

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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Parish Office

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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*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ryan Lambert, *Director of Faith Formation*
Xenia Avalos, *Faith Formation, Admin Assistant*
Mary-Therese Hafernik, *Youth Confirmation Coord.*

Office of Music:

Chris Bearer, *Director*, (713) 980-3111
Jian Guang Shi, *Organist* (713) 988-9829

Parish School

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

School Office Hours

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

Staff

Carolina Bowman, *Principal*
Noel Novak, *Dean of Students*
Kathleen Prado, *Director of Advancement*
Judy Gentempo, *Admissions*
Anjie Ellis-Scales, *Accountant*
Mary Heard, *Secretary*
Rebeka Zepeda, *Nurse*
Andrea Osborne, *School Counselor*

Parish Ministries

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Deacon John Krugh, *Director*

Respect Life Committee

Marianne Kahlich, *Director*

Building and Grounds Committee

Vince Stasio, *Chairman*

Current Mass and Confession Schedule

**WEEKDAY MASS
MISA ENTRE SEMANA**

Monday – Friday
6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

**CONFESION
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,

Before I became a priest, I would often hear people criticize priests for preaching about money... so I decided just to write about it! In all seriousness, money is something we need to speak about. The Old Testament speaks about tithing (e.g. Genesis 14:20, Deuteronomy 12:17). Jesus speaks about money and giving money (e.g. Matthew 6:24). The first Christians financially supported their church community (e.g. Acts 4:32-37). St. Paul speaks about the collection (e.g. 1 Corinthians 16). The fifth precept of the Church says, "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church," which "means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability" (CCC 2043). As a parish, we are a nonprofit organization, but that doesn't mean we can operate without money. In fact, much of what we do would be impossible without financial support. Below is the financial summary report for Fiscal Year 2020. Please see our website for more information.

For Fiscal Year 2020 we had revenues of \$1,663,074.04 and expenses of \$2,361,480.65 resulting in a net loss of \$698,406.61. The reason for the net loss was due to unbudgeted major capital expenses, including a much-needed new roof for the school (\$626,898), the church renovation and restoration project that needed to be done due to the water damage of a burst pipe (\$128,461.71), HVAC improvements to the parish rectory and school (\$57,375), and an upgrade to the church sound system (\$46,231).

We are projecting a decrease in revenue for Fiscal Year 2020, which we can attribute to the negative economic effects of COVID-19. We are projecting a decrease in overall expenses as well, which is attributed to the reduction of major capital improvements. The projected revenue and expense figures will result in a net gain of \$7,000 for FY 2021 if all our projected variables hold true.

On the whole, our parish is in a good financial position. I requested the Archdiocese to perform a financial audit on our parish and school in September of 2019, and we have worked hard to implement their recommendations in order to ensure the best financial responsibility possible. We finished the year with \$538,669.11 in our bank accounts. Even after enduring 4 months of the negative economic impact of COVID-19, we still finished the fiscal year with \$73,074.04 of revenue above the budgeted amount. This positive variance is attributed to increased parishioner offerings, which is a healthy sign for the life of the parish. We have more families registering as new parishioners every week, which is a sign that our community is growing and will continue to grow. Our mission as a parish is to encounter Jesus and to spread his message to the ends of the earth. Your financial support helps us accomplish our mission, and our future looks bright here at St. Thomas More.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Clark Sample
Pastor

Parish Finance Council:
Margaux Blackwell
Ben Callaghan
Jeff Heinrichs
Miguel Ortega
Charley Raimond

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 re-
ceive 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. Faustina
Kowalska

Feast Day:
October 5th



WEEKLY READINGS

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 4, 2020

Sunday	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is.5:1-7,Ps.80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20, Phil.4:6-9,Mt.21:33-43
Monday	St. Faustina Kowalska Gal.1:6-12,Ps.111:1-2,7-8,9,10,Lk.10:25-37
Tuesday	St. Bruno Gal.1:13-24,Ps.139:1-3,13-14,14-15, Lk.10:38-42
Wednesday	Our Lady of The Rosary Gal.2:1-2,7-14,Ps.117:1-2,Lk.11:1-4
Thursday	St. Pelagia Gal.3:1-5,Ps.Lk:1:69-70,71-72,73-75, Lk.11:5-13
Friday	St. Julian Alfredo Gal.3:7-14,Ps.111:1-2,3-4,5-6,Lk.11:15-26
Saturday	St. Francis Borgia Gal.3:22-29,Ps.105:2-3,4-5,6-7,Lk.11:27-28
Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is.25:6-10,Ps.23:1-3,3-4,5,6,Phil.4:12-14,19-20, Mt.22:1-14

Sacred Music Recital

Friday, October 9, 7:30p.m.
Live Streamed on YouTube
and Live Audience*

*Live Audience pending approval

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 4

7:30am * Chavez Family Intentions
9:00am † Virginia Borrego Piña
11:00am * Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm † Luis Manolo Sic Tzul

Monday, October 5

6:30am † Ugochukwu Nwachukwu
5:30pm † John Joseph “Jack” Thompson

Tuesday, October 6

6:30am * Fr. Richard Hinkley
5:30pm * Kelly Grifka and Family

Wednesday, October 7

6:30am * Nnamdi Nwachukwu
5:30pm † Dorothy Flaherty

Thursday, October 8

6:30am * Donald Kanu
5:30pm † Helen Faour

Friday, October 9

6:30 am * H.O. Nwachukwu and Family
5:30pm * Those dying

Saturday, October 10

9:00am † Dominic Hoa
5:00pm † Eugene Acosta

† (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*

Sacraments

Baptism Preparation and Classes

Infants and children under 6 years old:

Baptismal Preparation Class for parents wishing to have their infant or child (up to 6 years of age) baptized is currently offered online via Zoom.

Attendance is required for parents and is highly recommended for godparents.

If possible class should be attended prior to the birth of your child. Please call the Parish office to register 713-729-0221. More information can be found on our website www.stmhouston.org

When choosing godparents for your child, keep the following in mind:

- ◆ A godparent must be 16 years of age or older and have received the sacraments of baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. They must be an active practicing Catholic.
- ◆ If married the godparents must be married by the Catholic Church.
- ◆ Only one godparent is required male or female

Children over 6 years old:

Please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 713-729-3435 for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or do you know someone who is? Consider joining our RCIA program. You can go to our website for more information, www.stmhouston.org Fill out the registration form and our office will be notified of your interest. Currently, programs are being conducted online via Zoom.

First Holy Communion

Second grade students must be baptized and in their 2nd year of Faith Formation at STM or in their second year of religion classes in a Catholic school. Preparation for these sacraments will be separate programs and will commence in the Spring. You may call the Office of Faith Formation with any questions, 713-729-3435.

Stewardship for September 27, 2020

Collection	\$11,234.15
Online Giving	\$8,497.27
Total	\$19,731.42



Parish Goal: \$193,000.00

Please make your contribution to the Diocesan Services Fund you have not already done so.

Confirmation

High School Students: You may visit our website for more information www.stmhouston.org about the 2 year program.

Adult Confirmation: Classes will begin in the Spring. Registration information will be available later in the year.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one is suffering from a serious illness please call the parish office to request this sacrament, 713-729-0221



Social Services

Our Social Services Ministry, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is in need of volunteers to help those less fortunate in our community. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us:

svdp.district3stm@gmail.com or call 713-980-3113 and leave your contact information.

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo

Antes de convertirme en sacerdote, a menudo escuchaba a la gente criticar a los sacerdotes por predicar sobre el dinero ... ¡así que decidí escribir sobre eso! Con toda seriedad, el dinero es algo de lo que debemos hablar. El Antiguo Testamento habla del diezmo (por ejemplo, Génesis 14:20, Deuteronomio 12:17). Jesús habla de dinero y dar dinero (por ejemplo, Mateo 6:24). Los primeros cristianos apoyaron financieramente a su comunidad de la iglesia (por ejemplo, Hechos 4: 32-37). San Pablo habla de la colección (por ejemplo, 1 Corintios 16). El quinto precepto de la Iglesia dice: "Ayudarás a satisfacer las necesidades de la Iglesia", lo que significa que "los fieles están obligados a ayudar en las necesidades materiales de la Iglesia, cada uno según su capacidad" (CCC 2043). Como parroquia, somos una organización sin fines de lucro, pero eso no significa que podamos operar sin dinero. De hecho, gran parte de lo que hacemos sería imposible sin apoyo financiero. A continuación se muestra el informe financiero para el año fiscal 2020. Consulte nuestro sitio web para obtener más información.

Para el año fiscal 2020 tuvimos ingresos de \$ 1,663,074.04 y gastos de \$ 2,361,480.65 resultando en una pérdida de \$ 698,406.61. La razón de la pérdida se debió a los principales gastos de capital no presupuestados, incluido un nuevo techo muy necesario para la escuela (\$ 626,898), el proyecto de renovación y restauración de la iglesia que debía realizarse debido al daño causado por el agua de una tubería reventada (\$ 128,461.71), Mejoras de HVAC en la rectoría parroquial y la escuela (\$ 57,375), y una actualización del sistema de sonido de la iglesia (\$ 46,231).

Proyectamos una disminución en los ingresos para el año fiscal 2020, que podemos atribuir a los efectos económicos negativos del COVID-19. También proyectamos una disminución en los gastos generales, que se atribuye a la reducción de importantes mejoras de capital. Las cifras de ingresos y gastos proyectadas resultarán en una ganancia neta de \$ 7,000 para el año fiscal 2021 si todas nuestras variables proyectadas son ciertas.

En general, nuestra parroquia está en una buena posición financiera. Solicité a la Arquidiócesis que realizara una auditoría financiera en nuestra parroquia y escuela en septiembre de 2019, y hemos trabajado arduamente para implementar sus recomendaciones a fin de garantizar la mejor responsabilidad financiera posible. Terminamos el año con \$ 538,669.11 en nuestras cuentas bancarias. Incluso después de soportar 4 meses del impacto económico negativo de COVID-19, aún terminamos el año fiscal con \$ 73,074.04 de ingresos por encima del monto presupuestado. Esta variación positiva se atribuye al aumento de las ofrendas de feligreses, lo cual es una señal saludable para la vida de la parroquia. Tenemos más familias que se registran como nuevos feligreses cada semana, lo cual es una señal de que nuestra comunidad está creciendo y seguirá creciendo. Nuestra misión como parroquia es encontrarnos con Jesús y difundir su mensaje hasta los confines de la tierra. Su apoyo financiero nos ayuda a cumplir nuestra misión y nuestro futuro luce brillante aquí en St. Thomas More.

De Ustedes in Cristo,

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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 Faustina
Kowalska
Fiesta
5 de octubre