

# 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..."

## Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

March 25, 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.	03/24	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	03/25	7:45 am	Mary Anne Cook 
		10:45 am	Frank Gonzales 
		12:30 pm	
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon.	03/26		NO MASS
Tues.	03/27	7:15 am	Chris Milam (for healing)
Wed.	03/28	7:15 am	Donna Hebert 
Thurs.	03/29	7:00 pm	Veronica Antwi Family
Fri.	03/30	7:15 am	No Mass
Sat.	03/31	8:00 pm	Parishioners
Sun	04/01	7:45 am	Helen Malleske 
		10:45 am	Mabel Milliet (For birthday)
		12:30 pm	
		5:30 PM	NO Mass

## WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	03/26	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tues	03/27	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	03/28	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thurs	03/29	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri	03/30	Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16;5-7-9; Jn:18:1—19:42
Sat	03/31	Gn 1:1—2:2; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54: 5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sun	04/01	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

## Thought Provoking Statements

“When we experience loss or illness, we are confronted with a choice to either see it as an interruption or impediment to our comfortable lives or an invitation to go deeper into our relationship[ with God, cultivating a sense of compassion for others around us who also experience loss or illness.” *Compassion – Minute Meditations*

## Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$16,744.75
Total Amount Pledged	\$25,381.00
Number of Participants	67
Under Goal	\$20,255.25



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, Katie Everett, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Kevin Kretschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez,, Coby Meinzer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, 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



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 drop off or mail your completed application to the church office, attention St. Thomas Ladies. The completed applications are due no later than Friday, May 4,

## 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.



Newly elected council for the St Pio Fraternity (OFS) at St. Thomas. Left to right are: Jeanette Slaughter - Treasurer, Stephen Farlow - Minister, Carolyn Westmoreland - Secretary and Formation Director, Linda Skains - Vice Minister, Br. Juniper - OFM.

If you feel called to inquire into becoming a Secular Franciscan, contact Stephen Farlow at [sefarlowofs@gmail.com](mailto:sefarlowofs@gmail.com) or (936)355-1855 or contact Carolyn Westmoreland at [graciousliving210@att.net](mailto:graciousliving210@att.net) or (936)537-9680.

## INFORMACION DE SEGURIDAD DE LA IGLESIA

Después de los tiroteos de la iglesia el año pasado cerca de San Antonio, el Comité de Seguridad de la parroquia ha comenzado a tomar medidas para garantizar la seguridad de todos los feligreses de la Iglesia de Santo Tomás Apóstol. El primer paso será restringir el acceso a la Iglesia durante los servicios litúrgicos. A partir del 7 y 8 de abril del 2018, una vez que haya comenzado la misa, todas las puertas de la iglesia estarán cerradas desde adentro con la excepción de las puertas dobles que dan a la calle 16. **Cualquier persona que llegue tarde a misa solo podrá entrar a la iglesia a través de las puertas de la calle 16. Los feligreses podrán salir de la iglesia a través de cualquiera de las puertas cerradas, así como las puertas que dan a la calle 16.** Se instalará una barra antipánico en las puertas dobles de madera orientadas hacia el oeste, similar a la barra antipánico en la puerta de vidrio junto a la sacristía. Estas puertas permitirán salir en cualquier momento simplemente presionando la barra. En cuanto a la puerta por la fuente bautismal en el santuario, esta puerta tiene un bloqueo del botón de la puerta que, cuando está bloqueado, permite salir desde el interior, pero no permite la entrada desde el exterior.

**Se colocarán letreros alrededor del edificio de la iglesia para recordar a los feligreses las puertas cerradas.**

El personal de la Iglesia Santo Tomás Apóstol toma muy en serio la seguridad de todos los feligreses. Estamos seguros de que los pasos tomados en este momento minimizarán cualquier incidente problemático.

### **Forgiven & Set Free - A Project Rachel Bible Study**

The Archdiocese will offer **Forgiven & Set Free**, a 10-week Bible Study for those seeking healing after an abortion experience. The first session begins on Monday, April 9. Group meetings will take place at a parish in central Houston. Those interested in attending or receiving more information can call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or email [jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org) or click here. There is no cost to attend.

The Office of Pro-Life Activities also offers other opportunities for healing after abortion. Interested individuals can attend one or all events depending on need and preference. For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or email [jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org).





### 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)	<b>Edge Night 6:00-7:30</b>	<b>Youth Bldg</b>
11th (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
16th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr.
18th (Sunday)	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

### How is Your Lent

Is Lent passing by with not much notice. Lent is a special time when we purposefully do act of Pray, Sacrifice and Almsgiving in order to draw closer to Christ. If you are feeling discouraged, Lent isn't over yet. Choose one of these activities and do them each day for a week:

Pray scripture each day. (Use the daily readings—bulletin)	Go to daily Mass	Go to Adoration and Confession on Tuesday
Consume only water between meals each day.	Take only cold showers or sleep on the floor.	Read a spiritual book. Try: "7 Secrets of Confession"
Turn off all distractions for an hour and make it a <i>Holy Hour</i> .	Take a walk with your spouse each day— <b>hold hands</b>	Pray the <u>Our Father</u> , <u>Hail Mary</u> and the <u>Glory Be</u> <b>as a family</b> .

## 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



A new look for the potted plants in front of the Children's Education Building. Thanks goes to Antonio, Tania and Benjamin from STAY Youth



### 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

Sign Up Now! Don't Miss It!



*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! **\$7,360.00**



*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 mi" 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.  
**\$7,360.00**



**Holy Thursday/ Jueves Santo**

7:00 pm Mass/ Misa (Bilingual)

9:00-10:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

**Good Friday/ Viernes Santo**

11:00 a.m. Live Stations of the Cross (Spanish)  
 Via Cruces en Vivo

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)  
 Via Cruces (Ingles)

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy (English)  
 Divina Misericordia (ingles)

5:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross (Bilingual)  
 Veneración de la Santa Cruz

**Holy Saturday/ Sabado De Gloria**

NO 5:30 P.M. MASS

Easter Vigil MASS 8:00 P.M. (English )

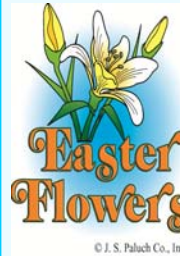
**EASTER SUNDAY/ DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

7:45 A.M Mass (English)

10:45 A.M. Mass (English)

12:30 P.M. Mass (Spanish)

NO 5:30 P.M. Mass



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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **In memory of:**  
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**Donated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Registro Parroquial De Mi Propia Iglesia

### Mi Propia Iglesia: 3 Pasos Simples

1. presiona el botón
2. crear tu cuenta
3. Ver y actualizar su información

Santo Tomás ahora tiene un nuevo sistema llamado My Own Church para actualizar su información familiar.

iniciar en: <https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/galveston/>

El personal de Santo Tomás aprobará su cuenta y podrá actualizar su información familiar, incluidos nombres, direcciones, números de teléfono y correos electrónicos.

Podrá ver el directorio ilustrado de Santo Tomás, cargar su foto familiar favorita (u otra información) visible para otros miembros que hayan iniciado sesión, o puede mantener cierta información privada y solo disponible para la administración de la iglesia.

¡Por favor, recuerde revisar My Own Church pronto! Con su información actualizada, podremos contactarlo cuando lo necesitemos para que no se pierda nada importante.

## 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.

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection . . .** Pope Francis has asked that we support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

**OFFICE MEMO:** The parish office will be closed from Holy Thursday at noon thru Easter Monday.

### Catholic Family Night at the Astros

**Friday, April 27 – 7:10 p.m. . . . Astros vs. Athletics**

\*Individual Tickets will be on sale in March\* For groups of 20 or more, contact Hannah Walker at 713-259-8857 or email [hwalker@astros.com](mailto:hwalker@astros.com) Questions? Call Hannah Walker at 713-259-8857 or email [hwalker@astros.com](mailto:hwalker@astros.com) A portion of the proceeds benefits: Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



*-There are many who say they want to be happy, but they refuse to want that which will bring them happiness. – Fulton J. Sheen*

## *The Fire of Your Love*

by Will Olive

Last week I addressed the first precept of The Church. Precepts are the laws of The Church that every Catholic must follow to remain in good standing with The Church. The first precept was to attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, and to refrain from working on those days.

The second precept of The Church is "to **confess one's sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year.**"

We must go to confession at least once a year, but remember, that is the minimum. We really should go far more often. If a Catholic only goes once a year, they are highly encouraged to make that confession during the season of Lent. So, now is the right time to go to Confession if you have not been in a year.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not just about confessing your sins to the priest and having them forgiven. The real reason for the sacrament is that through that forgiveness we can be healed. I know it can be a hard sacrament to embrace. I have a hard time embracing it. But, like many things in life, once we show up and attend, we actually find it to be more enjoyable than we ever thought it would be. Yes, reconciliation can be enjoyable, after all, at least for a short period of time, we are back to enjoying God's grace.

The authority for the sacrament is derived from Jesus when he heals the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 9:1-8). Some of the scribes were watching and Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk?'" Then just to show him he can do both, he told the paralytic to rise and walk, and he rose and walked!

The sacrament was then handed down to the disciples after Jesus was resurrected. When he appeared before them, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).