

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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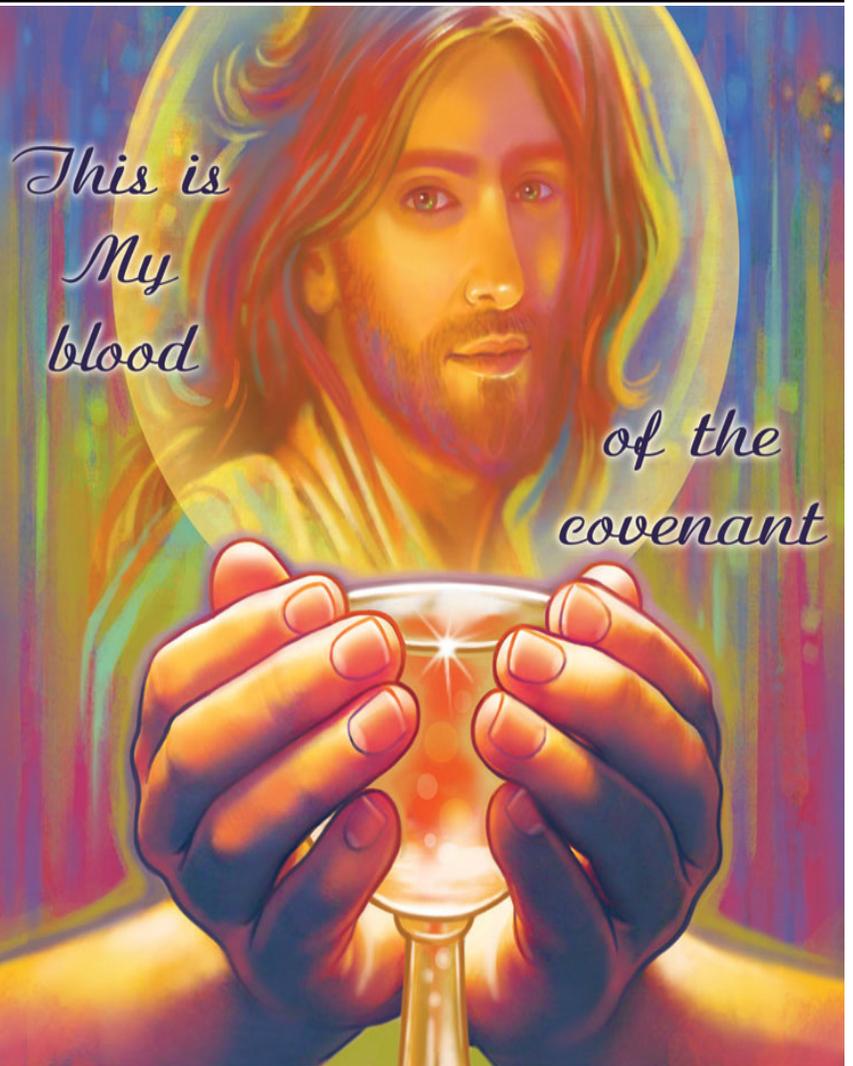
"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 3, 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



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Mass Schedules

Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish
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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*The flowers beside the
 Blessed Sacrament are in
 thanksgiving on their
 60th Wedding Anniversary
 By
 Bernard & Theresa Bashinski*

Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	06/02	5:30 pm	Alison Duesing	
Sun	06/03	7:45 am	Bernard & Theresa Bashinski (60th Anniversary)	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Ramon Bravo Gallardo	
Mon.	06/04		NO Mass	
Tues.	06/05	7:15 am	Lisa Miller (For birthday)	
Wed.	06/06	7:15 am	Donna Hebert	
Thurs.	06/07	7:15 am	Davia Amberly Rodrigues (Birthday)	
Fri.	06/08	7:15 am		
Sat.	06/09	5:30 pm		
Sun	06/10	7:45 am	Damian's Mom	
		10:45 am		
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	06/04	2PT 1:2-7 MK 12:1-12
Tues	06/05	2PT 3:12-15a MK 12:13-17
Wed	06/06	2TM 1:1-3, 6-12 MK 12:18-27
Thurs	06/07	2TM 2:8-15 MK 12:28-34
Fri	06/08	HOS 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; EPH 3:8-12; 14-19; JN 19:31-37
Sat	06/09	2TM 4:1-8 LK 2:41-51
Sun	06/10	GN 3: 9-15 2 COR 4: 13—5:1 MK 3: 20-35



May 26 & 27

Regular Sunday Donations: \$4,964.64
Thank you for your continued support!

Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$36,509.42
Total Amount Pledged	\$47,844.00
Number of Participants	120
Under Goal	\$398.70



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Gary Coker, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, , Ray DuPree, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Sylvia Hogenmiller,, Billie Jenkins, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Ezra Perrone, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Nina Rozell, Andrea Scheel, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, John Paul Sorrell, David Stoltz, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Bob Williams, Nancy Winkler

Thought Provoking Statements . . .

“Our actions may never make headlines. Not all of us are called to have the opportunity to be heroes in a dramatic way. But every time we make the hard right choice or extend ourselves in some life-giving way, we are helping to save the world.” –
Franciscan Media



Splash Canyon VBS 2018

VBS Packed with Thrills & Spills
Coming this Summer June 11-15

VBS is a 1 week summer camp to educate and encourage children in the faith and to involve children in serving others through their faith. Activities include supervising kids, preparing the snacks, acting in skits. There is always a need for both adult and high school-aged volunteers.

All Are Welcome!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Heads up to all Parish Ministries!

The Parish Pastoral Council will be holding a Council of Ministries meeting on this **Wednesday, June 6** at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Please make preparations to attend this important meeting. Father Fred expects all parish ministries to be represented either by its' chairperson or designee. The upcoming capital campaign will be the focus of our discussions.

Any questions can be directed to Richard Zajac at rjz1952@gmail.com.

Thought Provoking Statement . . . "Realize it, my brethren; — everyone who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; . . . God sees every one of us; He creates every soul, He lodges it in the body, one by one, for a purpose. He needs, He deigns to need, every one of us. He has an end for each of us; we are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also." — Blessed John Henry Newman

English Baptism Sessions This Tuesday, June 5th, 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Bldg. Pre-registration at the parish office prior to attending the session is required. Child's birth certificate should be presented at time of pre-registration.

OFFICE MEMO Mass intentions for the months of July thru December, 2018 may now be scheduled. We will appreciate it if you schedule intentions at the parish office and not by phone. Thank you for your assistance.

Catholic Young Adult Ministry

North Houston Monthly Meetups

June 30, 2018

Board Game Social (4:00 pm –6:00 pm)
St. Max 10135 West Rd
Houston, TX 77064-5361

July 24, 2018

Church Tour (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
Christ the Redeemer
11507 Huffmeister Rd
Houston, TX 77065-1051

More Info: www.archgh.org/NHYAM

Café Catholica 2018: Rooted in Love

Attention Young Adults (18-30's)

Join 700 fellow young Catholics for dinner and great talks! Café Catholica "*The Voice of Christ: Rooted in Love*" is a dinner-lecture series for young adults, featuring dynamic speakers. The Cafe is held over four Mondays in July at St. Michael Catholic Church (1801 Sage Rd. Houston TX 77056). 5:15 p.m. Confessions, 6:15 p.m. Mass, 7:15 p.m. dinner, 8:15 p.m. speaker, table exhibits, and socializing. Come for all or part of the evening.

July 9: Mike Gormley . . *How to pray, what to say and when to shut up*

July 16: Mary Caprio . . *Embracing Authentic Love*

July 23: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo . . *The Good News*

July 30: Rev. Sean Kilcawley . . (Integrity Restored)
Tilling the Rocky Soil-Overcoming obstacles to love

Free event. Donations are appreciated. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry. For more information, visit archgh.org/cafecatholica or call 713-741-8778. For the flyer click [here](#).



The Feast Day of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Pope Francis declared the 1st Monday after Pentecost to be a feast day of the “Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.” In John 19:26-27, Jesus entrusted his Mother to his beloved disciple and his beloved disciple to his Mother, In doing so, He established Mary as the Mother of the Church and our Mother.

In 1964, Blessed Paul VI, formally bestowed this title to the Blessed Virgin. This mosaic, found on the Apostolic Palace of St. Peter’s Square, (pictured right) is a memorial of Mary’s protection of Pope John Paul II .It was on May 13, 1981 that the Blessed Virgin Mary was in St. Peters Square and protected Pope John Paul II during the assassination attempt on his life.

Mary, Mother of God...Pray for Us.



**Mater Ecclesiae
Mary, Mother of the Church**

Picture: Vaticano_Mater_Ecclesiae Johannes Joas; cropped & shifted by Rabanus Flavus - File:.JPG

S.T.A.Y. Ministry Youth 7th -12th Grade

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

What’s Up in Life Teen—Summer 2018

- 5/30 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
- 6/06 Visit to raised garden/plant pumpkins
- 6/13 No STAY Youth Night
- 6/20 Visit to raised garden
- 6/27 STAY Youth Night
- 7/04 No STAY Youth Night
- 7/11 Prepare meal for GSM/ Raised Garden
- 7/13-7/15 Confirmation Retreat
- 7/18 STAY Youth Night
- 7/20-7/22 AYC
- 7/25 Visit to Raised Garden

**Confirmation Retreat 7/13-7/15
Registration Forms due by 5/31/2018**



STAY News

STAY Youth have adopted a raised vegetable garden for the Good Shepherd Mission. Their goal is to provide fresh vegetables to those in need who look to the Mission for food. Their 1st step will be to prepare the soil, then grow seedlings to plant for a fall garden. Other activities include preparing and serving a meal at the Good Shepherd Mission, building community and sharing our faith. **Come Join Us!**

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 the weekend, 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.

Dominican Sisters Summer Camp 2018

GIRLS 5th – 8th grade: For SUMMER ADVENTURES, join in the fun and games at Dominican Sisters Summer Camp 2018, July 1 - July 7, at Camp Kappe. Activities: Archery, Wood Crafts, Singing, Sewing, Arts and Crafts, and more. For further information contact: Sr. Thomas Ann, OP, at 281-684-8011, or go online to www.domhou.org and follow the links under "Ministries" to download a brochure.

Explore Retreat June 5-7, 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's Seminary. This retreat is for high school boys ages 15-18. This is a specific retreat to set time aside to explore seminary life and learn about the call to holiness and priesthood. The retreat will consist of music, games, food, faith sharing, fellowship, outdoor activities, creative prayer experiences and much more. Explore will be facilitated by seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. In the application, we ask that the applicant be approved by the parish priest or youth minister. Limit of four participants per parish (Space limited). Cost is \$80 per participant. Spots are limited. Preregistration, forms, and material at www.houstonvocations.com/explore-retreat

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 de el fin de semana 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.

Stewardship Reflections . . . Feast of Corpus Christi

That, through the Eucharist, we find the nourishment and strength to live as good Christian stewards. "Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:23 Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

Reflexiones de Mayordomía . . . Fiesta del Corpus Christi . . .

Para que, a través de la Eucaristía, encontremos la nutrición y la fuerza para vivir como buenos mayordomos cristianos. "Entonces tomó una copa, dio gracias, y se la dio a ellos, y todos bebieron de ella". - Marcos 14:23 Jesús, el mayordomo perfecto, dio gracias, justo antes de entregarse a nosotros por completo para nuestra salvación. Él nos ofrece la oportunidad de beber de su copa. En la Eucaristía nos encontramos personalmente con Cristo y, si lo escuchamos, sabemos lo que significa beber de su copa, nuestro propio sacrificio, sacrificando parte de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro para hacer su obra en la tierra.

The Fire of Your Love: I Want to Hold Your Hand

By
Will Oliver

I recently received my second parishioner submitted question for this column: What does The Church say about holding hands during the Our Father?

Once again, it appears the query leads to a very controversial topic within The Church, for which there are many views. When looking at Church doctrine, however, it does not specify, so, as a result, it seems there are two camps in how to answer the question.

Let's first look at the various resources in The Church that would answer this question. These would be the *General Instructions of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), several instructional documents such as *Instruction on Certain Norms Concerning the Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery* (1980), and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Referring to the GIRM, the USCCB concludes, "No position is prescribed in the *Roman Missal* for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." Simply put, it is not mandated by The Church.

However, this has led to two camps of thinking. The first camp believes that because it is not proscribed by The Church, it is therefore acceptable to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer. The second camp argues that because The Church has not specifically prescribed the holding of hands, then it would be improper to do so. The problem with people dividing into these two camps, however, is that, regardless of what is said or argued, they are both right (or conversely, neither is wrong).

With that said, however, there are a few things that should be considered when holding hands during the Lord's Prayer. The first, based on the same Church doctrine related to giving the "sign of peace," the holding of hands should be limited to those immediately around us, and we should not move from our position of worship. I have been to some Catholic Churches where people spread into the aisles and the goal of the assembly was clearly to make sure every person in the assembly was holding hands. The second thing to remember is that because it is not mandatory, no one should force anyone to hold hands if they do not feel comfortable doing so. I have also been to some Catholic Churches where when I did not take the person's hand next to me, they were clearly disgruntled with my behavior and one even told me so. I thought that was ironic because pretty quickly after we all recited "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." And, finally, the GIRM and other documents are pretty firm that the priest cannot invite people up to the altar to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer or mandate the holding of hands. I also attended a Catholic Church (once) that did just that.

So, bottom line, there is nothing that mandates or prohibits the holding of hands, but if done, it should be done (or not done) with the utmost respect to those around us at mass.

PRECIOUS BLOOD On this solemnity we focus our attention on the Body and Blood of Christ. We listen to the story of the renewal of the old covenant, which Moses sealed by splashing the blood of animals on the altar of sacrifice, as well as on the people. Jesus, whose blood is the blood of the new covenant, shed that precious blood on the cross, saving us from sin and promising us everlasting life. Blood is the life source that courses through our bodies. The precious blood of Christ is the life source for our spirits. Today may we, like the psalmist, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, whose Body and Blood strengthen us to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.

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PRECIOSA SANGRE En esta solemnidad centramos nuestra atención al Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Escuchamos el relato de renovación de la antigua alianza, la cual Moisés selló rociando la sangre de animales en el altar de sacrificio, así como en las personas. Jesús, cuya sangre es la sangre de la nueva alianza, derramó esa preciosa sangre en la cruz para salvarnos del pecado y prometernos la vida eterna. La sangre es la fuente de vida que fluye por nuestro cuerpo. La preciosa sangre de Cristo es la fuente de vida de nuestro espíritu. Que hoy, como el salmista, ofrezcamos un sacrificio de agradecimiento al Señor, cuyo cuerpo y sangre nos fortalecen para llevar la Buena Nueva a todos los que conocemos.

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My Own Church Parish

To Register yourself or update your family information go to <https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
If you have any questions please contact Kathy Boscarino by email at kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org

Mi Propia Iglesia

Para registrarse o actualizar su información familiar vaya a <https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
Si tiene alguna pregunta, contáctese con Kathy Boscarino por correo electrónico kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org

Life Awareness Weekend

Christian Renewal Center . . . July 27-29, 5:00 p.m.

Come and join other single men and women of faith, ages 18-45, who are searching and discerning God's call in their lives. Life Awareness is a weekend retreat of prayer, silent reflection, presentations, group discussions, and sharing on one-on-one encounters and guidance from priests and religious sisters and brothers, as you learn more about priesthood and religious life. This retreat is designed to help young adults to learn and explore the vocations of priesthood and consecrated life, to search deeply for the guidance, and to grow in courage to do the will of God. It will provide the time, environment, and opportunity to clarify one's calling without any pressure of commitment. Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, Tx. Cost: Free (Donations accepted) Short interview required. Forms available at <http://www.houstonvocations.com/life-awareness/>

Retiro Vengan y Vean

Holy Name Retreat Center . . . Julio 6-8, 5:00 p.m.

El retiro Vengan y Vean es un retiro para jóvenes de discernimiento vocacional a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa. **Es para hombres y mujeres solteros de 18 a 35 años de edad** que tengan la inquietud y deseen aprender sobre la vida sacerdotal y religiosa. Habrá oración, reflexión en silencio, presentaciones, conversaciones en grupo y uno-a-uno con sacerdotes y religiosas de diferentes comunidades quienes estarán brindando su apoyo y experiencia durante el retiro. Holy Name Retreat Center, Houston, TX 77024) Entrada Gratis (se aceptan donaciones). Fecha Límite: 3 de julio. Detalles, requisitos y forma de inscripción en www.houstonvocations.com/vengan-y-vean. Informes: (713)652-8239.