

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON — HOUSTON



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Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday
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(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*
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Office of Music:

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

Tuesdays • Martes
6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lencen," which means "spring season." In Spanish, Lent is called "Cuaresma," which comes from the Latin word, "Quadragesima," which means "fortieth." Forty is a significant number in the Bible. The rain that caused the famous flood of Noah lasted forty days. Moses spent forty days with God on Mount Sanai. The Hebrews wandered in the desert for forty years. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil, where he fasted for forty days and forty nights. Forty is a significant number in the Bible, and it's a significant number for us as well. Lent marks the forty days we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. As a parish, we will be offering some special events for Lent to help you enter more deeply into the penitential season. As a parish, we will be offering some special events for Lent to help you enter more deeply into this penitential season.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 6:30am, 8:15am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm and 7:30pm (Spanish).

Tuesdays of Lent: We will have a Parish Holy Hour in the church from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. These Holy Hours will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with a Lenten reflection given by the clergy of STM.

Wednesdays of Lent: We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 10:00am – 10:00pm. This time will be for quiet meditation before the Eucharist.

Fridays of Lent: We will have Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:30pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish.

Confessions: We are supposed to confess mortal sins before we present ourselves to receive Communion. Additionally, we are supposed to go to confession at least once a year. When was the last time you went to confession? Our confession schedule is Tuesday at 6:15pm, Wednesday at 6:15pm and Saturday at 3:30pm.

Daily Mass: Have you ever attended a daily Mass? Did you know that the Church encourages frequent reception of Holy Communion? "Frequent Communion in truth is the shortest way to secure the salvation of every individual man as well as that of society." Our daily Mass schedule is Monday – Friday: 6:30am and 5:30pm; Saturday at 9:00am.

Sunday Mass: Lent is a penitential season. Pay attention and you will notice how the liturgy is toned down in order to reflect this spirit of penitence. For example, the clergy wear violet vestments; the Alleluia and Gloria are omitted; the sanctuary space is absent of flowers; music will be largely limited to singing only, and the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark

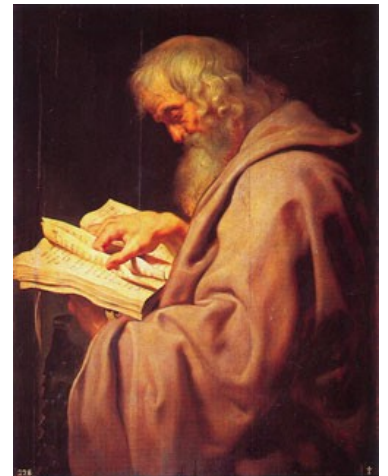
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Saint of the Week



Feast of
St. Simon

Feast Day
February 18th

Stewardship for February 7, 2021

Thank you for your generous donations.

Collection	\$21,507.31
Online Giving	\$14,456.60
Total	\$35,963.91



Our DSF goal for 2021 is \$150,000.00



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Throughout the season of Lent, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at STM will be accepting food donations during pantry hours each Tuesday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

A list of suggested food items is available on the STM website at <https://www.stmhouston.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society>. You may also contact us at (713) 980 – 3113 or by email at svdp.district3stm@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 14

7:30am *Uzoh Family
9:00am *Regina Ngwu
11:00am *Missa Pro Populo
1:00pm †Fr. David Max

Monday, February 15

6:30am †John Andrzejewski
5:30pm †Rosenda Hernandez

Tuesday, February 16

6:30am *Chavez Family Intentions
5:30pm †Celinda Diaz

Wednesday, February 17

6:30am †Nelson Riaño Guerrero
8:10am *Gregory Hamilton
12:10pm *Missa Pro Populo
5:30pm †Molly Brown Ferris
7:30pm †Josefina Marquez de Hernandez

Thursday, February 18

6:30am *Nnamdi Nwachukwu
5:30pm †Vernon & Mary Rose Hafernick

Friday, February 19

6:30am †Apollonia Nwachukwu
5:30pm *Katy Crane

Saturday, February 20

9:00am *Dorian Lee
5:00pm †Erin Novak

† (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

“The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!”

- Pope Paul VI

Sacraments

Please visit our website for more details regarding all of our Faith Formation programs at:

<https://stmhouston.org/faith-formation>

Infant Baptism Preparation

- You must be a registered parishioner or live in zip codes 77096 and 77035 to register
 - Infants 6 years old and under
 - Children over 6 years old require RCIA for children.
 - The process is personalized to the family and we hope you will utilize www.formed.org and Zoom.
 - Attendance is required for parents and is highly recommended for godparents.
- Please call the Religious education office for access to our registration 713-729-3435.

First Sacrament Preparation (CCE Only)

We have opened up the registration for First Sacraments (Reconciliation and Communion). Call the CCE office for more information regarding registration at 713-729-3435 or email rlambert@stmhouston.org. Your children must be completing 2 years of CCE or Catholic school to enroll. Students enrolled in the STM parish school do not need to be in this program.

Adult Confirmation

If you or someone you know are above the age of 18 and desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, now is the time to act! Sessions will be offered in English for the Spring semester of 2021 starting January 12th from 7pm-8:30pm. Please call 713-729-3435 or email rlambert@stmhouston.org for more information.

STM Census 2021

By now you should have received a letter from STM wanting to know your status as a parishioner. We are trying to get a better idea of how many families should actually be in our database. If you did not receive a letter, it is possible that you are not registered in the parish. Please do not hesitate to call the church office with any questions, 713-729-0221.



Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021

We will have the following Masses with Distribution of Ashes:

- 6:30 AM
- 8:15 AM
- 12:10 PM
- 5:30 PM
- 7:30 PM in Spanish

Lenten Devotions

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 PM Holy Hour in the church with Exposition and a preached reflection, starting February 23rd

Wednesdays, 10 AM – 10 PM Exposition and Adoration in the church, starting on February 24th

Fridays, Stations of the Cross in the church.
6:30 p.m. English, 7:30 p.m. Spanish

PERPETUAL EXPOSITION AND ADORATION RETURNING TO ST. THOMAS MORE

In February 1981 we began round the clock Exposition and Adoration at our parish. This has been a great blessing and we hope to revive this devotion. We will need many new adorers since we want to fill 24 hours each day in the chapel with 2 people per hour. **We will reopen our chapel when we have enough people registered to fill all of the hours.** We also have a new system of record keeping. Go here to create an account and sign up for a Holy Hour
www.stmhouston.weadorehim.com

Questions? Text Bob Brill at 713-598-4838 or

Edna Valdez at 713-425-9506

YOU ARE INVITED to participate in the 29th 40 Days for Life in Houston!

This time of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach Feb 17 - March 28, 2021 is co-sponsored by Houston Coalition for Life and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Sign up for an hour of peaceful, legal time in prayer outside of Planned Parenthood (4600 Gulf Fwy, Houston TX 77023), the largest abortion facility in the Western Hemisphere.

Call Theresa at Houston Coalition for Life 713-741-8728. To register, email: theresa@houstoncoalition.com

And prayerfully consider bringing out a group to cover the day in prayer

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo

Este miércoles es Miércoles de Ceniza, que marca el comienzo de la Cuaresma. La palabra "Cuaresma" proviene de la antigua palabra inglesa "lencten", que significa "temporada de primavera". En español, Lent se llama "Cuaresma", que proviene de la palabra latina "Quadragesima", que significa "cuadragésimo". Cuarenta es un número significativo en la Biblia. La lluvia que causó el famoso diluvio de Noé duró cuarenta días. Moisés pasó cuarenta días con Dios en el monte Sanai. Los hebreos vagaron por el desierto durante cuarenta años. Jesús fue llevado por el Espíritu al desierto para ser tentado por el diablo, donde ayunó durante cuarenta días y cuarenta noches. Cuarenta es un número significativo en la Biblia, y también es un número significativo para nosotros. La Cuaresma marca los cuarenta días que nos preparamos para la celebración de la resurrección de Jesús el domingo de Pascua. Como parroquia, ofreceremos algunos eventos especiales para la Cuaresma para ayudarlos a entrar más profundamente en esta temporada de penitencia.

Misa Miércoles de Ceniza: 6:30 am, 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm y 7:30 pm (español).

Martes de Cuaresma: Tendremos Hora Santa en la iglesia de 7:00 pm a 8:00 pm. La Hora Santa incluirá la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y la Bendición con una reflexión de Cuaresma dada por el clero de STM.

Miércoles de Cuaresma: Tendremos exposición del Santísimo Sacramento en la iglesia de 10:00 am a 10:00 pm. Esta será una oportunidad para una meditación tranquila ante la Eucaristía.

Viernes de Cuaresma: Tendremos el Vía Crucis en la iglesia a las 6:30 pm en inglés y a las 7:30 pm en español.

Confesiones: Se supone que debemos confesar los pecados mortales antes de presentarnos para recibir la Comunión. Además, se supone que debemos confesarnos al menos una vez al año. ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que se confesó? Nuestro horario de confesión es martes a las 6:15 pm, miércoles a las 6:15 pm y el sábado a las 3:30 pm.

Misa diaria: ¿Alguna vez ha asistido a una misa diaria? ¿Sabías que la Iglesia fomenta la recepción frecuente de la Sagrada Comunión? "La comunión frecuente es el camino más corto para asegurar la salvación de cada individual, así como la de la sociedad". Nuestro horario diario de misa es lunes a viernes: 6:30 am y 5:30 pm; Sábado a las 9:00 am.

Misa dominical: la Cuaresma es un tiempo penitencial. Presta atención y notarás cómo se atenúa la liturgia para reflejar este espíritu de penitencia. Por ejemplo, el clero usa vestimentas violetas; se omiten el Aleluya y la Gloria; el espacio del santuario está ausente de flores; la música se limitará en gran medida al canto, y solo se permitirá tocar el órgano y los instrumentos musicales para apoyar el canto.

De Ustedes in Cristo

Padre Clark

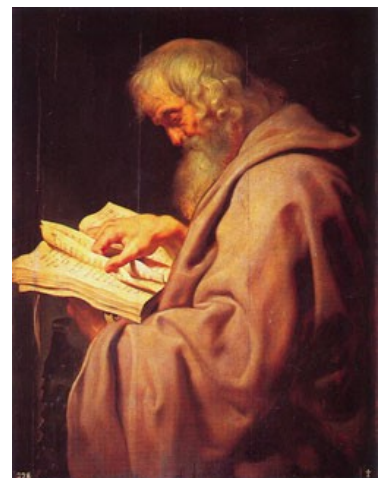
Sexto Domingo de Tiempo ordinario

Oh Dios, que nos enseñas que moras en corazones que son justos y verdaderos, concédenos que seamos así moldeados por tu gracia para llegar a ser una morada de tu agrado.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amen

Santo de la Semana



Fiesta de
San Simon

Dia de Fiesta
18 de febrero