

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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Parish Office

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
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www.stmhouston.org

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* is being held on Tuesday nights, and started June 1, 7-8:30 p.m. Ryan Lambert will lead you through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Bible Study On Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. upstairs 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>

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 or 713-729-0221

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

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 prospective 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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 2 &
MONDAY JULY 5 IN OBSERVANCE
OF THE 4TH OF JULY.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you are off to a great start for your summer! This past week, we were able to celebrate our patron saint, St. Thomas More. We had a beautiful liturgy with a full church followed by a great party! I was told that we served over 600 meals! St. Thomas More's feast day allowed us to celebrate our Catholic faith as a community. Communal life is an essential element of parish life and, now that we are moving past COVID, I look forward rebuilding the community life of our parish in the months to come!

As we approach the end of June, I hope that you are able to take some sort of vacation this summer. When I think of vacation, I am often reminded of a couple of messages Pope Benedict gave back when he himself was on vacation:

“My wish is that this awaited rest serves to strengthen their mind and body, which, given the hectic course of modern existence, daily undergoes a continuous fatigue and strain. The holidays also afford a precious opportunity to spend more time with relatives, to visit family and friends, in a word, to give more space to those human contacts whose desired cultivation is impeded by the rhythm of daily duties. Certainly, not everyone can take advantage of vacation time and many must bypass it for various motives. I think in a particular way of those who are alone, of the elderly and the sick who often experience solitude even more during this time. To these our brothers and sisters, I would like to manifest my spiritual closeness, heartily wishing that none of them lack the support and comfort of friendly people.

For many, vacation becomes a profitable occasion for cultural contacts, for prolonged moments of prayer and of contemplation in contact with nature or in monasteries and religious structures. Having more free time, one can dedicate oneself more easily to conversation with God, meditation on Sacred Scripture and reading some useful, formative book. Those who experience this spiritual repose know how useful it is not to reduce vacations to mere relaxation and amusement.

Every good Christian knows that vacations are an appropriate time for relaxation and also the nourishment of the spirit through more extended periods of prayer and meditation, in order to grow in one's personal relationship with Christ and to conform increasingly to his teachings.”

I hope you have a spiritually nourishing summer!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark



Sts. Peter and Paul
Apostles
June 29

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:

**“Christ Raising
Jairus’s Daughter”**
William Blake
1799

Stewardship for June 20, 2021

Thank you for your generous donations!

Collection	\$15,183.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$12,681.10</u>
	\$27,864.10



2021 Goal	\$150,000.00
Collected	<u>64,858.00</u>
Remaining	\$ 85,142.00

Contributing Parishioners: 201

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 here or visit our parish homepage at STMHOUSTON.ORG for details and registration.

Come make a schola!

Come learn the soul's song of God's word in the Liturgy. Join the 2021 Summer Chant Intensive, at St. Mary's Seminary, Houston. Come and spend five summer evenings learning and singing 2,000 years of the forever tones of the Mass and psalms. Dates are T-W-Th-F-S, July 13,14,15,16, 17, 2021. Tuition is \$185.00. We will close singing and praying all we learned at a special Mass. For information and to register visit our website: www.chantschool.org/SCI-21/. or call Lowell Davis at 713-376-0289.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one is suffering from a serious illness please contact the Parish Office 713-729-0221.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 27

- 7:30 am †Angelito M. Demerin
- 9:00 am †Ladonna Combs
- 11:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00 pm †Jose Luis Moreno

Monday, June 28

- 6:30 am †Robert Saucedo
- 5:30 pm †All Souls

Tuesday, June 29

- 6:30 am †Carmen Duque
- 5:30 pm †Apollonia Nwachukwu

Wednesday, June 30

- 6:30 am †Robert Schwartz
- 5:30 pm †Adalberto Tot

Thursday, July 1

- 6:30 am †David Lafferty
- 5:30 pm †George & Hattie Mozisek

Friday, July 2

- 6:30 am †Ugochuchwo Nwachukwo
- 5:30 pm †Johanna Kampschneider

Saturday, July 3

- 9:00 am †Olivia Cardenas
- 5:00 pm †Linus Onuoha Iheagwara

Sunday, July 4

- 7:30 am †Deceased Scroggins Family Members
- 9:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
- 11:00 am †Maria Celine Nwachukwu
- 1:00 pm †Dorotea Macias

† (Deceased)

* (Special Intention)

Please pray for the souls of our parishioners who have recently died.

Froylan Castillo
Robert Willis
Rosa Cotoc Pum
Filiberto C. Cerezo

Thomas L. Kister
Manuel de Jesus Lara
Henry Krason
Bill Gorton

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

In case you missed it...

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Saint Series:

We are offering a summer Saint series! All kids 6th-8th grade are welcome to join! Each time we meet we will learn a little bit about a canonized Saint and how we are all called to be Saints in our everyday lives! We will be meeting every Monday in the upstairs Youth Room from 2:00-3:30 P.M. starting June 7th. Hope to see you there!

Sports:

Starting on June 8th, every Tuesday morning from 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. our youth minister will be offering sports times for all children 6th-8th grade. We will meet at the front gate of the youth center and walk over to the field.

Open Doors:

All kids 6th – 8th grade are welcome to join us in the youth center throughout the Summer every Tuesday from 3:00-5:00 P.M. to play games, eat snacks, and hangout.

HIGH SCHOOL

Coffee and Tea-Ology:

We are excited to announce our summer Bible series: **Coffee & Tea-ology!** Open and free for all teens 9th-12th grade to join! We will be using the Teen Timeline from Ascension Press following the story of the Creation and the Early World up to Revelation. We will meet every Friday afternoon from 2:00-3:30 P.M. in the upstairs youth room starting on June 4th. Coffee and tea to start with, along with a bit of social time. Please bring your own mug and a Bible. Hope to see you there!

Chosen Series: We will be opening up the doors to the youth room for all teens 9th-12th grade to come hang out with us every Thursday from 3:00-5:30 P.M. starting June 10th. Afterwards we will attend Mass together and then return to the youth room to watch an episode of the recently released Chosen series. We will finish up with a brief discussion and clean up at 7:30.

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>. Email lrdriguez@stmhouston.org if you have any questions.

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.

The Adoration Chapel is OPEN. This is the current Adoration Chapel schedule:

Monday 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Tuesday 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Thursday 7:00 AM – Sunday 11:00 PM (*the chapel is open around the clock during these days.*)

We hope this schedule is temporary. As soon as all of our hours are filled we will start Perpetual Exposition and Adoration. Please pray that more people volunteer to be adorers.

ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?

Join us at the Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) 2021 this year!!! We will be taking teens 9th-12th grade to the retreat happening here in Houston at the Hilton of the Americas! July 30th-August 1st. There will be thousands of other teens from parishes across the diocese and several key note speakers including Joel Stepanek, Fr. Augustino Torres, and many more! Registration is up on our website and closes June 30th so act now! Limited spaces available. Please email lrdriguez@stmhouston.org if you have any questions.

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

¡Espero que hayan tenido un gran comienzo de su verano! La semana pasada pudimos celebrar a nuestro santo patrón, Santo Tomás More. ¡Tuvimos una hermosa liturgia con una iglesia llena seguida de una gran fiesta! ¡Me dijeron que servimos más de 600 comidas! El día de la fiesta de Santo Tomás More nos permitió celebrar nuestra fe católica como comunidad. La vida comunitaria es un elemento esencial de la vida parroquial y, ahora que estamos pasando de COVID, espero reconstruir la vida comunitaria de nuestra parroquia en los meses venideros.

A medida que nos acercamos a finales de junio, espero que pueda tomar algún tipo de vacaciones este verano. Cuando pienso en las vacaciones, a menudo recuerdo un par de mensajes que el Papa Benedicto XVI dio cuando él mismo estaba de vacaciones:

Mi deseo es que este esperado descanso sirva para fortalecer su mente y su cuerpo, que, dado el frenético curso de la existencia moderna, sufre a diario un continuo cansancio y tensión. Las vacaciones también brindan una oportunidad preciosa para pasar más tiempo con los familiares, visitar a familiares y amigos, en una palabra, para dar más espacio a aquellos contactos humanos cuyo cultivo deseado se ve obstaculizado por el ritmo de los deberes diarios. Ciertamente, no todos pueden aprovechar el tiempo de vacaciones y muchos deben evitarlo por diversos motivos. Pienso de manera particular en los que están solos, los ancianos y los enfermos que a menudo experimentan aún más la soledad durante este tiempo. A estos hermanos y hermanas nuestros, quisiera manifestarles mi cercanía espiritual, deseando de todo corazón que a ninguno de ellos le falte el apoyo y el consuelo de gente amable.

Para muchos, las vacaciones se convierten en una ocasión provechosa para los contactos culturales, para prolongados momentos de oración y contemplación en contacto con la naturaleza o en monasterios y estructuras religiosas. Teniendo más tiempo libre, uno puede dedicarse más fácilmente a la conversación con Dios, la meditación de la Sagrada Escritura y la lectura de algún libro útil y formativo. Quienes experimentan este reposo espiritual saben lo útil que es no reducir las vacaciones a solo relajación y diversión.

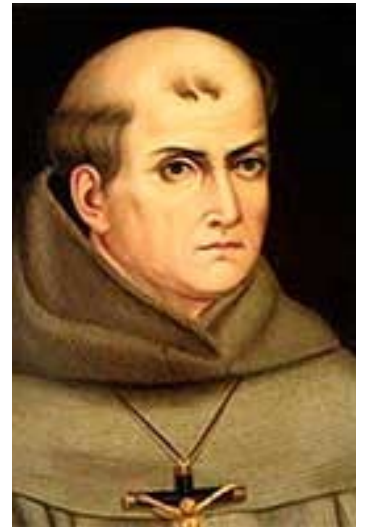
Todo buen cristiano sabe que las vacaciones son un momento apropiado para la relajación y también para el alimento del espíritu a través de períodos más prolongados de oración y meditación, para crecer en la relación personal con Cristo y adaptarse cada vez más a sus enseñanzas.

¡Espero que tengas un verano espiritualmente nutritivo!

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

P. Clark

Oh Dios, que por la gracia
de la adopción
nos eligió para ser hijos
de la luz,
conceder, te lo pedimos,
para que no estemos en-
vuelto en las tinieblas del
error
pero siempre se verá para-
do en la brillante luz de la
verdad.
Por nuestro Señor Jesu-
cristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo
en la unidad del Espíritu
Santo,
un solo Dios, por los sig-
los de los siglos.



San Junípero Serra
1 de Julio