



# 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..."

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019



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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 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday-Martes	7:15 am & 6:00 pm
Wed. – Friday/ Miercoles-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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St. Thomas the Apostle

## PRAYER CRUSADE

Dear Church Family,

When we look at our needs today and then beyond ourselves to the needs of tomorrow's families, we find ourselves compelled to share the love that the Spirit sparks in us. This opportunity for sharing, revealed by the light of Christ within us, reveals a path opening before us. *Step into it* — pray the Campaign prayer daily.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the many faithful servants who in the past have generously provided for the needs of our parish community today.

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit and with Christ as our Shepherd, we seek your blessing as we continue their legacy through our campaign.

Seeking to build for our present needs and looking to the future, may our generous participation in this project give you glory and be pleasing in your sight. Glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

## ORACIÓN DE CRUZADA

Querida Familia de la Iglesia,

Cuando miramos nuestras necesidades hoy y luego más allá de nosotros mismos a las necesidades de las familias del mañana, nos vemos obligados a compartir el amor que el Espíritu nos enciende. Esta oportunidad para compartir, revelado por la luz de Cristo dentro de nosotros, revela un camino que se abre ante nosotros. Entra en él - reza la Campaña diariamente.









Padre celestial,

Te agradecemos por los muchos fieles siervos que en el pasado han proporcionado generosamente las necesidades de nuestra comunidad parroquial de hoy.

Fortalecidos por el Espíritu Santo y con Cristo como nuestro Pastor, buscamos tu bendición mientras continuamos su legado a través de nuestra campaña.

Buscando construir para nuestras necesidades actuales y mirando hacia el futuro, que nuestra participación generosa en este proyecto te dé gloria y sea agradable para ti. Gloria a ti, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Amen.

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	03/30	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	03/31	7:45 am	Phyllis Bilnoski 
		10:45 am	Carolyn Goodwin (Special Intention)
		12:30 pm	Ursula Wachtear 
		5:30 pm	CSC
Mon.	04/01		No Mass
Tues.	04/02	7:15 am	David Fellers (His intentions)
		6:00 pm	Mable Milliet (Birthday)
Wed	04/03	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon 
Thurs.	04/04	7:15 am	John William & Carmen Heckler 
Fri.	04/05	7:15 am	Paul Amoaka 
Sat.	04/06	5:30 pm	Dawn Everett 
Sun.	04/07	7:45 am	Esther Fassett 
		10:45 am	G. W. Woods 
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 pm	CSC

***Do Not Neglect to  
SHARE  
What You Have  
2019 Diocesan Services Fund***

**DSF Report as of March 25, 2019**

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$16,195.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$20,865.00</b>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Under Goal</b>	<b>\$20,805.00</b>

***Our gratefulness to God  
weekly offering***

**March 24, 2019**  
**Regular Sunday Donations: \$6,464.46**

***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, Floyd Grupa, Sylvia Hogenmiller, Dennis Huff, Billie Jenkins, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Edwin Laake, Mary Ann Lampson, 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, 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 Williams, Nancy Winkler

### Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**LENTEN PENANCE  
SERVICE**

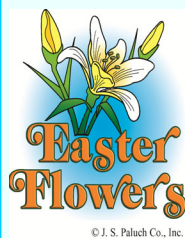
**SERVICIO PENETENCIAL  
de CUARESMA**

Day/Dia	Date/Fecha	Time/Hora	Parish/Parroquia	Language/Idioma
Tues/Martes	4/02	6:30 pm	St. Thomas . . Huntsville	Bilingual/Bilingue
Wed/Miercoles	4/03	6:30 pm	St. Matthias . . Magnolia	Bilingual/Bilingue
Thurs/Jueves	4/11	6:30 pm	St. Joseph . . New Waverly	Bilingual/Bilingue

**St. Thomas the Apostle  
Lenten Penance Service  
Servicio Penetencial de Cuaresma**

**Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. . . . Bilingual  
Martes, Abril 2, 6:30 p.m. . . . Bilingue**

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on April 8, 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Any interested Catholic female at least 18 years of age is welcome to attend our meeting and "come check us out."**



**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 no later than **Monday, April 15th. Offering is \$20.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of:

**Donated by:**

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On Sunday, April 7, we will be offering a free concert as a fund raising event to help us obtain updated sound equipment. The band "711 Hyde Park", a classic rock band from Houston that includes Rick Reed on keyboards, will be playing. Donations will be accepted. Food and drinks will also be available. See next week's bulletin for more information.

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El domingo 7 de abril, ofreceremos un concierto gratuito como evento de recaudación de fondos para ayudarnos a obtener equipos de sonido actualizados. Tocarán la banda "711 Hyde Park", una banda de rock clásico de Houston que incluye a Rick Reed en los teclados. Se aceptarán donaciones. Alimentos y bebidas también estarán disponibles. Vea el boletín de la próxima semana para más información.



**Búsqueda de Cascarones**

**Where:** St. Thomas Church Grounds /  
Propiedad de Santo Tomas,

**When:** Saturday, April 6, Hunt begins at 10am /  
Sábado, Abril 6, Búsqueda Empieza 10am

**Who:** Children (age 10) in 5th Grade and younger /  
Niños (as) 10 años de edad en 5to Grado o menor

**PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE  
POR FAVOR NO LLEGAR TARDE**

**Bring your basket and join in the Easter Egg Hunt!  
Traiga su canasta y acompáñenos en la  
Búsqueda de Cascarones.**

**Sponsors:** St. Thomas Ladies /  
Patrocinado por las Damas de Santo Tomas

# STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM

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For All 7th and 8th Graders  
9:05-10:20 in the Parish Hall  
Coordinators: Mike and Kirsti Legerski

## April/Abril

04/07/2019 **Class/Clase**  
04/14/2019 **No** Stay Edge – Palm Sunday  
04/18/2019 **No** STAY Edge Night –  
Holy Thursday  
04/21/2019 **No** Stay Edge – Easter Sunday  
04/28/2019 **Class/Clase**

## May/Mayo

05/05/2019 **Class/Clase** -  
Last STAY Edge of the Semester

### *Service Opportunities*

St. Thomas Easter Egg Hunt  
hosted by The St. Thomas Ladies

The St. Thomas Ladies have asked the STAY youth to help set up for the Easter Egg Hunt. Specifically to hide the eggs.

**What:** Help the Ladies hide Easter Eggs

**When:** Saturday, April 6, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Parish Hall



For All 9th –12th Grades  
Wednesday Nights 6:30 pm—8:30 pm  
Youth Minister—Kathy Boscarino

## April/Abril

April 03, 2019 Class/Clase  
April 10, 2019 Class/Clase  
April 17, 2019 Class /Clase  
April 24, 2019 No Lifeteen (Easter)

## May/Mayo

May 01, 2019 Class/Clase  
May 08, 2019 Class/Clase  
Summer



*Summer Schedule Begins  
May 15, 2019*

### *Summer Opportunities*

Witness Catholic Mission Camp: 8th-9th grades  
Sunday 6/2/2019—6/5/2019 Cost: \$160.

Confirmation Retreat for 10th –12th Grade.  
Required for 2nd year Confirmation Students  
June 21-23, 2019

AYC July 26-28, 2019 For 10th –12th grade  
Cost: \$200

**The Knights of Columbus will be placing an order for gift cards (Scrip) the week of April 8. This will be the last order placed until Christmas.**

Load up your Easter baskets with gift cards! Many of the cards are reloadable. Purchase a physical card once and reload as often as you like. In addition, many retailers offer printable gift certificates. These are wonderful for last minute plans. For more information, or to place an order, call Marty Stuber at 293-8746 or 940-393-5740. Please note, **Kroger is no longer available!** Thank you for your support!

**OFFICE MEMO: Due to the holy days in April all bulletins have to be transmitted to Paluch Co. much earlier than usual. Announcements have to be submitted to the office as per dates below:**  
**For April 7th . . . . Submit by April 1st**  
**For April 14th . . . . Submit by April 3rd**  
**For April 21st . . . . Submit by April 9th**  
**For April 28th . . . . Submit by April 15th**  
**Please email all announcements as you want them to appear in bulletin. Thank you for your assistance.**  
**Email to: [bulletin@saintthomashuntsville.org](mailto:bulletin@saintthomashuntsville.org)**

**This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise.** This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation  
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**Esta semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection para ayudar a Jesús con otro rostro.** Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a proveer asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabajan por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados, aquí y alrededor del mundo.



Our SVdP conference is a small group of dedicated men and women who are inviting you to consider joining us and making a difference. Not only will you be helping those in need, but you will find yourself growing in God's love and the desire to share that love with others.

We visit the poor, assisting with their needs and mentoring them. We build spirituality within our members through bi-monthly meetings, attending Mass as a group, ongoing education and social activities throughout the year. We also help with Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.

We invite you to come check us out. Please call Kathy Price, 936-662-4295.

We hope you will take some time to reflect on God's calling to you to serve those in need through The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**GRADUATES** The St. Thomas Ladies organization is now accepting scholarship applications for the 19th 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 24, 2019.



**Scholarships: Graduating High School Catholic Females**

Are you planning to continue your education after high school? The Catholic Daughters of the Americas right here at our parish have **two** scholarships available that may be used at any institution of higher education beyond high school.

- 1) Our CDA Scholarship is for \$500.00.
- 2) Our Kathy Miller Memorial Scholarship is contingent upon the amount of funds received for the scholarship and may be different from year to year.

Requirements and the application process are very easy. Applications are available now from Kathy Boscarino or you may stop in at the parish office. Deadline for application submissions will be May 15, 2019.

**Fall Festival 2019 needs a chairman and/or co-chairs! Plans for the fall festival need to start very soon.**  
**Your committee members are already on board just waiting for a leader. A ring binder with all the information you need to handle this responsibility is available from the parish office. If you are interested in this service opportunity, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.**



## **The Fire of Your Love: The Third Commandment**

**By Will Oliver**

**“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work.” Exodus 20:8-10**

The Third Commandment of the Decalogue recalls the holiness of the Sabbath; that it is a day of solemn rest, one that is holy to the Lord (Exodus 20:11). On this day, normal everyday work is to halt, for it is considered a “day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money” (CCC 2172). When Jesus walked among us, he never violated this Commandment. He once said, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath,” echoing the importance of the day given to us by his Father (Mark 2:27).

Not only is Sunday a Holy Day, it is also a Holy Day of Obligation. This is clearly stated in the Code of Canon Law which states, “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (CIC 1247). This is fulfilled by attending Mass on Sunday or on the evening before. The key word in this law is “obligation,” for the Catechism states very succinctly: “those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.” Missing Mass is a violation of the Third Commitment, thus necessitating a trip to the Confessional. Yes, there are reasons to miss Mass, but it should be a seldom occurrence. If a person knows they will be missing Mass, they can explain their reasons to Father and, if he believes the reason is valid, he can give a dispensation (CIC 1245). In other cases, there must be a grave cause for missing the Sunday obligation, such as having the flu, tending to a dying relative, or it would place your life in jeopardy (e.g., think of trying to get to Mass in Houston during Hurricane Harvey). It is not a grave cause because someone “does not feel like it,” because they are “on vacation,” or because they didn’t know what time Mass was at.

This Commandment also calls us not to work on Sundays. This gets more and more difficult today in our busy modern world. For many people, they have no choice but to work on the Lord’s Day, such as firefighters, police officers, and EMTs, the people that protect our community – God bless them! Still, even if they have to work on those days, they should make an earnest effort to attend Mass, either on the Sunday Vigil Mass, early Sunday morning, or perhaps the evening student Mass, if it is offered.

Where this becomes a grave sin is when we bring work home with us to do on Sunday; that is not in keeping with this Commandment. If we also force others to work, such as going shopping on Sundays, not only are we breaking the Third Commandment, we are making others break the Commandment as well. As the Catechism explains, “Every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord’s Day” (CCC 2187).

While there is the reality that servile work must still be done, such as the cooking of meals, cleaning up after, etc., these are, in a sense, acts of mercies. The Catechism does note that “With compassion, Christ declares the Sabbath for doing good rather than harm, for saving life rather than killing” (CCC 2173).

When considering the Third Commandment, always remember what it says about creation: “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:11). If God can take a day off, so can we!

### **HAPPINESS**

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God’s blessings were given us for the well-being of all. —Anonymous

### **PARA SER FELICES**

Nunca seremos felices hasta que nos demos cuenta de que los dones de Dios se nos han dado para el bien de todos. —Anónimo

## 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)

### 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](https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com)  
Si tiene alguna pregunta, contáctese con Kathy Boscarino por correo electrónico [kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)

### 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.