

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

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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*
Ingrid Gooding, *Bookkeeper*
Ron Biba, *Facilities Manager*
Xenia Avalos, *Receptionist*

Religious Education

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

Office of Music

Chris Bearer, *Director*, (713) 980-3111
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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*
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Kathleen Prado, *Director of Advancement*
Judy Gentempo, *Admissions*
Anjie Ellis-Scales, *Accountant*
Rebeka Zepeda, *Nurse*
Andrea Osborne, *School Counselor*
Kathy Muras, *Secretary*

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*

Mass and Confession Schedule

**WEEKDAY MASS
MISA ENTRE SEMANA**

Monday – Friday
6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Bulletin announcements are due Monday, 12 noon for the following Sunday. Please email your announcement to shamilton@stmhouston.org. Requests subject to approval and space availability.

**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.
1:00 p.m. (español)

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus Christ is risen... He is truly risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter! Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Resurrection is the ultimate answer to the ultimate existential question: What happens after we die? The Resurrection tells us that death does not have the final word because Jesus conquers death. The Resurrection also tells us that if we strive to faithfully follow the Lord, we will have eternal life in heaven. (FYI, we will have resurrected bodies in heaven!) "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

"Christ is risen from the dead!
Dying, he conquered death;
To the dead, he has given life."

The Easter message is a core tenet of Christian spirituality. It is a constant reminder that there is something more important than this temporal life here... that there is something beyond this life... that there is something we should always keep as our top priority. The Easter message is a core tenet of Christian spirituality because it helps us focus on heaven and helps us focus on getting there. Therefore, the Easter message helps us prioritize our relationship with Jesus. When we prioritize that relationship, the other pieces of our lives fall into place. I think the opening prayer (the "Collect") for Easter Sunday Mass emphasizes this point: "O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life."

The Easter message is also a core tenet of daily Christian spirituality. Each day presents us with an opportunity for growth. Each day presents us with an opportunity to "die to ourselves" and live for Christ. Each day presents us with an opportunity to "take up our cross and follow him." If you haven't noticed... this world isn't perfect. Things don't always go the way we hope or plan. When we bear our daily hardships and offer them up to the Lord, we live the Paschal mystery in our lives. When we bear our daily hardships and offer them up to the Lord, we have to remember that no matter how hard something is now, there is always light at the end of the tunnel. When we bear our daily hardships and offer them up to the Lord, we have to remember that through the cross comes the Resurrection. It's the only way! "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:29-30). In the midst of all of our uncertainties and hardships, I hope you have a Happy Easter!!!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark

EASTER DAY

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11

On the cover...

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS
NICOLAS BERTIN
(1667-1736)

Stewardship for March 28, 2021

Thank you for your generous donations.

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| Collection | \$14,670.00 |
| <u>Online Giving</u> | <u>\$11,520.62</u> |
| | \$26,190.62 |



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| 2021 Goal | \$150,000.00 |
| Collected | <u>29,851.00</u> |
| Remaining | \$120,149.00 |



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 your donations.

You can scan the QR code above or visit our parish homepage at **STMHOUSTON.ORG** for details and registration.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & EXPOSITION

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 adorers since our hope is to fill 24 hours each day in the chapel with at least 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 electronic system for registering and record keeping. Go here to create an account and sign up for a Holy Hour:

stmhouston.weadorehim.com

Questions? Text Bob Brill, 713-598-4838 or Edna Valdez, 713-425-9506.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 4-Easter Sunday

- 7:30 am †Wilburn & Eugenia Hollas
- 9:00 am †Ann Byrne
- 11:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00 pm *Hugo Quintanilla & Family

Monday, April 5

- 6:30 am †Chavez Family
- 5:30 pm †Peter Vincent Lomonte, Jr.

Tuesday, April 6

- 6:30 am *Donald Kanu
- 5:30 pm †Ted McCray

Wednesday, April 7

- 6:30 am †Inacia F. Gonsalves
- 5:30 pm †Margaret Bondi

Thursday, April 8

- 6:30 am †Rolando Gomez
- 5:30 pm *Michelle Kanu

Friday, April 9

- 6:30 am *Jerome & Debbie Wilson
- 5:30 pm *Mike McCrate & Family

Saturday, April 10

- 9:00 am †Apollonia Nwachukwo
- 5:00 pm †Eileen Landry

Sunday, April 11-Divine Mercy Sunday

- 7:30 am †Tim Mack
- 9:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
- 11:00 am †Joe Fogarty
- 1:00 pm *Jaime Quintanilla

† (Deceased)
* (Special Intention)



STM CENSUS

We are preparing a second mailout that will be sent to all of the registered parishioners that we did not hear back from after the first census letter was mailed in February. If you did not receive that first 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.

SACRAMENTS AND FAITH FORMATION

Please visit our website for details about our Sacramental preparation:

<https://stmhouston.org/sacraments>

Infant Baptism Preparation & Registration

- ◆ You must be registered in the parish, or live in either of the following zip codes: **77096 or 77035**
- ◆ Infant Baptism is for children under 7 years of age.
- ◆ Children 7 years and older must attend RCIA for children.
- ◆ The preparation is personalized to the family and we hope that you will use www.formed.org and Zoom.
- ◆ Attendance is required for parents and is highly recommended for Godparents.

Please call the Faith Formation Office for access to our registration, 713-729-3435.

Please visit our website for details regarding our Faith Formation programs:

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

STM PARISH SCHOOL

Our students have been busy, preparing their hearts for Jesus' resurrection, this Lenten season. On Holy Thursday, our 8th grade class presented the live Stations of the Cross to the school. Throughout Lent, students 3rd grade and older have been to confession and all students have been encouraged to walk in the footsteps of the Lord by doing random acts of kindness.

As always, we invite you to come visit our school. We still have spots available for the 2021-2022 school year and would be more than happy to share with you the opportunities that are available to the community, inside our school building.



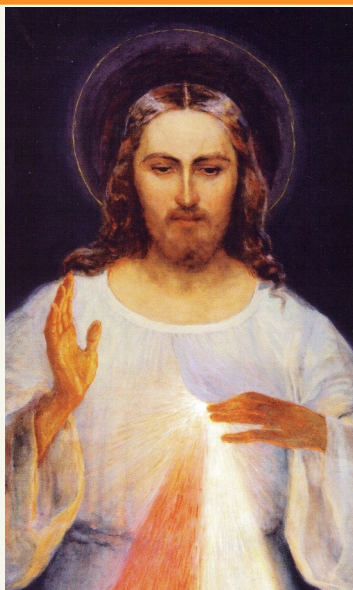
ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SCHOOL
Reaching Minds · Touching Hearts · Shaping Souls



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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



The Divine Mercy Novena, which started on Good Friday will be prayed in the church Easter Monday thru Easter Friday after the 5:30 PM Mass. The prayers will be prayed on your own the other days.

PARISH OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON THE TUESDAY AFTER EASTER

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Jesucristo ha resucitado ... ¡verdaderamente ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Felices Pascuas! Hoy celebramos la Resurrección de Jesucristo. La Resurrección es la respuesta definitiva a la última pregunta existencial: ¿Qué sucede después de que morimos? La Resurrección nos dice que la muerte no tiene la última palabra porque Jesús vence a la muerte. La Resurrección también nos dice que si nos esforzamos por seguir fielmente al Señor, tendremos vida eterna en el cielo. (¡Para su información, habremos resucitado cuerpos en el cielo!) “La Resurrección de Jesús es la verdad suprema de nuestra fe en Cristo, una fe creída y vivida como la verdad central por la primera comunidad cristiana; transmitido como fundamental por la Tradición; establecido por los documentos del Nuevo Testamento; y predicado como parte esencial del misterio pascual junto con la cruz:

“¡Cristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos!
Muriendo, conquistó la muerte;
A los muertos les ha dado vida ”.

El mensaje de Pascua es un principio fundamental de la espiritualidad cristiana. Es un recordatorio constante de que hay algo más importante que esta vida temporal aquí ... que hay algo más allá de esta vida ... que hay algo que siempre debemos mantener como nuestra máxima prioridad. El mensaje de Pascua es un principio fundamental de la espiritualidad cristiana porque nos ayuda a enfocarnos en el cielo y nos ayuda a enfocarnos en llegar allí. Por tanto, el mensaje de Pascua nos ayuda a priorizar nuestra relación con Jesús. Cuando damos prioridad a esa relación, las otras partes de nuestra vida encajan. Creo que la oración de apertura (la “Colecta”) de la Misa del Domingo de Pascua enfatiza este punto: “Oh Dios, que en este día, a través de tu Hijo Unigénito, has conquistado la muerte y nos has abierto el camino a la eternidad, concédelo, para que nosotros que guardamos la solemnidad de la Resurrección del Señor, mediante la renovación que trae tu Espíritu, resucitemos a la luz de la vida”.

El mensaje de Pascua es también un principio fundamental de la espiritualidad cristiana diaria. Cada día nos presenta una oportunidad de crecimiento. Cada día nos presenta la oportunidad de “morir a nosotros mismos” y vivir para Cristo. Cada día nos presenta la oportunidad de “tomar nuestra cruz y seguirlo”. Si no te has dado cuenta ... este mundo no es perfecto. Las cosas no siempre salen como esperamos o planeamos. Cuando soportamos nuestras dificultades diarias y las ofrecemos al Señor, vivimos el misterio pascual en nuestras vidas. Cuando soportamos nuestras dificultades diarias y las ofrecemos al Señor, tenemos que recordar que no importa cuán difícil sea algo ahora, siempre hay luz al final del túnel. Cuando soportamos nuestras dificultades diarias y las ofrecemos al Señor, tenemos que recordar que a través de la cruz viene la Resurrección. ¡Es la única forma! “Lleven mi yugo sobre ustedes y aprendan de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón; y encontraréis descanso para vosotros. Porque mi yugo es fácil, y ligera mi carga” (Mateo 11: 29-30). En medio de todas nuestras incertidumbres y dificultades, espero que tengan una Feliz Pascua de Resurrección.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Padre Clark

Oh Dios, que en este día,
por tu Hijo Unigénito,
han conquistado la muerte
y nos abrió el camino a la
eternidad,
concédenos, te rogamos, que
los que guardemos
la solemnidad de la resurrección
del Señor
que, a través de la renovación
que trae tu Espíritu,
levántate a la luz de la vida.
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.



**Divina
Misericordia**

**Jesús, en Tí
confío**