

Welcome New Families!

We are very glad you are here and pray that you become active in our vibrant church community where we love God, one another, our community, and our world with our thoughts and actions. We invite you to come by the parish office to register or by visiting our web page for more information at www.stmhouston.org

Bienvenidos Nuevas Familias!

Estamos muy contentos de que estén aquí y oremos que se conviertan en miembros activos en nuestra comunidad vibrante en la que amamos a Dios, el uno al otro, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo con nuestros pensamientos y acciones.

Los invitamos a pasar por la oficina para registrarse o visita nuestra página de web para mayor información:
www.stmhouston.org

In Your Prayers / En Sus Oraciones

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PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS
OREMOS POR NUESTROS SOLDADOS

SFC Paul Bergman Col. David Eskelund
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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF AUSTIN TICE TO HIS FAMILY.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Invitation to Youth
GRADES 8TH THRU 12VE

GATHERING TO RELAUNCH OUR NEW YEAR
2016-2017
of Fellowship, Prayer and Faith Sharing.

COME BY FOR
PRAYER, GAMES AND FOOD TO SEE WHAT
YOUNG DISCIPLES IS ALL ABOUT
On Sunday September 11th
6pm—8pm, Youth Center

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
" We meet every Sunday from 6pm to 8pm."

See you all Next week!

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de Misa

Sunday/ Domingo	09-11-2016 7:30am Cristina Reyes - Health 9:00am Clara Maycot 11:00am Lucy Shepherd 1:00pm __ 5:00pm Lorraine Sheppard - Health 7:00pm ----__
Monday /Lunes	09-12-2016 6:30am † Julie Ovalle 5:30pm __
Tuesday/ Martes	09-13-2016 6:30am Emelia Morales 5:30pm † Clyde Perrere
Wednesday/ Miércoles	09-14-2016 6:30am __ 5:30pm Cruz Barelás - Birthday
Thursday/ Jueves	09-15-2016 6:30am Veronica Sauseda - Birthday 5:30pm † Mary Bishop
Friday/ Viernes	09-16-2016 6:30am Francisco Garcia 8:15am __ 5:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Costa Anniversary
Saturday/ Sabado	09-17-2016 8:00am __ 5:00pm † Stephen Korkmas
Sunday/ Domingo	09-18-2016 7:30am All souls in Purgatory 9:00am __ 11:00am † Emil Bednar 1:00pm Alejandrina Rojas - Health 5:00pm † Roger & Myrella Ribas 7:00pm ----Antonio Marquez - Health

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

Today marks the fifteen anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Tuesday, 11 September 2001. In this time of Remembrance, let us bring our fears and concerns before God. We ask the God of Peace to bring peace to this earth.

Let us pray that Peace will begin in our hearts, our homes, our cities, our country and that the power of our prayer will help Peace spread throughout the world.

Welcome to "Lost and Found Sunday". This Sunday's Gospel of Luke, 15:1-32, are beautiful parables - parables that could inspired and renewed faith in anybody who might read it and sense how God looks for his 'lost coin', lost sheep', and lost son.

Redemption always begins with God, the Father; and ends with His Mercy. Our Pope Francis, in his book, *The Church of Mercy*, discusses the parable of the Prodigal Son.

"Maybe someone among us here is thinking, My sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable; my unbelief is like that of Thomas. I don't have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people.

But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him. How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, "*Father, I have many sins*"? And I have always pleaded, "Don't be afraid, go to him, he is waiting for you, he will take care of everything." We hear many offers from the world around us; but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love. For God, we are not numbers, we are important; indeed we are the most important thing to him. Even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart.

From *The Church of Mercy*, p. 4ff, by Pope Francis.

"I will rise and go to my father." Said Psalm 51. Let us praise the Lord!

Father Hai

Hoy se cumplen quinceaños del aniversario de los ataques terroristas del Martes 11 de Septiembre del 2001. En este momento un recuerdo a la Memoria, vamos a llevar ante Dios nuestros temores y preocupaciones. Le pedimos a Dios de la Paz a traer la paz a esta tierra.

Oremos para que la paz inicie en nuestros corazones, nuestros hogares, nuestras ciudades, nuestro país y que el poder de nuestra oración ayude a difundir la paz en todo el mundo.

Bienvenidos "Al domingo del Perdido y Encontrado ". Este domingo el evangelio de San Lucas, 15: 1-32, son parábolas hermosas - parábolas que podrían ser inspiradas y que pueden renovar la fe a todos quienes puedan leerla y sentir cómo Dios busca a su moneda perdida, oveja perdida, y al hijo perdido.

La redención siempre comienza con Dios, el Padre; y termina con su Misericordia. Nuestro Papa Francisco, en su libro, "La Iglesia de la Misericordia, analiza la parábola del hijo Pródigo.

"Tal vez alguien entre nosotros presente está pensando, Mi pecado es tan grande, estoy tan lejos de Dios como el hijo menor de la parábola; mi incredulidad es como la de Tomas. No tengo el valor de ir hacia atrás, de creer que Dios me puede dar la bienvenida y que me está esperando, de toda persona.

Pero Dios efectivamente te esta esperando; él solo te pide el valor de ir a él. ¿Cuántas veces en mi ministerio pastoral, he oído que decir: "Padre, tengo muchos pecados"? Y siempre he rogado , "No tengan miedo, vayan hacia él, él te está esperando, él se encargará de todo." Escuchamos muchas ofertas del mundo que nos rodea; pero es mejor que tomemos la oferta de Dios: la suya es una caricia de amor. Para Dios no somos números, somos importantes; de hecho, somos lo más importante para él. Incluso si somos pecadores, estamos más cerca de su corazón.

Del libro "La iglesia de la Misericordia, pagina 4ff, por el Papa Francisco.

"Me levantaré e iré a mi padre.", del Salmo 51. Alabemos al Señor!

Padre Hai

Apostleship of the Cross

The Apostleship of the Cross encounters (or meetings) will start Monday, September 12 (for the Spanish group) and Thursday, September 15 (for the English group). The group meets in the St. Paul Room of the Adult Education building, from 7:30 PM to 9 PM. All are welcome!



El Apostolado de la Cruz comienza sus “encuentros” el lunes, 12 de septiembre (grupo en español) y el jueves 15 de septiembre (grupo en inglés). Se reúnen en el salón San Pablo del edificio de Educación de Adultos, de 7:30 a 9 PM. Todos están bienvenidos.



Could you not watch
one hour with me?
Matt. 26:40

Jesus wants to
embrace you.

No pueden velar conmigo una hora?
Mat. 26:40

Jesús desea abrazarte.

Our parish offers adoration of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day/7 days of the week in our parish chapel

¿La vida es demasiada agitada? Necesita un lugar para descansar y tomar tiempo para estar con Jesús en SU presencia?

Nuestra parroquia ofrece adoración a Jesucristo realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento 24 horas al día / 7 días de la semana en nuestra capilla de la parroquia. For information on Eucharistic Adoration / Para información sobre Adoración Eucarística : Questions / Preguntas? Contact the volunteers group by e-mail at adoration@stmhouston.org or call/text 832-869-7483, 832-869-7488.

Retreat

WOMEN of ST. Thomas More Parish!

Plan NOW to join our annual retreat in contemplative silence at the Cenacle Retreat House. The retreat

**“Growing in
Intimacy with God and
Ourselves”**



will take place March 10 -12, 2017 and will be led by Fr. Louis Arceneaux, CM. YOUR retreat will benefit your whole family! For information, please contact Magda Garcia at (281) 794-8414

Readings for the week of September 11

Sunday	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
Monday	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, and 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Lecturas de la semana del 11 de Septiembre

Domingo:	Sab 9:13-18b; Salmo 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Fmn 9-10, 12-17; Lc 14:25-33
Lunes:	1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Salmo 40: 7-8; Lc 7:1-10
Martes:	1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31; Salmo 100:1-2, 3,4,5; Lc 7:11-17
Miercoles	Nm 21:4-9; Salmo 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Jueves :	1 Cor 15:1-11; Salmo 118:1-2, 16-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 2:33-35
Viernes:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Salmo 17:1, 6-7, 8, 15; Lc 8:1-3
Sabado:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Salmo 56:10-12, 13-14; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo:	XXV Domingo Ordinario Am 8:4-7; Salmo 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lc 16:1-13 o 16:10-13

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Children's Religious Education program **WELCOMES**, the Parents, their children and all volunteers to the beginning of our New Catechetical year 2016-2017.

Together with Joy and Enthusiasm let's make this year another successful one with your support and prayers.

El Programa de Educación Religiosa de los niños les da la **BIENVENIDA**, a los padres, sus hijos y todos los

voluntarios para el comienzo de nuestro

Nuevo año Catequético 2016-2017.

Juntos con alegría y entusiasmo vamos a hacer este año otro año de éxito con su apoyo y oraciones.



Reminder for Confirmation Candidates of 2015-2016:

We will have a mandatory brief Rehearsal for you and your sponsor on Wednesday

September 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the church.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on

Friday September 23, 7pm,

Presider: Cardinal Daniel DiNardo.

Recordatorio para los Candidatos de Confirmacion de 2015-2016:

Tendremos un breve ensayo para ti y tu padrino o madrina el Miercoles 21 de Septiembre 2016 a las 6:30 pm en la Iglesia.

La celebracion del Sacramento de Confirmacion sera el Viernes 23 de Septiembre a las 7pm. Celebrante: Cardinal Daniel DiNardo.

For more information call / para mayor informacion comunicarse, 713-729-3435 ; email: aida@stmhouston.org

Sacramental General Information

Baptism Information

Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): September 17, 2016
Adult Education Building, St Peter Room; 8:45am-12:00pm

Marriage Preparations

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

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

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

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

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

Nursery

The nursery is available during the 9am Mass for newborns to 4 years. There is no charge

BIBLE STUDY

DOORS OF MERCY

EXPLORING GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU

8 Sessions to Change Your Life

Learn God's "Plan of Mercy" — from Adam and Eve to you today

Discover how sacraments are "Door of Mercy"

Experience the power of the Divine Mercy message and devotion

Where: Servant Hall

Session Begin:

Monday Session, September 12, at 7:00 PM;

Wed Session, September 14, at 10:00AM;

Thur Session, September 15, at 7:00PM

CONTACT: deaondave@stmhouston.org

or call the Parish Office 713.729.0221

RESPECT LIFE



Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9-9:40 in the evening in the chapel.

We will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the protection of life from conception to natural death, and for the protection of traditional marriage and religious liberty.

Información General Sacramental

Información de Bautismos

Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 17 de Septiembre del 2016 en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

Unción de los Enfermos

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

BENDICIONES PARA TRES AÑOS Y CELEBRACION DE QUINCE AÑOS

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

NOTA: PADRES SI TOMAN LA CLASE AQUI, EN SANTO TOMAS, BAUTIZARAN AQUI, NO SE LES DARA UNA CARTA.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MUSIC MINISTRY

Singing the Praises of Singing in the Choir

Gladys Knight, seven time Grammy award winning singer, has been singing in her local church choir for over fifty years! So have Ed Sharp and John Biondi, members of our STM church choir. I guess it must agree with them (and us too). "Recent research on the biological effects of music and singing shows just how good belting out a song is for everyone." Researchers in the UK found that singing with a group for 70 minutes a week resulted in positive immune responses and improved mood.



Imagine that Choir singing improves your health! And if that's not enough motivation, consider that it is also a ministry, an opportunity to give back to God and to your church community. Call or email Mary for more details.

Mary@stmhouston.org or 713 980 3111.

ESL—ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Registration - Incripcion Clases de Ingles

Inscripcion para el Nuevo curso de Ingles:
Martes—13 de Septiembre o

Jueves—15 de Septiembre 2016 a las 7pm-8:30pm

Registrations

Tuesday— September 13 or

Thursday September 15, 2016 at 7pm-8:30pm

Costo / Tuition: \$ 30.00

Lugar / Where: En la Escuela de la Parroquia
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St.

Para mayor informacion / for more information:
713-729-0221

OUT OF THE PARISH

Loving Embrace Infertility Support Group:

September 15, 2016, 7:30-9:00PM, St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Msgr Jamail Family Center, Room 202

The September 15th meeting will feature guest speaker Brooke Jemelka, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Jemelka is one of three practitioners with Caritas Women's Care, part of CHI St. Luke's Medical Group Sugar land. Caritas is dedicated to providing holistic, comprehensive, and restorative services for women from adolescence through menopause. Honoring womanhood and the sanctity of human life, Caritas Women's Care offers on-site education about natural family planning and infertility in a loving, faith-based environment

This week around STM....

Sunday, September 11

7:00 am KofC, Servant Hall
8:30 am Boy Scouts, Scott House
12:45pm Nigerian Catholic Women, Scout House
2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
6:00 pm Young Disciples Group

Monday, September 12

9:00 am Bible Study, Conference Rm
6:30 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish), Rm F (Prinster Hall)
7:00 pm Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
Bible Study "Doors of Mercy", AE St. Paul Troop 99, Scout House

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 am Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm St. Vincent Paul Society, Conference Room

Wednesday, September 14

10:00am Bible Study, Doors of Mercy, Servant Hall
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp— Chapel
Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
KofC Officers, Room F
RCIA (Spanish), Prayer Rm Youth Center
7:30 pm Legion of Mary— AE-St. Paul Rm.
RCIA (English), AE St. Peter

Thursday, September 15

10:00am Craft Guild, Donovans Den
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
6:30 pm Bill Ledbetter(Band Pract.)-Donovan's Den
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
Bible Study "Doors of Mercy", AE St Peter
7:30 pm Word of the Truth Bible Study—AE St. Peter

Friday, September 16

8:15 am Parish School Mass, Church
5:00 pm Legion of Mary Junior (Spanish), AE-St. Paul
6:30 pm Overeaters Anon—AE St Peter
7:00 pm Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym

Saturday, September 17

8:45 am English Baptismal Class, AE- St. Peter
9:45 am Clases Pre-Bautismales, Prinster Hall
3:30 pm-4:45pm Confessions / Confesiones
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 17

2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
6:30 pm Young Disciples, Youth Center

STM Financial Stewardship for September, 2016



Week Offering for 09/04/16	\$ 25,844.65
Online Giving	\$ 2,293.00
Total Offertory	\$ 28,137.65
Weekend Budgeted Goal	\$34,650.00
Difference.....	-6,512.35
Building Fund: \$704.00	

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



FUN FOR SENIORS

2016 - Streamliners' - September

The Second Saturday of the month,

Sept. 14, Wed. Day Trip - Stages Theater
"Dream On with the Wonderettes" - Lunch on
your own at the Bamboo House.

Bus is full - We will leave at 4:00pm sharp
from the rear parking area in the back near Prinster Hall.

Please call if you can't make it.

Sept. 22 -Thurs. Coshatta Casino in Kinder, LA

\$15pp cash includes (\$10 Freeplay)

Coffee, donuts & Hot Kolaches at 6:30am.

Bus leaves at 7.00am from the rear parking area in the back near
Prinster Hall. Call Frances Landry-713-723-2035

Streamliners' trips are open to all of STM's
families and friends!!!

Senior Citizens,

Come and join us for some **Bingo fun**, on the 2nd Tuesday
and 4th Tuesday of the Month. Next Bingo Tuesday Septem-
ber 13th and Tuesday September 26th in the Scout House
at 9:30

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

AVISO: PARA PUBLICAR SU ANUNCIO FAVOR DE ENVIAR
SU INFORMACION COMPLETA DOS SEMANAS ANTES AL:
bulletin@stmhouston.org ANTES DEL VIERNES al MEDIODIA

**One simple thing will make a big
difference in the life of an at-risk
child: One-on-one, positive attention
from a responsible, caring adult.**



If you would like to become a mentor
for a child one hour a week, please
contact Ms. Marion Costa, 713-723-9762

"No matter how hard you try, you cannot make a mira-
cle happen for yourself . But you can put yourself in a
position to help a miracle happen for someone else."

David Staal

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