

Peace be with you.

Please note that the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on the Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 8, 2016) rather than on the Thursday, May 5 after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The obligation to attend Mass for Ascension Thursday is abolished. But, you are welcome to attend 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM Ascension Thursday mass at our St. Thomas More.

In this 6th Sunday of Easter, John 14: 23-29, Jesus alerts his disciples to his imminent departure, his ascension into heaven. He doesn't say 'goodbye forever' but Au revoir. "I am going away, but I shall return."

Dear brothers and sisters, we all know that Life is a succession of 'temporary separation' and 'permanent separation,' i.e. death. And, the number of the 'Goodbyes' grows with the passing years. In faith we believe that God keeps his promise to be with us always. He will always keep his side of the bargain. It is up to us to keep ours. And when we come to the end of our pilgrimage here and have to make our last goodbye, it will be literally Adios, "going to God."

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.'"

Let us pray for those who died before us and let us pray for our holy and peaceful death.

Final words, there will be three seminarians, Evan, Justin and Francis, who will live at rectory (at our parish) for the summer. Evan, Justin and Francis are doing their Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Texas Medical Center from May 12 to August 15. They are chaplain interns who learn how to listen and attend to patients more effectively. For priests, CPE is invaluable training for working with people of all ages who are coping with a life-changing situation, particularly health wise. If you see the seminarians around the church, welcome them and tell them that we love them and pray for them. Thank you. Fr. Hai

Que la paz sea con ustedes.

Por favor tenga en cuenta que la solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor será observado el Séptimo Domingo de Pascua (8 de mayo de 2016) en lugar del Jueves, 5 de mayo. La obligación de asistir a la misa de jueves de la Ascensión ha sido abolida dependiendo el País. Pero son bienvenido a asistir a las misas de 6:30 AM y 5:30 PM el Jueves de la Ascensión del Señor aquí en Santo Tomás Moro.

En este Sexto domingo de Pascua, en Juan 14:23-29, Jesús alerta a sus discípulos su inminente partida, su ascensión al cielo. Jesus no les dice "adiós para siempre", sino "Me voy, pero volveré."

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, todos sabemos que la vida es una sucesión de un "adios temporal" y un "Adios permanente". Y el número de 'adiós' crece con el paso de los años. En la fe creemos que Dios mantiene su promesa de permanecer con nosotros para siempre. Él siempre mantendrá su promesa. A nosotros nos corresponde mantener nuestra promesa. Y cuando hemos llegado al final de nuestra peregrinación aquí en esta tierra y tenemos que hacer nuestro último adiós, ese adiós será literalmente "ir a Dios."

"No dejes que tu corazón se turbe o tenga miedo. Jesus le dice, "Ustedes me escucharon decirles, "Me voy y volveré a ustedes."

Oremos por aquellos que murieron antes que nosotros y oremos por nuestra santa y serena muerte.

Por ultimo, habrá tres seminaristas, Evan, Justin y Francis, quienes van a vivir en la rectoría (en nuestra parroquia) en el verano. Evan, Justin y Francis están haciendo su educación Pastoral Clínica (CPE) en el Centro Medico a partir del 12 de mayo al 15 de agosto. Son capellanes internos que estan aprendiendo a escuchar y atender a los pacientes de una forma más eficaz. Para los sacerdotes, CPE es invaluable entrenamiento para trabajar con personas de todas las edades que están haciendo frente a una situación que cambia la vida, particularmente la salud. Si los ven alrededor de la iglesia, denles la bienvenida y dígales que amamos mucho a nuestros seminaristas y oremos por ellos siempre. Gracias. Fr. Hai

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS / Felicidades a los Niños que recibieron La Primera Comunión

Congratulations to the children who made their first Holy Communion this weekend Saturday April 30! What a joy it was to see the special joy on the faces of these children and their parents. Heartfelt thanks to all who helped prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We should pray and encourage these families to continue to come to mass to grow in their knowledge and love for the Lord Jesus.

May the Holy Eucharist be a source of spiritual nourishment and grace always!

Felicitaciones a los niños que hicieron su primera comunión este fin de semana el sabado 30 de abril! Qué alegría es ver la especial alegría en las caras de estos niños y sus padres. Gracias de corazón a todos los que ayudaron a prepararlos para los sacramentos de la reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Debemos orar y alentar a estas familias que continúen viniendo a misa a crecer en su conocimiento y amor por el Señor Jesús.

Que la Sagrada Eucaristía sea una fuente de alimento espiritual y la gracia siempre!



Community Corner ↓

Welcome to the Parish

If you and your family are new to our neighborhood and wish to become members of the St. Thomas More Family, we invite you to come by the parish office to register or by visiting our web page at www.stmhouston.org.

Baptism Information

Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): **May 21, 2016**
Adult Education Building, St Peter Room; 8:45am-12:00pm

Marriage Preparations

Engaged couples please contact the parish office 713-729-0221 for more information at least 6 months to a year ahead of the wedding.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It begins with informal question and answer sessions. Inquiry sessions are held on Sunday mornings, 9:30am-11am and Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m. For more information contact Deacon John Krugh on Sunday or call the church office, 713-729-0221.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

This Sacrament is offered bilingual on Saturdays after the 8:00am

Nursery

The nursery is available during the 9am Mass for newborns to 4 years. There is no charge nor reservations needed.

El Rincon de la Comunidad ↓

Bienvenidos a Nuestra Parroquia

Si usted y su familia son nuevos en el vecindario y desean ser miembros de nuestra Familia de Santo Tomas Moro los invitamos a registrarse en la oficina de la parroquia o visitando nuestra página web www.stmhouston.org.

Información de bautismos

Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el **21 de Mayo del 2016 en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm**. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

Unción de los enfermos

El sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos se ofrece todos los sábados después de la misa de 8 am.

BENDICIONES PARA TRES AÑOS Y CELEBRACION DE QUINCE AÑOS

Para que su hijo/hija reciba una Bendición o celebración de los quince años debe registrarlo/a en la Oficina del Catecismo o para mayor información contáctese al 713-729-3435.

**O God, let all the nations
Praise You!**



Mass Intentions

Sunday/ Domingo	05-1-2016
	7:30am —
	9:00am † Mary Lillian Kennedy
	11:00am † Anthony Louis
	1:00pm † Nereida Baltazar
	5:00pm † Reginald C. Garza
	7:00pm —
Monday /Lunes	05-2-2016
	6:30am —
	5:30pm † Barbara de Marco
Tuesday/ Martes	05-3-2016
	6:30am Members of Knight of Columbus
	5:30pm † Clyde Perrere
Wednesday/ Miercoles	05-4-2016
	6:30am STM Students
	5:30pm Jim & Carol Harkins- Anniversary
Thursday/ Jueves	05-05-2016
	6:30am —
	5:30pm † Lloyd & Thelma Swanson- Anniversary
Friday/ Viernes	05-6-2016
	6:30am Vocations
	5:30pm STM Parishioners
Saturday/ Sabado	05-7-2016
	8:00am —
	5:00pm † Theresa Roy
Sunday/ Domingo	05-8-2016
	7:30am † Calvin Jed Foronda
	9:00am Dorothy Flaherty
	11:00am † Guillermo A. Ilagan
	1:00pm Saul & Alejandra Martinez- Intentions
	5:00pm † Clyde Perrere
	7:00pm Martin & Luz Anel Palafox

FOR MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE COME BY THE PARISH OFFICE.
PARA INTENCIONES DE LA MISA FAVOR DE PASAR POR LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.



Josephine LeDay James Swanson Therese Flaherty Marie Jo Swanson
Latondra Banks James Murphy Deanna Murphy Gregoria Barrera
Irvin Schueler Angela Gannucci Edgar Sharp Dorothy Marak
Alfonso Gutierrez Maria Ruiz Evangelina Corrales Jose Asuncion
Romero Martha Reyes Grace Riley Alicia Vagas
Vincent Graceffa Frankle B. Mandola Kate Garcia Marc Bialas
Harris Family Grace Riley Yvonne Mayberry Orlando Medina
Alberto & Maria Luisa de Leon



SFC Paul Bergman Col. David Eselund
Megan Godsey Traci Godsey
Sgt. Billy Janca TSgt Bradley Louis
Mike McIntosh Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem
Charles U. Oparnozie LCDR Russell Thiem

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF AUSTIN
TICE TO HIS FAMILY.**

Favor de continuar orando por Auntin Tice para su pronto regreso a casa con su familia.

It's that time of year again...Scheduling Time!!!

All ministries and organizations that use parish facilities for their meetings need to make their requests for the upcoming year...either the new school year, 2016-2017 or for the calendar year 2017, depending on your meeting schedule. There is a form that is available on the church website, the facility request form. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the office for a copy. Please keep in mind that our Parish School and RELIGIOUS Education are priority. If you have any questions please contact the church office, 713-729-0221 or visit www.stmhouston.org for the Facility request form.

Es tiempo nuevamente ... para reservar salones!!!

Todos los ministerios y organizaciones que utilizan las facilidades de la Parroquia para hacer sus reuniones necesitan hacer una propuesta para el próximo año, ya sea el Nuevo año escolar, 2016-2017 o para el calendario del próximo año 2017, dependiendo de los horarios de sus reuniones. Hay una Forma que esta disponible en la pagina de Internet de la Iglesia, *el formulario para solicitar una instalación*. Si usted no tiene acceso al internet, puede llamar a la oficina por una copia. Por favor tengan en mente que la escuela Parroquia y CCE tiene prioridad con sus reservaciones. Si tiene cualquier pregunta porfavor de llamar a la oficina Parroquial 713-729-0221 o visite la pagina de web www.stmhouston.org para sus reservaciones.

HOLY HOUR OF MERCY

Angels, descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Fanny Crosby)

There will be a liturgical service at St. Thomas More on Tuesday May 17, 7:30 pm. We will be praying and singing psalms of mercy. Fr. Richard will give a talk. Please make plans to come. Priests will be available for confessions.



**Jesus waits for us in this
Sacrament of Love
"In the sacred Host, He is
present, the true treasure,
always waiting for us.
Only by adoring this
Presence do we learn how to
receive Him properly."**

**YOUTH
EUCARISTIC ADORATION**

**ADORACION
EUCARISTICA PARA
JOVENES**

**Wednesday MAY 18, 2016,
7PM-9PM**

**Youth Don't miss out on this beautiful
experience!**

**Jovenes no se pierdan esta bella experiencia!
St. Thomas More**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the
Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

John 14:23-29

Sunday Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Reading for the week

Monday Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday **Seventh Sunday of Easter/The Ascension of the Lord**
Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Sexto Domingo de Pascua

Jesús prometió a sus discípulos que el Padre enviará el
Consolador, el Espíritu Santo

Jn 14:23-29

Domingo: Hechos 15:1-2; Salmo 67:2-3; 5, 6-8
Ap 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hechos 16:11-15; Salmo 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9;
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Martes: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Salmo 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Miercoles: Hechos 17:15, 22—18:1; Salmo 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14; Jn 16:12-15

Jueves: Hechos 1:1-11; Salmo 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Efesios 1:17-23 o Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lc 24:46-53

Viernes: Hechos 18:9-18; Salmo 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sabado: Hechos 18:23-28; Salmo 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Domingo: **Septimo Domingo de Pascua/Ascension del Señor**
Hechos 7:55-60; Salmo 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Ap 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26



**Religious
Articles**
Sold after morning
masses in the
Servant Hall



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!

Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm

Our Sunday evenings provide an excellent place to get involved, build relationships with kids and help them grow in their love for Christ. Our Sunday evening opportunities include leading worship, being an emcee, facilitating games, and leading/assisting in group discussion.

Why not join this great and fun ministry?

If you have questions about Youth ministry, please contact Aida Gonzalez @ 713-729-3435 or aida@stmhouston.org

YOUNG DISCIPLES YOUTH SUNDAYS

Each Sunday at 6 p.m. High Schoolers gather for rich times studying God's Word, and hanging out enjoying fellowship together.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Aida at the CCE office, 713-729-3435 or via email: aida@stmhouston.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH ESL CLASS

(Regular and Substitute)

Our Parish will provide ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for the Adult community on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7-9, beginning September 13, 2016.

If you can Volunteer at least one evening a week for this worthwhile endeavor, or be a Substitute, please contact Norman Palms at 713-726-0513 or normpalms@aol.com

You do not need to speak Spanish! An introductory session will be provided for new teachers at no cost.

Religious Education / Oficina de Catecismo: Today, Last day of CCE / Ultimo Dia de Catecismo

At this time I would like to thank all of our faithful and devoted Catechist who work hard all year long to share faith with the children and their families. During this year we have had the privilege of being able to be part of your child's faith formation. May the Lord bless them and continue to use them as an instrument of his will.

Parents, it has been a rewarding experience to have your children enrolled in our program here at St. Thomas More. Our Catechist here are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the examples you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family. We hope to be part of your child's faith formation for the years to come. Have a safe and blessed summer from all of us at St. Thomas More Religious Education Program.

En este momento me gustaría agradecer a todos nuestros fieles y dedicados catequistas que trabajan duro todo el año para compartir la Fe con los niños y sus familias. Durante este año hemos tenido el privilegio de poder ser parte de su formación en la fe de su hijo. Que el Señor los bendiga y que continuen siendo un instrumento de Su voluntad.

Padres, ha sido una experiencia gratificante haber tenido a sus hijos inscritos en nuestro programa este año aquí en Santo Tomás Moro. Nuestros catequistas aquí están dedicados a ayudar a sus hijos a crecer en la fe y estar más cerca de Dios. Como padres, ustedes son los primeros educadores de sus hijos y sus mejores maestros. Los niños aprenden de los ejemplos que ustedes se establecen cuando rezamos juntos y participan activamente en la Santa Misa y de los sacramentos como una familia. Esperamos seguir siendo parte de su formación en la fe de sus hijos para los años venideros. Les deseamos a todos que tengan un seguro y bendecido verano.

DANZA PARA HONRAR A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

La Danza Tonantzin de esta comunidad les comunica que las practicas darán comienzo el miércoles 6 de Julio del 2016 de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm en el antiguo gimnasio. Si usted desea participar llame a Gabriel Villarreal al 713-815-0547 o a Bruno Hernandez al 832-267-7986

"Tonantzin quiere decir Nuestra Madre"

Thanks to the many parishioners and volunteers that helped make the SVDP Food Drive A SUCCESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The clients that are helped with a bag of food or help with utilities/rent appreciate your generous donations.. Our organization is a lifeline to help families in need in our area. Please contact SVDP if you would like to help clients by becoming one of our much needed volunteer home visitors.



This week around STM....

Sunday, May 1

- 8:00 am Religious Articles, Servant Hall
- 2:00 pm English Baptism
- 6:30 pm Young Disciples

Monday, May 2

- 9:30 am Bible Study, Rectory
- 3:00 pm Scouting-Scout House
- 7:00 pm Praise & Worship, Church
- Spanish Evangelization Team, AE St. Paul
- Troop 99, Rehkopf Gym
- 7:30 pm Apostleship of the Cross-AE-St. Paul Rm (Sp)

Tuesday, May 3

- 9:45 am Bridge, DDen
- 3:00 pm Scouting- Scout House
- PAM-Rectory
- 6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones**
- 7:00 pm ESL—School
- KofC district mtg—Main PPC

Wednesday, May 4

- 3:00 pm Scouting-Scout House
- 6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones**
- 7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp—Chapel
- R.C.I.A.(Spanish)-Youth Prayer Room
- KofC Officers—Rm F
- Spanish Choir, Servant Hall
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary— AE-St. Paul Rm.
- Memorial Service, Church

Thursday, May 5

- 10:00am Craft Guild, DDens
- 3:00 pm Scouting- Scout House
- 6:00 pm Bill Ledbetter(Band Pract.)-Donovan's Den
- 6:30 pm Gabriel Project, Rectory
- 7:00 pm Combined Choir Practice—Church
- ESL—School
- 11:00pm Precious Blood Group—Donovan's Den

Friday, May 6

- 3:00 pm Scouting-Scout House
- 4:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
- 6:30 pm Overeaters Anon—AE St Peter

Saturday, May 7

- 9:00 am Venerella Tutoring—Sch Lib
- 12:00 pm XV - Church
- 3:30 pm— 4:45pm Confessions / Confesiones
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- School, Rehkopf Center

Sunday, May 8

- 2:00 pm English Baptism
- 6:30 pm Young Disciples

**¡Oh Dios, que todos los pueblos
Te Den Gracias!**



STM Financial Stewardship for April, 2016

Week Offering for 04/24/16	\$20,840.27
Online Giving	\$ 2,978.00
Total Offertory	\$23,818.27
Weekend Budgeted Goal	\$35,200.00
Difference.....	-11,381.73

Thank you for your continued generosity!
¡¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!!

The 2015-2016 STM Players will present

"Nottingham"

in Rehkopf Gym, Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Jeepers! It's 1961 and life is swell at Nottingham High. Unless you come from the wrong side of the tracks, that is. John Prince, class president and big man on campus, keeps the rich Normans happy by stealing from the poor Saxons. But Robin Loxley, back to spend her senior year at her old school, is one cat who will fight for justice. Robin sets off to stop the awful Normans and their hateful schemes. Can Robin steal from the rich, give to the poor and unify the cliques? Tickets can be purchased in advance by sending money to the school office or at the door. \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 2-12, under 2 is free. Thank you for your support!



Compulsive eating is an illness...but *There is a Solution!* "If, when you honestly want to, you cannot quit entirely, or when drinking*, you have little control over the amount you take, you are probably alcoholic**. If that be the case, you may be suffering from an illness which only a spiritual experience will conquer." (Big Book of AA, pg. 44) *compulsive eating **a compulsive eater **For more information on compulsive eating and the 12-step program of recovery:** Overeaters Anonymous will meet starting **Friday July 31st @ 6.30 p.m.** in the Adult Education Building adjacent to the parish office. Contact Sarah Tighe @ [\(832\) 801-3998](tel:832-801-3998) or email @ ssarahtighe@yahoo.ie if you have any questions.

The Summer Intensive Catechist Formation Program is offered for those working toward completion of their catechist certification. Theological content courses, catechetics modules, and training in sexuality catechesis are offered each June at the Chancery at St. Dominic, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77021. For more information, 713-741-8799

FORMACION PARA EL MINISTRO CRISTIANO

Está invitado a **VERANO INTENSIVO 2016** que comienza el Miercoles 1 de Junio del 2016 y corre a través del jueves, 23 de junio de 2016. Usted puede inscribirse para una sesión o varias. Esta es una excelente oportunidad para ampliar su formación como catequista o tomar algunos de los cursos de contenido teológicos requeridos para otros ministerios parroquiales. Para mayor información, 713-741-8799



Fun for Seniors

STreaMliners'- April 2016

May. 14, Sat., STreaMliners' Meeting – 10:00a.m. in Prinster Hall

Adults over 50 only!!!! \$15 dues are due for 2016
Entertainment: Missouri City Pops

*****Don't forget to bring can goods for the STM Pantry!!
Your toiletries for the LBJ Charity Hospital

May 17, Tues., - "Coushatta Casino" in Kinder, LA – "Day Trip"
\$15 pp (includes \$10 free play)

May 22 – 28 – "Savannah Trip"
For more info call Joyce Coles – 713-774-2628

*"Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations
to the priesthood and consecrated life from
our diocese and our families..."*

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

*...Inspire the faithful to support them
with prayer and sacrifice."*



For STM SENIOR CITIZENS

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month—Come and join us for some Bingo fun,
Tuesday May 9th and Thursday May 23rd in the Scout House at 9:30 am.

ATTENTION: FOR POSTING ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE SEND
COMPLETE INFORMATION TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE TO:
bulletin@stmhouston.org DEADLINE FRIDAY 12:00 NOON

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