

# 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 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 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

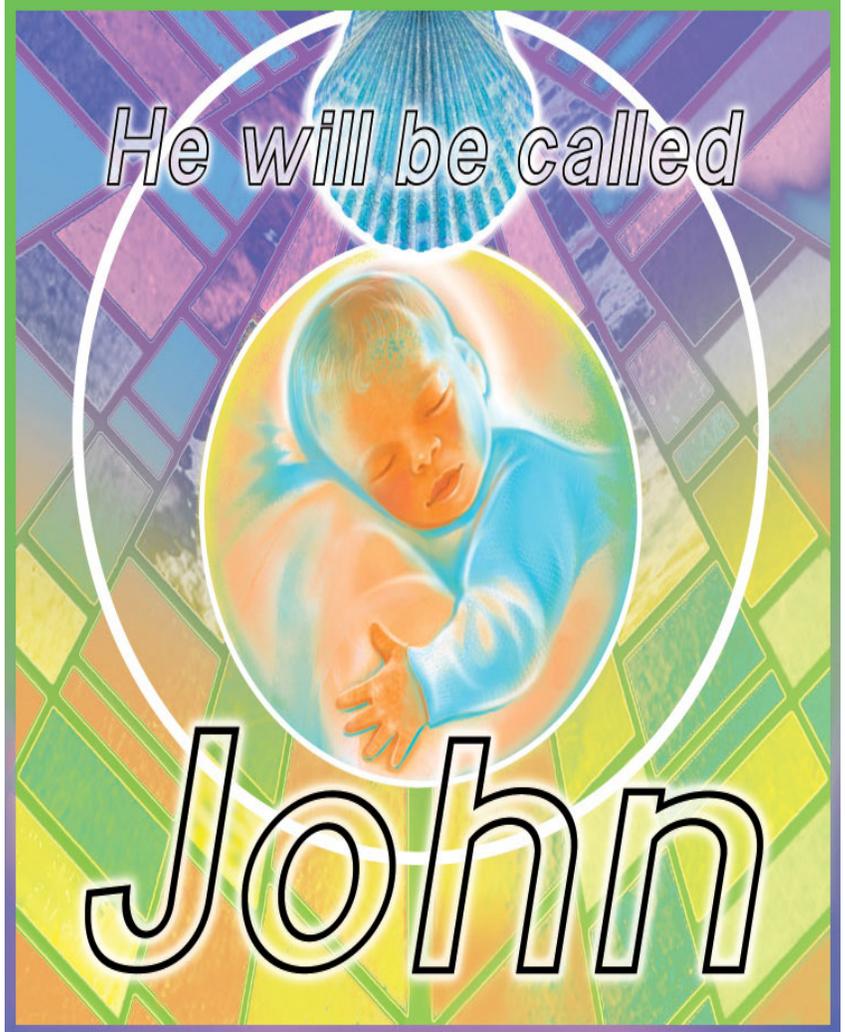
<b>Saturday/ Sabado</b>	<b>5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Sunday/ Domingo</b>	<b>7:45 am English</b> <b>10:45 am English</b> <b>12:30 pm Spanish</b>
<b>Monday/ Lunes</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>

### Reconciliation / Reconciliación

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

### Adoration/Adoración

<b>Tuesday / Martes</b>	<b>After 7:15 am Mass until 5:30pm</b>
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*The flowers beside the  
 Blessed Sacrament are in  
 Loving memory of  
 Bob Massey  
 By  
 The Massey Family*

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	06/23	5:30 pm	Bob & Charles Massey	
Sun	06/24	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr.	
		10:45 am	Phyllis Bilnoski	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
Mon.	06/25		NO Mass	
Tues.	06/26	7:15 am	Autumn Daniella Rodrigues (Birthday)	
Wed.	06/27	7:15 am	Jerry Brauneis (Birthday)	
Thurs.	06/28	7:15 am		
Fri.	06/29	7:15 am	Don Fellers	
Sat.	06/30	5:30 pm	Isidro & Maria Tovar (29th Anniversary)	
Sun	07/01	7:45 am	Parishioners	
		10:45 am	Jean Cerkovnik	
		12:30 pm		

## WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	06/25	2Kgs.17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt.7:1-5
Tues	06/26	2Kgs.19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt.7: 6, 12-14
Wed	06/27	2Kgs 22: 8-13; 23:1-3 Mt.7: 15-20
Thurs	06/28	2Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7: 21-29
Fri	06/29	Acts 12:1-11; 2Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Sat	06/30	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt.8: 5-17
Sun	07/01	Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24 2Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43



June 16 & 17

**Regular Sunday Donations: \$7,014.15**

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$38,352.92</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$48,785.00</b>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Over Goal</b>	<b>\$1,352.92</b>



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Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gwynetta Baker, 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, Floyd Grupa, 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 Peronne, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Bob Riley, 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

**“What causes us to complain that God has lost interest in us often depends on our strange ability to close our ears to His work, to shut our eyes to His enticing beauty, to padlock the entrance to our hearts so we cannot receive His love.**

*– Staying Faithful Today*



# Picnic

## Save the Date

Sunday, July 1st  
Parish Family Picnic

2:00—5:00 p.m.

celebrating the  
Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle

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## Guarde la Fecha

Domingo, julio 1  
Picnic Familiar

2:00—5:00 p.m.

Celebrando el Dia Festivo De Santo Tomas



### OFFICE MEMO:

Repairs will be done to the parking area next to the church this week. Morning Mass will be held in the CCE Building.

**NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and  
NO Confessions on Tuesday**

### Life Awareness Weekend Christian Renewal Center July 27-29, 5:00p.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/>

## “Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios” . . . Programa de Virtus

**Cuando:** 29 de Junio  
**Horario:** 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
**Donde:** Salon Parroquial  
**Inscribirse en:** [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

- NO SE PERMITEN NINOS O PERSONAS QUE NO ESTAN REGISTRADA.
- NO SE PERMITE LLEGAR TARDE, LAS PUERTAS SE CIERRAN A LAS 6:00 P.M.

Este programa esta ofrecido especialmente para todas las personas que están asistiendo el Grupo de Oracion. Fr Fred requiere que todas los miembros asistan este programa.

Se requiere que todos (mayores de 18 años) que tienen contacto regular con los niños y jóvenes asistan al entrenamiento.

Todos los asistentes deben presentar uno de los siguientes documentos vigentes como identificación: licencia de conducir emitida por cualquier estado de los Estados Unidos, tarjeta de identificación emitida por cualquier estado de los Estados Unidos, Pasaporte de cualquier pais, Matricula Consular Mexicana o ID del Consulado de Guatemala. Su nombre completo y fecha de nacimiento deben coincidir con su pre-inscripción en VIRTUS.

Para inscribirse visite [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

**The Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis.** Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

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**La Colecta Peter's Pence, una colecta a nivel mundial que financia las obras de caridad del papa Francisco.** Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan a las víctimas de guerra, opresión y desastres naturales. Tomen esta oportunidad para unirse al papa Francisco y sean testigos de la caridad para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para más información, visiten [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).



## Sneak Peek

Lifeteen 2018/2019

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## Lifeteen 2018/2019

In planning the 2018/2019 High School events, we have placed in the forefront of our minds the fact that we learn through lived experiences. The fact is our faith comes alive when we are alive in our faith. Many of these events are on the church calendar. We will serve at the Confirmation Mass; be present at Life Chain the silent protest supporting the lives of the unborn; and we will hold a food drive for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Projects in a active manner

*Our faith comes  
alive when we are*

Some of the events are new to us and new to St. Thomas. We will learn about the Incarnation through a Live Nativity; Awaken our minds and hearts to those who work for the betterment of others through a MLK Pilgrimage; and experience empathy as we journey through the live Stations of the Cross through Mary's eyes.

Other events include a May Crowning of our Blessed Mother which all children of the parish will be invited to participate. **Come Join Us !**

## S.T.A.Y. Ministry

### Youth 7th -12th Grade

Contact/Contacto:

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 (936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

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**



## Jubilee Mass for 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary

The 2018 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their **Silver (25th) Anniversary** of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on **Sunday, September 16, 2018** at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm . **Deadline for registration is August 24, 2018. Please be aware that if you register after August 15, 2018 you may not receive the signed recognition on the day of the ceremony.**

The 2018 **Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass** honoring couples celebrating their Anniversary of marriage in The Catholic Church will be held on **Sunday, October 21st. The deadline to register is September 30.**

Soon after, the archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministry will send registered couples an electronic message with detailed information about their participation in the Jubilee Mass.

**Registration will not be processed if the information about the Catholic Wedding cannot be verified.** The suggested donation of \$25 dollars is encouraged, that amount will enable us to cover expenses.

**Reserved seating will be limited for both Masses.** Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of six family members or friends to the Mass. **Couples that register after the deadline will not receive a prepared WAJ packet, or a signed recognition.** The packet and recognition will be mailed to your home after verification of your sacramental marriage is confirmed.

**Please register online at [www.archgh.org/wedding-anniversary-jubilee](http://www.archgh.org/wedding-anniversary-jubilee). Any question or comment is very welcome at (713) 391-2631.**

### 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](http://www.houstonvocations.com/vengan-y-vean). Informes: (713)652-8239.

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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### JUAN EL BAUTISTA

Ya que el 24 de junio de este año cae en domingo, la Iglesia tiene la oportunidad para una celebración más vibrante del nacimiento de Juan el Bautista, a quien se le describe como el último de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento y también como el puente entre el judaísmo y el cristianismo. Comúnmente a Juan se le conoce como el “precursor” de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Todos los evangelios narran el mensaje básico de Juan: Arrepiéntanse, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Uno más grande que yo está cerca.

Aunque él era un predicador itinerante, vestido con piel de camello, que comía saltamontes; el legado de Juan es uno de verdadera realeza. Sus orígenes son parecidos a aquellos anunciados por Dios por medio del profeta Isaías “Tú eres mi siervo, Israel; en ti manifestaré mi gloria”. La humildad de Juan, “Yo no soy él”, fue superada por la de su Señor Jesús, el siervo humilde a quien siguió. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**-Finding your calling in life ultimately comes down to finding the answer to the question, “How can I help?”**

**- Geekpriest**

## The Fire of Your Love: The Encyclical

By Will Oliver

The 1960s saw the confluence of many social, political, and economic issues, but when it came to the subject of life, it was the confluence of the sexual revolution and the release of the Papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* that pitted two world views against one another. The sexual revolution voiced a false belief that the revolution would liberate people, especially women, but it hid its destructive nature from view; namely the destruction it causes both people and society.

*Humanae Vitae* was released on July 25, 1968—ironically, in the year of protests—and was believed by those involved in the sexual revolution to have created a new theology in the Church, especially in regard to contraceptives. The encyclical was indeed written in response to the sexual revolution, but it did not create a new theology. Rather, it coalesced all of the past teachings of the Church in this area. The idea that *Humanae Vitae* was offering a "new" stance on contraceptives was unfounded because Pope Pius XI authored an encyclical dated December 31, 1930, that addressed this very issue (*Casti Connubii* – "On Christian Marriage"). Still, this reiteration of the Church's tradition on contraceptives was not what many people wanted to hear, so they fought against it, including many within the Church. *Humanae Vitae*, the document on the Catholic teachings on life, had become controversial.

If the transmission of human life is controversial, then God is controversial. After all, the Bible says quite plainly, "Male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). And, after God blessed Adam and Eve, he told them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). Yet even those who wish to remove God from the equation must realize that if we simply look to nature, any decent biologist will tell you, the entire purpose of any species is simply to be born, to reproduce, and then die. In other words, in order for all species, including man, to survive, we must remain open to the transmission of human life; we must continue to "be fruitful and multiply."

However, because we ARE Catholic, we know that God IS the equation, the equation of life. This is why *Humane Vitae* opens with a most succinct preamble: "The transmission of human life is a most serious role in which married people collaborate freely and responsibly with God the Creator. It has always been a source of great joy to them, even though it sometimes entails many difficulties and hardships" (*Humanae Vitae* 1).

I can think of nothing harder, or more rewarding, than parenthood. Because it is hard, God knows, and the Church teaches, that marriage is between a man and a woman, that both should become one through the sacrament, and only after the bonds of holy matrimony are made should the transmission of life take place. This is God's will for us, and everything from common sense to modern research tells us this is the best for not only individuals (especially the babies!), it is best for our society.

### 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.

**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

Come for all or part of the evening. Free event. Donations are appreciated. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry. For more information, visit [archgh.org/cafecatholica](http://archgh.org/cafecatholica) or call 713-741-8778.

## 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

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### CHURCH SECURITY INFORMATION

Following the church shootings last year near San Antonio the parish's Security Committee has taken steps ensure the safety of all St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. The first step restricts access to the church during liturgical services. 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. 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.

## 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

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### 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 tomo medidas para garantizar la seguridad de los feligreses de Santo Tomás. El primer paso fue de restringir el acceso a la Iglesia durante los servicios litúrgicos. Cuando haya comenzado la misa, **todas las puertas de la iglesia estarán cerradas** de adentro con la excepción de las puertas dobles que dan a la calle 16. **Personas que lleguen tarde a misa solo podrá entrar a través de las puertas de la calle 16. Los feligreses podrán salir a través de cualquiera de las puertas cerradas. Se colocarán letreros alrededor del edificio de la iglesia para recordar a los feligreses de las puertas cerradas.** El personal de la Iglesia Santo Tomás toma muy en serio la seguridad de todos los feligreses. Estamos seguros de que los pasos tomados minimizarán incidentes problemáticos.