

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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PARISH OFFICE

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St.
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Parish Office Hours M-F 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(Closed from 12-1 PM for lunch)

Clergy

Rev. Clark Sample, *Pastor*
Rev. Thuc Nguyen, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Binny Philip, *Priest In Residence*
Deacon John Krugh
Deacon Danny Naranjo

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.

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.

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 Summer Office Hours, M-Th 9am-2pm

Dear STM Families,

We still have spots available for the coming school year, do not hesitate to give us a call and come see us. Our summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and we would gladly give you a private tour of our school so you can learn more about our programming. Give us a call at 713-729-3434.



In Christ,

Carolina Bowman, School Principal

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED!

- Tuesday and Thursday nights from September-December and from January-May teaching to Adults.
- We ask teachers to commit at least one night a week.
- We also need committed adults to be on a list of substitutes.
- No knowledge of another language or teaching experience is needed. All materials provided. We will place you with an experienced teacher until you feel comfortable enough to take your own class.
- All teachers must have taken the Safe Environment training through the Archdiocese.

Please contact Jeanne Chucle at drchucle@live.com / 713.417.6181 or Reynolds Contreras Reynolds_contreras@live.com / 713.417.6180 for more info.

From the Pastor's Desk

JOHN PAUL II

ANGELUS

Castel Gandolfo
Sunday, 27 July 2003

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1. From the Risen Christ, the Church received the mission to proclaim the Gospel to the very ends of the earth. In these recent Sundays I have had several opportunities to remind the Ecclesial Communities of Europe that they are called to this duty in a particular way. Yes, it is necessary that on this Continent, all believers come to rediscover the evangelical enthusiasm of proclamation and witness.

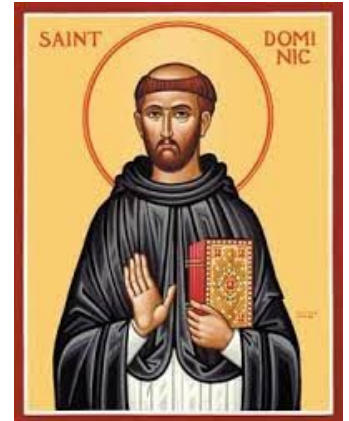
However, if certain regions and areas are actually awaiting a *first proclamation of the Gospel*, this proclamation is in need of *revival* everywhere. Often, in fact, the knowledge of Christianity is taken for granted while, in reality, the Bible is little read and studied, catechesis remains superficial and the Sacraments are widely disregarded. In this way, in place of authentic faith, a vague and non-committal religious sentiment is spreading and running the risk of becoming agnosticism and practical atheism.

2. The Europe of today requires "the presence of Catholics who are adult in their faith and for missionary Christian communities who testify to God's love before all mankind" (*Ecclesia in Europa*, n. 50).

Such a renewed proclamation of Christ requires that a deep *unity and communion within the Church* accompany it, along with a sincere effort in the *ecumenical* field and in dialogue with the followers of the *other religions*. The Gospel is light that illuminates the whole *vast field of social life*: from the family, to culture, from the school and the university, to youth, the mass media, the economy, to politics.... Christ goes to meet men and women wherever they live and work and gives full meaning to their lives.

3. "*Church in Europe, enter the new millennium with the Book of the Gospels!*" (n. 65). This is the appeal which sprung from the Synodal Assembly of 1999. May every *ecclesial Community* welcome it with joy thereby becoming, in each sector and as a unit, a *believable sign of the message of salvation*.

May Mary, the Most Holy Virgin, Mother of the Church and Queen of the Apostles, obtain this for us.



St. Dominic de Guzman
August 8th

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:

Allegory of the Faith

Johannes Vermeer
(1632-1675)

Stewardship for July 31, 2022

**Thank you
for your generous donations!**

Collection \$ 13,470.00

Online Giving \$ 11,205.04

\$ 24,675.04

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.



2022 Goal \$127,055.00
Collected \$ 62,357.00
Remaining 64,698.00

Contributing Parishioners: 204

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Anton Kharoufeh
Judy Staben
Deacon Danny Naranjo

If you would like to add a name to this list, please email slester@stmhouston.org or call the parish office, 713-729-0221. We will keep the name listed for one month unless you ask us to extend the time.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joseph H.B. Kahlich
John Terrell
Paul Bergman

Hunter Kowalski
Carl Alberto Hunter

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, August 7**

7:30 am †Mike Druhan
9:00 am †Elenora Lutringer
11:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm † Vitalina Mercado

Monday, August 8

6:30 am * Tina Hamilton
5:30 pm †Patricia Easley

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 am *Tim Kelley
5:30 pm †Patricia Hart

Wednesday, August 10

6:30 am †Fr. Edward Kilianski
5:30 pm *Mary Zius

Thursday, August 11

6:30 am *Greg/Ava Hamilton
5:30 pm *Mike McCrate & Family

Friday, August 12

6:30 am †Fr. Edward Kilianski
5:30 pm *Marianne & Henry Kahlich

Saturday, August 13

9:00 am *Mary Zius
5:00 pm *Mary S. Welch

Sunday, August 14

7:30 am *Dylan Barelles
9:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
11:00 am *Mary Zius
1:00 pm *Carmen & Sophia Oltiveros

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

Danny Fuller
Shirley Clay
Rudy Navarro
Simeon Nichols III
Michael Hirl

Bertha Theriot
Richard C. Farrington
Irasema Espinosa
Sandra Kane
Haydee Espinosa

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Aug 7 —Nursery open for 9:00am Mass

Coffee & Donuts after each Mass / Religious Articles for sale in Servant Hall

10:30am BSA Ad Altare Dei-Scout House

1:00 pm BSA Ladies Ad Altare Dei-Scout House

2:30 pm Baptism-Church

Monday, August 8

9:00 am Sr. Exercise Class-Scout House

9:00 am Choir Camp-Music Room

Tuesday, August 9

6:00 am ACTS Men Book Club-Donovan's Den

8:00 am-10am Preschool Playdate at Ron Meek Park

9:00 am Choir Camp-Music Room

6:00 pm Elementary Soccer Camp-Ball Field

6:15 pm Confession-Church

7:00 pm BSA Troop 99-Scout House

Wednesday, August 10

9:00 am Sr. Exercise Class-Scout House

Choir Camp-Music Room

6:00 pm Elementary Soccer Camp-Ball Field

6:15 pm Confession-Church

7:00 pm OMOPH Prayer Group-Rehkopf Conf. Rm.

Prolife Defense-Servant Hall

7:30 pm Legion of Mary-RE Conference Room

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8:00 pm Men's Basketball-Gym

Thursday, August 11

9:00 am Choir Camp-Music Room

6:00 pm Elementary Soccer Camp-Ball Field

Meet the Teacher-STM School

Friday, August 12

9:00 am Sr. Exercise Class-Scout House

6:00 pm Legion de Maria-Donovan Den

Elementary Soccer Camp-Ball Field

Saturday, August 13

10:00 STreaMliners-Servant Hall

3:30 pm Confessions-Church

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.



We currently need people to commit to the following hours:

SUNDAY: 2:00 AM, 7:00 PM

MONDAY: 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 11:00 PM

TUESDAY: 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: 5:00 AM, 10:00 AM

THURSDAY: 2:00 AM, 4:00 AM, 2:00 PM

FRIDAY: 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Miracles

Scientific Evidence of the Real Presence

- Buenos Aires- part 4

Three years after the 1996 Eucharistic miracle of Santa Maria Parish, in which a consecrated Host had turned into a bloody-looking substance, scientific analyses were started. Forensic pathologist Dr. Robert Lawrence determined that the substance contained white blood cells and also human tissue originating from the heart. He stated that the presence of white blood cells in this heart tissue indicated that the heart was inflamed and that the person from whom it had come had suffered trauma. In 2003, Dr. Frederick Zugibe, a cardiac pathologist at Columbia University, was given a sample of the substance to study, but was not told the source of the specimen. Upon examining the substance, he said that he immediately knew what it was - it was human heart muscle from the wall of the left ventricle. Also, the heart muscle had been infiltrated with white blood cells, which are not normally found in heart tissue, but come into the heart in response to injury. He concluded that the sample had been taken from a person who had suffered a severe trauma such as a beating a few days before. When informed that the substance had come from a consecrated Host, Dr. Zugibe exclaimed, "This will remain an inexplicable mystery to science." These scientific studies of the Eucharistic miracle of Buenos Aires are evidence of the Real Presence- the Body and Blood of Jesus- in the Holy Eucharist.

**The St. Thomas More Respect Life Committee
Invites you to
Pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
In the church following 9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass
On Sunday, August 14**

**Pray with us for an end to abortion and a
renewed respect for life from conception to
natural death, and for peace in our country
and our world.**

2022 STreaMliners

For adults 50 and over!!

Next meeting is Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 AM in **Servant Hall**. Our entertainment for the meeting will be provided by the **Houston Astros' Organist!** Don't forget to bring **Peanut Butter and/or Jelly** for the STM Food Pantry.

The next Astros game will be a night game on **August 23rd, \$35pp**.

For more info, call Joyce Coles h.713-774-2628 or Email: jcoles8433@sbcglobal.net

Oktoberfest is October 16th

Save the Date for our next big party!

Oktoberfest is our annual Parish-wide festival, featuring amazing food, games, inflatables, music, bingo, entertainment & more.

Are you or your company interested in sponsoring a booth or underwriting Oktoberfest?

Please contact Kathy Prado at kprado@stmnews.com or 713-729-3434

FAMILY OF FAITH

REGISTER NOW AT STMHOUSTON.ORG/REGISTRATIONS FOR:

- K - 5th grade CCE for those that need First Communion
- Ongoing CCE for families who wish to continue their Catechesis and deepen their family's relationship with Christ

Contact Roxanne Lujambio with any questions, rlujambio@stmhouston.org

YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION

Registration is now open at stmhouston.org/registrations for:

Jr High Youth Ministry (6-8)

- Jr High students who wish to grow in their faith and connect within their community
- Jr High students that need to fulfill their CCE requirements to complete a sacrament will register for this program

High School Youth Ministry (9-12)

High School students who wish to bond with fellow Catholic Youth while they deepen their relationship with Christ

- High School Youth Ministry will fulfill the necessary CCE for Confirmation prior to your Sacramental Preparation. Please contact our Youth Minister, Leanne Rodriguez, with any questions: lrodriguez@stmhouston.org

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

We are here to answer your questions and guide you on your faith journey



Coffee & Conversation on Sundays at 10:15am in Donovan's Den, beginning 9/11

Join us for a casual conversation to ask questions, learn about the RCIA experience and meet the leaders who will guide the process



Visit our Adult Faith Formation page on the STM website by visiting:

stmhouston.org/becoming-catholic-rcia

OR by scanning this code



Connect with our Director of Faith Formation, Ryan Lambert at rlambert@stmhouston.org

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the scientific, natural, and moral method of family planning that can help a married couple either achieve or postpone pregnancy.

The Standard Symptothermal Method (SST) is based on the scientific research of Dr. Josef Rotzer.

SST provides a physically and spiritually safe method of family planning that is statistically as effective as hormonal contraception, but without contraceptive's potentially abortive and harmful side effects.

Dates and times of the classes at STM:

September 10, 11am-12 noon - Informational Session

September 11, 2pm- 4pm - Charting Session 1

October 9, 2pm-4pm - Charting Session 2

November 13, 2pm-4m - Charting Session 3

Location for all classes: Donovan's Den.

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT RYAN LAMBERT, rlambert@stmhouston.org

LEARN THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS ON ABORTION

With the recent overturning of Roe vs. Wade, it's becoming more and more common to find ourselves in tough conversations with family, friends, and coworkers. Are you prepared to defend your pro-life stance? Do you fully understand the Church's teachings against abortion, or do you also have questions? Join us for a class series on abortion, life, and morality. We will be watching short videos from Brandon Vogt's ClaritasU apologetics course on abortion, followed by additional teaching and time for discussion and questions. July 20, July 27, Aug 3, and Aug 10th in the Servant Hall 7-8:30pm. Feel free to attend any or all sessions! Contact the Parish Office with any questions: 713-729-2121

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AT ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

We ask that you prayerfully consider joining our growing team of volunteers! Whether you have an hour or two per week or per month, we invite you to learn more about how you can be an integral part of assisting those in need. For more information, contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society at svdp.district3stm@gmail.com or visit us on the STM website: www.stmhouston.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society.

Good Samaritan Ministry

At St. Thomas More Parish, our Good Samaritans lovingly prepare food and serve it at a reception following funerals that are held here, if the family of the deceased wishes. We also set up & serve refreshments during parish events, such as the upcoming Sacred Music Concert Series.

We need your help!

If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Monique Close, mogeoclose@yahoo.com

Pietra Fitness

Experience Pietra Fitness®... A fitness class that stretches, strengthens and tones the body while refreshing the soul with prayer. In only one hour you will feel calmer, stronger, refreshed and renewed! A summer long Beginner Class for Women will be offered at St. Thomas More on Thursdays at 9:00 –10:00 AM, starting up again on August 25. Minimum donation of \$15/class. Please arrive early to the first class for registration. The class will be in the old music room. Please bring an exercise mat and water to class. Contact Ashley Kovacs, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at ashley.kovacs@yahoo.com for more information.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Mother's Day Out
Mondays & Wednesdays
9am - 1pm
Ages 18mo - 36mo
*Beginning Fall 2022



Register Here!



Contact Us
stmhouston.org/mothers-day-out
Martha Downs, Early Childhood Director
mtdowns@stmnews.com
713-729-3434



Discussions with the Deacon

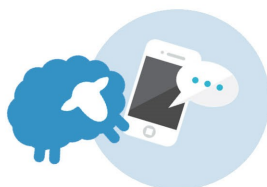
Do you have questions about the liturgy, church teaching, morality, the sacraments...you decide!

Weekly group discussions begin on Wednesday, August 24 from 7-8 PM with Deacon John in Donovan's Den.

Discussions are open to anyone and any topic can be discussed. No need to register, just show up and join the discussion.

**Are you
interested in what's
happening at our
parish?
Sign up for
Flocknote!**

We can keep in touch with you (our flock) by **email and text message.**



**Super simple to set
up....**

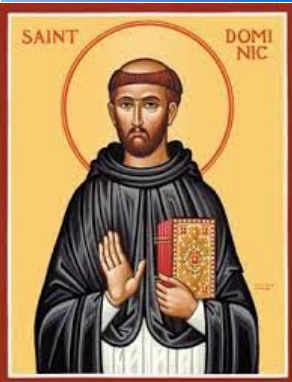
Just text the word
HILLCROFT
To **84576**

**We promise not to overwhelm you
with messages.**

**There is usually a weekly "Flocknote" with
timely information about the parish and
occasionally an extra one will be sent,
for something urgent or really important.**

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, a quien, enseñados por el Espíritu Santo, nos atrevemos a llamar Padre nuestro, te rogamos que lleves a la perfección en nuestros corazones el espíritu de adopción como hijos e hijas tuyos, para que merezcamos entrar en la herencia que has prometido. 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.



**Santo dominico de
Guzman
8 de agosto**

JOHN PAUL II

ANGELUS
Castel Gandolfo
Sunday, 27 July 2003

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

1. De Cristo Resucitado, la Iglesia recibió la misión de anunciar el Evangelio hasta los confines de la tierra. En estos últimos domingos he tenido varias oportunidades para recordar a las Comunidades eclesiales de Europa que están llamadas a este deber de modo particular. Sí, es necesario que en este Continente todos los creyentes vengan a redescubrir el entusiasmo evangélico del anuncio y del testimonio.

Sin embargo, si ciertas regiones y áreas están realmente esperando una primera proclamación del Evangelio, esta proclamación necesita un avivamiento en todas partes. A menudo, de hecho, el conocimiento del cristianismo se da por sentado cuando, en realidad, la Biblia se lee y se estudia poco, la catequesis sigue siendo superficial y los sacramentos son ampliamente ignorados. De este modo, en lugar de la fe auténtica, se difunde un sentimiento religioso vago y sin compromiso que corre el riesgo de convertirse en agnosticismo y ateísmo práctico.

2. La Europa de hoy requiere "la presencia de católicos adultos en su fe y de comunidades cristianas misioneras que den testimonio del amor de Dios ante todos los hombres" (Ecclesia in Europa, n. 50).

Tal anuncio renovado de Cristo requiere que lo acompañe una profunda unidad y comunión dentro de la Iglesia, junto con un esfuerzo sincero en el campo ecuménico y en el diálogo con los seguidores de las otras religiones. El Evangelio es luz que ilumina todo el vasto campo de la vida social: desde la familia, a la cultura, desde la escuela y la universidad, a la juventud, a los medios de comunicación, a la economía, a la política... Cristo va al encuentro de los hombres y mujeres dondequiera que vivan y trabajen y da pleno sentido a sus vidas.

3. "Iglesia en Europa, entra en el nuevo milenio con el Libro de los Evangelios!" (n. 65). Este es el llamamiento que brotó de la Asamblea sinodal de 1999. Que cada Comunidad eclesial lo acoja con alegría, convirtiéndose, en cada sector y en su unidad, en signo creíble del mensaje de salvación.

Que María, la Santísima Virgen, Madre de la Iglesia y Reina de los Apóstoles, nos lo consiga.

SACRAMENTOS Y FORMACIÓN DE FE

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.

<https://stmhouston.org/sacraments>

ACTS en Español

La Comunidad Católica de St. John Vianney invita a todos los hombres mayores de 21 años a asistir a su retiro de Acts en Español del 8 al 11 de Septiembre del 2022 en la casa de retiro de St. Agnes Le Thi Thanh. Para mayores informes favor de contactar a su Director Teodoro Cano (832-970-3137 / teodorocano72@gmail.com) o en la página: <https://www.stjohnvianney.org/news-events/events/sjv-spanish-mens-retreat/>

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.

Donaciones en línea



El sitio web de la parroquia tiene instrucciones sobre cómo registrarse para realizar donaciones en línea de manera conveniente. Tendrá el control 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 STMHOU-STON.ORG para obtener detalles e inscribirse.

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

<https://stmhouston.org/sacraments>

"Del encanto de Dios al encanto de la vida"

Talleres de Oración y Vida te invita a vivir una experiencia transformadora!!

A través de un método de Oración, ordenada, variada y progresiva.

Basado en la Biblia, con Cristo centrado, transformando tu vida a luz de la Palabra. Entrarás en un trato personal y profundo con Dios!

El Taller, consta de 15 Semanas, una Sesión por Semana con duración de 2 horas. La decimoquinta Sesión la llamamos Desierto, está tiene una duración de 6 horas; Es la Sesión más importante del Taller.

Estamos ofreciendo impartir Taller en la Tarde y por la mañana, para que todos tengan la oportunidad de vivirlo.

Los Martes de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m....iniciando el Martes 2 de Agosto.

Los lunes por la mañana de 9:30 a 11:30 a .m iniciando el Lunes 15 de Agosto.

Los esperamos!!

Uno puede solicitar Intenciones visitando la oficina parroquial 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, lunes a viernes
Lunes - Viernes

LA LEGION DE MARIA

La Legion de Maria te hace una cordial invitacion, si deces servir a Dios por medio de su madre la Virgen Maria. Como mision tenemos la devocion Al Santo Rosario, peregrinar la Virgen a los hogares, la consagracion al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus y mucho mas. Para mas informacion puedes llamar al 713 550 3608 Gricelda Sanchez.

