

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS  
ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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*  
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.

**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**  
9:00 a.m.  
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,

November is generally known as the month of the dead. One of the reasons we remember the dead this month is because as the liturgical year comes to a close (the new liturgical year begins with Advent), it calls to mind the end of life. You will notice how the Sunday readings at Mass start to focus on various themes like death, the end of the world, the resurrection of the dead, salvation and heaven. The idea of death can be quite sobering. Many people don't like to talk about it. Our society seems to avoid thinking about it. But for us Catholics, the idea of death is important because it reminds us that this life will end and that we should aspire to gain everlasting life. Reflecting on death helps us focus on Christ.

We begin the month on November 1<sup>st</sup> with All Saints' Day. We all know the names of various saints: St. Thomas More, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis of Assisi, etc. The Church has proclaimed that these great people are in heaven, and we definitely celebrate all of them on November 1<sup>st</sup>. However, All Saints' Day isn't simply the celebration of all these famous saints. This Solemnity also celebrates all of the unknown saints, that is, all of the people who are in heaven. There are countless people who have modeled their lives after Christ and lived incredible lives of holiness who are now in heaven. We have probably known people like this in our own lives. The saints in heaven continue to help us here on earth by their intercession: "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus... So, by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956).

The following day, on November 2, we celebrate All Souls' Day. On this day, we remember and pray for all the dead. Just like the saints in heaven can intercede for us, our faith tells us that our prayers here on earth can intercede for those souls awaiting heaven. More specifically, our prayers assist the souls in purgatory. Purgatory is one of the most misunderstood teachings of the Church. Purgatory is the final purification of the elect so that those souls that don't go directly to heaven after death can achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven. Because we don't know specifically who is in heaven (besides the proclaimed saints of the Church), it is important for us to pray for the dead: "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage from them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1032). November is generally known as the month of the dead. I encourage you to reflect on death, pray for the dead and, most importantly, continue to aspire for heaven.

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. Martin de Porres

Feast Day:  
November 3

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*Scripture Readings for the Week of November 1, 2020*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of All Saints</b> Rev.7:2-4,9-14,Ps.24:1-2,3-4,5-6, 1Jn.3:1-3, Mt.5:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> Wis.3:1-9,Ps.23:1-3,3b-4,6,Rm.6:3-9, Jn.6:37-40
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Martin de Porres</b> Phil.2:5-11,Ps.22:26-27,28-30,31-32, Lk.14:15-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Charles Borromeo</b> Phil.2:12-18,Ps.27:1,4,13-14,Lk.14:25-33
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth</b> Phil.3:3-8,Ps.105:2-3,4-5,6-7,Lk.15:1-10
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Leonard</b> Phil.3:17-4:1,Ps.122:1-2,3-4,4-5,Lk.16:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Willibrord</b> Phil.4:10-19,Ps.112:1-2,5-6,8-9,Lk.16:9-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis.6:12-16,Ps.63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8,1Thes.4:13-18, Mt.25:1-13

**Stewardship for  
October 25, 2020**

Collection	\$12,135.28
Online Giving	\$9,536.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,671.33</b>



**Parish Goal: \$193,000.00**

It is not too late to make your donation to the Diocesan Services Fund.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, November 1**

- 7:30am † Julie Jurica
- 9:00am \* Josh Ladwig
- 11:00am \* Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00pm † Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

**Monday, November 2**

- 6:30am † Tom Overton
- 12:10pm \* All Souls
- 5:30pm † Jocelyn Meyer

**Tuesday, November 3**

- 6:30am \* Cotton Starr
- 5:30pm † Drew Meyer

**Wednesday, November 4**

- 6:30am \* Chris Eskelund Family
- 5:30pm † John Joseph "Jack" Thompson

**Thursday, November 5**

- 6:30am † David Michael
- 5:30pm \* Donald Kanu

**Friday, November 6**

- 6:30am \* Amy Eskelund
- 5:30pm † Jocelyn Meyer

**Saturday, November 7**

- 9:00am \* Lavone Ebersole
- 5:00pm † Patrick Welch



## Sacraments

### Baptism Preparation and Classes

#### Infants and children under 7 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 Office of Faith Formation 713-729-3435. More information can be found on our website [www.stmhouston.org](http://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](http://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.

### 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



### K of C Homemade Italian Sausage Fundraiser Pre-Sale



**Still only \$6.00/lb. (4 links/pound)**

Pre-Sale Orders taken after Mass on Nov. 1st, 7th and Nov. 8th

Order deadline is Sunday November 8 2020.

**All Orders to be paid in advance.**

Sausage pick-up after Saturday 5:00pm Mass on Nov 14th and after all Sunday Masses on Nov. 15th

## NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

The SVdP Food Pantry will have its annual Thanksgiving bag drive throughout the month of November. Please see bulletin insert for more information. Donations can be dropped off during pantry hours on Tuesdays between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. You may contact us at (713) 980-3113 or e-mail [svdp.district3stm@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.district3stm@gmail.com) with any questions.

## OKTOBERFEST TRUNK OR TREAT

**Thanks to everyone who made our Oktoberfest Trunk or Treat raffle so successful.**

**Total Raffle Sales exceeded \$41,000**

**Congratulations to the following winners....**

- 1st Place - The Maurer Family**
- 2nd Place - Pat Cernoch**
- 3rd Place - Bobby Brownstein**
- 4th Place - Herb Espinosa**
- 5th Place - The Franchek Family**

## Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo

Noviembre se conoce generalmente como el mes de los muertos. Una de las razones por las que recordamos a los muertos este mes es porque a medida que el año litúrgico llega a su fin (el nuevo año litúrgico comienza con el Adviento), que trae a la mente el final de la vida. Notarán cómo las lecturas dominicales en la Misa comienzan a enfocarse en varios temas como la muerte, el fin del mundo, la resurrección de los muertos, la salvación y el cielo. La idea de la muerte puede ser bastante seria. A mucha gente no le gusta hablar de eso. Nuestra sociedad parece evitar pensar en eso. Pero para nosotros los católicos, la idea de la muerte es importante porque nos recuerda que esta vida terminará y que debemos aspirar a ganar la vida eterna. Reflexionar sobre la muerte nos ayuda a enfocarnos en Cristo.

Comenzamos el mes el 1 de noviembre con el Día de Todos los Santos. Todos conocemos los nombres de varios santos: Santo Tomás Moro, Santa Teresa de Calcuta, Santa Teresa de Lisieux, Santo Tomás de Aquino, San Francisco de Asís, etc. La Iglesia ha proclamado que estas grandes personas están en el cielo, y definitivamente los celebramos a todos el 1 de noviembre. Sin embargo, el Día de Todos los Santos no es simplemente la celebración de todos estos santos famosos. Esta Solemnidad también celebra a todos los santos desconocidos, es decir, a todas las personas que están en el cielo. Hay innumerables personas que han modelado sus vidas según Cristo y han vivido vidas increíbles de santidad que ahora están en el cielo. Probablemente hemos conocido a personas así en nuestras propias vidas. Los santos en el cielo continúan ayudándonos aquí en la tierra con su intercesión: “estando más unidos a Cristo, los que moran en el cielo fijan a toda la Iglesia más firmemente en la santidad ... No dejan de interceder ante el Padre por nosotros, al ofrecer los méritos que adquirieron en la tierra por medio del único mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Cristo Jesús ... Así, por su preocupación fraterna, nuestra debilidad es muy ayudada” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 956).

Al día siguiente, el 2 de noviembre, celebramos el Día de los Difuntos. En este día, recordamos y oramos por todos los muertos. Así como los santos en el cielo pueden interceder por nosotros, nuestra fe nos dice que nuestras oraciones aquí en la tierra pueden interceder por aquellas almas que esperan el cielo. Más específicamente, nuestras oraciones ayudan a las almas del purgatorio. El purgatorio es una de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia más incomprensibles. El purgatorio es la purificación final de los elegidos para que aquellas almas que no van directamente al cielo después de la muerte puedan alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar al cielo. Como no sabemos específicamente quién está en el cielo (además de los santos proclamados de la Iglesia), es importante para nosotros orar por los muertos: “Desde el principio, la Iglesia ha honrado la memoria de los muertos y ofrecido oraciones en sufragio. de ellos, sobre todo, el sacrificio eucarístico, para que, así purificados, alcancen la visión beatífica de Dios” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 1032). Noviembre se conoce generalmente como el mes de los muertos. Los animo a reflexionar sobre la muerte, rezar por los muertos y, lo más importante, seguir aspirando al cielo.

De Ustedes in Cristo,

*Padre 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 Martín de Porres  
3 de noviembre