

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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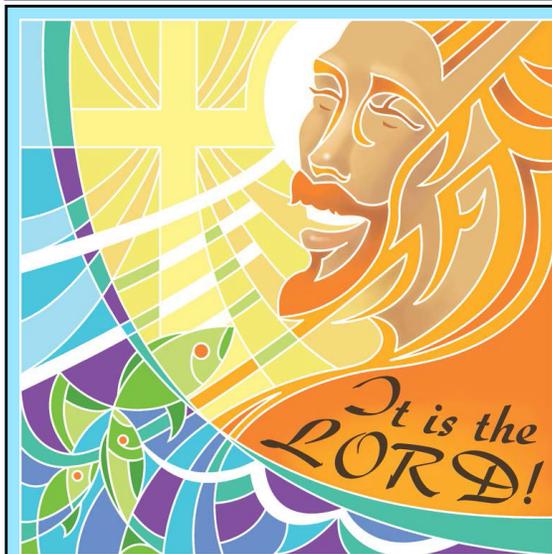
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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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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PRAYER CRUSADE

"And the Lord said to Moses, '... Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink.'" Exodus 17: 5-6

Dear Church Family,

We need a building. And we know that if it's God's will, it will be accomplished. Everything we possess is a gift from Him, including our purses. Just as God used the faith of Moses to bring water from the rock, we bring the water of our generosity from grateful hearts. Strike the rock with your prayers.

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

El Señor respondió a Moisés: "Ve, porque yo estaré delante de ti, allá sobre la roca, en Horeb. Tú golpearás la roca, y de ella brotará agua para que beba el pueblo". Exodo 17:5-6

Querida Familia de la Iglesia,

En aquella porción del día cuando encuentres un momento solitario para escuchar a Jesús con tu oído interno, recuerda orar para tener un edificio de actividades sociales que servirá a nuestra comunidad. Luego sabiendo que Jesús te ama más que cualquier otra persona, regresa nuevamente a tu activa vida diaria. El estara contigo.

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.	05/04	5:30 pm	Phyllis Bilnoski	
Sun.	05/05	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr.	
		10:45 am	John William & Carmen Heckler	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		5:30 pm	CSC	
Mon.	05/06		NO Mass	
Tues.	05/07	7:15 am	Maria Isabel Delgado	
Wed	05/08	7:15 am	Kathy Fellers (Her Intentions)	
Thurs.	05/09	7:15 am	Mary Ann M. St. Cloud	
Fri.	05/10	7:15 am	José Delgado (Birthday)	
Sat.	05/11	5:30 pm	Susan Hightower (Birthday)	
Sun.	05/12	7:45 am	All Mothers	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	All Mothers	

***Do Not Neglect to
SHARE
What You Have***

DSF Report as of April 22, 2019

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$26,875.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$34,815.00
Number of Participants	102
Under Goal	\$10,125.00

Our gratefulness to God weekly offering

April 28, 2019

Regular Sunday Donations \$6,486.46

Catholic Home Missions: \$1,711.25

***Thank you
for your continued support!***



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Marie Blanchard, Chelsea Brown, Linda Buckley, Phillip Caito, Gary Coker, Wren Colligan, Wayne Collins, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, James Elliott, Patsy Freeman, Mary Gedelian, Travis Gordn, Edwin Laake, Mary Ann Lampson, Dorothy Laskoskie, 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, Christi Townley, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Enrique Valadez, Maria Elena Valencia, Matthew Varnum, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Nancy Winkler

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Why I support the Capital Campaign:

In 2011, Fr. Stephen Payne asked those who were interested in joining the Parish Council, to answer a few questions. One question was, "What is your vision for St. Thomas?" At that time, it appeared that the only time the lights were on here on our property was on Sundays. My vision was to be able to drive by St. Thomas any night of the week and see the lights on and a parking lot full of cars. Within four (4) years of answering that question, my vision was a reality. Drive by any night of the week, and you'll see at least one building with lights on; frequently two or three. And yes, that includes Friday nights. Daytime ministries are active as well. The expansion and desire for Faith Formation and participation in parish life has increased the need for meeting space. And this doesn't apply to our youth programs only. The Sunday Morning Book Study currently meets in one of the Adult Education rooms. If everyone is present, we are packed in the room like sardines, with not enough room for everyone to sit around the tables.

A few years ago, in preparation for my high school class reunion, attendees were asked to complete a questionnaire to be included in our program. One of the questions was to share the best thing about the town in which we currently lived. My answer was my church community. I joined St. Thomas in the late 80's when I was a student at SHSU. St. Thomas is my home. I have walked down its aisle to exchange marriage vows and witnessed my son receive his sacraments, and participate in youth group activities. I've seen newborns grow into young adults, established trusting friendships, and said goodbye to cherished friends.

Growth has been the main change in the last 30 years....not just in numbers and buildings, but in relationships. Volunteer to assist with a Bazaar Committee or the Thanksgiving and Christmas Projects, and you'll see what I'm talking about. This is St. Thomas COMMUNITY at its best.

This is an exciting time for St. Thomas. Good things are happening and you are a part of it. Help us as we 'Build for our present, and look to our future'.

Lavonne C. Zaiontz

St. Thomas Parish Council Member



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 15th.**

Knights of Columbus Annual Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner May 9th at the Church Hall, starting at 5:00 p.m. Donations only.



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.**

WORDS AND DEEDS . . . When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us. —Second-century Christian

STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

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

May/Mayo

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



Summer Schedule Begins
May 15, 2019



For
12th

All 9th –
Grades

Wednesday Nights 6:30 pm—8:30 pm
Youth Minister—Kathy Boscarino
<http://www.saintthomashuntsville.org>

May/Mayo

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



Summer Schedule Begins
May 15, 2019



2019/2020 Faith Formation

Registration for 2019/2020 k-12 Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation will be open on Monday, July 1, 2019. All material information packets will be available online and in the parish office. You may register during office hours or at the Kick off Celebration.

The Faith Formation Kick-off Celebration is Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Ven y únete a las festividades Come Join the Festivities

La inscripción para 2019/2020 k-12 Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental estará abierta el lunes 1 de julio del 2019. Todos los paquetes de información de materiales estarán disponibles en línea y en la oficina parroquial. Puede registrarse durante las horas de oficina o en la Celebración de Inicio.

La Celebración de Inicio de la Formación de fe es el sábado 24 de agosto de 2019 de 11:00 am a 2:00 pm

Thank You Catechists . . .

Being a catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with Him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord's presence and letting ourselves be led by Him. – Pope Francis

Many thanks to our catechists, classroom aides and all who volunteer in the Religious Education Program Sacrament Preparation Programs. Thank you for sharing your time and faith with the young people of our parish. We hope you will join us again in September!



Gracias /catequistas . . .

Muchas gracias a nuestros (as) catequistas, por las asistentes que apoyaron en los salones de clase, y a todos los voluntarios en nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa, y en La Preparación Sacramental. Gracias por compartir su tiempo y fe con nuestros niños de la parroquia. Esperamos que regrese con nosotros en Septiembre!

Stewardship Reflections . . . That we discern how God is calling us to use all of our gifts. "Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17) All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

Reflexiones de Mayordomía . . . Que podamos discernir cómo Dios nos está llamando a usar todos nuestros dones. "Pedro estaba angustiado porque Jesús le había dicho por tercera vez "¿Me amas?" y él le dijo: "Señor, tú lo sabes todo; sabes que te amo". Jesús le dijo: "Apacienta a mis ovejas". (Juan 21:17) Todos nosotros tenemos el desafío de mostrar nuestro amor por Jesús y por los demás. Percibe cómo Dios te está llamando a usar tu tiempo en la oración, tu talento en obras caritativas y tu tesoro para ayudar a los necesitados. Recuerda que dar es un acto de adoración y ayuda a avanzar en la misión de nuestra parroquia y de la Iglesia en general.

Elementary Religious Education

Educación Religiosa Elemental



Vacation Bible School

June / Junio 10-14

Registration forms are available in the CCE Building and in the Parish Office.

Formas de Registración disponibles en el Edificio de CCE y en la Oficina de la Igle-

Café Catholica: Summer 2019 . . .

The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, dinner, and socializing. Café Catholica is held on for four Mondays in July starting on July 8. Each night will include Confession at 5:15 p.m., Mass at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:15 p.m., and Talk at 8:15 p.m. Come for all or part of the evening! No registration is needed. Donations are accepted. All sessions will be held at St. Michael Church, 1801 Sage Rd, Houston. For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778. Visit our website at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica

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The Fire of Your Love: The 8th Commandment

By Will Oliver

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16).

Put in the vernacular, the 8th commandment tells us quite succinctly: “Don’t lie.” To lie (bear false witness) to someone (our neighbor) is a violation of God’s commandments. As the Catechism explains, “Offenses against the truth express by word or deed a refusal to commit oneself to moral uprightness” (CCC 2464), which mean we fail to live as God intended us to live, openly and honestly to love our neighbor, not lie to them. Lies, the Catechism concludes, “are fundamental infidelities to God.”

Truth is an important element of our Catholic faith. In the Old Testament, it was well known that when God spoke, His words were true (2 Samuel 7:28). When His only begotten son came down to earth, the Pharisees accused Jesus of blasphemy because they believed he was bearing false witness; He was actually bearing witness to himself. As Jesus responded, “Even if I do bear witness to myself, my testimony is true” (John 8:14). And when our own St. Thomas asked Jesus his famous question, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus replied, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). The truth is important to our faith because God is truth and the only way to get to God is through Jesus, who is the truth. So we should tell the truth.

Violations of this commandment are many. We must never bear false witness to the truth, the truth being our Lord Jesus Christ. We must not deny Him, lie about Him, or lie about His teachings, even if that means bearing true witness in the face of death (martyrdom) as some of the students did during the tragedy at Columbine. When asked if they believed in Jesus Christ, they said, “Yes!” and died for that affirmation.

This commandment also entails those things we typically think of when we hear the words “do not lie.” We should not lie to other people, but should always tell the truth. If we make a promise or swear an oath, we must keep it, and we should never commit perjury by lying under oath.

This commandment also enforces the love and respect we should have for our neighbors, family and friends. We honor and respect them and their reputations by avoiding the spreading of rumors which has been made so much easier by today’s social media. The offenses are usually a rush to judgement, detraction, and calumny. A recent example of all three was found after the media repeatedly played the short soundbites of the Covington Catholic students at the Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C. Too many people rushed to judgement about the boys’ behaviors, engaged in detraction by disclosing the faults of the teenagers without knowing them, and engaged in calumny by making remarks that damaged their reputation. All three of these, common with rumors, are violations of this commandment.

One other means by which this commandment is violated is when art bears false witness to God. Whenever art, poetry, music, television, movies, books and other mediums spread lies about our faith, they bear false witness to the truth. This is what Bill Donahue’s *The Catholic League* exposes and fights against on a daily basis for anti-Catholicism is alive and well in America today.

Again, truth is important to our faith. This is why Pope John Paul II wrote *Veritatis Splendor*, a papal encyclical that opened with the words, “The Splendor of Truth shines forth in all the works of the Creator and, in a special way, in man, created in the image and likeness of God.”

SERVICIO A LARGO PLAZO . . . “Voy a pescar”. ¡Qué anuncio! Si preguntó quién lo dijo, pero no digo que es una frase que está en la Biblia, podríamos decir: “el abuelo o el tío Alfredo”, o admitir “¡lo dije yo el verano pasado!” Pero es una frase tomada de la Biblia, del Evangelio de hoy. La persona que lo dijo una vez afirmó “tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios vivo”. Así es, ¡fue Pedro! Así que la frase aparece al final. El domingo pasado Jesús dijo: “Así como el Padre me ha enviado, así los envío yo”. Pero Pedro parece determinado a regresar al oficio que tenía antes de ser apóstol, hasta que Jesús interviene, haciendo que Pedro diga ahora lo siguiente: “Señor, tú sabes que te quiero” y la llamada apostólica aparece más clara, “apacienta a mis ovejas”. Así lo hace Pedro. Los Hechos presentan las consecuencias: Pedro declara: “Debemos obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres”. Como el Apocalipsis dice: “Digno es el cordero”, para recibir el servicio de toda la vida de Pedro y las nuestras. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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

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 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.