... What should a Catholic school look like? It should be Catholic, which means it should proclaim the mystery of salvation and restore all things in Christ.

The current Archbishop of Vancouver and former Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education (and former president of the University of St. Thomas), Archbishop J. Michael Miller identifies five factors that are essential to the identity of any Catholic school: "A Catholic school should be inspired by a supernatural vision, founded on Christian anthropology, animated by communion and community, imbued with a Catholic worldview throughout its curriculum, and sustained by Gospel witness." As we move forward into the future, these five factors will help us fine-tune the Catholic identity of our parochial school.

Inspired by a Supernatural Vision: "The Church sees education as a process that, in light of man's transcendent destiny, forms the whole child and seeks to fix his or her eyes on heaven." A Catholic school should help students become saints.

Founded on a Christian Anthropology: In order to properly form a human person, we have to have a correct understanding of the human person and what it means to be authentically human. Humans are made in the image and likeness of God and, because Jesus is the image of the invisible God, Jesus is the blueprint on how to live our humanity perfectly. "The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light."

Animated by Communion and Community: a school is a community based on a team effort of all those involved (teachers, students, parents); a school requires cooperation between educators and bishops; a school requires healthy interaction between students and teachers; and a school should have a homelike atmosphere.

Imbued with a Catholic Worldview Throughout Its Curriculum: A Catholic school isn't simply a school that has religion classes. A Catholic school strives to educate the whole child, both at a natural and supernatural level. Guided by the Scripture and Tradition, it should be authentically Catholic in everything it does.

Sustained by Gospel Witness: Teachers and administrators are Catholic ministers who share in the Church's evangelizing mission. They have the responsibility of creating a Christian environment, and they do this by modeling their lives after *the* teacher, Jesus Christ.

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. Alberto Hurtado
Cruchaga

Feast Day: August 18

WEEKLY READINGS

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 16 2020

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is.56:1,6-7,Ps 67:2-3,4,5,6,8,Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Bl. Bartholomew Laurel Ez. 24:15-24, Ps. Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21, Mt. 19:16-22
Tuesday	St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga Ez. 28:1-10, Ps. Dt. 32:26-27, 27-28, 30, 35-36, Mt. 19:23-30
Wednesday	St. John Eudes Ez. 34:1-11, Ps. 23:1-3,3-4,5,6,Mt. 20:1-16
Thursday	St. Bernard Ez. 36:23-38, Ps. 51:12-13,14-15,18-19, Mt. 22:1-14
Friday	St. Pius X, Pope Ez. 37:1-14, Ps. 107:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9, Mt. 22:34-40
Saturday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez. 43:1-7,Ps. 85:9-10, 11-12.13-14, Mt. 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is. 22:19-23, Ps.138:1-2,2-3,6,8, Rom.11:33-36, Mt. 16:13-20

LECTURAS SEMANALES

Lecturas de las Escrituras para la Semana del 16 agosto de 2020

Domingo	Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is. 56:1,6-7, Sal 67:2-3,4,5,6,8, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28
Lunes	Bl. Bartolome Laurel Ez.24:15-24,Ps.Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21, Mt.19:16-22
Martes	San Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga Ez.28:1-10, Ps. Dt. 32:26-27, 27-28, 30, 35-36, Mt. 19:23-30
Miercoles	San Juan Eudes Ez.34:1-11, Ps. 23:1-3,3-4,5,6,Mt. 20:1-16
Jueves	San Bernardo Ez. 36:23-38, Ps. 51:12-13,14-15,18-19, Mt. 22:1-14
Viernes	San Pio X, Papa Ez.37:1-14, Ps. 107:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9, Mt.22:34-40
Sabado	Bienaventurada Virgen María Reina Ez. 43:1-7,Ps.85:9-10, 11-12.13-14,Mt.23:1-12
Domingo	Vigesimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is. 22:19-23, Ps.138:1-2,2-3,6,8, Rom.11:33-36, Mt. 16:13-20



Dear STM Family,
THANK YOU for participating in last weekend’s food drive. The pantry is restocked and grocery bags are pre-filled for our next distribution.

The diapers and powdered milk will be a huge help to the young families who are ill or without income and transportation. May God bless you for your generous hearts and donations!

During the month of July, 97 families received food bags which fed 197 individuals. A total of \$14,133 was disbursed for rent or utilities assisting 25 families (75 individuals). Funds for this assistance was provided by our SVdP council.

We remain in need of bi-lingual volunteers. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer by e-mailing us at svdp.district3stm@gmail.com or leaving your name and number at 713-980-3113

Come join Chris Bearer, Director of Music for a basic introduction to Sacred Music for the Mass. This virtual meeting will be held via Zoom on August 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Registration is required. You can register at the parish website: <https://stmhouston.org/sacred-music>

For more information, please contact Chris Bearer at cbearer@stmhouston.org.



JOIN US IN PRAYING
THE ROSARY
MONDAY-FRIDAY
6:00 A.M.
IN THE CHURCH

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 16

7:30am * Chavez Family Intentions
 9:00am † Ann Byrne
 11:00am * Missa Pro Populo
 1:00 pm

Monday, August 17

6:30am * Ezinne Rennie & Family
 5:30pm * Deacon John Krugh

Tuesday, August 18

6:30am * Frank & Magda Garcia
 5:30pm * Michelle Kanu

Wednesday, August 19

6:30am * Vernon Hafernack
 5:30pm † Dorothy Falherty

Thursday, August 20

6:30am † Vessie Hajovsky Peters
 5:30pm * Mr. & Mrs. H.O. Nwachukwu Fam.

Friday, August 21

6:30 am * Suzie Hamilton
 5:30pm * Deacon David Johnson

Saturday, August 22

5:00pm † David Lafferty

† (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 August 9, 2020

Collection	\$15,659.00
Online Giving	\$11,203.34
Total	\$26,862.34

Upcoming Second Collections

**Catholic University of America/
 University of St. Thomas
 September 6, 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:

Después de consultar con la Arquidiócesis y varios profesionales de la salud, Carolina Bowman (la nueva directora) y yo tomamos la decisión de abrir nuestra escuela con aprendizaje en persona. El lunes 17 de agosto marca el comienzo del año escolar en la escuela parroquial Santo Tomas Moro. Obviamente, este año comenzará de manera un poco diferente a años anteriores porque debemos tomar las precauciones necesarias para operar la escuela de la manera más segura posible durante este tiempo de COVID-19. Por ejemplo, no estaremos completamente operando hasta el Día del Trabajo, los estudiantes deberán usar tapa boca, se observarán las pautas de distanciamiento social, se tomará la temperatura y habrá estaciones para lavarse las manos disponibles. Si bien el comienzo de este año escolar se verá un poco diferente, la misión de nuestra escuela católica sigue siendo la misma.

Esto plantea una pregunta importante: ¿cómo debería ser una escuela católica? En primer lugar, una escuela católica debe ser católica. La escuela parroquial Santo Tomas Moro no es simplemente una escuela privada adjunta a nuestra parroquia. Nuestra escuela es parte de la misión parroquial misma. La Declaración de la Iglesia sobre la educación cristiana, Gravissimum Educationis, dice: "Para cumplir el mandato que ha recibido de su divino fundador de proclamar el misterio de la salvación a todos los hombres y de restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo, la Santa Madre la Iglesia debe preocuparse por la vida del hombre, incluso la parte secular de ella en la medida en que tiene relación con su llamado celestial. Por lo tanto, ella tiene un papel en el progreso y desarrollo de la educación". Entonces, volviendo a la pregunta ... ¿Cómo debería ser una escuela católica? Debe ser católica, lo que significa que debe proclamar el misterio de la salvación y restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo.

El actual arzobispo de Vancouver y exsecretario de la Congregación para la Educación Católica (y ex presidente de la Universidad de St. Thomas), el arzobispo J. Michael Miller identifica cinco factores que son esenciales para la identidad de cualquier escuela católica: "Una escuela católica debe estar inspirada por una visión sobrenatural, fundada en la antropología cristiana, animada por la comunión y la comunidad, imbuida de una cosmovisión católica en todo su plan de estudios y sostenida por el testimonio del Evangelio". A medida que avanzamos hacia el futuro, estos cinco factores nos ayudarán a afinar la identidad católica de nuestra escuela parroquial.

- Inspirado en una visión sobrenatural: "La Iglesia ve la educación como un proceso que, a la luz del destino trascendente del hombre, forma al niño en su totalidad y busca fijar sus ojos en el cielo". Una escuela católica debería ayudar a los estudiantes a convertirse en santos.

- Fundada en una antropología cristiana: para formar correctamente una persona humana, debemos tener una comprensión correcta de la persona humana y lo que significa ser auténticamente humano. Los seres humanos están hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios y, debido a que Jesús es la imagen del Dios invisible, Jesús es el modelo de cómo vivir nuestra humanidad perfectamente. "La verdad es que sólo en el misterio del Verbo encarnado se ilumina el misterio del hombre".

- Animado por la Comunión y la Comunidad: una escuela es una comunidad basada en el trabajo en equipo de todos los involucrados (profesores, alumnos, padres); una escuela requiere la cooperación entre educadores y obispos; una escuela requiere una interacción saludable entre estudiantes y profesores; y una escuela debe tener un ambiente hogareño.

- Imbuido de una cosmovisión católica en su plan de estudios: una escuela católica no es simplemente una escuela que tiene clases de religión. Una escuela católica se esfuerza por educar al niño en su totalidad, tanto a un nivel natural como sobrenatural. Guiado por la Escritura y la Tradición, debe ser auténticamente católico en todo lo que hace.

- Sostenido por el testimonio del Evangelio: los maestros y administradores son ministros católicos que comparten la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia. Tienen la responsabilidad de crear un ambiente cristiano y lo hacen modelando sus vidas según el maestro, Jesucristo.

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 Alberto Hurtado
Cruchaga
Fiesta: 18 de Agosto