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PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Office Hours M-F 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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Clergy
Rev. Clark Sample, *Pastor*
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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 Parish School
5927 Wigton Drive
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 729-3434

Dear STM parish community,

We want to wish you a very happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful to be a ministry of St. Thomas More Catholic Church and appreciate the opportunity to evangelize to our youth through Catholic education.

Our school will be closed next week for the Thanksgiving break and we will resume school Monday, November 28th. Tuesday, November 29th is our Giving Tuesday event for the Annual Fund - the cornerstone of our school fundraising efforts. Should you wish to give to our school community, we encourage you to donate to annual fund through the QR code below.

In this season of thankfulness, we are grateful for the support of our Parishioners and to be a part of this Family of Families.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Carolina Bowman
Principal
St. Thomas More Parish School

STEWARDSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is the Lord of *my* life?

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because it's a relatively quiet week around the parish, which gives us some time to gear up for Advent and Christmas! While Thanksgiving may be a federal and secular holiday, it actually goes well with our Catholic faith. At the bottom of this letter, I have placed the Catholic prayer we say before meals... did you know that there is also a pray that we can say after meals? I have placed that one there as well! Consider praying these prayers this Thanksgiving and see if you can incorporate them into your daily routine!

In Luke's Gospel account, we read: As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you" (Luke 17:11-19).

This Gospel passage shares an obvious connection with Thanksgiving. The leper "fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him" because Jesus cured him of his leprosy. In other words, he thanked Jesus for the blessing he received. Giving thanks to God is a great form of Christian prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. The letters of St. Paul often begin and end with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: 'Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'; 'Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving'" (CCC 2638).

There is an even deeper connection between Thanksgiving and our Catholic faith. When we read that the leper "fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him," the word used for "giving thanks" in the original Greek text is *eucharistón*, from which we derive the word "Eucharist." Eucharist means thanksgiving. The Catechism further teaches, "Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for his glory. The thanksgiving of the members of the Body participates in that of their Head" (CCC 2637). Our salvation in Christ is the greatest blessing that we have received, and we remember our salvation every time we come to Mass and celebrate the Eucharist. I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Prayer Before Meals: Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Prayer After Meals: We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark

St. Cecilia
November 22

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday
6:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Saturday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM
Sunday
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
1:00 PM (español)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday/ Wednesday
6:15-7:00 PM
Saturday
3:30-4:45 PM

On the Cover :
The Crucifixion of Christ
By
Paolo Veronese

Stewardship for November 13, 2022

Thank you

for your generous donations!

Collection	**$17,840.58**
Online Giving	**$13,307.61**
	$31,148.19

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	**$130,387.00**

Contributing Parishioners: 322

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS!
BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR DSF GOALS!

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Anton Kharoufeh
Joy Gallo
Dr. Charlene (Andie) James-Piper
Ana Morillo
Chloe Hebert

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joseph H.B. Kahlich
Carl Alberto Hunter
Paul Bergman
Hunter Kowalski
Ryan Brogan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 20 - Feast of Christ the King
7:30 am †Chavez intentions
9:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
11:00 am †Steve Shrout
1:00 pm †Doroteo Macias Lugo

Monday, November 21
6:30 am †Rodney Berger
5:30 pm †Edwin & Mary Jane Coke and Family

Tuesday, November 22
6:30 am †Chavez intentions
5:30 pm †German Armando Guzman Caal

Wednesday, November 23
6:30 am *Brian & Ariana Barton
5:30 pm †Leonard Rodriguez

Thursday, November 24
9:00 am †Eloisa Venzar

Friday, November 25
9:00 am *Eloise Starr

Saturday, November 26
9:00 am †Fr. Frank Torres
5:00 pm †Audrey Phillips

Sunday, November 27
7:30 am *Nora C. Gomez
9:00 am †Ethel Staben
11:00 am *Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm †Carolina Sarrazola

† (Deceased)
* (Special Intention)

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

Shirley Clay
Rudy Navarro
Sandra Kane
Haydee Espinosa
Simeon Nichols III
Irasema Espinosa
Michael Hirl
Mary Miller

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 20
8:45am Nursery Open for 9am Mass
9:30am RCIA (English) - Donovan's Den
10:00am Young Families Playdate - Preschool Playground
10:30am BSA AAD - Scout House
11:30am RCIA (Spanish) - Donovan's Den
2:00pm Christ the King Eucharistic Procession - Church
4:00pm GSUSA Troop 147118 - Scout House

Monday, November 21
9:30am Oracion—Donovan's Den
7:00pm SVdP Conf. Mtg - Donovan's Den
7:00pm BSA Troop 99—Scout House
7:30pm Danza - Prinster Hall

Tuesday, November 22
6:00am That Man Is You - Donovan's Den
6:15pm Confessions-Church
7:00pm Adult Confirmation - Youth Media Room

Wednesday, November 23
6:15pm Confession - Church
7:00pm OMOPH Prayer Group - Rehkopf Conf. Rm.
7:00pm Discussions with the Deacon - Donovan's Den
7:30pm Legion of Mary - RE Conference Room
8:00pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, November 24
9:00am Mass - Church

Friday, November 25
9:00am Mass - Church

Saturday, November 26
3:30pm Confessions - Church

Sunday, November 27
8:45am Nursery Open for 9am Mass
4:00pm GSUSA Troop 147118 - Scout House

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: ***Blessed to have full coverage Sundays***
MONDAY: 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM,
TUESDAY: 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: 5:00 AM
THURSDAY: 4:00 AM, 10:00 AM
FRIDAY: 2:00 PM
SATURDAY: ***Blessed to have full coverage Saturdays***

Christ the King on the Holy Host

In the Eucharistic Miracle of Dijon, an image of Christ the King was formed on a consecrated Host. After a nonbeliever stabbed the stolen Host several times with a knife, blood poured from the puncture wounds and dried on the surface of the Host, leaving the image of Jesus seated on a throne and surrounded by instruments of His passion. The horrified assailant brought the Host to Church authorities and the miraculous Host, which came to be known as the Holy Host, was reserved in the Sainte -Chapelle in Dijon, France in 1433. Great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament flourished and miracles were attributed to the Holy Host. King Louis XII of France sent his crown to the Sainte-Chapelle as a symbol of gratitude for his healing by virtue of the Holy Host. Eucharistic processions of the Holy Host, held twice each year and in times of need, were credited with miraculous occurrences. A procession of the Holy Host ended a six-month drought in 1556. In 1631, the people of Dijon followed behind the Eucharistic procession and an outbreak of the plague was stopped. Again in 1637, the plague ended after a Eucharistic procession of the Holy Host. The Holy Host remained unchanged in the Sainte-Chapelle for almost three hundred and sixty years.

At the beginning of the French revolution in 1791, the Sainte-Chapelle was despoiled by the revolutionaries, but the Holy Host was saved and brought to St. Michel in Dijon for safe keeping. However, St. Michel proved unsafe as well and in 1794, revolutionaries seized St. Michel and they burned the Holy Host. The image of Christ the King on the Holy Host has not been forgotten. It has been preserved in works of sacred art, numerous documents, and stained-glass windows in the Basilica of St. Michel.

WORK AT STM!

Join us in bringing families closer to Christ through Catholic education.

As enrollment & interest continue to grow, we are seeking teachers to guide our children in their educational journey.

Please contact Principal Bowman directly if you are interested or know of a phenomenal teacher who would like to join our team:
cbowman@stmorenews.com or
713-729-3434

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Thanksgiving Mass & Adoration Hours

Thursday, November 24 - 9am Mass (one Mass only)
Friday, November 25 - 9am Mass (one Mass only)

ADORATION
No adoration after the 5:30 pm Mass on Wed., November 23
Adoration will resume after the 6:30 am Mass on Mon., November 28

The Parish Office will be **closed** Wednesday, November 23rd - Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We will re-open Monday, November 28, 2022

Breakfast with Santa

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to a visit from Santa Claus on Saturday, December 3 from 8:30 to 10:00am in Servant Hall. This is a great opportunity for pictures and getting Christmas present wish lists early. This is a free event for the entire St Thomas More family.

Discussions with the Deacon

Discussions with the Deacon every Wednesday Night at 7pm in Donovan's Den!

Here's your chance to ask questions regarding the liturgy, church teachings, morality, the sacraments, etc…

No need to register -
just show up and join the discussion.

The Solemnity of Christ the King

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

We will honor this solemnity with a Eucharistic Procession following the 1pm Mass. All are invited to join.

Support STM's Scout Troop 99!

Scouts will be selling beautiful, fresh wreaths and centerpieces outside of the church after all masses on December 3rd and 4th. Wreaths vary in price from $36-43 and centerpieces are $42. Your purchase goes towards their scouting activities in 2023!

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

JOIN US!
We meet each Tuesday at 6am in Servant Hall.

Join us! Open to all men of the parish.

Please contact Ryan Lambert for more information, rlambert@stmhouiston.org

we ♥ love
HAVING YOU AS PART OF OUR FLOCK

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

TEXT
HILLCROFT
TO 84576

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

What We Believe:

Explore the riches of the Catholic faith

Monday Nights
11/21 - 2/6 | 7pm | Religious Ed. Center
Christmas break from 12/20-1/8

For more info
please email rlujambio@stmhouston.org

Study Purchase

Wassail & Cookies + Gift Giving Sunday

Two beloved STM Traditions are back!

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is a special day for our STM Parish. Each year we come together to bring gifts for those in need in our community and to celebrate the Christmas season as a Family of Families.

For Christmas Gift Sunday, we will be donating gifts to the families of St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church (our sister parish), STM's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, STM's Gabriel Project, and HISD Young Parents, as well as liturgical gifts for our church.

Volunteers are needed to make Christmas Gift Sunday a success - please sign-up to help by scanning the QR code to the right or click the "STM Christmas Elves" link on our website: stmhouston.org/Christmas-gift-sunday.

Be on the lookout for a signup for Wassail & Cookies next week!

ACTS®

God is calling all women of St. Thomas More Parish!

We would like to invite you to join us for a **Women's ACTS Retreat,** February 2-5, 2023

For more information or to register : https://www.stmhouston.org/womens-acts-retreat or Scan the QRS Code

SCAN ME

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION IS OPEN

You can register your child by scanning the QR Code.

1) To be eligible for First Communion the child has to be in at least 2nd grade and have participated 1 year in a CCE program or attend a Catholic school
2) 2) This registration page is password protected - that password is: FS2023

Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Celebramos el Día de Acción de Gracias esta semana. El Día de Acción de Gracias es uno de mis días festivos favoritos porque es una semana relativamente tranquila en la parroquia, ¡lo que nos da tiempo para prepararnos para el Adviento y la Navidad! Si bien el Día de Acción de Gracias puede ser un feriado federal y secular, en realidad va bien con nuestra fe católica. Al pie de esta carta, he puesto la oración católica que decimos antes de las comidas... ¿sabías que también hay una oración que podemos rezar después de las comidas? ¡He puesto ese allí también! ¡Considere rezar estas oraciones este Día de Acción de Gracias y vea si puede incorporarlas a su rutina diaria!

En el relato del Evangelio de Lucas, leemos: Mientras Jesús continuaba su viaje a Jerusalén, pasaba por Samaria y Galilea. Cuando entró en una aldea, salieron en su encuentro diez hombres leprosos, los cuales se pararon de lejos y alzaron la voz diciendo: ¡Jesús, Maestro, ten misericordia de nosotros! Cuando él los vio, les dijo: "Id, mostraos a los sacerdotes". Aconteció que mientras iban, fueron limpiados. Entonces uno de ellos, al ver que había sido sanado, volvió glorificando a Dios en alta voz. Y se postró sobre su rostro a los pies de Jesús dándole gracias. Y este era samaritano. Y respondiendo Jesús dijo: "¿No eran diez los que fueron limpiados? Y los nueves ¿dónde están? ¿No hubo quien volviese y diese gloria a Dios, sino este extranjero? Y le dijo: "Levántate, vete; tu fe te ha salvado" (Lucas 17:11-19).

Este pasaje del Evangelio comparte una conexión obvia con el Día de Acción de Gracias. El leproso "se echó a los pies de Jesús y le dio gracias" porque Jesús lo curó de su lepra. En otras palabras, agradeció a Jesús por la bendición que recibió. Dar gracias a Dios es una gran forma de oración cristiana. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña: "Todo evento y necesidad puede convertirse en una ofrenda de acción de gracias. Las cartas de San Pablo a menudo comienzan y terminan con acción de gracias, y el Señor Jesús está siempre presente en ellas: "Dad gracias en todas las circunstancias; porque esta es la voluntad de Dios en Cristo Jesús para vosotros'; "Perseverad en la oración, velando en ella con acción de gracias" (CIC 2638).

Existe una conexión aún más profunda entre el Día de Acción de Gracias y nuestra fe católica. Cuando leemos que el leproso "se postró a los pies de Jesús y le dio gracias", la palabra usada para "dar gracias" en el texto griego original es eucharistón, de donde derivamos la palabra "Eucaristía". Eucaristía significa acción de gracias. El Catecismo enseña, además: "La acción de gracias caracteriza la oración de la Iglesia que, al celebrar la Eucaristía, manifiesta y se convierte cada vez más en lo que ella es. En efecto, en la obra de salvación, Cristo libera a la creación del pecado y de la muerte para consagrarla de nuevo y devolverla al Padre, para su gloria. La acción de gracias de los miembros del Cuerpo participa de la de su Cabeza" (CIC 2637). Nuestra salvación en Cristo es la bendición más grande que hemos recibido, y recordamos nuestra salvación cada vez que venimos a Misa y celebramos la Eucaristía. ¡Espero que tengas un bendecido Día de Acción de Gracias!

Oración antes de las comidas: Bendícenos, oh Señor, y estos Tus dones que estamos a punto de recibir de Tu generosidad, por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Oración después de las comidas: Te damos gracias por todos tus beneficios, oh Dios Todopoderoso, que vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. Que las almas de los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Padre Clark

Santa Cecilia
22 de noviembre

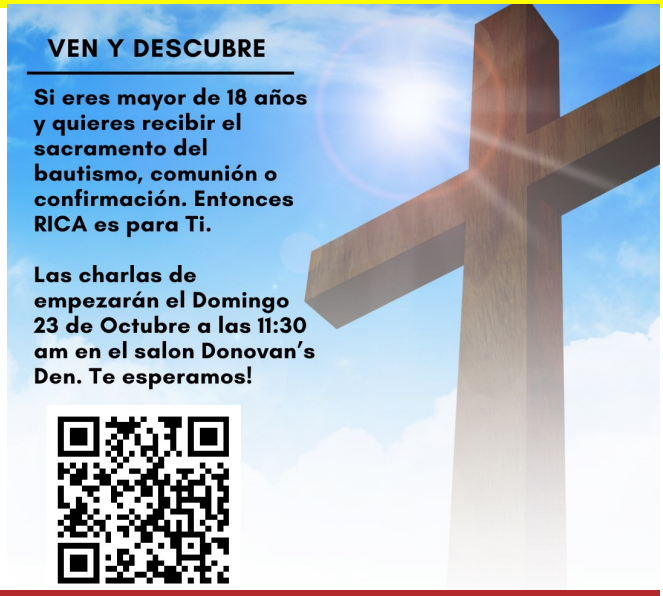
Uno puede solicitar Intenciones visitando la oficina parroquial 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, lunes a viernes

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.

Por favor visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más detalles sobre nuestra preparación sacramental: https://stmhouston.org/sacraments

SACRAMENTOS Y FORMACIÓN DE FE



¡Apoya a la Tropa Scout 99 de Santo Tomás Moro!

Los Scouts venderán coronas hermosas y frescas y centros de mesa afuera de la iglesia después de todas las misas el 3 y 4 de diciembre. Las coronas varían en precio desde $36-43 y los centros de mesa cuestan $42. ¡Tu compra se destina a sus actividades en 2023!

Domingo de regalos de Navidad
10 y 11 de diciembre

- Las etiquetas de regalo estarán en nuestro Giving Tree ubicado en el Nártex a partir del 19 de noviembre.
- Cada etiqueta incluirá un artículo de regalo solicitado.
- Quita tantas etiquetas del árbol como desees.
- Compra el regalo, envuélvelo y pega la etiqueta al regalo.
- Déjalo en el Salon Servant antes de misa el 10 u 11 de diciembre.

******Distribuiremos regalos a partir del 11 de diciembre, así que traiga su regalo antes de este fin de semana.***

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 STMHOUSTON.ORG para obtener detalles e inscribirse.

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

¡Necesitamos más sustitutos!
Si no puede comprometerse con una hora santa semanal regular, pero aún desea ayudar, regístrese para ser un sustituto.