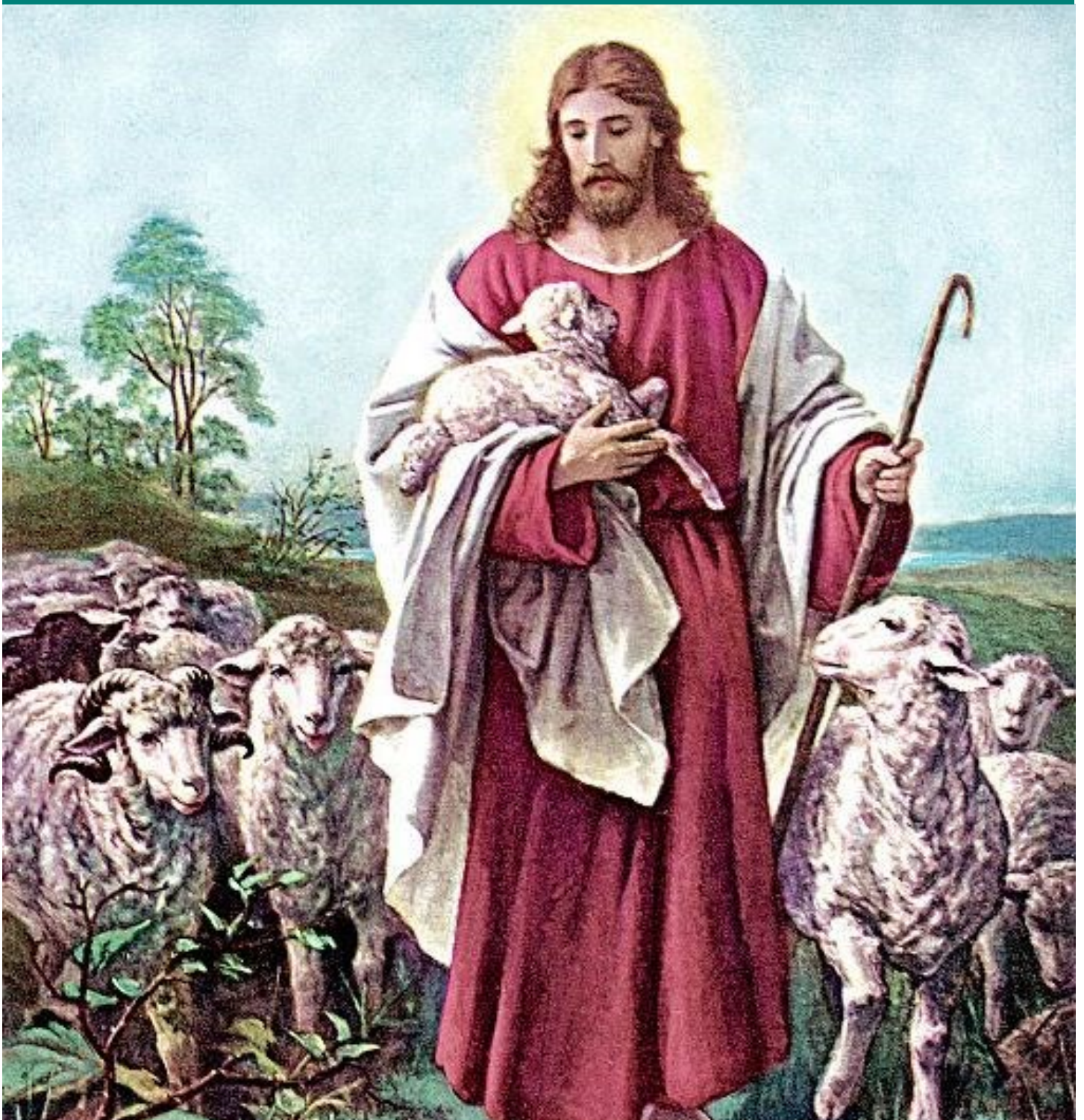


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SACRAMENTS

Please visit our website for details about our
Sacramental preparation:

<https://stmhouston.org/sacraments>

STM 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

Summer is moving by quickly and we are excitedly planning for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. We still have spaces in most grade levels and are conducting tours for our future students. We also have a couple of teaching positions open for interested educators. Currently, we are actively looking for a 4th/5th grade core teacher and a lower school teacher assistant. Call 713-329-3434 and see what wonderful opportunities STM holds for you.

In Christ,
Carolina Bowman, Principal



Come fly with us!
Blessed is She invites you to join us for two nights of unique worship, engaging talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. All women 18+ are invited! Monday and Tuesday, August 16-17 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church from 7-9pm. Come lean into the Father's love and learn to fly in trust and surrender. Grab your tickets and find out more info at blessedisshenet/revivals.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

From time to time, you might hear about the USCCB. "USCCB" stands for the "United States Conference of Catholic Bishops." According to its website, the USCCB is an assembly of the hierarchy of bishops who jointly exercise pastoral functions on behalf of the Christian faithful of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Conference helps bishops act collaboratively and consistently on vital issues confronting the Church and Society. The purpose of the Conference is to unify, coordinate, encourage, promote and carry on Catholic activities in the United States; to organize and conduct religious, charitable and social welfare work at home and abroad; to aid in education; to care for immigrants; and generally, to enter into and promote by education, publication and direction the objects of its being.

The following is a recent news release from the USCCB's Public Affairs Office: "Bishop Chairmen Respond to Extreme Abortion Push in Appropriations Bill."

This week, the House Committee on Appropriations will mark up the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) appropriations bill, which currently excludes the 46-year-old Hyde Amendment and other longstanding, bipartisan provisions including the Weldon Amendment. Eliminating these provisions would force taxpayers to pay for elective abortions and force health care providers and professionals to perform and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs, as well as force employers and insurers to cover and pay for abortion.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement:

"This is the most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill that we have seen, effectively mandating healthcare professionals to participate in abortion, and forcing American citizens to pay for abortion with their tax dollars. By eliminating the Hyde Amendment, and other Hyde-like policies, the financial fruits of Americans' labor would advance the destruction of the smallest, most vulnerable humans. Eliminating the Weldon Amendment would be an egregious violation of conscience rights by forcing individuals and entities to perform, pay for, or otherwise participate in an abortion against their beliefs. Abortion is not healthcare nor a 'human service' to anyone. Rather, abortion is inhumane. It is a painful death to an innocent baby, and often leaves women physically harmed and emotionally devastated.

"We implore the House Committee on Appropriations to reverse course on these bills that currently expand taxpayer funding of abortion, and to restore the longstanding, bipartisan Hyde provisions and Weldon Amendment that have saved millions of lives and protected conscience rights. These bills include many other provisions and funding for critically-needed services that we support. Americans' tax dollars should be used for the common good and welfare of all, not to finance abortion or force Americans to violate deeply-held beliefs.

"Further, we ask all Catholics and all people of good will to contact their legislators and make their voices heard. The lives of millions of vulnerable children, and the well-being of their mothers, depend on our advocacy."

The Committee on Pro-Life Activities has sponsored a petition to legislators asking them to preserve the Hyde Amendment. All are encouraged to sign it at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Clark



St. Lawrence of Brindisi
July 21

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:

The Good Shepherd
Bernhard Plockhorst
1878

Stewardship for July 11, 2021
Thank you for your generous donations!

Collection	\$15,530.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$10,878.89</u>
	\$26,408.89




2021 Goal	\$150,000.00
Collected	<u>72,843.00</u>
Remaining	\$ 77,157.00

Contributing Parishioners: 227

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.

Summer Choir Camp—a few spots left!
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

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.


MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday, July 18**
 7:30 am †Stanford Dupaty
 9:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
 11:00 am †Chris Watson
 1:00 pm †Bertha Mata Guardado
- Monday, July 19**
 6:30 am †Aman Madrigalejo
 5:30 pm †Maurice Hendrix
- Tuesday, July 20**
 6:30 am †Johanna Kampschneider
 5:30 pm †Hector L. Pinedo
- Wednesday, July 21**
 6:30 am *Donald Kanu
 5:30 pm *In Thanksgiving Rachel Ugwu & Family

- Thursday, July 22**
 6:30 am †Bobbie Simpson
 5:30 pm †Robert Schwartz
- Friday, July 23**
 6:30 am *Carmelite Sisters, Lafayette, LA
 5:30 pm †Martin J. Gleeson, O.P.

- Saturday, July 24**
 9:00 am †Oscar V. Guevarra
 5:00 pm †Anastasia Louis

- Sunday, July 25**
 7:30 am †Stanford Dupaty
 9:00 am *Madelene
 11:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
 1:00 pm †Manuel Mecias Lliguicota
- † (Deceased)
 * (Special Intention)



**Amateur Men’s Pickup
 Basketball Night**
All skill levels welcome!

Come play some ball, meet other men of the parish, and enjoy some fellowship afterwards in the parking lot.

Every Wednesday this Summer, 8 pm in the Gym.

Bring your own water and fill out the waiver online prior to coming at: Stmhouston.org/pickup

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

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 irodriguez@stmhouston.org if you have any questions.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

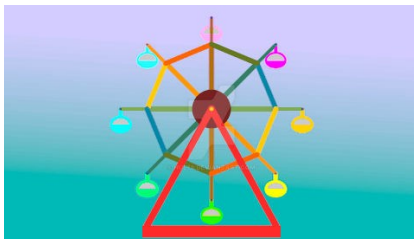
If you or a loved one is suffering from a serious illness and needs to be anointed or is unable to make it to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office, 713-729-0221.

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

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| Robert Willis | Manuel de Jesus Lara |
| Rosa Cotoc Pum | Henry Krason |
| Filiberto C. Cerezo | Bill Gorton |
| Salvador Rodriguez | Stanford Dupaty |

MINISTRY FAIR, ANYONE?

Life is slowly coming back to “normal” and it is time that we reinvigorate the life of the parish. Mass attendance is on the increase and we are readying the campus and our meeting spaces to welcome back our ministries and groups.



The parish is planning a Ministry Fair for the weekend of August 28-29, after all Masses.

If you were/are a leader of a ministry or group at STM, please contact us and let us know that you wish to participate in the fair. Perhaps you have an idea for a new group or ministry? Let us know. Contact Suzie Hamilton, shamilton@stmhouston.org or 713-729-0221.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

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.

Following are the hours that need to be filled in order for our chapel to be open all the time (Perpetual Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration):

- Monday: 2:00 AM, 3:00 AM, 6:00 PM**
- Tuesday: 1:00 AM, 3:00 AM**
- Wednesday: 1:00 AM, 2:00 AM**
- Thursday: 2:00 AM, 3:00 AM**

ALL WE NEED ARE 9 PEOPLE TO COMMIT TO TAKE ONE OF THESE HOURS ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND OUR ADORATION CHAPEL CAN REMAIN OPEN AROUND THE CLOCK.

IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO BE ONE OF THE NINE?

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

De vez en cuando, es posible que escuche sobre la USCCB. La "USCCB" significa la "Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos". Según su sitio web, la USCCB es una asamblea de la jerarquía de obispos que ejercen conjuntamente funciones pastorales en nombre de los fieles cristianos de los Estados Unidos y las Islas Vírgenes de los Estados Unidos. La Conferencia ayuda a los obispos a actuar de manera colaborativa y coherente en asuntos vitales que enfrentan la Iglesia y la Sociedad. El propósito de la Conferencia es unificar, coordinar, alentar, promover y llevar a cabo actividades católicas en los Estados Unidos; organizar y realizar trabajos religiosos, caritativos y de bienestar social en el país y en el extranjero; para ayudar en la educación; cuidar a los inmigrantes; y en general, entrar y promover mediante la educación, publicación y dirección los objetos de su ser.

El siguiente es un comunicado de prensa reciente de la Oficina de Asuntos Públicos de la USCCB: "Los presidentes de los obispos responden al proyecto de ley de aprobación de apropiaciones sobre el aborto extremo".

Esta semana, el Comité de Asignaciones de la Cámara de Representantes marcará el proyecto de ley de asignaciones de Trabajo, Salud y Servicios Humanos, Educación y Agencias Relacionadas (LHHS), que actualmente excluye la Enmienda Hyde de 46 años y otras disposiciones bipartidistas de larga data, incluida la Weldon. Enmienda. La eliminación de estas disposiciones obligaría a los contribuyentes a pagar por abortos electivos y obligaría a los proveedores de atención médica y profesionales a realizar y recomendar un aborto en contra de sus creencias profundamente arraigadas, además de obligar a los empleadores y aseguradoras a cubrir y pagar el aborto.

El cardenal Timothy M. Dolan de Nueva York, presidente del Comité de Libertad Religiosa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU. (USCCB), y el arzobispo Joseph F. Naumann de Kansas City en Kansas, presidente del Comité de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, emitieron la siguiente declaración:

"Este es el proyecto de ley de asignaciones a favor del aborto más extremo que hemos visto, que efectivamente obliga a los profesionales de la salud a participar en el aborto y obliga a los ciudadanos estadounidenses a pagar el aborto con el dinero de sus impuestos. Al eliminar la Enmienda Hyde y otras políticas similares a Hyde, los frutos financieros del trabajo de los estadounidenses avanzarían en la destrucción de los seres humanos más pequeños y vulnerables. La eliminación de la Enmienda Weldon sería una violación atroz de los derechos de conciencia al obligar a las personas y entidades a realizar, pagar o participar en un aborto en contra de sus creencias. El aborto no es atención médica ni un "servicio humano" para nadie. Más bien, el aborto es inhumano. Es una muerte dolorosa para un bebé inocente y, a menudo, deja a las mujeres dañadas físicamente y devastadas emocionalmente.

"Le imploramos al Comité de Asignaciones de la Cámara de Representantes que revierta el curso de estos proyectos de ley que actualmente amplían la financiación del aborto por parte de los contribuyentes y que restaure las antiguas disposiciones bipartidistas de Hyde y la Enmienda Weldon que han salvado millones de vidas y protegido los derechos de conciencia. Estos proyectos de ley incluyen muchas otras disposiciones y fondos para servicios de necesidad crítica que apoyamos. Los dólares de los impuestos de los estadounidenses deben usarse para el bien común y el bienestar de todos, no para financiar el aborto o forzar a los estadounidenses a violar creencias profundamente arraigadas.

"Además, pedimos a todos los católicos y a todas las personas de buena voluntad que se pongan en contacto con sus legisladores y hagan oír su voz. Las vidas de millones de niños vulnerables y el bienestar de sus madres dependen de nuestra defensa".

El Comité de Actividades Pro-Vida ha patrocinado una petición a los legisladores pidiéndoles que preserven la Enmienda Hyde. Se anima a todos a firmarlo en [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com).

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,
P. Clark

Oh Dios, que muestra la luz de tu verdad a los que se descarrían, para que vuelvan al camino correcto, dar a todos los que por la fe que profesan son contados cristianos la gracia de rechazar todo lo que sea contrario al nombre de Cristo y esforzarse por todo lo que honra. 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.



**Santa Maria
Magdalena
22 de Julio**