

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 21, 2018*

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor
 Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon
 Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M
 Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE
 Marisol Urbina.....Administrative Asst.
 Rick Reed.....Music Coordinator
 Jill Baker.....Nursery Coordinator
 Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper
 Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary
 Laura Puente.....Custodian

Mass Schedules

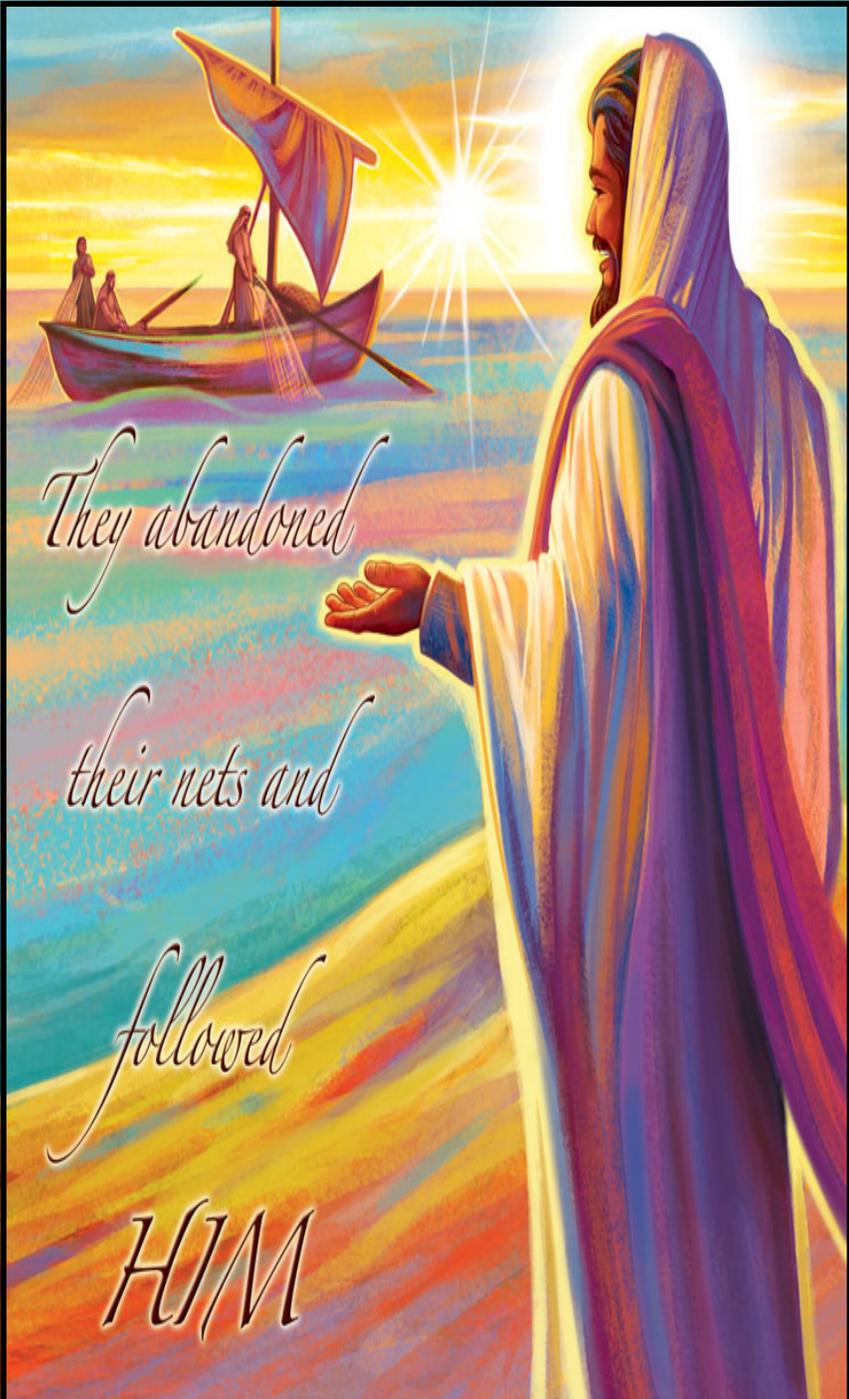
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday; Martes-Friday / Viernes	7:15 am
Friday/ Viernes	

**Reconciliation
Reconciliación**

Tues/Martes	4:30-5:30 pm
Sat/Sabado	4:00-5:00 pm

Adoration/Adoracion

Tues/ Martes	After 7:15 mass. Until 5:30pm
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Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	01/20	5:30 pm	Living & Deceased members of St.. Thomas Ladies
Sun.	01/21	7:45 am	Nesty Montondon 
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Ricardo Torres 
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon.	01/22		NO Mass
Tues.	01/23	7:15 am	Joe Pereira 
Wed.	01/24	7:15 am	Donna Hebert 
Thurs.	01/25	7:15 am	Ellis Milam 
Fri.	01/26	7:15 am	Mary Sewaa 
Sat.	01/27	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun	01/28	7:45 am	Don & Emily Gallegos 
		10:45 am	Alfred Wells 
		12:30 pm	Santos Jimenez 
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	01/22	2 SM 5:1-7, 10; MK 3:22-30
Tues	01/23	2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19; MK 3:31-35
Wed	01/24	2 SM 7:4-17; MK 4:1-20
Thurs	01/25	ACTS 22:3-16; MK 16:15-18
Fri	01/26	2 TM 1:1-8; MK 4:26-34
Sat	01/27	2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17; MK 4:35-41
Sun	01/28	DT 18:15-20; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28



January 13 & 14 Stewardship

Regular Sunday Donations: \$
St. Thomas Mission: \$

*Thank you for your
continued parish support!*

Diocesan Service Fund As of January 4, 2018

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total amount paid	\$43,607.61
Total amount pledged	\$43,932.61
Paid over goal	\$6,607.61



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, Victor Espino, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, , Lucy Mata, Coby Meinzer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kenny Sechelski, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler, Rose Youngblood,



*The Flowers beside
the Blessed Sacrament
are in loving memory of
Donna Hebert
By
Gayle Hebert*





Dear Brotheren,

I wish to appeal for help with assistance in acquiring wheelchairs, walkers and crutches for a Catholic hospital in Ghana, Africa precisely. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. My goal is to acquire as many of these such items as possible and ship them to the hospital when I have gathered a full load. If anyone has a used wheelchair, walker, or crutches that they are not in need any longer, I would love to have thee items to ship to the people in need of them at the Catholic hospital in Ghana, Africa. Thank you in advance for any assistance and many blessings. For information or to donate any of these items please contact me, Daniel Bawa, at 404-610-3533.

Student Mass will resume this weekend, January 21, 2018 at 5:30 pm

GIFT

What I am is God’s gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

LAS EXIGENCIAS DE SER DISCÍPULO

Hoy ya encontramos lecturas con el tono penitencia de Cuaresma. Nínive ayuna durante cuarenta días, el salmista nos recuerda que sólo Dios puede indicarnos el camino a los pecadores, san Pablo nos muestra que todas las cosas y los acontecimientos de este mundo son transitorios y Jesús nos dice: “Arrepiéntanse” antes de llamar a sus nuevos seguidores. “Sígueme”, dice Jesús, pero si realmente vivimos los mandamientos y las exigencias de ser discípulos por el Bautismo, nos daremos cuenta de nuestra necesidad de conversión, de nuestro arrepentimiento, nuestra necesidad de creer plenamente en el Evangelio. El Evangelio de hoy comienza recordándonos lo que le sucedió a Juan Bautista por vivir plenamente su vocación como heraldo de Cristo y del Evangelio: fue arrestado, encarcelado y martirizado. Si bien pocos de nosotros sufriremos consecuencias tan extremas, todos debemos estar preparados para enfrentar algún tipo de rechazo por hacerle caso al llamado de Jesús, vivir el Reino de Dios que está próximo, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y creer en la buena nueva de salvación.

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out “Repent!” before he calls his new followers. “Come after me,” Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today’s Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

The Texas Rally for Life in Austin, TX will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Come stand with Catholics from around the State in support of life from conception to natural death. Cardinal DiNardo will offer Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 8:15 a.m. prior to departure for Austin. Buses will depart from St. Dominic Chancery prior to the Mass. To register or if your parish is interested in taking a group to this event, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul is a world-wide Catholic organization. Inspired by Gospel values, this ministry leads our members to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person help to the needy and suffering. Generous donations given by Parishioners in our blue envelopes, and other sources, provide us the funds to help those in our Huntsville community. When we visit a home, we bring friendship, the love of Christ and hope to them. During the past year we were able to assist 227 families with rent, utilities, food, medicine, and other necessities. We are seeking more parishioners to join our St. Thomas organization. If you enjoy meeting and talking with people and have a sympathetic ear, this could be a ministry for you. Please call one of our officers for more information. Craig Hibbison, President (936-436-0362); Peggy Riley, Vice President (936-291-2892) ; Christi Townley, Treasurer ((713) 499-9057); Karen McPike, Spiritual Advisor (936-661-6540).



Archdiocesan 2018 Junior High Youth Rally

Saturday February 24, 2018

10:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m.

St. Simon and Jude—Woodlands

Cost: \$40

Deadline to Register: January 14, 2018

Registrations packets can be picked up:

Junior High Edge • Parish Office • online

www.saintthomashuntsville.org

What's Up in Edge—January 2018

7rd (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
9th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr
14th (Sunday)	No Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
16th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr.
21st (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
23rd (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr
28th (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
30th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr



S.T.A.Y. Ministry

Youth 7th -12th Grade

Contact/Contacto:
Kathy Boscarino, DRE/Youth Minister
kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org
(936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14

Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)

July 20-22, 2018

AYC gathers over 2,800 participants - both youth and adults - from all over the local Church. AYC is the largest evangelizing event for older adolescents. Ninth graders through outgoing high school seniors are challenged to live out their faith, learn informative presentations, listen to outstanding national speakers, and make new friendships. They will have the opportunity to share and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through daily Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, and other prayer experiences.



What's Up in Life Teen—January 2018

7th(Sunday)	Confirmation 2018 9:05-10:20	Youth Center
9th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep 6:30-8	Youth Center
10th (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall
16th (Tuesday)	STAY Sacrament Prep. Returns 1/9/18	
17th (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall
21st (Sunday)	Homeschool meeting 9:05-10:20	
23rd (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep returns 1/9/18	
24th (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall
30th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8:00	Youth Ctr
31st (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall



First Fundraiser:
Valentines Dinner
Saturday February 10,
2018

¿Are you a high school youth?
Eres un joven de secundaria?
Come Join Us!
¡Vengan a participar!

**“Thought-provoking statements
about our faith.”**

“Jesus’ invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic of his teaching. Through his parables he invited people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: **To gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required.** The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. **One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to ‘know the secrets of the kingdom, of heaven.’** Pro those who stay ‘outside,’ everything remains enigmatic.” *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Remember!

**Elementary K-6 CCE Religious Education
Sacramental Parents**

Sacramental preparation meeting is for parents and children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments is on:

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Open from 6:00pm to 7pm

CCE Building,

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Questions? Please call 936-295-8159 or visit

k-6cce@sainthomashuntsville.org

Recuerdo!

**Educación Religiosa Elemental K-6 CCE
Padres Sacramentales**

**Reunion de padres es para padres y niños (a)
preparándose para celebrar los sacramentos es el:**

Jueves, Enero 25, 2018

Abierto de 6:00pm -7pm

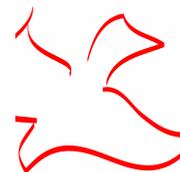
Edificio de CCE

Sto. Tomas el Apóstol Iglesia Católica

Preguntas? Por favor hable al 936-8159 o visite

k-6cce@sainthomashuntsville.org

Adult Confirmation



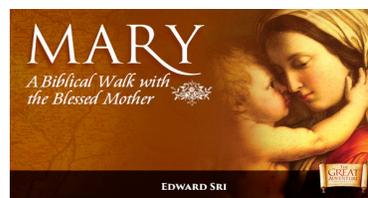
Confirmation Classes for Adults who wish to complete their sacraments of initiation will begin January 16, 2018 from 6:30 p.m.

—8:30 p.m. In the Adult Education building. Preparation for Confirmation is a 16 week program and includes a 1 day retreat. Confirmation will be celebrated around Pentecost (May 19/20).

Prerequisite knowledge and skill

- Beyond high school age and have not been Confirmed
 - Baptized Catholic and has received first Communion
- If married, they are married in the Catholic faith or have an irregular marriage corrected before Confirmation

Interviews for Confirmation are being held beginning 1/2/2018 and will end on 1/20/2018. Please contact Kathy at the church office (936) 295-8159, or by email kboscarino@sainthomashuntsville.org for an appointment. More information and forms can be found on the parish website sainthomashuntsville.org/adult-confirmation.



**A Powerful Study
on the
Blessed Mother
Begins
January 23, 2018**

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary’s earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our daily lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us: Tuesdays begins at **2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please register at the Church office. (936) 295-8159 or by email kboscarino@sainthomashuntsville.org
Cost \$25.00

Unable to come on Tuesday afternoons? Register at Ascension Press and do the study in your own home; in your own time.

Go to <https://ascensionpress.com/redeem>
Redeem code WDNW39 Purchase your study book online.

Archdiocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life . . . The 22nd World Day for Consecrated Life will be observed in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on Sunday, February 4. Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist in the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. All are invited and welcome. For additional information, contact Sister Heloise Cruzat, O.P. at 713-741-8733.

PREOCUPACIONES

Las más grandes preocupaciones no pueden pagar las más mínimas deudas.

CONCERNS The biggest worries can not pay the slightest debt.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, “Ons Lieve Heer op Solder.” What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seveneenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and “de-Catholicized” them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed “Old Church” by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work “hiding” St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It’s a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there’s no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La cruda realidad de nuestro continente es que América es tierra de mártires. Esta semana recordamos el martirio del indígena quechua Segundo Francisco Guamán de Ecuador. Como la mayor parte de los indígenas americanos, los quechuas consideran la tierra como pertenencia de la comunidad humana. De ella come y vive todo ser viviente. Desde la llegada de los europeos la tierra americana ha sido explotada y con ella los indígenas también.

El siglo pasado unos campesinos ecuatorianos dirigidos por Segundo Francisco comenzaron a reunirse con el Ministerio de Agricultura y el Instituto Ecuatoriano de Reforma Agraria y Colonización. Que agencias civiles tomen interés por los derechos del indígena es siempre “buena nueva”. Lamentablemente lo que es “buena nueva” para la muchedumbre pobre es “mala noticia” para los poderosos. Uno de éstos decidió vengarse en contra de los campesinos. En su rabia, asesinó al joven Segundo Francisco de sólo 25 años de edad. Pero su muerte, como la de todo mártir, no fue en vano. Su sangre derramada sobre la madre tierra ha ido sembrando más movimientos por los derechos de los indígenas.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Ministry Opportunity

Title: **Techies**

Group of techies needed who are computer and technology enthusiasts knowledgeable and competent in various areas of technology including computers, electronics and software.

Duties would include (based on area of expertise)

- Various projects
- Sound System

Please leave your information at the office at 936-295-8159. A general meeting of all techies is forthcoming.

Other Opportunities:

- Virtus Coordinator

Congratulations to *Jaime Becker* who will take over as Altar Server Coordinator in January

For more information on please contact Kathy at the parish office

The Fire of Your Love

by Will Oliver

This past Friday, January 19th, the annual **March for Life** was held in Washington, D.C. The march is an annual reminder of the importance of life and is held near the anniversary of the tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* (1973), which legalized abortion in the United States. On the first anniversary of that decision, many people gathered on the steps of the Capitol for what developed into the annual march. But don't let the media fool you when they ignore it or downplay it for it is certainly the largest annual march held in the nation's capital; I know, because I was a cop in that area for three years.

While this year's March for Life is marking its 45th anniversary, there is another anniversary occurring this year that you will be hearing about and that is the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's Papal Encyclical *Humane Vitae*. When the encyclical was released on July 25, 1968, it instantly became a controversial document in the secular world as many had (falsely) hoped the Catholic Church would change its teachings on contraception. The church, however, does not alter its teaching with the winds of change, but roots its moral teachings in those revealed by Jesus Christ, taught by the apostles, and handed down to their successors—the Popes. Still, fully expect the secular media to issue more of its false hopes on this coming anniversary.

Humane Vitae, the encyclical on human life, does reiterate the Church's teaching against abortion, sterilization, and contraception as a means of preventing and destroying life. Yet most people tend to focus on what the document is against, rather than what it is for. It is in actuality a beautiful (and short) document—one that every Catholic should take the time to read—that teaches us about God's love for us, a husband and wife's love for each other, and the gift of God's grace that comes from conjugal love: human life.