TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston—Houston

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PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Office Hours M-F 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(Closed from 12-1 PM for lunch)

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.

HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC? JOIN RCIA!

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please give use your name and number so we can contact you. https://stmhouston.org/becoming-catholic-rcia

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, M-F 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

This past week was our Homecoming week and our students had so much fun representing their home teams, wearing crazy socks and crazy hair, bringing fun hats to school and eating popsicles at lunch. We also celebrated our football, volleyball, and soccer players in our first Pep Rally of the year. I am so proud of our Tigers and enjoyed the spirit they brought to the building last week.

We are just a few days away from Oktoberfest and are excitedly getting all the pieces in place. We are still looking for a few volunteers to help us man our grade level booths. The shifts are two hours long which might cause a problem for families who are interested in supporting more than one booth but are limited on time. Please reach out to Ms. Prado at 713-729-3434 if this is the case so that she can help accommodate your slot. The sign-up genius link is here if you have not yet signed up. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49aea72ca3fb6-oktoberfest5

Lastly, we are always looking for help with our after-school program which runs every day from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the school and our students. Please call us if you would like more information.

In Christ,
Carolina Bowman
School Principal

FOR BULLETIN ADVERTISING INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT
Fred Barrera at **fbarrera@diocesan.com**
or call **323.646.7735** for more information.
Thank You! DIOCESAN

From the Pastor's Desk

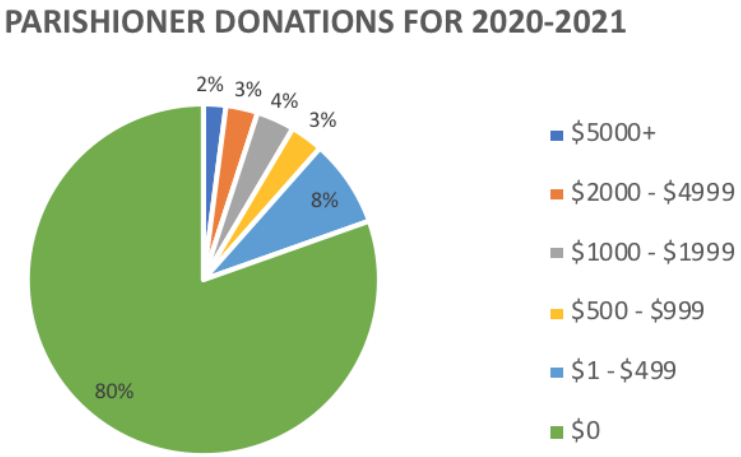
Dear Friends in Christ,

Many of you have encouraged me to share some of the specifics of the finances of our parish so that you can have a clearer understanding of where our money comes from and where it goes, and last week I shared our financial report in the bulletin letter. The parish functions kind of like a home... income is the money we take in and expenses are the things we spend money on. We are not subsidized by the Vatican... we are not subsidized by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. We are a self-sufficient community, and the more money we have, the more things we can do.

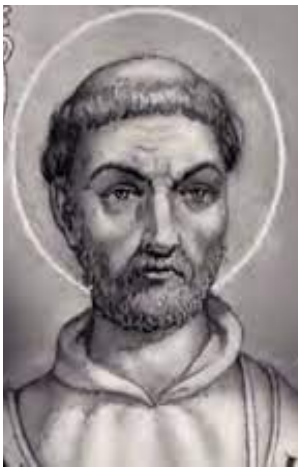
So, where does our money go? Some of our expenses may surprise you: Employee salaries and benefits ($473,081.35), capital improvements and maintenance of our facilities ($359,520.22), property and liability insurance ($126,498.04), taxes to the Archdiocese ($118,262.04). The parish helps subsidize some of our school's expenses (like the electric bill), and it also completely supports all the living expenses of the clergy (for example, Fr. Thuc's Whataburger receipts!). Last year our expenses totaled $1,612,140.99. Needless to say, it costs money to make our parish run!

So, where does the money come from? It comes from you and me! The primary source of our income is from the weekly collection. Like many businesses around the country, COVID-19 presented us with all sorts of challenges, including fiscal challenges. Last year our weekly collection income totaled $1,334,988.19, which was $128,937.13 down from the previous year. We were able to cover our expenses due to some special monetary gifts and due to the forgiveness of the PPP Loan that we received.

Despite the setbacks resulting from COVID-19, we are still in relatively good financial position, but we could be doing much better. Our parish has 4,061 registered households, and out of all of those registered households, only 84 of them contributed more than $5,000 last year (which means they averaged at least $100 per week). Based on our records, the vast majority of our registered parishioners make no monetary contribution to the parish (3,266). The chart below shows the percentage breakdown of how much money our 4,061 registered parishioners gave last year. As we move forward into this new fiscal year, I encourage you to be as generous as possible... your financial contributions have a direct impact on our parish... and the more money we have, the more we can do!



Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Clark



St. Callistus I
October 14

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:

Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler

Heinrich Hofmann
1889

Stewardship for October 3, 2021

Thank you for your generous donations!

Collection	$ 14,260.00
Online Giving	$ 13,580.07
	$ 27,840.07

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.

2021 Goal	$150,000.00
Collected	124,078.00
Remaining	$ 25,922.00

Contributing Parishioners: 314

DSF Spotlight: Catholic Charities – Cynthia N. Colbert, M.S.W. Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities helps people in southeast Texas by providing caring, compassionate services and advocating for social justice in collaboration with parishes and communities. We guide people to self-sufficiency and help them live with dignity. Our four impact areas are listed below:

- Nurturing and Caring for Children
- Strengthening Families
- Supporting Immigrants and Refugees
- Promoting Independence for Seniors, Veterans, and Others

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 10
7:30 am †Joseph Petcosky
9:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
11:00 am †Mrs. Margie Carroll Curry
1:00 pm †Ramiro Barba

Monday, October 11
6:30 am *Michelle Kanu
5:30 pm †Juan Cervantes

Tuesday, October 12
6:30 am †Peter Vincen Lomonte, Jr.
5:30 pm †Margaret Meatte Huskey

Wednesday, October 13
6:30 †Bill Gorton
5:30 pm †Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 14
6:30 am *Nnamdi Nwachukwu
5:30 pm *Osmena Family

Friday, October 15
6:30 am †Ted Mendoza
5:30 pm †Shelly Stapleton

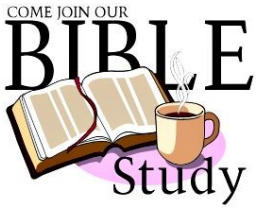
Saturday, October 16
9:00 am †John & Jean Womack
5:00 pm *Mary & Charlie Welch Family

Sunday, October 17
7:30 am †Robert M. Battle
9:00 am †Joe Fogarty
11:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm †Doroteo Macias

† (Deceased)
* (Special Intention)

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

Margaret Leger	William Cummings
Bill Simpson	Sophia Riojas
Roberta Koch	Clyde Poche
Cristal de Alba	Edmund A Gehan



This Fall STM is offering a 10 week bible study series for you to learn more about your faith. We will study the life of Peter, our first pope! Sign up on our parish website.

https://stmhouston.org/bible-study-1
Time: 10am every Friday morning starting October 8th.
In person.
Location: The RE building, second floor

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

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

stmhouston.weadorehim.com

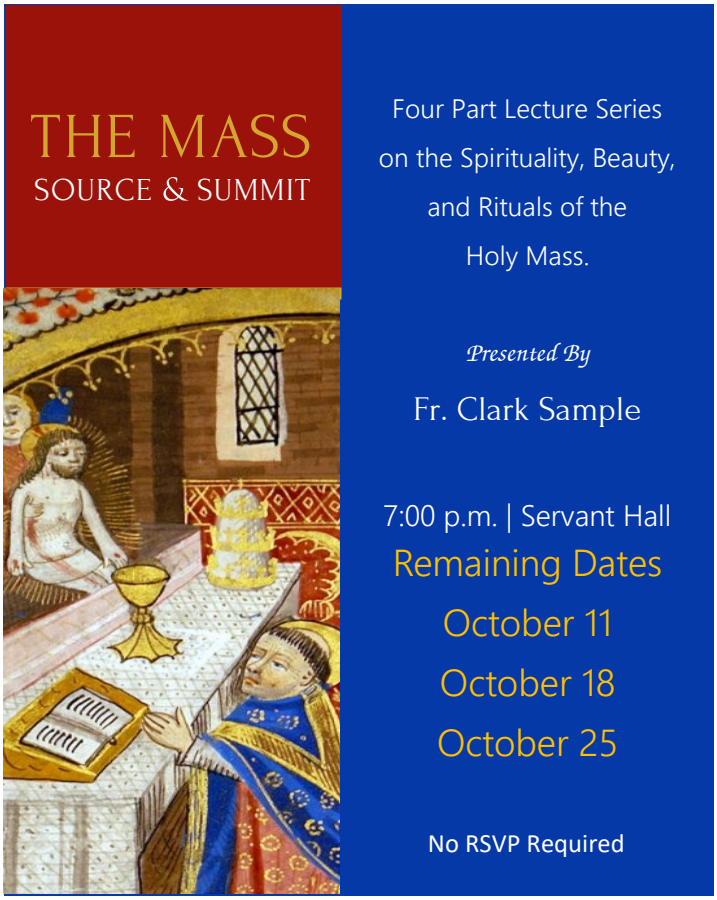
Questions?
Text Bob Brill, 713-598-4838 or
Edna Valdez, 713-425-9506.

Our **Parish Census** is completed for this year. We promised that there would be a drawing for a $200.00 gift card for all who replied to our census letters, either by calling us, emailing us or signing up for an account through our parish database. The drawing was held and the winner is **Trinidad Rodriguez**...Congratulations!

Our Adoration Chapel is now open 24 hours a day. (No exposition during Mass times.)

We currently need people to commit to the following hours:

TUESDAY: 12:00 AM, 1:00 AM
THURSDAY: 12:00 AM, 1:00 AM, 2:00 AM



St. Helen's Ministry provides compassionate support to those who are divorced or divorcing and their families. Please contact Valerie Brock at sthelenministry@stmhouston.org for more information.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE US BISHOPS EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND.
All contributions to this special collection will be used by the Conference for pastoral and reconstruction needs within US dioceses affected by recent **Hurricane Ida**, and other natural disasters.
YOU CAN ALSO MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION THROUGH THE PARISH WEBSITE.

OKTOBERFEST!
Sunday, October 17

Oktoberfest
saint thomas more catholic church & school

We need YOU! Please consider volunteering to work a two-hour shift in a Food or Game Booth at Oktoberfest. Use this QR link to sign up to volunteer.

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, 8 pm in the Gym.

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation preparation at STM is a 2 year process. Candidates begin preparation in their freshman year of high school by attending our Youth Ministry Program (Year 1). Candidates who have attended one year of Youth Ministry or who have been receiving religious education in Catholic high school can enroll in Year 2.

Registration for our Confirmation program is still available on our website. Our Confirmation program began on September 22, but it is not too late to join. The cost of the program is $80, not including the cost of a retreat. Please contact Leanne Rodriguez, at lrodriguez@stmhouston.org if you have any questions.

If you are a High School student and you have not received Baptism and/or First Communion please come register, we have a class just for you.

SACRED MUSIC

Youth Choir

Our Youth Choir Academy is underway but there is still time to join!
3rd-8th graders are welcome to come and sing with us.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm.

Contact Chris Bearer, Director of Music for more information.
cbearer@stmhouston.org or 713-729-0221.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW….

Saturday, October 30, 6:00—9:00 PM
Outdoor Movie Night & All Saints Party
On the STM Field

(More details to follow)

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND RESPECT LIFE MONTH

What a beautiful combination!

Can you pray the Rosary together with your family at least once a week, if not daily? Let us pray for respect for life from conception to natural death.

Bioethics courses offered by the Archdiocese

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer two virtual bioethics courses beginning in October.

Beginning of Life Issues will be held on Tuesday evenings from **October 12 – November 7**. The course covers issues surrounding fertility, pregnancy, marriage and family, childbirth and more. Register at https://cvent.me/lz94yZ.

Ethical Healthcare Decisions is on Wednesday evenings from **October 6- November 3**. The course covers current topics including vaccine ethics, gender theory, organ donation and more. Register at https://cvent.me/ov0adz.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

The St Thomas More Respect Life Committee would like to thank all of the parishioners who attended the 40 Days For Life prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood Facility last Monday. It is so very important that we be a prayerful presence at abortion facilities. You never know whose mind you might change. God bless you all.

JOIN US IN PRAYER!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 8:30AM

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

Mass:
St. Christopher Catholic Church
8150 Park Place Blvd.
followed by
Prayer & Sidewalk Advocacy:
Planned Parenthood Gulf Fwy

Visit archgh.org/prolife for more information about prayer outside abortion clinics

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

we ♥ love
HAVING YOU AS PART OF OUR FLOCK

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

TEXT
HILLCROFT
TO 84576

OR

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

stthomasmorecatholicchu6.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, quien en la abundancia de tu bondad sobrepasa los méritos y los deseos de quienes te suplican, derrama tu misericordia sobre nosotros para perdonar lo que teme la conciencia y dar lo que la oración no se atreve a pedir.
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 Teresa de Jesús

15 de octubre

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

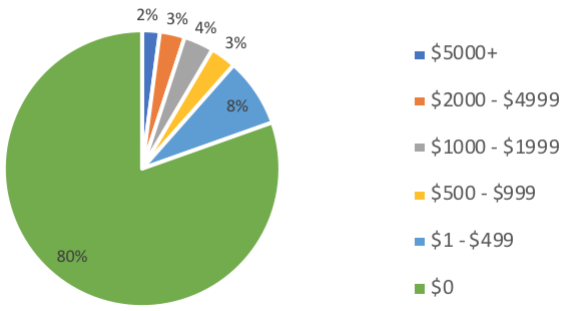
Muchos de ustedes me han animado a compartir algunos de los detalles de las finanzas de nuestra parroquia para que puedan tener una comprensión más clara de dónde viene nuestro dinero y adónde va, y la semana pasada compartí nuestro informe financiero en la carta del boletín. La parroquia funciona como un hogar ... los ingresos son el dinero que recibimos y los gastos son las cosas en las que gastamos el dinero. No estamos subsidiados por el Vaticano ... no estamos subsidiados por la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Somos una comunidad autosuficiente y cuanto más dinero tenemos, más cosas podemos hacer.

Entonces, ¿a dónde va nuestro dinero? Algunos de nuestros gastos pueden sorprenderlos: salarios y beneficios de los empleados ($ 473,081.35), mejoras de capital y mantenimiento de nuestras instalaciones ($ 359,520.22), seguro de propiedad y responsabilidad civil ($ 126,498.04), impuestos a la Arquidiócesis ($ 118,262.04). La parroquia ayuda a subsidiar algunos de los gastos de nuestra escuela (como la factura de la luz), y también apoya completamente todos los gastos de manutención del clero (por ejemplo, ¡los recibos de Whataburger del Padre Thuc!). El año pasado nuestros gastos totalizaron $ 1,612,140.99. ¡No hace falta decir que cuesta dinero hacer funcionar nuestra parroquia!

¿Entonces de donde viene el dinero? ¡Viene de ti y de mí! La fuente principal de nuestros ingresos proviene de la recaudación semanal. Como muchas empresas en todo el país, COVID-19 demostró brindarnos todo tipo de desafíos, incluidos los fiscales. El año pasado, nuestros ingresos semanales por recaudación totalizaron $ 1,334,988.19, que fue $ 128,937.13 menos que el año anterior. Pudimos cubrir nuestros gastos debido a algunos obsequios monetarios especiales y debido a la condonación del Préstamo PPP que recibimos.

A pesar de los reveses resultantes de COVID-19, todavía estamos en una posición financiera relativamente buena, pero podríamos estar mucho mejor. Nuestra parroquia tiene 4.061 hogares registrados, y de todos esos hogares registrados, solo 84 de ellos contribuyeron con más de $ 5,000 el año pasado (lo que significa que promediaron al menos $ 100 por semana). Según nuestros registros, la gran mayoría de nuestros feligreses registrados no hacen ninguna contribución monetaria a la parroquia (3,266). La tabla a continuación muestra el desglose porcentual de cuánto dinero dieron nuestros 4.061 feligreses registrados el año pasado. A medida que avanzamos hacia este nuevo año fiscal, los animo a ser lo más generosos posible ... sus contribuciones financieras tienen un impacto directo en nuestra parroquia ... ¡y cuanto más dinero tengamos, más podremos hacer!

DONACIONES DE FELIGRESES 2020-2021



Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,
Padre Clark

SACRAMENTOS Y FORMACIÓN DE FE

Por favor visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más detalles sobre nuestra preparación sacramental:

https://stmhouston.org/sacraments

Preparación para el bautismo infantil

- **Debe ser un feligrés registrado o vivir en los códigos postales 77096 y 77035 para registrarse**
- **Infantes hasta los 6 años**
- **Los niños mayores de 6 años requieren RICA para niños.**
- **El proceso es personalizado para la familia y esperamos que utilice www.formed.org y Zoom.**

- **Se requiere la asistencia de los padres y es muy recomendable para los padrinos.**

Llame a la oficina de educación religiosa para acceder a nuestro registro 713-729-3435.

¡Conviértase en católico!
Regístrese en nuestro sitio web para RICA
https://stmhouston.org/rica

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de 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.

Ore por las almas de nuestros feligreses que han fallecido redientemente:

Salvador Rodriguez	Stanford Dupaty
Margaret Leger	William Cummings
Bill Simpson	Sophia Riojas
Cristal de Alba	Edmund A. Gehan

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Estudio de Biblia
¿Tienes curiosidad sobre la Biblia? ¿Te interesaria entender más de ella; lo que Dios nos quiere decir?

Ya comenzamos el studio de las Sagradas Escruturas con el Libro de Génesis. Las charlas son los miércoles a las 7 PM por Zoom.
Para inscribirse,
http://stmhouston.org/estudio-de-la-biblia-en-espanol

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS / COMUNIÓN AL HOGAR

Si usted o un ser querido está sufriendo una enfermedad grave y necesita ser ungido o está incapaz de asistir a misa y quisiera recibir la Sagrada Comunión, por favor contacte a la Oficina parroquial, 713-729-0221.

Vaya aquí para crear una cuenta y registrate para una Hora Santa o como sustituto.

stmhouston.weadorehim.com

Preguntas? Envie un mensaje de texto a Bob Brill, 713-598-4838 o Edna Valdez 713-425-9506

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración ahora está abierta las 24 horas del día. (No hay exposición durante la misa).

Actualmente necesitamos personas que se comprometan con las siguientes horas:

MARTES: 12:00 AM, 1:00 AM
JUEVES: 12:00 AM, 1:00 AM, 2:00 AM

Donaciones en línea

El sitio web de la parroquia tiene in strucciones sobre cómo registrarse para realizar donaciones en línea de manera conveniente. Tendrá el con-trol total de tu cuenta de contribución y la programación de sus donaciones.

Puede escanear el código QR anterior o visitar la página de inicio de nuestra parroquia en STMHOUSTON.ORG

NO ES DEMASIADO TARDE PARA HACER UNA DONACIÓN A LOS OBISPOS DE ESTA-DOS UNIDOS FONDO DE EMERGENCIA PARA DESASTRES.

Todas las contribuciones a esta colección especial serán utilizadas por la Conferencia para nece-sidades pastorales y de reconstrucción dentro de las diócesis estadounidenses afectadas por el clima severo reciente y otros desastres naturales.

TAMBIÉN PUEDE HACER UNA DONACIÓN A TRAVÉS DEL SITIO WEB PARROQUIAL.

domingo
17 de octubre
10:00 AM-6:00PM

Oktoberfest
saint thomas more catholic church & school

¡Te necesitamos! Considere ofrecerse como voluntario para trabajar un turno de dos horas en un puesto de comida o juegos en Oktoberfest. Utilice el enlace QR a continuación para registrarse como voluntario.

40 DÍAS POR LA VIDA

El Comité de Respeto a la Vida de St Thomas More desea agradecer a todos los feligreses que asistieron a la vigilia de oración de 40 días por la vida en el Centro de Planifi-cación Familiar el lunes pasado. Es muy importante que seamos una presencia de oración en las instalaciones de aborto. Nunca se sabe quién podría cambiar de opinión. Dios los bendiga a todos.

¡ÚNETE EN ORACIÓN!
SABADO, 16 DE OCTUBRE, 8:30AM

AYUDANTES DE LOS PRECIOSOS NIÑOS DE DIOS

Misa:
St. Christopher Catholic Church
8150 Park Place Blvd.

Rosario y Oraciones:
Planned Parenthood Gulf Fwy

Visite archgh.org/prolife para más información sobre los oraciónes afuera de las clinicas de aborto

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Información sobre el Coro de Misa de Español

¡Ven a cantar en el coro!
Practicamos los miércoles a las 7pm y cantamos el Domingo para la Misa a la 1pm.
Estudiantes de secundaria y adultos son bienveni-dos.
Comuníquese con Chris Bearer, el director de música, para más información. 713-729-0221 o cbearer@stmhouston.org