

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..."

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 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

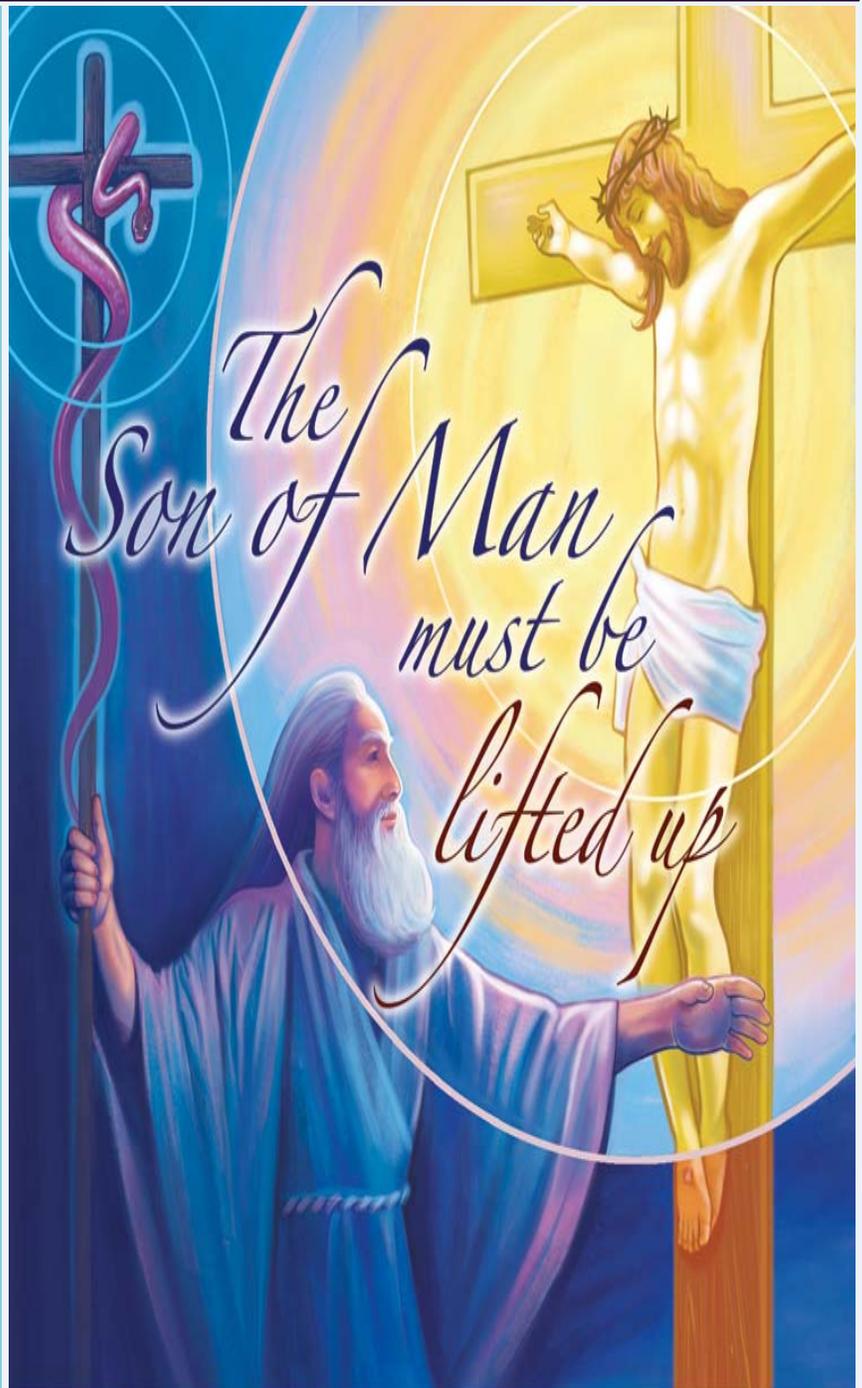
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes	7:15 am

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

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

Adoration/Adoración

Tuesday / Martes	After 7:15 am Mass until 5:30pm
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Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	03/10	5:30 pm	
Sun.	03/11	7:45 am	Richard Fassett (His Intentions)
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon.	03/12		NO MASS
Tues.	03/13	7:15 am	Rose Youngblood 
Wed.	03/14	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon 
Thurs.	03/15	7:15 am	Kenneth Larson 
Fri.	03/16	7:15 am	
Sat.	03/17	5:30 pm	William & Mary Grupa 
Sun	03/18	7:45 am	Pat Sailer (Birthday)
		10:45 am	Living & Deceased Miller and Goodwin Families
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	03/12	IS 65:17-21 JN 4:43-54
Tues	03/13	EZ 47:1-9, 12 JN 5:1-16
Wed	03/14	IS 49:8-15 JN 5:17-30
Thurs	03/15	EX 32:7-14 JN 5:31-47
Fri	03/16	WIS 2:1A, 12-22 JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	03/17	JER 11:18-20 JN 7:40-53
Sun	03/18	JER 31:31-34 HEB 5:7-9 JN 12:20-33



Regular Sunday Donations: \$12,742
St. Thomas Mission: \$2,366.58
Thank you for your continued parish support!

Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$15,476.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$23,566.00
Number of Participants	57
Under Goal	\$21,524.00



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Mary Ann Cook, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, Victor Espino, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Cecilia Leon, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez., Coby Meinzer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Jerry Moorer, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Nina Rozell, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kenny Sechelski, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Kevin 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, Nancy Winkler, Loretta McLaughlin



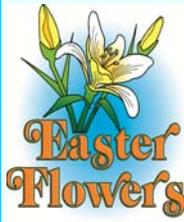
When / Cuando:
Sat., March 17, 10 a.m. /
Sabado, Marzo 17, 10 a.m.

Where / Donde:
St. Thomas Church Grounds /
Propiedad de Santo Tomas

Who / Quien: Children ages 10 and under /
Niños (as) de 10 años y menores

Bring your basket and join in the Easter Egg Hunting!
Traiga su canasta y acompañenos en la búsqueda de cascarones!

Sponsors:
St. Thomas Ladies / Mujeres de Santo Tomas



Easter Flowers will be purchased to decorate our church. You may make a donation for the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill in the information below and return to the office by Wednesday, March 28th. Offering is \$20.

_____ In honor of: _____ In memory of:

Donated by: _____

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The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on March 12, 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Any interested Catholic female at least 18 years of age is welcome to attend our meeting and "come check us out."



Queridos Padres / Guardianes;
NO K-6 CCE FORMACION DE FE CLASES: PROXIMO DOMINGO MARZO 18 VACACIONES DE PRIMAVERA, DOMINGO MARZO 25 DOMINGO DE RAMOS, Y DOMINGO 1RO DE ABRIL DOMINGO DE PASCUA
 k-6cce@saintthomashuntsville.org
 936 295-8159

Bazaar 2018 needs a chairman and co-chair. If you think you might be interested, please contact the parish office for further information.



We Need YOU to Serve at the Altar!

We need baptized children and youth who have received 1st Communion between 4th grade to 12th grade to be Altar Servers for the English Masses. The next training will be Monday, March 19th from 6-8 in the church.

English Baptism Sessions . . .
Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Bldg. Please register in the parish office prior to attending the session. Child's birth certificate should be presented at time of pre-registration.

Sesiones de preparación para el Bautismo . .
miercoles y jueves, 21 y 22 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de CCE. Por favor preinscríbese en la oficina de la parroquia antes de asistir las sesiones. El certificado de nacimiento debe presentarse antes de asistir las platicas.

CHURCH SECURITY INFORMATION

Following the church shootings last year near San Antonio the parish's Security Committee has begun to take steps to ensure the safety of all St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. The first step will be to restrict access to the church during liturgical services. Effective April 7th and 8th, 2018, once Mass has begun, all doors into the church will be locked from the inside with the exception of the double doors facing 16th Street. **Anyone arriving late for Mass will only be able to enter the church through the 16th Street doors. Parishioners will be able to exit the church through any of the locked doors as well as the doors facing 16th Street.** A panic bar will be installed on the wooden, double doors facing west similar to the panic bar on the glass door by the sacristy. These doors will allow exiting at any time simply by pushing the bar. Regarding the door by the baptismal font in the sanctuary, this door has a door knob lock that, when locked, allows exiting from the inside but does not allow entry from the outside.

Signs will be posted around the church building to remind parishioners of the locked doors.

The staff at St. Thomas the Apostle Church takes the safety and security of all the parishioners very seriously. We are confident that the steps taken at this time will minimize any problematic incidents.



What's Up in Edge—March 2018

- 4th(Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 5th (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
- 8th (Thursday) **Edge Night 6:00-7:30 Youth Bldg**
- 11th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 16th (Tuesday) Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8 Youth Ctr.
- 18th (Sunday) NO Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 19th (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
- 25th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall



4 youth Celebrated Communion Last Saturday
 Congratulations Wyatt, Lizbeth, Carlos and Alejandro

Today is Laetare Sunday

(Laetare is Latin for Rejoice)



Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow." Isaiah 66:10-11

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



3/2/18 STAY Youth lead the Stations of the Cross
 Stations of the Cross are held each Friday Night During Lent beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are Welcome :)



What's Up in Life Teen—March 2018

- 3/3 (Saturday) 1st Communion Mass 5:30 p.m.
- 3/4 (Sunday) Confirmation 2018 Class 9:05-10:20
- 3/5 (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
- 3/7 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30 –8:30
- 3/11 (Sunday) Homeschool 9:05-10:20
- 3/11 (Sunday) Discipleship Mission
- 3/14 Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
- 3/19 (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
- 3/21 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
- 3/28 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
- 3/29 (Thursday) Holy Thursday—Help with the liturgy
- 3/30 (Good Friday) Stations of the Cross/Divine Mercy

AYC (Archdiocesan Youth Conference)
July 20-22, 2018



St. Thomas Lenten Project
Community Fish Pond
Cost: \$2,500

When did we see you hungry and feed you?"

"A fish pond provides a steady source of protein, improving nutrition and health for a community. It also irrigates crops to give farms a boost, especially in times of drought. " CRS

"What you did to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me" Matthew 25'

Please help. Pick up a brown envelope at the back of the church. Place the amount of money it indicates inside the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection basket or bring to the church office.
 Watch the bulletin to keep track of the money raised to feed the poor.



Check out how much we raise for the fish pond here! **\$4,045.00**



Proyecto de Cuaresma de Santo Tomás
Estanque de peces de comunidad
Costo: \$2,500

"Cuándo te vimos hambriento y te alimentamos?"

"Un estanque de peces proporciona: Fuente constant de proteínas, mejorando la nutrición y la salud de la comunidad. También irriga los cultivos para impulsar los granjas, especialmente en tiempos de sequía. " CRS

"Lo que le hiciste al menos de mis hermanos y hermanas me lo hiciste a mí" Mateo 25'

Por favor ayude. Recoga un sobre marron en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Coloque la cantidad de dinero que indica dentro del sobre. Coloque el sobre en la colección del domingo o tráigalo a la oficina de la iglesia.
 Mire el boletín para mantener un registro del dinero recaudado para alimentar a los pobres.



Echa un vistazo a la cantidad realmente recaudada para el estanque de peces aquí.
\$4,045.00

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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NOT ENOUGH It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God. —St. Vincent de Paul

RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

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NO ES SUFICIENTE No es suficiente que yo ame a Dios, si mi prójimo no ama a Dios. —San Vicente de Paúl

Scholarships

Graduating High School Catholic Females

Are you planning to continue your education after high school? Great! The Catholic Daughters of the Americas right here at our parish have **two** scholarships available that may be used at any institution of higher education beyond high school. 1) Our CDA Scholarship is for \$500.00. 2) Our Kathy Miller Memorial Scholarship is contingent upon the amount of funds received for the scholarship and may be different from year-to-year. Requirements and the application process are very easy. Applications may be picked up beginning March 1st from Kathy Boscarino or in the main entry to our church. Deadline for application submissions will be May 15, 2018. Scholarship awards will be made at the annual High School Senior Breakfast.



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The St. Thomas Ladies organization is now accepting scholarship applications for the 18th Annual Frances Munn Scholarship. All graduating high school seniors from St. Thomas

the Apostle Parish are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the church office or from Kathy Boscarino. Please have your application completed and turned in no later than Friday, May 4, 2018.



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When/ Cuando:

March 17th and 18th after masses/
Marzo 17 después de misa

Where/ Dónde:

Parish Hall/ Salon de la Iglesia

For/ Para:

To help Stephany Cabrera raise money to be a Traveling Missionary this summer. All money goes to helping her on her journey in rebuilding chapels, homes, evangelizing today's teens and bringing the love of Christ to every person along the way! Come and Enjoy an amazing dessert! ///

Para ayudar a Stephany Cabrera a recaudar dinero para un viaje de Misionera este Verano. Todo lo que se recuade va a ayudarla en su viaje en la reconstrucción de capillas, hogares, y evangelizando a los adolescentes actuales y llevando el amor de Cristo a todas las personas en el camino. Vengan y disfruten de un postre increíble!

If interested in becoming a sponsor or sending prayer request please contact Stephany at/ /Si está interesado en convertirse en patrocinador o en enviar una solicitud de oración, póngase en contacto con Stephany:

SEC045@yahoo.com or 936-994-8173

*** Keep a look out this summer!! I will be sending updates to the bulletin from the road!!**

My Own Church Parish Census/Registration

My Own Church: 3 Simple Steps

1. Hit the Button
2. Create your Login
3. View and Update your Information

St. Thomas now has a new system called My Own Church for updating your family information.

Log-in at: <https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/galveston/>
St. Thomas Staff will approve your account and you'll be able to update your family information including names, addresses, phone numbers, emails.

You will be able to view the St. Thomas pictorial directory, upload your favorite family photo and choose whether you want that photo (or other information) visible to other members who have logged in - or you can keep some information private and only available to church administration.

Please remember to check out My Own Church soon! With your updated information, we will be able to contact you when we need to so you won't miss anything important.



Dear Parents / Guardians;

NO K-6 CCE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 18 SPRING BREAK, SUNDAY MARCH 25 PALM SUNDAY, AND SUNDAY APRIL 1ST EASTER SUNDAY

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Holy Gardeners

Saint Thomas' *Holy Gardeners* brave February's cold and damp weather. Looking forward to the fruits of their special touch—Beautiful Gardens!

St. Thomas' *Holy Gardeners* se enfrentan al frío y húmedo clima de febrero. Esperando los frutos de su trabajo—¡Hermosos jardines!

Thank You Holy Gardeners!

The Fire of Your Love by Will Olive

Last week, I spoke about the importance of Solidarity. This week, I will address the complimentary concept taught by the Catholic Church: **Subsidiarity**.

The story of the Wedding Feast at Cana provides a good introduction to subsidiarity. The waiters went to Mary with a problem; they had run out of wine. Mary couldn't do anything about it, so she took it to someone with a bit more power, Jesus. Jesus rebukes Mary because as a Man, he cannot take care of the problem. Mary then ignores Jesus and tells the waiters to do what he says. Jesus now takes the problem to his Father in Heaven and the good wine ran free (John 2:1-11).

Mary and Jesus were willing to help their fellow man and the first attempts to do so were done at the lowest level possible. They then continued to appeal to higher authorities until the problem could be resolved. The fact that we should help others (The Golden Rule, "Do unto others . . .") is upheld, but it is done so at the lowest level possible, which is what subsidiarity is all about.

The principle is, however, opposed to all forms of collectivism, believing that "neither the state nor any larger society should substitute itself for the initiative and responsibility of individuals and intermediary bodies" (CCC 1883-1894 & *Centesimus Annus*).

For instance, the right to teach our children should first come from the family. Not everyone can homeschool their children, so local neighbors should be allowed to create (private) schools. This still won't cover every student, so local government should create schools and that should suffice. There is no reason for the state to get involved when, families, neighbors and local government can take care of education. Nor should any government take away our right to educate our children at home or in private schools.

Pope John Paul II sums up all of these concepts when he wrote, "Legislators, leaders of business, industry and labor, educators and those working in the mass media, and families themselves, must all be encouraged to re-create a family-centered economy, based on principles of **subsidiarity** and **solidarity**. **True social justice passes by way of the family!**" (*Ecclesia in America*).