

# 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 27, 2019*

## 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

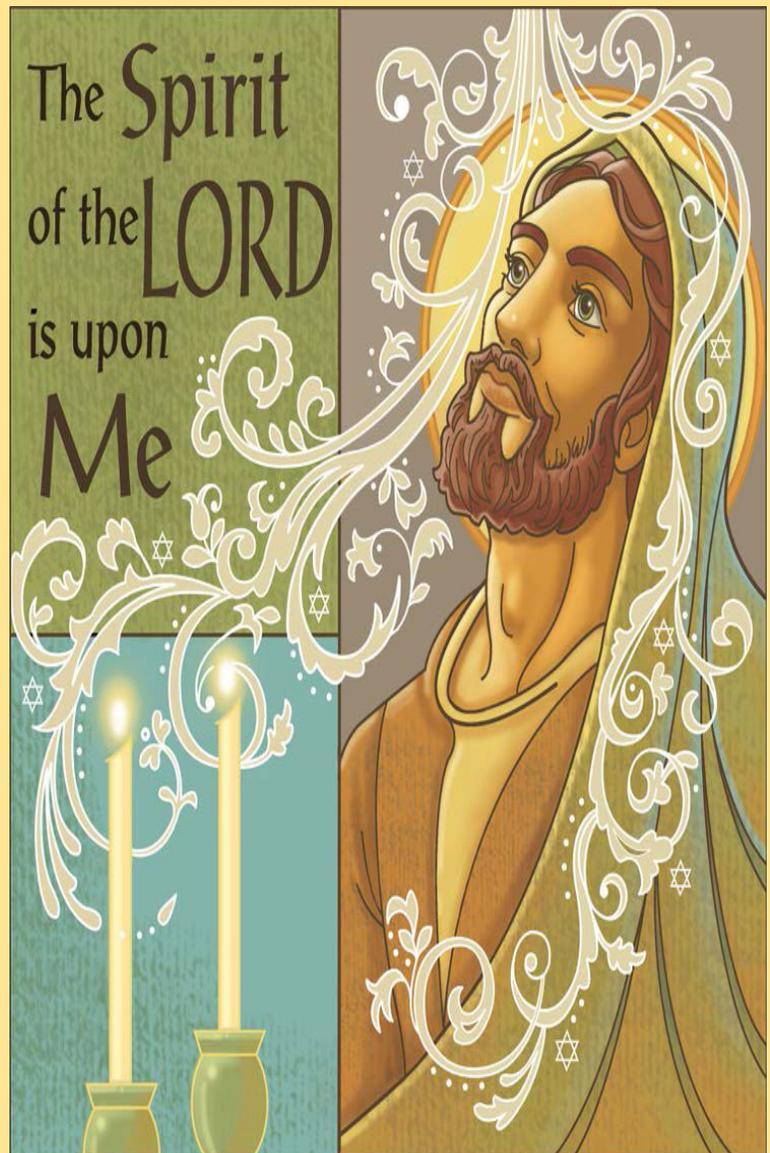
<b>Saturday/ Sabado</b>	<b>5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Sunday/ Domingo</b>	<b>7:45 am English</b> <b>10:45 am English</b> <b>12:30 pm Spanish</b> <b>5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Monday/ Lunes</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>

### 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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## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	01/26	5:30 pm	Brad Bachmann	
Sun.	01/27	7:45 am	Don & Emily Gallegos	
		10:45 am	Dennis & Estelle Huff (Special intention)	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		5:30 pm	CSC	
Mon.	01/28		No Mass	
Tues.	01/29	7:15 am	Ken Larson	
Wed	01/30	7:15 am	Ellis Milam	
Thurs.	01/31	7:15 am	Rev. Frank Fabj	
Fri.	02/01	7:15 am	Manfred Gross (Special Int.)	
Sat.	02/02	7:15 am	Parishioners	
Sun.	02/03	7:45 am	Charlene Wright (Special Int)	
		10:45 am	John Clausen	
		12:30 pm	José & Maria Mortero	
		5:30 pm	CSC	

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;

**Saturday:** Mal 3:11-4; Heb.2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1Cor12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

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

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$48,857.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$52,907.00</b>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Over Goal</b>	<b>\$11,857.00</b>

### Our gratefulness to God weekly offering

**January 19 & 20**  
**Regular Sunday Donations: \$6,372.29**

*Thank you  
for your continued support!*



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gwynetta Baker, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Linda Buckley, Phillip Caito, Gary Coker, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, Ray DuPree, David Duesing, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Tino Gonzalez, Floyd Grupa, Sylvia Hogenmiller, Billie Jenkins, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Geno Mancuso, Don Marcotte, Lisa Miller, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Martin Moreno, Lourdes Mosqueda, Frank O'Donnell, Brenda Piñeda, Marty Reeder, Bob Riley, Nina Rozell, Andrea Scheel, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Cheryl Smith, John Paul Sorrell, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Enrique Valadez, Maria Elena Valencia, Matthew Varnum, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Wil-

**Charis Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Young Adults ....** Charis is an Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s. This year's theme is "What Next? Finding Answers with Faith." Held at Cameron Retreat Center (2403 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, begins at 9:00 a.m. on February 9 and ends at 3:00 p.m. on February 10. Cost is \$60 per person, includes lodging and food. Registration is available online at [www.archgh.org/yacm](http://www.archgh.org/yacm). Spaces are limited; registration deadline is February 1. For more information, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at [yacm@archgh.org](mailto:yacm@archgh.org) or 713-741-8778.

## Parish Pastoral Council News

The most recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting was held on November 28th, 2018. At this meeting the council members were updated on the building project as well as the upcoming capital campaign. The members also discussed two short term goals. The first of these was to agree on a plan to take care of minor repair items on the church grounds and buildings. Secondly, the council will undertake to compile relevant information to be included in a visitor welcome packet which will be placed in the church narthex.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. At this meeting we will continue to address short term parish goals to meet the needs of our parish.

We welcome all parishioners to come and see your Parish Pastoral Council working on behalf of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community.

We hope to see you there!

**Preparation for Release of Names . . .** Sexual abuse of children is a societal calamity on many, many fronts. Last year alone the Texas Education Agency reports over 400 accusations of sexual misconduct between adults and students. But let's be clear: it is especially evil when those purporting to follow in the footsteps of the Apostles and represent Christ in our midst act in such a vile way against the children of God.

As a result of the actions of a few, we face a terrible crisis that cries out for a widespread response of saintly behavior. When this list of "credibly accused" clergy is published, please take note how most of the incidents were decades ago. The very public case of Cardinal McCarrick is troubling, and we must find ways to understand how this happened and how to help ensure a similar case will not be repeated.

Also, be very careful of simple answers to a complex problem. There are some well-funded web sites that look only at the bad side of an issue. I believe that those who bring the allegations do so with a firm belief that the memories of incidents are accurate and are brought forth with sincerity. Also remember that one is innocent until proven guilty. We can fall into the trap of the sin of calumny or detraction by speaking without knowledge of all the facts. Reputations are very difficult to restore when allegations prove to be unfounded and sometimes the accused never recovers. Let us keep in mind and prayer the impact to the lives of victims and the accused as we are called to be a community of healing.

### Adult Confirmation 2019

Register now for Adult Confirmation preparation.

Candidates must be:

- ◆ 18 years and out of High School
- ◆ Have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and (1st) Communion
- ◆ Desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

#### Please Contact

Kathy at 936-295-8159

### Confirmación de Adultos 2019

Regístrese ahora para la preparación de confirmación de adultos.

Los candidatos deben:

- ◆ Tener 18 años y fuera de la Secundaria
- ◆ Haber celebrado los Sacramentos de Bautismo y (1ª) Comunión.
- ◆ Deseo de recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

#### Favor de contactar

Kathy al 936-295-8159

# STAY Lifeteen

## Spring Activities

### MLK Pilgrimage

1/21/2019—12:30-4:00

Meet at Youth Bldg.



Journey through our home town and visit different organizations who reach out to the poor. Bring \$10 for lunch

### Valentines Dinner Fundraiser

2/9/2019 After Mass

Help with the fundraiser and earn money to be used for any of the youth activities. The more you help the more you make.



## Youth Night!



### Operation Reset! Lenten Retreat

3/13/19— 12:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Meet at the Youth Building  
At Shrine of Two Hearts

Reset your heart on Jesus this Lent.

Cost of the Retreat is \$20.



## AYC 2019

Hilton of the America's  
Houston, TX  
July 26-28, 2019

*Surrender to*

STAY Lifeteen  
Wednesday Nights  
6:30-8:30

### Witness



Mission Camp  
June 2-5, 2019  
Cameron Retreat Center  
2403 Holcombe Blvd  
Houston, TX

- Come for the Service
- Stay for the Experience
- Leave ready to change the world.

For More Information:

Kathy Boscarino, YM

kbosarino@saintthomashuntsville.org

**"Knights of Columbus will be taking order for Scrip and Tamales this weekend after Mass in the back of the Church for delivery on the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd."**



### **New eMembership online. . .**

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the **precepts of the Catholic Church**. Now with the new eMembership web page any Catholic male 18 years and older and a practical Catholic can join the Knights of Columbus. Just go to the web-page below and sign up. If any Brother Knights or anyone wanting to join the Order, please have them go to the web-page and simply sign up and pay the fee of \$30. The Council will be notified of the new eMember and will work to get them into the Council. <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>

### **Protecting God's Children / Virtus Training**

**The CMG Safe Haven online training is replacing the VIRTUS training.** The training consists of 3 vignette style training videos that is approximately 60 minutes and will include a criminal background check that must be completed.

These trainings are available in English and Spanish. We will no longer offer live trainings, all Safe Environment trainings will only be available online.

- All new employees and volunteers will complete the Safe Haven online training program instead of VIRTUS PGC training. The turnaround time for approval may be approximately two weeks or less.
- All individuals must complete the training and complete a background check prior to the start of employment and/or volunteer service.
- The 5-year anniversary date is still in place, individuals who recently attended VIRTUS will not be due to complete refresher trainings until they have met their 5-year anniversary date.
- As the 5-year anniversary date is met, individuals will need to log into CMGConnect with their previous personal VIRTUS user id and 1234 as the password. **Once the individual logs into their CMGConnect account, they will be able to change their password.** If they do not remember the user id, they may contact the following:

1. Kathy Boscarino @ 936-295-8159 or [kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)
2. Daphne Woods at 800.228.6108 ext. 2375 or [dwoods@catholicmutual.org](mailto:dwoods@catholicmutual.org)
3. CMG at [cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org](mailto:cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org)

The following individuals below will now be required to complete Safe Haven online training as well:

1. Individuals who have never attended training.
2. Individuals who are currently due for refresher training and had not attended VIRTUS training.
3. Individuals who are currently due and have not attended VIRTUS training.
4. Individuals who are out of compliance or past due.

**BROKEN BRIDGES . . . When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven. —George Herbert**

## The Fire of Your Love: Father Daniel Lord

By Will Oliver

While working on my biography of Police Chief August Vollmer, who is considered the Father of American Policing, I came across so many things about early 20<sup>th</sup> century America I did not know including the fact that a Catholic Priest had been the one who created the movie production code that led to the movie rating system we are familiar with today. Vollmer, who was not only a noted police chief, but the first professor of police science, had been asked to review a series of gangster films in 1931. Hollywood wanted to know if children watching these films caused them to turn to a life of crime. The reason for this request was because the federal government was beginning to threaten to legislate the film industry if Hollywood did not do something about the filth that was appearing in the movies. Hollywood's answer was to create the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America (MPPDA) organization to promote clean films and to defend itself by hiring consultants like Vollmer who could speak to the belief their films were harmless.

During the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the American people were less inclined toward government intervention, so while Congress may have been toying with the idea of passing legislation, the populace was against such action. One group that had long been wary of government intervention had been the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Still, everyone realized that these movies (now labeled "pre-code movies") were often filled with violence and lascivious behavior and something needed to be done. The question that arose among the Bishops was how to reduce the filth in movies without the federal government getting involved. Enter Father Daniel Lord.

Lord was born in Chicago on April 23, 1888, and after receiving a Catholic education, entered the seminary in Missouri. Upon completing his education, he taught English at St. Louis University and was ordained a priest in 1923. While teaching, he began his publishing career, which, in 1927, caught the attention of Cecil B. DeMille who was preparing to make his epic silent film *The King of Kings*. Father Daniel Lord was brought in as one of the religious consultants, obviously representing the Catholic faith. Two years later, he was asked to help with the creation of a production code for Hollywood.

Father Lord drafted out his code, basing it on the 10 Commandments, by identifying what was offensive to God. His plan was supported by the Church and was sent on to the head of the MPPDA, Will H. Hays. When Hays read the code, he realized that this was the solution to the movie industry's problem, so it was readily adopted. Officially it was titled the "Production Code," but was soon referred to as Hays Code—named for the man who presented it as the solution, not the one who created it. Lord himself did not seem to mind as he saw the code as a failure because there was no enforcement mechanism if a studio violated the code (that changed in 1934). Hays and the movie industry were perfectly happy with that situation as it made Hollywood look good without having to really do anything and because it got government off their backs; so the industry felt the code was a success.

The Production Code underwent many changes in the 1950s, was all but jettisoned in 1962, and then completely abandoned in 1968. The movie ratings system we know today is what replaced it. Still, the little known fact is that this system traces its roots back to a Roman Catholic Priest from Missouri.

### EL TIEMPO . . . .

Los días de fiesta ya pasaron, el año se nos viene encima. ¿Y qué clase de año será? De acuerdo con las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, será "el año de la gracia del Señor". Y Jesús con seguridad no se refería solamente a los próximos trescientos sesenta y cinco días cuando hablaba a la gente en ese tiempo.

El anuncio de la "llegada" de la gracia de Dios lo hizo Jesús para todos los tiempos, para cada año. De manera similar, leemos hoy en Nehemías cómo la gente se reunía con solemnidad a escuchar la Palabra de Dios como si fuera la primera vez. Escuchaban y luego se postraban con el rostro en la tierra y lloraban. Pero el profeta decía: "Este día está dedicado al Señor... no estén tristes".

El "año de la gracia del Señor" es este año. El día "dedicado al Señor" es hoy. El tiempo de escuchar es ahora. ¿Qué clase de año tendrás? ¿Qué clase de día? La ayuda de Dios siempre está aquí. Lo que haces cada día será santo y aceptable al Señor solamente si escuchas y practicas la palabra de Dios.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)

### 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.

### 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.