

# 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..."

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 10, 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

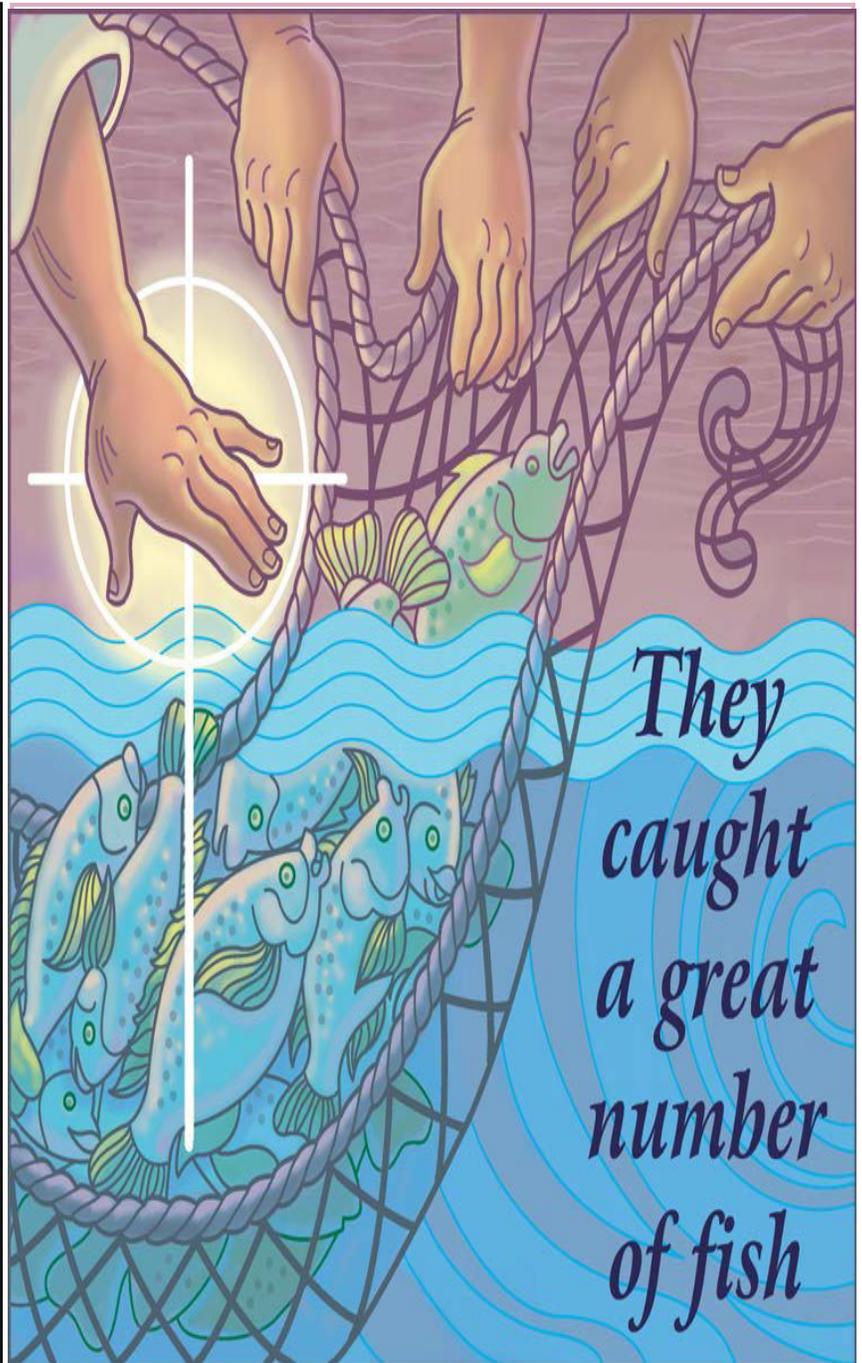
<b>Saturday/ Sabado</b>	<b>5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Sunday/ Domingo</b>	<b>7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Monday/ Lunes</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>

### 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

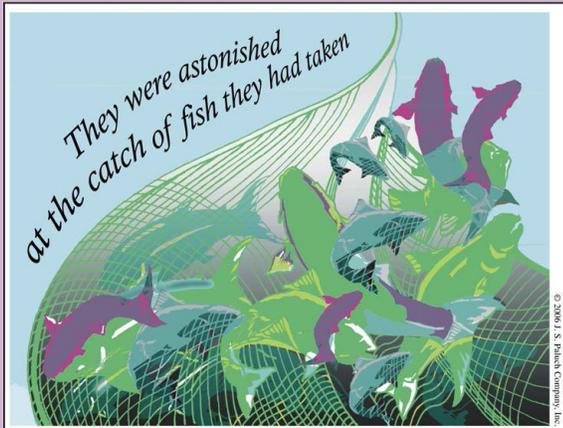
<b>Tuesday / Martes</b>	<b>After 7:15 am Mass until 5:30pm</b>
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## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	02/09	7:15 am	Chevis & Rose Barroga (Their Intentions)
Sun.	02/10	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:45 am	Nava Family (Their Intentions)
		12:30 pm	Linda Skains (For Birthday)
		5:30 pm	CSC
Mon.	02/11		No Mass
Tues.	02/12	7:15 am	For the Ponzi family Members (Their Intentions)
Wed	02/13	7:15 am	Hilda Miranda (Special Intention)
Thurs.	02/14	7:15 am	Martalilia Sandoval (Birthday)
Fri.	02/15	7:15 am	Mary Seiwaa 
Sat.	02/16	5:30 pm	Living & Deceased St. Thomas Ladies
Sun.	02/17	7:45 am	Donna Hebert 
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Ricky Torres 
		5:30 pm	CSC



## Our gratefulness to God weekly offering

**Regular Sunday Donations: \$14,611.99**

**St. Thomas Mission: \$2,908.75**

*Thank you  
for your continued support!*



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gwynetta Baker, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Marie Blanchard, Chelsea Brown, Linda Buckley, Phillip Caito, Gary Coker, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Tino Gonzalez, Floyd Grupa, Sylvia Hogenmiller, Dennis Huff, 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, Jerry Seaton, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Cheryl Smith, John Paul Sorrell, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Julia Taylor, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Enrique Valadez, Maria Elena Valencia, Matthew Varnum, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Nancy Winkler

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ALERT**  
**BUILDING FOR THE PRESENT, LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE**  
**TO EVERYONE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**This Sunday, February 10, 2019 a leadership training session will be held at 3:30pm in the parish hall. Please make plans to attend this important event.**

**PREPARATION FOR RELEASE OF NAMES . . . .** Now that the list of clergy accused of sexual misconduct is published, what do we do? First of all, pray for those — especially our precious children — who have been hurt by the evil actions of those in the Church. There is no excuse for such depravity, and clergy should be held to the highest standard. We should help those abused with counseling, love and respect for bringing these grave offenses into the light, at times at great cost to their hearts and souls.

At the same time, we must not allow the sins of a few to discourage our faith in the Church. Our eyes need to be fixed on Christ alone! Some have become bitter and even left the Church. Please do not let the sins of a few drive you away from the graces of our sacraments. Doing so only hurts our own hearts. Some have decided to cease any giving to their parish or the larger church. This only hurts the work of the Church's mission to serve the many who come to her for help. We minister to those in prisons, hospitals, schools, the elderly, immigrants, etc. with soup kitchens, housing, medicine, etc.

The work of the Church must continue even in the midst of crisis. The Mystical Body of Christ is called to love even in the midst of sin and failure. I cannot imagine saying that we should cease good behavior because of the sin of others. Let us rise up in a wave of great faith and holiness and show our world that sin will not conquer.

Let us not give any more power to evil than it already has. We cannot change what was, but we can bring a renewed vigor to our Church. We began the rebuilding some 17 years ago with the Dallas Charter. We still have a way to go to restore trust in the Church and with the release of this list, I for one, believe that together we will strive for change and conversion as disciples who follow a merciful Savior.

**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

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## 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.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet this Monday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All Catholic women at least 18 years of age are invited to attend a meeting to "check us out".**

**Adoration by Candlelight . . .** Join other young adults 18 and older on Monday, February 25 and pray in Adoration with Father Richard McNeillie, Director of the Office of Vocations. Experience the peace of Christ and the joy of a community in prayer; be surrounded by the beauty at the Chapel of St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr, Pray in silence and with music led by Daniel Knaggs (<http://danieljknaggs.com/projects/ave-maria-project/>) Video:<https://youtu.be/Bb9UVbriPeA> Sponsored by Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

### SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself. —St. Louise de Marillac

### GOD'S SUMMONS

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**SERVIR AL POBRE . . . .** Sé diligente en servir al pobre. Ama a los pobres, hónralos igual que honrarías al mismo Cristo. — Santa Luisa de Marillac

# The Fire of Your Love: Father Lemaître

By Will Oliver

One of the biggest Catholic screeds of our day is that Catholics are anti-science. Nothing could be further from the truth, but it remains a go-to criticism of our faith. Don't believe me? Just check out Wikipedia – there is a whole page dedicated to the topic, "Catholic Church and science."

There are many ways to rebut these false allegations, including the fact that nearly all of the scientists throughout the Middle Ages were Catholic priests. Why? Because they were among the most highly educated people of that time period, and they were seeking knowledge about God's creation, preserving it, and then passing it on to others.

We don't have to stretch back to the Middle Ages, however, to rebut these arguments. All we have to do is look to Father Georges Lemaître (1894-1966). Born in Belgium, he was educated in the Jesuit tradition, though his studies were interrupted by his service as an artillery officer during World War I. After serving with distinction in "The War to End All Wars," he returned to his studies in physics and mathematics. He earned his doctorate in 1920, and was then ordained a priest in 1923 (though not with the Jesuits).

Despite now being called "Father" instead of "Doctor," he continued his education in astronomy at the University of Cambridge, spending time at Harvard University and MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), before returning to Belgium in 1925. He then served as both a diocesan priest and part-time lecturer at the Catholic University of Louvain. During this time period, he began conducting research, writing up his findings, and publishing them in a scientific journal in 1927. And this is where things get really interesting.

Father Lemaître drew upon Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity for his own study. Einstein's theory explains how massive objects, like the sun and planets, cause a distortion in space-time, which is felt as gravity. What Father Georges Lemaître advanced was the idea that these objects are moving away from each other because the universe is expanding. The reason for this, as we all know today, is because of the Big Bang theory, the start of the universe. What is humorous is that when Lemaître published his findings, he was ridiculed by his fellow scientists who they laughed heartily at Lemaître's "Big Bang Theory."

Now, if the universe expansion sounds familiar, that is because we have come to know it as Hubble's Law. Edwin Hubble was widely considered the first person to propose the concept of the universe expanding, but that Father Lemaître's work helped explain an estimated value for this expansion, which soon became known as the Hubble Constant. Not the Father Lemaître Constant, but the Hubble Constant. Why? Because it was believed that Edwin Hubble had been the first to observe the shift in the light spectrum of these objects, thus confirming that the universe is in a state of expansion. Well, as it turns out, Father Lemaître had published his findings and observations in 1927; Hubble in 1929—two years after the good Father. It took about 90 years to correct this oversight, but on October 26, 2018, the International Astronomical Union, by a 78% favorable vote, changed the name of the Hubble Law to the Hubble-Lemaître Law.

So, think about Father Lemaître's scientific discovery of the Big Bang, that the universe is expanding, and that there is a mathematical constant to this expansion called the Hubble-Lemaître Law the next time you hear someone argue that the Catholic Church is anti-science.

That we may eagerly respond, "Here I am, Lord," whenever we hear God call upon us to be His hands, feet and voice here on earth. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8) Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

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Para que podamos responder con entusiasmo: "Aquí estoy, Señor," cada vez que oímos a Dios que nos llama a ser sus manos, pies y voz aquí en la tierra. "Y percibí la voz del Señor que decía: «¿A quién enviaré? ¿y quién irá de parte nuestra?» Dije: «Heme aquí: envíame.»" (Isaías 6:8) Todos los días, de maneras pequeñas y grandes, Dios pregunta: "¿A quién enviaré?" Ya sea que alguien asuma un nuevo ministerio, le dé una sonrisa amistosa a un extraño o le diga una palabra de aliento a un amigo, Dios proporciona constantemente oportunidades para ayudar a alguien en necesidad. La próxima vez que escuches el llamado de Dios, ten el coraje de caminar por la puerta y decir: "Aquí estoy, Señor".

## 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](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.