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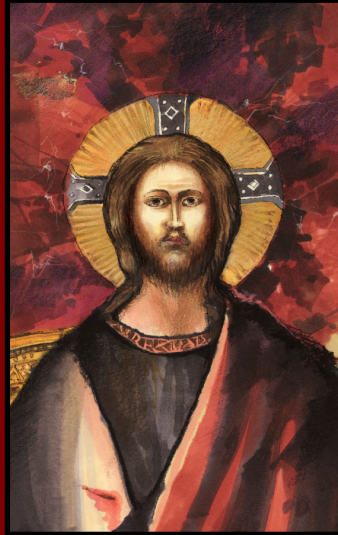
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2015

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THE
SON OF MAN
WILL
SIT UPON
HIS
GLORIOUS
THRONE

OFFICE MEMOS

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Nov. 25	Vigil Mass	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day	No Mass
Friday	Nov. 27		No Mass
Sunday	Nov. 29	No Student Mass	6:00 p.m.

The OFFICE will be CLOSED Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

NOTA DE LA OFICINA

HORARIO DE MISA PARA EL DIA DE DAR GRACIAS

Miercoles	Nov. 25	Misa de Vigilia	7:00 p.m.
Jueves	Nov. 26	Dia de dar Gracias	NO Habra Misa
Viernes	Nov. 27		NO Habra Misa
Domingo	Nov. 29	NO Habra Misa	6:00 p.m.

La Oficina estara cerrada el jueves y viernes, noviembre 26 y 27 en observancia del Dia de dar Gracias.

Sacrament of Baptism Sacramento de Bautismo

Baptisms are held on the second Saturday of the month. Parents and Godparents are required to attend preparation sessions. Please call the parish office for more information.

Bautismos se llevan acabo el segundo Sabado de cada mes. Los padres y padrinos deben participar en las sesiones de preparación. Para mayor información, favor de llamar a la oficina.

Sacrament of Marriage Sacramento de Matrimonio

Contact office at least six months prior to wedding. Favor de llamar a la oficina seis meses antes de la boda.

Special Blessings Bendiciones Especiales

All blessings are done on the third Sunday of the month. Call the office to make arrangements. Todas las bendiciones especiales se haran el tercer domingo del mes. Hable a la oficine para hacer arreglos.

MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	11/21	5:30 pm	William and Mary Grupa	✝
Sun	11/22	7:45 am	Sharon Vytipol (her intentions)	
		10:45 am	Maria Negrete	✝
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	
Mon	11/23	No Mass		
Tues	11/24	7:15 am	Paul Amoako	✝
Wed	11/25	7:15 am	Craig and Bett Hibbison (wedding anniversary)	
		7:00 pm	Stephen Floyd Moore	✝
Thur	11/26	No Mass		
Fri	11/27	No Mass		
Sat	11/28	5:30 pm	Kathy Miller	✝
Sun	11/29	7:45 am	Edward and Doris Pasket (62nd wedding anniversary)	
		10:45 am	Al and Pat Sailer (thanksgiving for many happy years)	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		6:00 pm	NO Student Mass	



*The flowers beside the
Blessed Sacrament
are offered in
Loving memory of
Mary and William Grupa
by
Floyd and Nick Grupa*

TRUE STEWARDSHIP... The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation. The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon	11/23	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	KC's Fried Turkeys	The Pit
Tues	11/24	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
		2:00 PM	Epic: Adult Bible Cl	Hall
		6:00 PM	Fr. Fred's Scripture Cl	Hall
		7:00 PM	Prayer Group	CCE
		7:15 PM	Legion of Mary	LWH
		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	KC's Fried Turkeys	The Pit
Wed	11/25	9:00 AM	Iconography Guild	Hall
		6:30 PM	Epic: Adult Bible Cl	Ad Ed
Thurs	11/26		CHURCH CLOSED	
Fri	11/27		CHURCH CLOSED	

Weekly Readings



Mon	11/23	Dn.1:1-6,8-20;Lk.21:1-4
Tues	11/24	Dn.2:31-45;Lk.21:5-11
Wed	11/25	Dn.5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28;Lk.21:12-19
Thurs	11/26	Dn.6:12-28;Lk.21:20-28
Fri	11/27	Dn.7:2-14;Lk.21:29-33
Sat	11/28	Dn.7:15-27;Lk.21:34-36
Sun	11/29	Jer.33:14-16;Thes.3:12-4:2; Lk.21:25-28,34-36

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / RECUERDEN EN SUS ORACIONES... Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, Alma Williams, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Kathy Boscarino, Fidelis Burton, Dick Colgrove, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Margie Eglsaer, Colin Defour, Jose Luis Ecamilla, Paul Fivel, Diane Fuller, Diana Garcia, Rita Ghirardi, Winifred Grivich, Mary Gutermuth, Dorothy Laskoskie, Wilson and Naomi Lede, Andrew Leal, Sam and Marie Martinez, Becky McGaughey, Cheri McGee, Coby Meinzer, Bill Middleton, Donna Moore, Floyd and Maryann Moore, Tom Morales, Lourdes Mosqueda, Paula Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Odell Rachal, John Raia, Samuel Ramos, Lillian Rodriguez, Lydia Rodriguez, Maria Ines Rodriguez, Jack Rumfield, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarley, Jerry Seaton, Cindy Schwanke, Marilyn Shepherd, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Wanda H. Smith, Elizabeth Speck, Tim Speck, Alfredo Torres, Emily Torres, David and Dorothy Townsend, Margie Turner, Matthew Varnum, Leo Vasquez, Lupe Vasquez, Joe Vitela, Dell Wells, Rose Youngblood.

Father Fred writes... Today we come to the final Sunday of our church's calendar year. With Advent, we will begin the Cycle C readings and the gospel of Luke. In addition, we will begin the Year of Mercy on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Pope Francis's intent (and mine also) for this year is *to create a Church of mercy, steeped in love and forgiveness, ready to be like Jesus in every way. This is how the world is being saved.* How is the world being saved? The answer? By means of Christ the King, this Sunday's celebration. We must be careful regarding our understanding of this celebration and the kingship of Christ. Recall how Jesus insisted to Pilate that His kingdom was not of this world and that His mission was to proclaim the truth. By baptism we truly share in Jesus' Kingship and His mission of salvation. So as royalty, how can we manifest the light of Christ's kingdom in the darkness of our world of sin? The darkness of the month of December is a reminder that as royalty we are the light of the world. How can we manifest the freedom that belongs to all those who share in Christ's kingship by means of our sacrificial love and mercy offered to all, both friends and enemies alike? During the Year of Mercy, a planning group has worked very hard to offer many opportunities to understand God's mercy and for us to become more merciful, a more kingly people. How can we manifest the justice of our royal nature by our generosity towards those in need? This weekend's second collection, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, allows us to live this part of our royal dignity. As Bishop Soto, chairman for this campaign wrote, *During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need". With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring us closer to Jesus present among the poor and to the call to stand with them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development effectively articulates the Joy of the Gospel by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States.* Likewise during the month of December with the many opportunities of service and sacrifice we are reminded of the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. To those travelling during the Thanksgiving Holiday, please have a safe journey.

And to all... Happy Thanksgiving.

DON'T FORGET...

THANKSGIVING PROJECT: return donations to the collection basket by Sunday, Nov. 22nd.

CDA THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE: after each mass this weekend as long as supplies last.

Part-time Music Coordinator Needed

St. Thomas is currently looking for a part-time Music Coordinator. The position will be open January 1, 2016. The successful applicant will be proficient in both piano (read and play piano music as written) and vocals. This person should have 2-3 years of experience in leading music, cantoring and accompanying in a Mass setting. This may become a fulltime position in May. Please contact the church office at **936-295-8159** if interested.

Adult Confirmation class forming

We are currently forming the Adult Confirmation Class. Those eligible must be baptized and receive first Eucharist; 18 years of age and have graduated High School; if married, they are married in the Catholic faith or have an irregular marriage corrected before Confirmation. Please contact **Kathy Boscarino** or the church office at **936-295-8159**.

Christmas Flowers

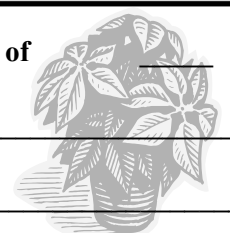
Christmas flowers are being purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. The flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved family member or friend or for some other special occasion. Please fill in the information requested below and return to the parish office.

The deadline is Friday, December 18th.

Offering is \$20.

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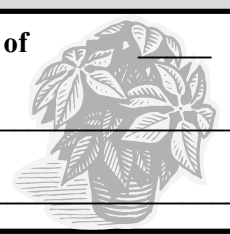
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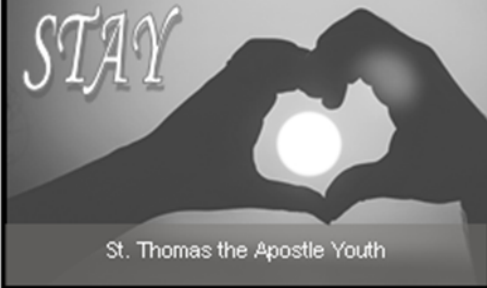
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Por favor ser
generoso con
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Contact Information

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(936) 520-6524

<http://www.saintthomashuntsville.org>

Weekly Events

Sundays CCE 9:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Edge (7th –8th grade) Parish Hall
Lifeteen (9th– 11th) Youth Center

Wednesdays STAY Youth Night

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Yourh Center

But God proved His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

News and Events

- Sunday, November 22, 2015 **Lifeteen and Edge 9:15-10:30.** Come *Glory* the Lord!
- Tuesday, November 24, 2015 Happy Thanksgiving **NO** STAY 1st Reconciliation Class
- Wednesday , Nov. 25, 2015 **NO STAY Youth Night**
- Sunday, November 29, 2015 NO Lifeteen or Edge

“The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts. I am helped, so my hear rejoices: with my song I praise him.” Psalm 28:7

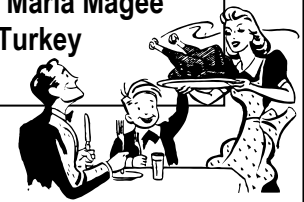
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What's Up at the Catholic Student Center

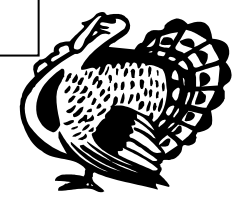
Joseph Magee, Ph.D., Director – 291-2620 – DSF Supported – <http://www.shsu-catholic.org>
Week of November 22, 2015

- Sunday** 4 pm – Choir Practice
6 pm – Student Mass
7 pm – **Free Dinner Social**
- Monday** 4 pm – Rosary in the CSC
7 pm – Game/Social Night
8:30 pm – **Men's Small Group**
– **Women's Small Group**
- Tuesday** 5 pm – Catholic Movie Night
8 pm – **Catholic Bible Study**

This Week's Guest Chefs: **Joe and Maria Magee**
This Week's Menu: **Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner**



Faith sharing and reflection on the Scriptures.



Wednesday CSC closed until Monday, November 30
No 6 pm Student Mass on Sunday, November 29
Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

TRUE GRATITUDE... Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. —Theodore Roosevelt

LA VERDADERA GRATITUD... Recordemos que así, como lo mucho que se nos ha dado, mucho se espera de nosotros y que el verdadero agradecimiento viene del corazón y se expresa con la boca, además se muestra con las obras. —Theodore Roosevelt

Palabras del Padre Fred... ¿Cuál es el arma más eficaz contra las fuerzas destructivas de esta época? El Papa Pío XI respondió a esa pregunta en 1925 en una carta encíclica sobre Cristo Rey. En esa carta, afirmó que el reconocimiento de Cristo Rey traerá los beneficios de la "verdadera libertad, de la calma del orden y la armonía y la paz". Las declaraciones del Papa tienen sentido teniendo en cuenta que Jesús es el Príncipe de la Paz; Él nos reconcilia a los unos con los otros y con Dios; y Su Reino es un reino de verdad, justicia, amor y paz. En esta solemnidad de Cristo Rey nosotros nos preguntamos a nosotros mismos: ¿Quién o qué rige nuestras vidas? ¿Quién o qué domina nuestra cultura? Si Cristo es verdaderamente el Señor de nuestras vidas, entonces nada ni nadie puede tener primera prioridad. Jesús nos dio instrucciones de este hecho en el evangelio de Lucas cuando él nos dijo que nosotros debemos preferirlo a él sobre todos lo demás si queremos ser su discípulo. [Ver Lucas 14:26] Si Jesús es el Señor de nuestras vidas, entonces él nos invita a completar la construcción de Su Reino. Desde el evangelio de este fin de semana, la iglesia reveló las obras espirituales y corporales de misericordia: *Las obras de misericordia son acciones caritativas mediante las cuales ayudamos a nuestro prójimo en sus necesidades corporales y espirituales. Instruir, aconsejar, consolar, confortar, son obras espirituales de misericordia, como también lo son perdonar y sufrir con paciencia. Las obras de misericordia corporales consisten especialmente en dar de comer al hambriento, dar techo a quien no lo tiene, vestir al desnudo, visitar a los enfermos y a los presos, enterrar a los muertos. Entre estas obras, la limosna hecha a los pobres es uno de los principales testimonios de la caridad fraterna; es también una práctica de justicia que agrada a Dios.* La colecta de la Campaña para el Desarrollo Humano que está previsto para este último domingo de nuestro año calendario nos recuerda a nosotros la obra del reino en el que estamos involucrados con Jesús el Señor. Como un obispo ha declarado, *Las familias están eligiendo entre la comida y el alquiler y están preocupados por la seguridad laboral y salarios bajos. La pobreza nos afecta a todos. Siguiendo el mandato de Jesús, [esta campaña] crea oportunidades para la comunión y la solidaridad que nos ayude a todos, especialmente a los más vulnerables. A través de la CCHD fomentamos el bien común y trabajamos para construir una sociedad en la que nadie se quede atrás.* "Gracias por su generosa respuesta a la invitación de Cristo Rey para construir el Reino de Dios.

ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE... The Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange hosted by the St. Thomas Ladies will be on Thursday, December 3rd, in the Parish Hall. Pot luck snacks will be at 6:00pm and cookie exchange and social will follow. Please bring your favorite snack dish and 5 dozen delicious cookies to share. Don't forget to bring an extra container for the cookies you take home. This is a wonderful time for the ladies of the parish to come together during this beautiful Christmas season. For more information call **Bobbi Stefaniak** at **936-291-9428**.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS GOODIE BASKET FUNDRAISER SALE... will be held after all Masses on December 12th and 13th. We will have many types of gifts, large and small, and home made goodies, in all price ranges. Proceeds are used to help support parish events and other CDA designated charities. We are also selling delicious Pawnee pecans, 16 oz. bags for \$12 each and "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5 each. Contact **Sable Losack** at **936-295-8003** or a CDA member.

KC FISH FRY... in hall from 5-7 pm on Dec. 4th.

TRUE VOCATION... The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people. —Leo Tolstoy

CANTO A LA VIRGEN. Con Cena y Concierto: La Asociación Guadalupana Arquidiócesis te invita a la Celebración Canto a la Virgen. Con Cena y Concierto. El sábado 21 Noviembre 21 de 2015. Cocteles y bocadillos de 4-:00 pm a 5:00 pm. Cena y Concierto de 5 pm 9 pm. Lugar: St. Dominic Center. Auditorium. 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX . Ven y apoya esta cena concierto del 21 de noviembre para la recaudación de fondos para nuestra celebración en el Centro de Convenciones George R Brown del domingo 13 de diciembre 2015. Para Mayor Información: Pablo Guzman 713 294-1022. Norma Morua 832-207-6612. Boletos disponibles desde ahora y el día del Evento. Donación \$25.

CIRCLES OF FRIENDS CATHOLIC SINGLES MINISTRY... Circle of Friends is open to all adults who are single, widowed, divorced or separated. People from any Parish and Faith are invited to participate in group activities. Please look at our webpage @ <http://staoptw.org> <<https://mail.staoptw.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://staoptw.org/church/index.cfm?load=page%26page=200> Pastoral Life Fellowship Circle of Friends Icon for detail of events and more. December Major Events: Annual Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Party

VERDADERA VOCACIÓN... La vocación de todo hombre y de toda mujer es servir a los demás. —León Tolstoy