

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. 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

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, *Parochial Administrator*
Rev. Joseph Methanath, O.S.H., *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Micheal Carmody, *In Residence*
Rev. Binny Philip, *In Residence*
Deacon David Johnson
Deacon John Krugh

Parish Staff

John P. Chambers, Jr., *Pastoral Associate*
Eloise Starr, *Secretary*
Rosio Contreras, *Receptionist*
Rogelio Mendoza, *Bookkeeper*
Gabriel Villarreal, *Maintenance*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon David Johnson, *Director*
Mary-Therese Hafernik, *Confirmation*

Office of Music:

Sabrina Nguyen, Ed.D., *Director*, (713) 980-3111
Organist Jian Guang Shi, (713) 988-9829
Arturo Lider, Jr. & Melissa Martinez, *Spanish* (1:00 p.m.)
Rogelio Mendoza, *Spanish* (7:00 p.m.)

Parish School**Saint Thomas More Catholic School**

5927 Wigton Drive
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(713) 729-3434
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School Office Hours

Monday to Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Staff

Kristen Thome, *Principal*
Nina Coltharp, *Director of Preschool*
Kathleen Prado, *Director of Advancement*
Judy Gentempo, *Admissions*
Noel Novak, *Dean of Students*
Linda Fox, *Business Manager*
Mary Heard, *Secretary*
Rebeka Zepeda, *Nurse*
Andrea Osborne, *School Counselor*

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.

Saturday
8:00 a.m.

CONFESSION
CONFESIONES

Tuesday • 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
5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY • DOMINGO
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (español)
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. (español)

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

We read in scripture, "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). Out of all the great things God has created, He has created human beings in a unique and special way that distinguishes us from the rest of creation. We are the only creature that has been "stamped" with God's image and likeness, and we are the only creature that can know God. This truth is why the Bible consistently emphasizes the love of God and love of our neighbor. In the Ten Commandments, the first three commandments instruct us on how to properly respect God; the last seven commandments instruct us on how to properly respect our neighbor. Jesus summarizes the commandments and tells us, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:36-40).

As Catholics, we are not strangers to these scriptural teachings. We believe that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, human life is sacred from conception to natural death. As people living in the United States, we are reminded that the founders of this country believed in these self-evident truths: "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" (The Declaration of Independence). As Catholics living in the United States, we should recognize the dissonance between these ideals for respecting life and the current situation of our culture's disregard for life. There is a lack of respect for the unborn, the dying, the elderly, the vulnerable, the imprisoned, the poor and the immigrant. We have confused our principles. We overvalue the pursuit of happiness at the cost of life and liberty.

In the United States, the Catholic Church observes the month of October as Respect for Life Month. Our bishops remind us of the truth that all human life is sacred, and they call all of us to recommit ourselves to respect human life at every stage and in every circumstance. Pope St. John Paul II once wrote, "Together we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love" (*Evangelium vitae* 6). This month, I encourage you to reflect on our principles and think about what you can do to help the respect of human life in our culture. If we are going to change anything in the world, we should always start with ourselves.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark

Coffee & Donuts



TODAY

**Join us in the Servant Hall
for donuts, coffee, and
fellowship!**

*Únase a nosotros en el
Servant Hall para unas
donas,
café y convivio!*

*After Mass / Después de
Misa:*

**7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
and 1:00 pm**

Saint of the Week



**Memorial of Our Lady
of the Rosary**

Feast Day: October 7

Mass Intentions

Sunday/Domingo 10/6/2019

7:30am Prayers for Thanksgiving
 9:00am *Missa Pro Populo
 11:00am † Dominic Hoa
 1:00pm † Jose Angel Ramirez
 5:00pm † Joe Partorice
 7:00pm † Maria Esther Carvajal

Monday/Lunes 10/07/2019

6:30am *Chavez Family Intentions
 5:30pm † Dr. Rudolph Jemelka

Tuesday/Martes 10/08/2019

6:30am *Margaret Schueler
 5:30pm † Aristides Antonio Guevara

Wednesday/Miércoles 10/09/2019

6:30am † Albert Ndull
 5:30pm † Shelby Kevin Sullivan

Thursday/Jueves 10/10/2019

6:30am *Chigozie Nwachukwu
 5:30pm † Vicente Marifosque

Friday/Viernes 10/11/2019

6:30am *Tansey Family Intention
 8:15am † Leland Fontenot
 5:30pm *Andrea Barelak Fulk

Saturday/Sabado 10/12/2019

8:00am † Dominc Hoa
 5:00pm † Margaret Biondi

**FOR MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE COME BY
 THE PARISH OFFICE.
 PARA INTENCIONES DE LA MISA FAVOR DE PA-
 SAR POR LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL**

Weekly Readings

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Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
Monday	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Jon 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Saints Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Saint John XXIII, Pope Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

LECTURAS SEMANALES

Lecturas por la Semana del 6 de Octubre de 2019

Domingo	Vigésimo séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; 2 Tm 1, 6-8. 13-14; Lc 17, 5-10
Lunes	Memoria de Nuestra Señora del Rosario Jon 1, 1—2, 1. 11; Jon 2, 3. 4. 5. 8; Lc 10, 25-37
Martes	Jon 3, 1-10; Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8; Lc 10, 38-42
Miércoles	San Dionisio, Obispo, y Compañeros, Mártires; San Juan Leonardi, Presbítero Jon 4, 1-11; Sal 85, 3-4. 5-6. 9-10; Lc 11, 1-4
Jueves	Mal 3, 13-20; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Lc 11, 5-13
Viernes	San Juan XXIII, Papa Jl 1, 13-15; 2, 1-2; Sal 9, 2-3. 6 y 16. 8-9; Lc 11, 15-26
Sábado	Jl 4, 12-21; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12; Lc 11, 27-28
Domingo	Vigésimo octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 2 Rey 5, 14-17; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; 2 Tm 2, 8-13; Lc 17, 11-19

Key Pick Up



Keys need to be picked up for meetings and events during parish office hours. Keys will not be available for pick up outside the parish office hours. Keys can be dropped off after your meeting through the key slot after hours or during business hours. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 6

- 7:00 am SVDP Food Drive-Plaza
- 8:30 am Religious Articles Sale-Servant Hall
- 8:30 am Coffee & Donuts-Servant Hall
- 9:00 am CCE Parents-Youth Prayer Room
- 9:30 am RCIA (English)-Donovan's Den
- 10:00 am Sanct Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 11:00 am CCE Parents Spanish-Youth Media Room
- 4:00 pm Contem Choir Rehearsal-Church
- 6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym

Monday, October 7

- 7:00 am Parish School, School
- 5:30 pm SVDP Meeting-Rectory Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Tiger/Lion Den Meeting-Scout House
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts- Scout Rosary-Church
- 7:00 pm Apostolado de la Cruz-Youth Prayer Room
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 99 Meeting-Scout House
- 7:30 pm Danza Tonantzin Dance Practice-Rehkopf Gym

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:30 am Senior Citizen Bingo-Scout House
- 3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 147118 Meeting-Donovan's Den
- 5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 147062 Meeting-Scout House
- 6:00 pm TDOV Meeting-Youth Center
- 7:00 pm ESL(English as a Second Language)-School Building
- 7:30 pm Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Wednesday, October 9

- 6:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones, Church
- 7:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Church
- 7:00 pm Confirmation 1 Class-Youth Center
- 7:00 pm Confirmation 2 Class-Servant Hall
- 7:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Group-Adore Chapel
- 7:00 pm RCIA(Spanish)-Youth Center
- 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting-Prinster Hall
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary- Donovan's Den Loft
- 7:30 pm RCIA Inquiry (English)- Donovan's Den

Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 pm ESL(English as a Second Language)-School Building
- 7:30 pm Sanct Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 11:00 pm Precious Blood Group-Adoration Chapel

Friday, October 11

- 10:30am Bible Study, Youth Prayer Room
- 3:30 pm STM School After School Program-Rehkopf Gym
- 5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish)-Donovan's Den
- 7:30 pm Danza Tonantzin Dance Practice-Rehkopf Gym

Saturday, October 12

- 8:00 am Mass-Church
- 9:30 am Altar Server Training English-Church
- 10:00 am STreaMliners-Prinster Hall
- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting-Prinster Hall
- 3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones-Church
- 4:00 pm Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass -Church
- 6:00 pm STM School Homecoming Dance-Rehkopf Gym

Sunday, October 13

- 9:00 am CCE Parents-Youth Prayer Room
- 9:30 am RCIA (English)-Donovan's Den
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 11:00 am CCE Parents Spanish-Youth Media Room
- 3:00 pm Respect Life Rosary-Servant Hall
- 4:00 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal-Church
- 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 21012 Meeting- Scout House
- 6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Stewardship

Please consider increasing your financial Stewardship to the parish. How much do you spend on your cell phone or cable bill vs. how much you donate to the Church? Your contribution is directly tied to our operating expenses. Even Mass has expenses for lighting, AC, music... we even have expenses for bread and wine.

Upcoming Special Collections

Archdiocese for Military Services

October 6, 2019

Propagation of the Faith Collection

October 20, 2019

Retired Priests Collection

November 10, 2019



Parish Goal: \$193,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$70,669.80

Total Amount Pledged: \$89,398.15

Total Number of Participant: 240

Total Number of Households: 4412

Average Participant Pledge: 372.49

Paid Over (Under) Goal: (\$122,330.20)

Pledged Over (Under) Goal: (\$103,601.85)

Percent Paid: 36.62%

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. Visit our homepage for details and registration.

WWW.STMHOUSTON.ORG

Religious Education (CCE)

CCE Classes

Contact: Deacon David Johnson
deacondave@stmhouston.org
(713) 729-3435

All classes are held in the School
English Session 9:00 am to 10:30 am and
Spanish Session 11:00 am to 12:30 pm



Teen Confirmation

CLASSES BEGIN
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**** First meeting on October 2nd will assemble in
Servant Hall for both Confirmation I and II ****

Confirmation I

Meets in the Upstairs Youth Media Center
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Confirmation II

Meets in the School Building
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Adult Confirmation

Meets in the RE Building - Upstairs Prayer Room
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM



Bible Study

Sunday Bible Class for Parents and Parishioners are
available on Sundays during the CCE sessions in the
Upstairs RE Building Prayer Room.

LIFE
In the Eyes of a
TEEN

I, Danielle Luna, would like to invite
all teens from ages 13-18 to come
and join me as we learn more about
how life truly looks in the eyes of
teenage Catholics.

When: Every 2nd Sunday after
evening mass from 6:30pm-8:30pm
at the Young Disciples room (2nd
floor)



Sunday, October 20, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW it takes hundreds of volunteers to run Oktoberfest. Listed below are some of the parish organizations/groups who make Oktoberfest not only possible, but successful...

- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Filipino Community
- Girl Scouts
- Knights of Columbus
- Nigerian Catholic Women's Organization
- RCIA
- Spanish Ministry
- STM Alumni and Family
- STM Faculty and Staff
- STM Students and Parents

We are always in need of additional volunteers. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours at Oktoberfest. We promise...you will meet the nicest people. Email Kathy Prado at kprado@stmnews.com for more information on how to volunteer.

YOU MIGHT ASK...WHAT IS OKTOBERFEST? Oktoberfest is a day of fun and fellowship. While at Oktoberfest stop by one of our many food booths and eat lunch. Try to win a prize at one of our game booths. Too hot outside...take a break inside and play BINGO. Take your BINGO winnings and check out our Rummage Sale. Before you leave, make sure you purchase some raffle tickets!!!

Make plans to spend the entire day!!!

Parish Ministries



Building and Grounds Committee

If you are interested in using your talents to help the maintenance of the parish properties and grounds, please contact

Vince Stasio for more details at vcstasio@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus Southwest Council #3910

Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in Prinster Hall.

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Southwest Council 3910 will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on Saturday, October 5, 2019 and Sunday, October 6, 2019. Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit www.kofc.org or www.kc3910.org or contact Membership Director Reynolds Contreras at (713) 417-6180.



For more information, visit: www.stmhouston.org or contact Margaret Schueler at (713) 666-1311 or via email at meschueler2@gmail.com

STreaMliners'

Second Saturday of the month on Oct 12th STreaMliners' Mtg 10:00am in we are back in Prinster Hall. Adults 50 and over!!!!

Note: We will begin collecting for the Christmas Dinner Party for members on Saturday, December 14th, 6:30pm to 9:00pm in Servant Hall. Members \$10pp and Guests \$25pp.

Entertainment: String Quartet, "VIRTUOSI"

Don't forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Charity Hospital

Note: we are collecting dues for 2019

Friday, October 25th - Coushatta Casino w/ Frances Landry. 1st Class Bus Coach – \$25 pp cash includes (\$10 food voucher) Coffee, Donuts at 6:30am. Must have 40 people. Bus leaves sharply at 7:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Returns abt. 7:30pm. STM parishioners and friends are invited to join us! Call Frances Landry at (713) 723-2035

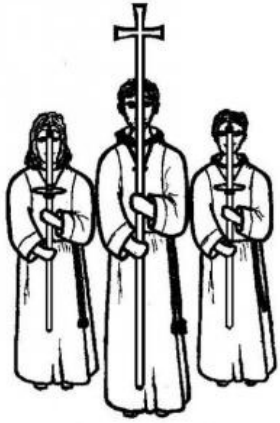
Bus leaves sharply at 7:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall.

Tuesday, October 29th - Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson, TX. Aquarium and a guided tour of the Mar-ian Hatchery. Lunch on your own at Red Snapper Inn. Bus leaves sharply at 7:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. For more info, Call Joyce Coles at (713) 774-2628
Email: jcoles8433@sbcglobal.net

Respect Life Committee

Each human being is a precious gift from God, worthy of respect, protection, and life from conception to natural death. To help defend the most vulnerable of lives, by prayer and action, please consider joining the STM Respect Life Committee.

The committee meets monthly for prayer, quarterly for planning meetings, sponsors parish pro-life activities and participates in archdiocesan events. For more information please contact Marianne Kahlich at hekahlich@aol.com or (713) 728- 4955



New Altar Server Training for Students in 5th - 10th Grades

Students who are baptized, received their First Communion, and are attending weekend Masses regularly are invited to be altar servers for their St. Thomas More Church Family.

Training will be on Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the church (following the 8:00 a.m. Mass). A parent needs to attend with the student.

PARENTS if you and your child agree to participate in training to be an altar server at St. Thomas More, please send your name, your child's name and grade to stm.altar.server@gmail.com so we are prepared for the correct number of students. E-mail any questions to stm.altar.server@gmail.com

NEW SERVERS can study the vocabulary terms and review attentional study material by visiting the church's homepage at stmhouston.org and look for the link titled "Altar Server Training."



**ACTS Retreat
Ministry Potluck and
Information Night**

If you have made an ACTS retreat with any parish, you are invited to come to a potluck social on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in Servant Hall at 6:30 pm. Share fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ and learn about our next steps in continuing the ACTS Retreat Ministry at STM. A representative from the Houston Chapter of ACTS Missions will present information about creating a Formation Team and going forward with Men's and Women's retreats.

For more information, contact Marlene Wark at 281-796-1561 or marlene.wark@gmail.com.



OUTREACH

SHARING THE VINCENTIAN EXPERIENCE

Vincentian Reflection: "Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been reared, and entering the synagogue on the sabbath as he was in the habit of doing, he stood up to do the reading...." Vincent makes a clear explicit choice: All aim at loving him, but they love him in different ways: Carthusians by solitude; Capuchins by poverty; others, again, by singing his praises. But we are bound to show it by leading the people to love God and their neighbor. The vision Vincent offers is not one of Christ as teacher, nor as healer, nor as "perfect adorer of the Father" (the vision of Berulle), nor "perfect image of the divinity" (the vision of Francis de Sales), but of *Evangelizer of the poor*. Vincent's disciples are called to enter into the following of Christ in the very terms with which, in Luke's gospel, Jesus opens his public ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings of joy to the poor...." In Luke's perspective, a new age is dawning. Jesus announces the good news of the kingdom to all, but especially to the poor, the weak, the lowly, the outcasts of the world. St. Vincent's spirituality flows from his contemplation of *this Christ*. The driving force that generates both the incredible activity and the gentle contemplation of this great saint is his vision of the *Evangelizer of the Poor*. He encourages his followers to contemplate this Christ again and again. "O how happy they will be who can repeat at the hour of their death those beautiful words of Our Lord: 'He sent me to bring good news to the poor.'"



Religious articles will be sold in
Servant Hall after the morning
Masses on

This Sunday, October 6, 2019

This is a perfect opportunity to buy gifts
or to stock up your personal inventory.



The Game of Bridge

Join us for Bridge on the first Tuesday in October in Donavan's Den at 9:45 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch and \$1.00 donation. Coffee will be provided.

Bulletin Sponsorships

We are looking for sponsors for our weekly bulletin. If you have a bulletin. If you have a business, we invite you to advertise it in our weekly bulletin. Or, if you have a loved one who passed away, you can put an "In Loving Memory." For more information, please call Fred Barrera at (323) 646-7735 or via email at fbarrera@diocesan.com

Patrocinio de boletines

Estamos buscando patrocinadores para nuestro boletín semanal. Si tienes un boletín. Si tiene un negocio, lo invitamos a anunciarlo en nuestro boletín semanal. O, si tiene un ser querido que falleció, puede poner un "En memoria amorosa". Para obtener más información, llame a Fred Barrera al (323) 646-7735 o por correo electrónico a fbarrera@diocesan.com

How to Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries:

Joyful: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful: Agony in the Garden, Scourging at the Pillar, Crowning with Thorns, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion and Death

Glorious: Resurrection, Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption, Coronation of Mary

Luminous: Baptism of Jesus, Wedding Feast at Cana, Jesus' Proclamation of the Kingdom, Transfiguration, Institution of the Eucharist.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.



Sacraments

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest.

INFANT BAPTISM and CLASSES (0 months - 6 years old):

Baptismal Class for parents interested in having their infant (or child) baptized is offered every third Saturday of the month. English classes meet at 9:00 a.m. in the RE Building Upstairs Media Room and Spanish classes meet at 10:00 a.m. in the RE Building Upstairs Prayer Room.

Attendance is required of both parents and god-parents. St. Thomas More ONLY accepts active registered members of the parish, and living in zip codes 77096 and 77035. It is recommended that parents attend this prior to the arrival of their infant for the convenience of the family.

If godparents are married, they must be married by the Catholic Church and bring proof. Single godparents must have received all three (3) sacraments and bring proof. Pre-registration is required, please contact the parish office for the English class at (713) 729-0221.

MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS:

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

FUNERALS:

In the event of the death of a loved one, call the parish office at (713) 729-0221.

VISTITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, or if you know of anyone who is home-bound and would like to receive communion, please call the parish office at (713) 729-0221.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested in joining the Catholic Church?

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



“DSF is a concrete way of expressing solidarity – solidarity with our youth, the incarcerated, the poor and marginalized, those discerning their vocation – that is, the members of the Body of Christ.”

Have **YOU** made your pledge or paid your *share* to the Diocesan Services Fund on behalf of St. Thomas More?

www.archgh.org/dsf



Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Leemos en las Escrituras: "Dios creó a la humanidad a su imagen; a imagen de Dios los creó; varón y hembra los creó" (Génesis 1:27). De todas las grandes cosas que Dios ha creado, ha creado a los seres humanos de una manera única y especial que nos distingue del resto de la creación. Somos los únicos que hemos sido "estampados" con la imagen y semejanza de Dios. Esta verdad es la razón por la cual la Biblia enfatiza constantemente el amor de Dios y el amor a nuestro prójimo. En los Diez Mandamientos, los primeros tres mandamientos nos instruyen sobre cómo respetar adecuadamente a Dios; Los últimos siete mandamientos nos instruyen sobre cómo respetar adecuadamente a nuestro prójimo. Jesús resume los mandamientos y nos dice: "Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente. Este es el mayor y el primer mandamiento. El segundo es así: amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Toda la ley y los profetas dependen de estos dos mandamientos" (Mateo 22: 36-40).

Como católicos, no somos ajenos a estas enseñanzas bíblicas. Creemos que todo ser humano es creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios y, por lo tanto, la vida humana es sagrada desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Como personas que viven en los Estados Unidos, se nos recuerda que los fundadores de este país creían en estas verdades evidentes: "Que todos los hombres son creados iguales, que su Creador les otorga ciertos Derechos inalienables, que entre ellos están la Vida, la Libertad y la búsqueda de la felicidad" (La Declaración de Independencia). Como católicos que viven en los Estados Unidos, debemos reconocer la disonancia entre estos ideales para respetar la vida y la situación actual del desprecio de nuestra cultura por la vida. Hay una falta de respeto por los no nacidos, los moribundos, los ancianos, los vulnerables, los encarcelados, los pobres y los inmigrantes. Hemos confundido nuestros principios. Sobrevaloramos la búsqueda de la felicidad a costa de la vida y la libertad.

En los Estados Unidos, la Iglesia Católica observa el mes de octubre como el Mes del Respeto a la Vida. Los obispos de los Estados Unidos nos recuerdan la verdad de que toda la vida humana es sagrada, y nos llaman a todos a comprometernos a respetar la vida humana en cada etapa y en cada circunstancia. El Papa San Juan Pablo II escribió una vez: "Juntos podemos ofrecer a este mundo nuestro nuevo signo de esperanza, y trabajar para asegurar que la justicia y la solidaridad aumenten y que se afirme una nueva cultura de la vida humana, para la construcción de una auténtica civilización de la verdad y el amor" (Evangelium vitae 6). Este mes, les animo a que reflexionen sobre nuestros principios y piensen en lo que pueden hacer para ayudar a respetar la vida humana en nuestra cultura. Si vamos a cambiar algo en el mundo, siempre debemos comenzar con nosotros mismos.

De ustedes en Cristo,

Fr. Clark

Registration for this semester's ESL classes are closed. We are not accepting any more students this semester. Our next session will be Spring 2020. Registration dates will be posted in the Bulletin at a later date.

Las inscripciones para las clases de ESL de este semestre están cerradas. No estamos aceptando más estudiantes este semestre.

Nuestra próxima sesión será la primavera de 2020.

CATECISMO(CCE) 2019-2020

Inicia el Domingo 15 de Septiembre, 2019

Horario de sesiones:

Inglés de 9:00 am a 10:30 am

Español de 11:00 am a 12:30 pm

Clases para Papas y todos los que gusten acompañarnos para que conozca más su Fe, son durante las sesiones de Catecismo.

Para mayor información, comunicarse al 713-729-3435

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SE BUSCA VOLUNTARIOS PARA EL COMITÉ DE CONSTRUCCIÓN Y MANTENIMIENTO:

Descripción general bajo la dirección del Pastor, el comité de construcción y mantenimiento supervisa el mantenimiento y la reparación de los edificios y jardines de la Parroquia. El comité se asegura que el edificio de la Iglesia y sus alrededores estén en buen estado y que sean un entorno seguro para los empleados de la parroquia, los parroquianos y aquellos que visitan la parroquia.

Si le interesa ser parte del comité, comunicarse con el Sr. Vince Stacio por correo electrónico, vestasio@gmail.com.

BENDICIONES PARA TRES AÑOS Y DE QUINCE AÑOS:

Para que su hijo/hija reciba una Bendición o celebración de los quince años la familia del participante deben ser miembros activos de la parroquia. Para la celebración de los quince años la participante debe estar en el programa de educación religiosa de la parroquia el año de la celebración y el anterior o seguir un proceso de formación de fe, ya sea en la escuela católica o siguiendo en el Catecismo. Para mayor información contáctese al 713-729-3435.

Tengan en cuenta que las bendiciones de los domingos sea de quince años o tres años, NO SE PERMITE FOTOGRAFOS NI TOMAR FOTOS DURANTE LA MISA.

Ministerio de Comunión a los enfermos y a los confinados:

Si usted no puede venir a la iglesia y desea recibir la Santa Comunión, o si sabe de alguien de nuestra comunidad en nuestra área que está enfermo y no puede salir de casa para la misa y desea recibir la comunión, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 713-729-0221.

Qué usar y qué no usar en Misa

Como una señal de respeto por nuestro Salvador y Redentor, es importante que preste especial atención a su vestimenta. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica declara: "Para prepararse para una recepción digna de este sacramento, los fieles deben observar el ayuno requerido para la Iglesia. El comportamiento corporal (gestos, vestimenta) debe transmitir el respeto, la solemnidad y la alegría de este momento en que Cristo se convierte en nuestro huésped". (CCC, 1387)

Cuando entramos a la Casa de nuestro Señor para la adoración en la Santa Misa, le pedimos que se vista de manera modesta y apropiada, mostrando un respeto cristiano por los demás. Sabemos que el verano en Houston es muy caluroso. Sin embargo, los pantalones cortos de vestir que bajan hasta la rodilla son mucho más respetuosos que los pantalones cortos de gimnasia y los zapatos o las sandalias son más reverentes que las chanclas. En general, los hombros deben estar cubiertos, los escotes del vestido o blusas deben ser apropiadamente más altas, los vestidos deben ser respetuosamente más largos hasta la rodilla. La ropa ajustada, como los jeans ajustados, los vestidos ajustados y las blusas transparentes y vestidos transparentes, acentúan las partes del cuerpo que se consideran sagrados. El vestimenta (ropa) que use debe encajar con la profunda reverencia de la Sagrada Eucaristía en la Casa de Dios. Recuerde que al vestirse con modestia, podemos ayudar a otros a enfocarse en la oración y menos en las tentaciones provocadas por la elección inapropiada de ropa.

RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, conocido por la siglas (R.I.C.A.) es un proceso comunitario de formación catequética, espiritual y educativa para los adultos que buscan convertirse en miembros plenos de la Iglesia Católica Romana a través de una conversión de la mente y el corazón.

EL PROGRAMA DE R.I.C.A. ES PARA:

1. Cualquier persona que nunca ha sido bautizado.
2. Cualquier persona que ha sido bautizado en otra fe cristiana y le gustaría convertirse a la fe católica romana.
3. Cualquier persona que fue bautizado católico pero nunca recibió los sacramentos de la primera comunión y/o confirmación.
4. Cualquier católico que ha recibido todos los sacramentos pero que le gustaría profundizar en su fe asistiendo a las sesiones de R.I.C.A. Te invitamos a unirte también a esta jornada de fe.

MINISTERIO DE MANTELES DEL ALTAR:

Se necesitan Voluntarios para ayudar a lavar y planchar los manteles del altar. Si le interesa, comunicarse con la Sra. Mary Ann Jurika, mahaljurica@att.net



Sabes tú que compartes la función de Cristo como sacerdote?

¿Quién es para ti el Espíritu Santo? ¿Quieres tú una relación

más íntima con la tercera persona de la Trinidad?

Te invito a que vengas a la primera reunión del Apostolado de la Cruz el lunes 16 de septiembre a las 7:00 PM

en el segundo piso del

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