

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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Parish Office

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
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Parish Office Hours (Closed from 12-1 PM for lunch)

Monday to Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Study We are offering an opportunity for any adult who wants to learn the basics of the Catholic Faith. *Faith Basics* will be held on Tuesday nights, starting June 1, 7-8:30 p.m. Ryan Lambert will lead you through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Bible Study Starting June 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Religious Education building, we will meet to learn more about Jesus through the witness of the Bible. The cost for the study guide which is used with the video series is \$10. Please see our website for more details:

<https://stmhouston.org/bible-study-1>

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Registration for all summer activities for both middle and high school students is available on our website along with the calendar of events we are offering throughout the summer. Be sure to check it out online under <https://stmhouston.org/summer>. All activities will begin this week, with the exception of Coffee and Tea-ology which began June 4th. Make sure to sign up and we will see you there! Email lrdriguez@stmhouston.org if you have any questions.

PARISH PARTY, JUNE 22, FEAST DAY OF ST. THOMAS MORE AND ST. JOHN FISHER.

STARTING WITH 5:30 PM MASS, FOOD AND DRINKS TO FOLLOW. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING & HOW MANY ADULTS & KIDS.

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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 (Summer)

Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Our summer office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. We are here to give potential families a tour of our school and to answer any questions you may have. If you are looking for summer camp opportunities for your children, consider registering them for our Kidventure camp here at STM.

In Christ,
Carolina Bowman, Principal

Sacraments

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR ADULTS

As our campus opens up and more activities will start taking place, we need to verify that everyone has had the **Safe Haven** training. Please make sure your Certification and Background Checks are current if you have already taken the training. If you are a new volunteer, you will need to take the training for the first time. Please refer any questions to Eloise Starr, 713-729-0021

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sunday, June 6th is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus literally becomes present at Mass under the appearance of bread and wine (the change is called transubstantiation). The Catechism says, "It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion." This belief is why the Church teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.

A couple of years ago, the Pew Research Center published a study called, "What Americans Know About Religion." The study revealed a sad statistic: "Half of Catholics in the United States (50%) correctly answered a question about official church teachings on transubstantiation – that during Communion, the bread and wine actually *become* the body and blood of Christ." Even worse, "Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) say they believe that during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus." Only one-third of the Catholics in the United States believe in what is supposed to be the source and summit of our faith. I think it's safe to say that these statistics reveal a sad reality: there is a crisis of faith in our Church.

On Saturday, June 5th, the day before *Corpus Christi*, Cardinal DiNardo ordained 4 men to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The Catechism teaches, "Certain members are called by God, in and through the Church, to a special service of the community. These servants are chosen and consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders, by which the Holy Spirit enables them to act in the person of Christ the head, for the service of all the members of the Church. The ordained minister is, as it were, an 'icon' of Christ the priest. Since it is in the Eucharist that the sacrament of the Church is made fully visible, it is in his presiding at the Eucharist that the bishop's ministry is most evident, as well as, in communion with him, the ministry of priests..."

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. We need the Eucharist. In order to have the Eucharist, we need priests. We are an Archdiocese that covers 10 counties. We are an Archdiocese that contains 146 parishes. We are an Archdiocese that has 1.7 million Catholics. We need to be ordaining something like 13 new priests every year simply to replace the priests that will soon retire. I think it's safe to say that these statistics reveal a sad reality: there is a crisis of vocations in our Church. The crisis of vocations is a result of the crisis of faith. Is there any wonder that we are struggling to get priests when only 31% of American Catholics believe in the real presence of the Eucharist?

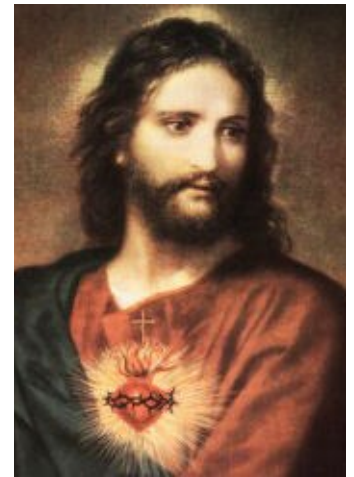
We need priests. Where do priestly vocations come from? The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) publishes a research study based on a survey of newly ordained priests. These were the major findings from the study of 2020:

- 73% of the newly ordained priests served as altar boys.
- 72% of the newly ordained priests regularly participated in Eucharistic adoration.
- 44% of the newly ordained priests attended a Catholic school at some point in their life.
- 89% of the newly ordained priests were encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life, most frequently a parish priest, friend, or another parishioner.

We need priests. Where do priestly vocations come from? They come from active parish communities who love Jesus and who love the Eucharist. As the pastor of this parish, I promise to do what I can to encourage vocations to the priesthood. As the pastor of this parish, I ask for your help to ensure the future of our Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark



The Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus
June 11

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday
6:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Saturday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM
Sunday
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
1:00 PM (español)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Tuesday &
Wednesday**
6:15-7:00 PM
Saturday
3:30-4:45 PM

On the cover:

**"Blessing of the
Wheat"**
Jules Breton
1857

Stewardship for May 30, 2021

Thank you for your generous donations!

Collection	\$11,590.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$10,713.34</u>
	\$22,303.34



2021 Goal	\$150,000.00
Collected	<u>50,616.00</u>
Remaining	\$ 99,384.00



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 EXPOSITION & ADORATION

There is a great need for late night adorers...12 midnight to 5:00 AM. Can you spend an hour with Jesus in the middle of the night?

THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR SUBSTITUTE ADORERS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COMMIT TO A WEEKLY HOLY HOUR, YOU CAN STILL BE A VALUABLE MEMBER OF ADORATION AS A SUBSTITUTE.

Go here to create an account and sign up for a Holy Hour or as a substitute.

stmhouston.weadorehim.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 6

- 7:30 am †Shelly & Deanna Stapleton
- 9:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
- 11:00 am †Sister Maria Celina Nwachukwu
- 1:00 pm *Priests of St. Thomas More

Monday, June 7

- 6:30 am †Apollonia Nwachukwo
- 5:30 pm †Peter Vincent Lomonte Jr.

Tuesday, June 8

- 6:30 am †Ed & Mary Cumberbatch
- 5:30 pm †Erin Novak

Wednesday, June 9

- 6:30 am †Robert Willis
- 5:30 pm †Edmund Rumford

Thursday, June 10

- 6:30 am †Eileen Gorman Musgrove
- 5:30 pm †Robert Willis

Friday, June 11

- 6:30 am †Lanh Nguyen
- 5:30 pm †Georgia Jacob

Saturday, June 12

- 9:00 am †Erin Novak
- 5:00 pm †Robert Schwartz

Sunday, June 13

- 7:30 am †Agripina Escobar
- 9:00 am †Joe Fogarty
- 11:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00 pm †Dorotea Macras

† (Deceased)

* (Special Intention)

June 6 is the Feast of Corpus Christi. Following the long tradition of the Catholic Church, there will be a Eucharistic Procession which will follow the Spanish Mass. It will start at approximately 2:00 p.m.



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Summer Choir Camp For Youth Singers 4th – 8th grade

This year's camp will focus on music
for the Solemnity of the Assumption.

Dates: Monday-Friday
August 9-13 from 9am-Noon*
AND
Sunday, August 15, 9am Mass*

Tuition: \$50/singer participant
for instruction, materials, daily snack
and t-shirt

Space is limited. Register today!

Visit the website to register:
<https://stmhouston.org/annual-choir-camp>

For more information please contact

Chris Bearer

cbearer@stmhouston.org

713-729-0221

*to participate you must commit to attend the full week and the 9am Mass.

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

El domingo 6 de junio es la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, también conocido como Corpus Christi. Como católicos, creemos que Jesús literalmente se hace presente en la Misa bajo la apariencia de pan y vino (el cambio se llama transubstanciación). El Catecismo dice: "Es mediante la conversión del pan y el vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo que Cristo se hace presente en este sacramento. Los Padres de la Iglesia afirmaron enérgicamente la fe de la Iglesia en la eficacia de la Palabra de Cristo y de la acción del Espíritu Santo para realizar esta conversión". Esta creencia es la razón por la que la Iglesia enseña que la Eucaristía es la fuente y la cumbre de la vida cristiana.

Hace un par de años, el Pew Research Center publicó un estudio titulado "Lo que los estadounidenses saben sobre religión". El estudio reveló una triste estadística: "La mitad de los católicos en los Estados Unidos (50%) responden correctamente a una pregunta sobre las enseñanzas oficiales de la iglesia sobre la transubstanciación: que, durante la Comunión, el pan y el vino se convierten en el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo". Peor aún, "solo un tercio de los católicos estadounidenses (31%) dicen que creen que, durante la misa católica, el pan y el vino se convierten en el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús". Solo un tercio de los católicos en los Estados Unidos cree en lo que se supone es la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra fe. Creo que es seguro decir que estas estadísticas revelan una triste realidad: hay una crisis de fe en nuestra Iglesia.

El sábado 5 de junio, el día antes de Corpus Christi, el cardenal DiNardo ordenó a 4 hombres al sacerdocio de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. El Catecismo enseña: "Ciertos miembros son llamados por Dios, en ya través de la Iglesia, a un servicio especial de la comunidad. Estos siervos son elegidos y consagrados por el sacramento del orden sagrado, mediante el cual el Espíritu Santo les permite actuar en la persona de Cristo, cabeza, para el servicio de todos los miembros de la Iglesia. El ministro ordenado es, por así decirlo, un "icono" de Cristo sacerdote. Dado que es en la Eucaristía donde el sacramento de la Iglesia se hace plenamente visible, es en su presidencia de la Eucaristía donde se hace más evidente el ministerio del obispo y, en comunión con él, el ministerio de los sacerdotes ...

La Eucaristía es fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe. Necesitamos la Eucaristía. Para tener la Eucaristía, necesitamos sacerdotes. Somos una Arquidiócesis que cubre 10 condados. Somos una Arquidiócesis que contiene 146 parroquias. Somos una Arquidiócesis que tiene 1,7 millones de católicos. Necesitamos ordenar algo así como 13 nuevos sacerdotes cada año simplemente para reemplazar a los sacerdotes que pronto se jubilarán. Creo que es seguro decir que estas estadísticas revelan una triste realidad: hay una crisis de vocaciones en nuestra Iglesia. La crisis de vocaciones es consecuencia de la crisis de fe. ¿Es de extrañar que estemos luchando por conseguir sacerdotes cuando solo el 31% de los católicos estadounidenses creen en la presencia real de la Eucaristía?

Necesitamos sacerdotes. ¿De dónde proceden las vocaciones sacerdotales? El Centro de Investigación Aplicada en el Apostolado (CARA) publica un estudio de investigación basado en una encuesta de sacerdotes recién ordenados. Estos fueron los principales hallazgos del estudio de 2020:

- El 73% de los sacerdotes recién ordenados sirvieron como monaguillos.
- El 72% de los sacerdotes recién ordenados participaron regularmente en la adoración eucarística.
- El 44% de los sacerdotes recién ordenados asistieron a una escuela católica en algún momento de su vida.
- El 89% de los sacerdotes recién ordenados fueron alentados a considerar el sacerdocio por al guien en su vida, con mayor frecuencia un párroco, amigo u otro feligrés.

Necesitamos sacerdotes. ¿De dónde proceden las vocaciones sacerdotales? Vienen de comunidades parroquiales activas que aman a Jesús y que aman la Eucaristía. Como párroco de esta parroquia, prometo hacer lo que pueda para fomentar las vocaciones al sacerdocio. Como párroco de esta parroquia, les pido su ayuda.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

P. Clark

Oh Dios, que en este maravilloso Sacramento nos has dejado un recuerdo de tu Pasión, concédenos, te rogamos, para reverenciar los misterios sagrados de tu Cuerpo y Sangre que siempre podamos experimentar en nosotros mismos los frutos de tu redención. Que vive y reina con Dios Padre en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.



**Inmaculado
Corazón de María
12 de Junio**