



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Year of Mercy



“I don’t have many regrets regarding things or projects that remained unfinished, but I do have many memories of times I wish I had been more attentive, more present to a person . . .Those ‘needy’ people who interrupt my life are Christ’s mercy toward me. . . Mercy is not just for the end; mercy accompanies us on every step of our journey to our destiny. Mercy, who is Jesus, is really present now.” *Father Richard Veras*

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m. (English)
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. (English)
 10:45 a.m. (English)
 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Week Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday 7:15 a.m.

Adoration/Adoracion

Tuesdays after 7:15 mass through 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacramento de Reconciliación

Tuesday / Martes	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday / Sabado	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours Horario de la Oficina Parroquial

Monday / Lunes	11:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday—Friday Martes — Viernes	9:00 - 4:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	1/2	5:30 pm	Maria Santovalla De Bombadilla	+
Sun	1/3	7:45 am	Theresa Coomes	+
		10:45 am	Betty Krause	+
		12:30 pm	Jose Alfredo Cruz	+
Mon	1/4	No Mass		
Tues	1/5	7:15 am	Danny Ortego	+
Wed	1/6	7:15 am	Rev. Gabra-Tinsaye Adhana	+
Thurs	1/7	7:15 am	Steve Moore	+
Fri	1/8	7:15 am	Fr. Joseph Kalladan	+
Sat	1/9	5:30 pm	Bob and Frona Massey (54th wedding anniversary)	
Sun	1/10	7:45 am	Phil Kernek	+
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Maria Elana Ramirez	+

Weekly Readings



Mon	1/4	1Jn.3:7-10;Jn.1:35-42
Tues	1/5	1Jn.3:11-21;Jn.1:43-51
Wed	1/6	Is.60:1-6;Mat.2:1-12
Thurs	1/7	1Jn.3:22—4:6;Mt.4:12-17,23-25
Fri	1/8	1Jn.4:7-10;Mk.6:34-44
Sat	1/9	1Jn.4:11-18;Mk.6:45-52
Sun	1/10	Is.42:1-4,6-7;Acts10:34-38;Lk.3:15-16,21-22

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / RECUERDEN EN SUS ORACIONES...

Judy Adib, Steve Aguayo, Richard Almandarez, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Kathy Boscarino, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, 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, Carol Mendel, Bill Middleton, Donna Moore, Floyd and Maryann Moore, Tom Morales, Lourdes Mosqueda, Paula Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Odell Rachal, John Raia, 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, Joe Vitela, Dell Wells, Alma Williams, Rose Youngblood.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Daughters meet 2nd Monday of month. Contact Vickie Brewer at 936-291-3651.

Eleven Threads meet 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at 9 am. Contact Mary Ann Petrosky Cook, 295-7049.

Father Fred's Scripture Class meets Tuesdays in the parish hall at 7:00 pm.

Icon Guild meets Wednesdays at 10 am in the parish hall. Contact Susan Garrett (936) 291-2812.

Knights of Columbus meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday of month at 7pm. Contact Fred Guillory, 295-0267.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly meet on 2nd Tuesday of month at 7:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary meet every Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. in the Little White House .

Movimiento Familiar Chistiano Catolico. Contact Alfredo Almaraz at 817-521-9198.

Parish Council meets 4th Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m. in parish hall.

Shrine of the Two Hearts Weekly Rosary every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. throughout the year. From FM 2821, turn North onto Rosenwall Rd. Go 3.3 miles to the gate. Everyone welcome. Gate open from 9-5. .

Spanish Prayer Group (Rios de Luz y Esperanza) Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Contact Martin Mosqueda, (936) 662-8335.

St. Pio Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Little White House

St. Thomas Ladies meet 1st Thursday of month. Contact June Davis, at 291-8197.

St. Thomas Weekly Rosary at 5:00 p.m. before the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass. **Daily Rosary** prayed following 7:15 a.m. Mass.

St. Thomas Widows. Meet 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m, in the Adult Education Bldg. Contact Mary Ann Petrosky Cook, 295-7049.

St. Vincent de Paul meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of month at 2:00 p.m. in parish hall. Contact Craig Hibbison, at 436-0362.

Important Office Memo to all Parish Ministries/

Organizations: As the new year is about to start, we are now scheduling our parish ministries/organizations events in our 2016 calendar. It is important that we receive your yearly schedule to be included. Please email to svitela@sbcglobal.net or bring them by the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
(Virtus Training) WORKSHOP**
at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community
Saturday, January 9th
8:30 am to 11:30 am

**KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE
(Virtus Refresher Course) WORKSHOP**
at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community
Saturday, January 9th
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

All attendees must pre-register online at
www.virtusonline.org

When registering you must choose a workshop date and time in order to fully register. The day of the workshop you must bring with you a current Driver’s license, State issued ID Card, Passport (any Country), Mexico or Guatemala Consulate ID in order to attend the workshop.

**YOU MUST USE
YOUR NAME and DATE OF BIRTH**
as it appears on your chosen identification.

**NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18
WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE WORKSHOP.**

Diocesan Service Fund 2015

Parish Goal	\$35,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$43,244.50
Total Amount Pledged	\$45,415.00
Amount Paid Over Goal	\$8,244.50
Amount pledged over Goal	\$10,415.00
Total number participants	183
Percent Paid	123.56%

ENGLISH BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION...

will be held on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Bldg. Please pre-register in the office before attending session. A copy of the child's birth certificate should be presented at time of registration. Deadline for registration is Friday, January 8th.

ST. THOMAS LADIES... annual Soup Supper will be on Thursday, January 7th, at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please come for a warm meal and great fellowship.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS ... will meet on Monday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

JOIN US... on Monday, January 11th at 9:00 AM to take down the remaining decorations in the church. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING SMALL GROUPS...

If you think Christmas is right around the corner, Lent follows close behind! Lent begins on February 10th, and St. Thomas will provide several opportunities to participate in a Lenten faith-sharing small group. A good way to meet Christ is to share faith through Disciples on the Journey. Small groups provide opportunities to:

- * deepen one's personal relationship with God
- * enliven one's faith by personal reflection on scripture
- * provide new insights into the Sunday readings

**Sign-ups will be held on the weekends of
January 10th and 17th.**

For those interested in leading a small group, please contact **Kathy Boscarino** at (936) 295-8159.

A CHRISTMAS PROJECT THANK YOU!

Over 40 years ago, Steve Aguayo saw a need in our community to help deserving families by providing food and gifts for them at Christmas. That first year, he assisted a handful of families. Thanks to Steve’s vision, this year, with your generosity, St Thomas was able to provide food and gifts to 82 families (300+ individuals)!! Words cannot express the overwhelming joy of being able to provide a bit of Christ’s love to those families. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project in any way: identifying the families, purchasing gifts and food, donating money, your gift of time through sorting, organizing, and wrapping gifts, filling food baskets and goodie bags, and delivering to the families. This is truly a “team effort” and our parish and Huntsville communities are truly blessed by your generosity.

Blessings for 2016!

Mary Gedelian and Kirstie Legerski

 <p>St. Thomas the Apostle Youth</p>	<p>Contact Information Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM kathybosc@sbcglobal.net (936) 520-6524 http://www.saintthomashuntsville.org</p>	<p><i>Weekly Events</i></p> <p>Sundays CCE 9:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Edge (7th –8th grade) Parish Hall Lifeteen (9th– 11th) Youth Center</p> <p>Wednesdays <i>STAY</i> Youth Night 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Yourh Center</p>
<p>But God proved His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8</p>		

News and Events

Sunday, January 03, 2016	No Lifetten or Edge— <i>Happy New Year</i>
Wednesday, January 06, 2016	STAY Leadership Team Meeting 6:30-8:30 (No Youth Night)
Sunday, January 10, 2016	Lifeteen and Edge begins their Spring Semester—Annual Sacred and Safe classes. See Parish Website or contact Kathy Boscarino for more information
<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
Saturday, January 16, 2016	Confirmation 2016 Retreat— Mandatory retreat for students preparing for Confirmation in September 2016. 8:00 a.m. — 6:30 p.m. in parish hall. Cost \$10.
Saturday, Feb 20, 2016	Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally—10:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m. @ St. Simon & Jude. Opened to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. <u>Registration is due 1/17/2016</u> Fee: \$40.00 Theme: Mercy Games Registration forms can be picked up during Edge, CCE, Youth Night or online @ www.saintthomashuntsville.org under Faith Formation / Edge. Contact Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM for more information.

<h2>YOU'RE INVITED</h2>	<h2>ESTÁS INVITADO</h2>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please come to the:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jubilee for Laity</p> <p>When: Monday 1/18/2016; 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Where: Parish Hall</p> <p>Why: To Celebrate <u>You</u>, St. Thomas Parishioner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Por favor venga a la:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jubileo de los laicos</p> <p>Cuando: Lunes 1/18/2016 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Donde: Salón Parroquial</p> <p>Por qué: Para celebrarte a <u>tí</u>, Feligrés de Santo Tomás</p>

<h3>K-6 CCE NEWS</h3> <p style="text-align: right;">Maria Delgado, Elementary CCE Coordinator</p>	
<p>Elementary K-6 CCE Please pray for the children in St. Thomas Parish Community who are preparing for their sacraments this upcoming spring.</p>	<p>K-6 Elemental CCE Por favor de orar por nuestros hijos en nuestra Parroquia de Sto. Tomas quines se preparan para recibir sus sacramentos en la Primavera.</p>

SESIONES DE PREPARACIÓN PARA

BAUTISMO... Miércoles y jueves, el 13 y 14 de enero, 7:00p.m. en salón parroquial. Participantes deben registrarse en la oficina antes de asistir las sesiones. Una copia del certificado de nacimiento del niño/a debe ser presentada. Última fecha para inscribirse es el viernes, 8 de enero.

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**.

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.

Stewardship for December 20th: \$ 8,201.44

Thank you for your parish support!

HYMN COMPETITION FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY ... Residents of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston are invited to participate in a hymn competition in honor of the Year of Mercy. The theme of the hymn is "*Merciful, Like the Father.*" The winner will have his music distributed throughout the archdiocese for potential use on Divine Mercy Sunday and throughout the Year of Mercy. The winner will receive a cash award. For more information, go to <http://www.archgh.org/yearofmercy/prayer/Hymn-Competition-for-the-Year-of-Mercy/>.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE... Calling all persons with a devotion to **Our Lady of Guadalupe** in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston! You are invited to a Bilingual Listening Session for the Archdiocesan Association of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Saturday, January 9, 2016, 11:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. at The Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Blvd. For more info contact the **Office of Hispanic Ministry** at **713-741-8727**.

NOTICIA IMPORTANTE de la oficina para todos los ministerios de la parroquia: A medida que el nuevo año está a punto de comenzar, ahora estamos programando el calendario de eventos de nuestros ministerios/organizaciones parroquiales para el año 2016. **Es importante que envíe su calendario anual para ser incluidos.** Envíe por correo electrónico a svitela@sbeglobal.net o puede llevarlo a la oficina. Gracias por su cooperación.

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney



EL SENTIDO DE LAS COSAS... El sentido de las cosas no está en las cosas mismas, sino en nuestra actitud hacia ellas. —Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

BUENA DISPOSICIÓN... Una buena disposición es una virtud en sí misma, y es duradera; el peso de los años no la deprecian, y el amor que se funda en ella perdura hasta el fin. —Ovidio

PARA EL HIMNO DEL AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA ... Se invita a los residentes de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston para participar en un concurso de canto en honor del Año de la Misericordia. El tema del himno es "*Misericordioso Como el Padre.*" El ganador tendrá su música distribuida en toda la arquidiócesis para su uso potencial en el Domingo de la Misericordia y en todo el año de la Misericordia. El ganador recibirá un premio en efectivo. Para obtener más información, vaya a <http://www.archgh.org/yearofmercy/prayer/Hymn-Competition-for-the-Year-of-Mercy/>.

NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE... ¡Atención a todas las personas devotas a **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe** de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston! Se les invita a una Sesión de Escucha Bilingüe para la Asociación Guadalupana Arquidiocesana. Sábado 9 de enero del 2016 de 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. en el Centro Católico Carismático, 1949 Cullen Blvd. Mayores informes con la **Oficina de Ministerio Hispano** al **713-741-8727**.