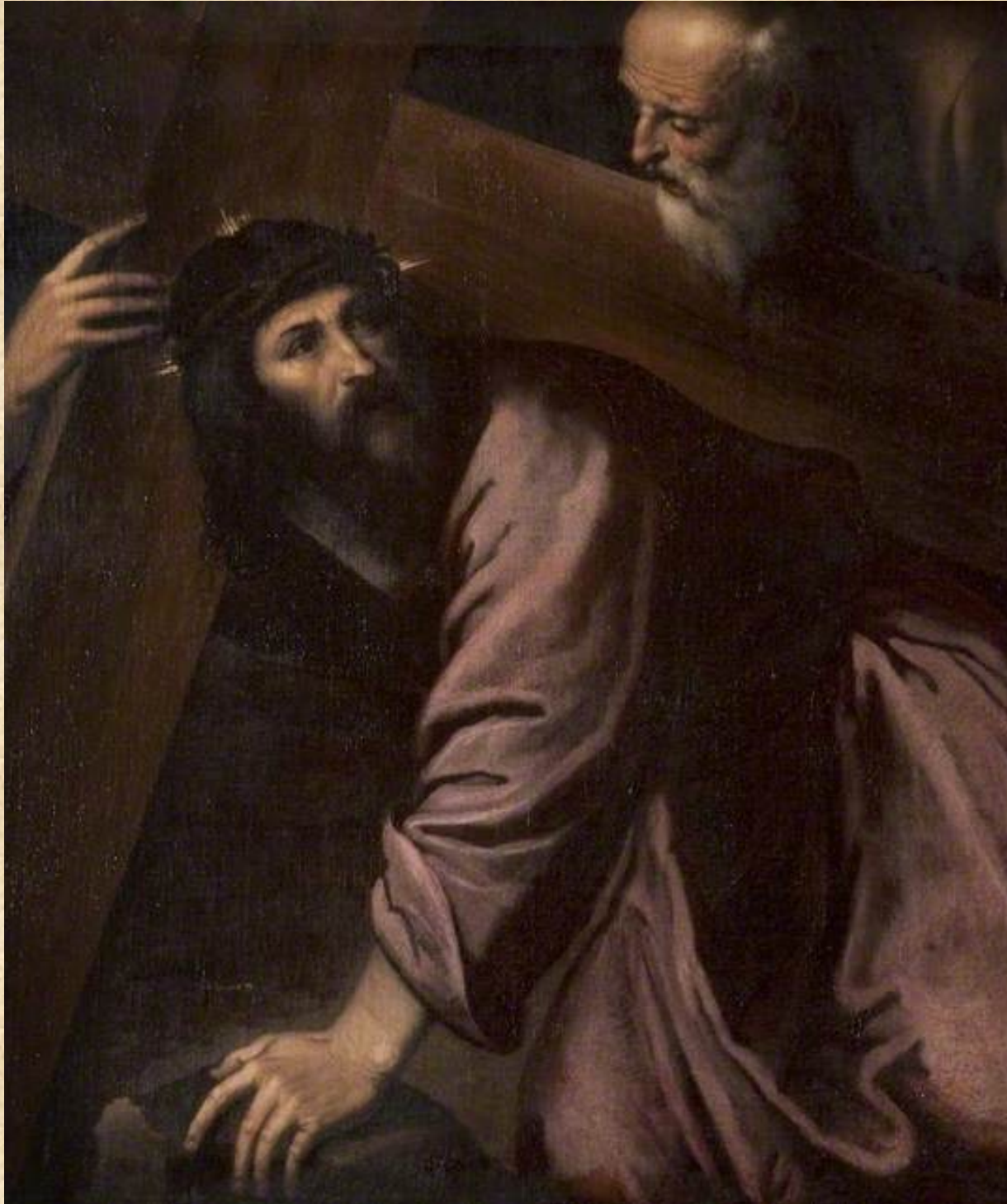


SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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JUAN FERNÁNDEZ DE NAVARRETE
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The Parish Office is open
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
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Thank you.

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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, *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*
Xenia Avalos, *Faith Formation, Admin Assistant*
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(713) 729-3434
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Office Hours
Monday to Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 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 (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,

I don't think it would be incorrect to say that there is political turmoil in our country. On a national level, our country seems to be divided on so many issues. As much as everyone seems to acknowledge and critique the apparent divisiveness in our country, what does anyone actually do about it? Things are so divided, we're divided; on how to overcome the divisiveness! Even as the Church, we are not immune from this milieu of antagonism and disunity. I think we should all ask ourselves how our own political culture might affect the way we interact with each other and how we view the Church.

In last Sunday's Gospel (the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time) we heard Jesus tell Simon Peter, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:18-19). This is a very important Bible verse... you can find it inscribed on the base of the dome inside St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Peter was the first Pope, and the Pope is the visible sign of unity for our Church. It's worth going over what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about the papacy:

880: When Christ instituted the Twelve, "He constituted [them] in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter, chosen from among them." Just as "By the Lord's institution, St. Peter and the rest of the apostles constitute a single apostolic college, so in like fashion the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, and the bishops, the successors of the apostles, are related with and united to one another."

881: The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the "rock" of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head." This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope.

882: The *Pope*, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful." "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered."

Currently, Pope Francis is the visible source and foundation of the unity of our Church. On the Solemnity of Pentecost, Pope Francis gave a homily that should help us realize how we are to rise above the divisiveness and disunity in which we may find ourselves, both in our country and in our Church: "Our principle of unity is the Holy Spirit. He reminds us that first of all we are *God's beloved children*; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord – Jesus – and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters! Let us begin anew from here; let us look at the Church with the eyes of the Spirit and not as the world does. The world sees us only as on the right or left, with one ideology or the other; the Spirit sees us as sons and daughters of the Father and brothers and sisters of Jesus. The world sees conservatives and progressives; the Spirit sees children of God."

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. Teresa of Calcutta

Feast Day:
September 5th

WEEKLY READINGS

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 30 2020

Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer.20:7-9,Ps.63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9,Rom,12:1-2, Mt.16:21-27
Monday	St. Raymond Nonnatus 1Co.2:1-5,Ps.119:97,98,99,100,101,102, Lk.4:16-30
Tuesday	St. Giles, Abbott 1Co.2:10-16,Ps.145:8-9,10-11,12-13,14, Lk.4:31-37
Wednesday	St. Ingrid of Sweden 1Co.3:1,Ps.33:12-13,14-15,20-21,Lk.4:38- 44
Thursday	St. Gregory the Great 1Co.3:18-23,Ps.24:1-2,3-4,5-6,Lk.5:1-11
Friday	St. Rosalia 1Co.4:1-5,Ps.37:3-4,5-6,27-28,39-40,Lk.5:33
Saturday	St. Teresa of Calcutta 1Co.4:6-16,Ps.145:17-18,19-20,21,Lk.6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez.33:7-9,Ps.95:1-2,6-7,8-9,Rom.14:8-10, Mt.18:15-20

LECTURAS SEMANALES

Lecturas de las Escrituras para la Semana del 30 agosto de 2020

Domingo	Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Jer.20:7-9,Sal.63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9,Rom.12:1-2, Mt.16:21-27
Lunes	San Ramon 1Co.2:1-5,Sal.119:97,98,99,100,101,102, Lc.4:16-30
Martes	San Giles, Abbott 1Co.2:10-16,Sal.145:8-9,10-11,12-13,14, Lc.4:31-37
Miercoles	San Ingrid de Suecia 1Co;3:1-9,Sal.33:12-13,14-15,20-21,Lc.4:38-44
Jueves	San Gregorio 1Co.3:18-23,Sal.24:1-2,3-4,5-6,Lc.5:1-11
Viernes	San Rosalia 1Co.4:1-5,Sal.37:3-4,5-6,27-28,39-40,Lc.5:33-39
Sabado	Santa Teresa de Calcutta 1Co.,Sal.145:17-18,19-20,21,Lc.6:1-5
Domingo	Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Ez.33:7-9,Sal.95:1-2,6-7,8-9,Rom.14:8-10, Mt.18:15-20

Announcements



Faith Formation Registration and Youth Confirmation Registration are online. Please visit our website for more information.

Registraciones para Formación de Fe y Confirmación para jóvenes están en línea. Favor de ir al sitio web para más información

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 30

7:30am † Apollonia Nwachuwku
 9:00am † Ray Brasher
 11:00am * Missa Pro Populo
 1:00 pm * Souls in Purgatory

Monday, August 31

6:30am † John Joseph "Jack" Thompson
 5:30pm * Prima Nwachukwu

Tuesday, September 1

6:30am † Paul C. Willingham
 5:30pm * Ezie Rennie Family

Wednesday, September 2

6:30am † Charles Vanderhider
 5:30pm † Carolina Acosta

Thursday, September 3

6:30am * Chavez Family Intentions
 5:30pm * Rosio Contreras

Friday, September 4

6:30 am * Fr. Ken Herberlein
 5:30pm * Chris Eskelund Family

Saturday, September 5

5:00pm † Ray Brasher

† (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 23, 2020

Collection	\$15,079.00
Online Giving	\$10,148.24
Total	\$25,227.24

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

No creo que sea incorrecto decir que hay agitación política en nuestro país. A nivel nacional, nuestro país parece estar dividido en tantos temas. Por mucho que todo el mundo parezca reconocer y criticar la aparente división en nuestro país, ¿qué hace alguien al respecto? ¡Las cosas están tan divididas que estamos divididos sobre cómo superar la división! Incluso como Iglesia, no somos inmunes a este ambiente de antagonismo y desunión. Creo que todos deberíamos preguntarnos cómo nuestra propia cultura política podría afectar la forma en que interactuamos entre nosotros y cómo vemos a la Iglesia.

En el Evangelio del domingo pasado (el vigésimo primer domingo del tiempo ordinario) escuchamos a Jesús decirle a Simón Pedro: “Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta roca edificaré mi iglesia, los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán. Te daré las llaves del reino de los cielos. Todo lo que ates en la tierra quedará atado en los cielos; y todo lo que desatares en la tierra, será desatado en los cielos” (Mateo 16: 18-19). Este es un versículo bíblico muy importante ... puedes encontrarlo inscrito en la base de la cúpula dentro de la Basílica de San Pedro en el Vaticano. Pedro fue el primer Papa y el Papa es el signo visible de unidad de nuestra Iglesia. Vale la pena repasar lo que el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña sobre el papado:

880: Cuando Cristo instituyó a los Doce, “[los constituyó] en forma de colegio o asamblea permanente, a cuya cabeza colocó a Pedro, elegido de entre ellos”. Así como “Por institución del Señor, San Pedro y el resto de los apóstoles constituyen un solo colegio apostólico, así también el Romano Pontífice, sucesor de Pedro, y los obispos, sucesores de los apóstoles, están relacionados y unidos a unos y otros.”

881: El Señor hizo solo a Simón, a quien llamó Pedro, la “roca” de su Iglesia. Le dio las llaves de su Iglesia y lo instituyó pastor de todo el rebaño. “El oficio de atar y desatar que se le dio a Pedro también fue asignado al colegio de apóstoles unido a su cabeza”. Este oficio pastoral de Pedro y los demás apóstoles pertenece a la fundación misma de la Iglesia y es continuado por los obispos bajo el primado del Papa.

882: El Papa, obispo de Roma y sucesor de Pedro, “es fuente y fundamento perpetuo y visible de la unidad tanto de los obispos como de toda la compañía de los fieles”. “El Romano Pontífice, en razón de su oficio como Vicario de Cristo y como pastor de toda la Iglesia, tiene un poder pleno, supremo y universal sobre toda la Iglesia, un poder que siempre puede ejercer sin obstáculos”.

Actualmente, el Papa Francisco es la fuente visible y el fundamento de la unidad de nuestra Iglesia. En la solemnidad de Pentecostés, el Papa Francisco dio una homilía que debería ayudarnos a darnos cuenta de cómo debemos superar la división y la desunión en la que podemos encontrarnos, tanto en nuestro país como en nuestra Iglesia: “Nuestro principio de unidad es el Santo Espíritu. Nos recuerda que, ante todo, somos los hijos amados de Dios; todos iguales, a este respecto, y todos diferentes. El Espíritu viene a nosotros, en nuestras diferencias y dificultades, para decirnos que tenemos un Señor, Jesús, y un Padre, y por eso somos hermanos y hermanas. Comencemos de nuevo desde aquí; miremos a la Iglesia con los ojos del Espíritu y no como lo hace el mundo. El mundo nos ve sólo como de derecha o de izquierda, con una ideología u otra; el Espíritu nos ve como hijos e hijas del Padre y hermanos y hermanas de Jesús. El mundo ve conservadores y progresistas; el Espíritu ve hijos de Dios”.

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 Teresa de Calcutta
Fiesta:
5 de Septiembre