



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Fr. Fred's Year of Mercy blog fathermickey.com

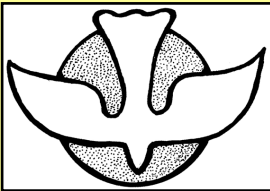
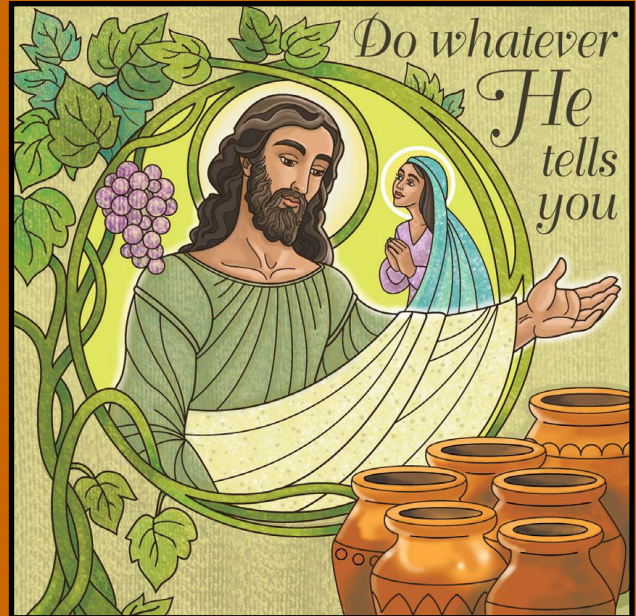
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone Pastor

Felix RamosPermanent Deacon
 Kathy BoscarinoDRE / Youth Minister
 Maria DelgadoElementary CCE Coordinator
 Dir. of Music Ministry
 Jill Baker Nursery Coordinator
 Dell WellsBookkeeper
 Sylvia Vitela Secretary
 Laura PuenteCustodian



*Different gifts
but the same spirit.*

Year of Mercy



**“Sing, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his afflicted.”**
Isaiah 49: 13

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	1/16	5:30 pm	St. Thomas Ladies (their intentions)	
Sun	1/17	7:45 am	Parishioners	
		10:45 am	Charles Riley	+
		12:30 pm	Benigno and Oracio Ramirez	+
Mon	1/18	No Mass		
Tues	1/19	7:15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Wed	1/20	7:15 am	Rev. Edward Roberts	+
Thurs	1/21	7:15 am	Betty Krause	+
Fri	1/22	7:15 am	Fr. Nils Thompson, OFM	+
Sat	1/23	5:30 pm	Jo Ann Sharkey	+
Sun	1/24	7:45 am	Jim Stefaniak	+
		10:45 am	Anna Patterson	+
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	+
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	

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.

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**.

Weekly Readings



Mon	1/18	1Sm.15:16-23;Mk.2:18-22
Tues	1/19	1Sm.16:1-13;Mk.2:23-28
Wed	1/20	1Sm.17:32-33,37,40-51;Mk.3:1-6
Thurs	1/21	1Sm.18:6-9;19:1-7;Mk.3:7-12
Fri	1/22	1Sm.24:3-21;Mk.3:13-19
Sat	1/23	1Sm.1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27;Mk.3:20-21
Sun	1/24	Neh.8:2-6,8-10;1Cor.12:12-30;Lk.1:1-4;4:14-21

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

Judy Adib, Steve Aguayo, Richard Almendarez, 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, Maria Jalifi, Dorothy Laskoskie, Wilson and Naomi Ledo, 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 Legler 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, Bob Wessels, Alma Williams, Rose Youngblood.

Do you know a couple that is having a challenging situation in their relationship and need help? We may be able to coach you as a couple. We offer enrichment sessions, consulting and mentoring for married couples experiencing some crisis or challenges in their relationship. For more detailed information please contact the office of Family Life Ministry at **713-741-8711**.

REFLECTION... That we open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to work God's plan through each of us.

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

Stewardship for January 10th: \$6,001.81
North Texas Tornado Victims Relief: \$2,752.99
Thank you for your parish support!

YOUR BEST... Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you. —Anonymous

Father Fred writes... During this Jubilee Year of Mercy we will be honoring different groups and ministers within the church. Tomorrow, January 18th, we will honor the laity – you the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It will be a small way for thanking you for being “church.” Not just attending church but being actively involved in ministering to those in our faith community and for building up the Body of Christ. Pope Benedict mentioned that the laity share with the clergy the responsibility for the care of Christ’s flock. As he said, *Co-responsibility demands a change in mindset especially concerning the role of lay people in the Church. They should not be regarded as “collaborators” of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really “co-responsible” for the Church’s being and acting.* Pope Francis in his visit to the United States last year preached the same message. As Pope Francis preached in a homily in Philadelphia, *One of the great challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church’s mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world. This will require creativity in adapting to changed situations, carrying forward the legacy of the past not primarily by maintaining our structures and institutions, which have served us well, but above all by being open to the possibilities which the Spirit opens up to us and communicating the joy of the Gospel, daily and in every season of our life. “What about you?” It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope were also addressed to a lay woman. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity. The Church in the United States has always devoted immense effort to the work of catechesis and education. Our challenge today is to build on those solid foundations and to foster a sense of collaboration and shared responsibility in planning for the future of our parishes and institutions. ... it means discerning and employing wisely the manifold gifts which the Spirit pours out upon the Church.* So thank you, the laity of St. Thomas, for all that you do in serving the Body of Christ.



OFFICE MEMO: Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

KCs Chicken Fried Steak Dinner... Thursday, January 21st from 5 pm to 7 pm in the parish hall.

Who will Serve?

St. Thomas is looking for youth to serve at the Altar. Youth must have completed the 4th grade and have received their first Holy Communion, are registered members of our parish and *are at a maturity level appropriate for serving at the altar of our Lord.*

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY WORKSHOP

When: Saturday 1/30/2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Where: STAY Youth Center

For more information please contact Kathy at the church office or IBVO

YOU'RE INVITED

Please come to the:

Jubilee for Laity

When: Monday 1/18/2016;
5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Where: Parish Hall

Why: To Celebrate You,
St. Thomas Parishioner

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING SMALL GROUPS...

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 this weekend
January 17th.**

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



St. Thomas the Apostle Youth

Contact Information

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM
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<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, January 17, 2016 No CCE

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 STAY Youth Night

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 30, 2016 Altar Server Training 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. STAY Youth Bldg.

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. Registration is due 1/17/2016 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.

Disciples on the Journey, Lent 2016

Small Group Offerings

(Availability as of Tuesday, January 12th)

DAY	TIME	GROUP	LOCATION	AVAILABILITY
Sunday	12:30 pm	Open	St. Thomas	7 openings
	2:00 pm	<i>Spanish Language Young Adult</i>	Hwy. 75 North	7 openings
Monday	9:30 am	Open	St. Thomas	5 openings
	7:00 pm	<i>Spanish Language</i> Open	Avenue C (Tentative)	6 openings
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Women’s Group	Forest Hills Area	4 Openings
	7:00 pm	<i>Spanish Language</i> Open	Varies	FULL
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Open	FM 980 Area	6 Openings
	4:00 pm	Open	St. Thomas	FULL
	6:00 pm	Open	Sycamore Area	5 Openings
	6:30 pm	<i>Men’s Group</i>	Forest Hills Area	7 Openings
Thursday	6:30 pm	<i>Young Professionals</i>	Elkins Lake	6 Openings
	6:00 pm	Open	St. Thomas	2 Openings
	6:00 pm	Open	Creekside Retirement Community	FULL
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Parents with young children,</i> child care provided	St. Thomas	6 openings

*Palabras del Padre Fred. . . Durante este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia estaremos honrando a los diferentes grupos y ministros dentro de la iglesia. Mañana, 18 de enero, vamos a honrar a los laicos - ustedes los miembros bautizados del Cuerpo de Cristo. Será una pequeña manera para darle las gracias por ser "iglesia." No sólo asistir a la iglesia, sino participar activamente en ministrar a las personas de nuestra comunidad de fe y para la edificación del Cuerpo de Cristo. El Papa Benedicto XVI señaló que los laicos comparten con el clero la responsabilidad por el cuidado del rebaño de Cristo. Como él dijo, *La corresponsabilidad exige un cambio de mentalidad especialmente respecto al papel de los laicos en la Iglesia, que no se han de considerar como «colaboradores» del clero, sino como personas realmente «corresponsables» del ser y del actuar de la Iglesia.* Papa Francisco en su visita a los Estados Unidos el año pasado predicó el mismo mensaje. Como Francisco predicó en una homilía en Filadelfia, *Uno de los grandes desafíos de la Iglesia en este momento es fomentar en todos los fieles el sentido de la responsabilidad personal en la misión de la Iglesia, y capacitarlos para que puedan cumplir con tal responsabilidad como discípulos misioneros, como fermento del Evangelio en nuestro mundo. Esto requiere creatividad para adaptarse a los cambios de las situaciones, transmitiendo el legado del pasado, no solo a través del mantenimiento de estructuras e instituciones, que son útiles, sino sobre todo abriéndose a las posibilidades que el Espíritu nos descubre y mediante la comunicación de la alegría del Evangelio, todos los días y en todas las etapas de nuestra vida. «¿Y tú?». Es significativo que estas palabras del anciano Papa fueran dirigidas a una mujer laica. Sabemos que el futuro de la Iglesia, en una sociedad que cambia rápidamente, reclama ya desde ahora una participación de los laicos mucho más activa. La Iglesia en los Estados Unidos ha dedicado siempre un gran esfuerzo a la catequesis y a la educación. Nuestro reto hoy es construir sobre esos cimientos sólidos y fomentar un sentido de colaboración y responsabilidad compartida en la planificación del futuro de nuestras parroquias e instituciones. Esto ... significa discernir y emplear sabiamente los múltiples dones que el Espíritu derrama sobre la Iglesia.* Así que gracias, los laicos de Santo Tomás, por todo lo que hacen en el servicio al Cuerpo de Cristo.*

Noticia de la oficina: La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes en observación del Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.

Desea obtener alguna ayuda para saber como manejar a sus hijos? La oficina del Ministerio de Vida Familiar cuenta con un selecto grupo de 8 profesionales alrededor de la Arquidiócesis que pueden proveer estos servicios a padres que desean obtener ayuda en la crianza de sus hijos. Estos programas están diseñados para ofrecer formación y para guiar a los padres en diversas situaciones. Para mayor información por favor comuníquese al **713-741-8739** o al **713-741-8711**.

¿Está interesado (a) en hablar con alguien sobre su relación matrimonial? Podemos ayudarle si está atravesando por algún reto en su relación de pareja. Ofrecemos sesiones de enriquecimiento matrimonial, consultoría y mentoría. Para mayor información por favor comuníquese al **713- 741-8711**.

LO MEJOR DE TU PARTE... Da al mundo lo mejor de tu parte y recibirás lo mejor de vuelta. —Anónimo

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@sbcglobal.net o puede llevarlo a la oficina. Gracias por su cooperación.

ESTÁS INVITADO

Por favor venga a la:

Jubileo de los laicos

Cuando: Lunes 1/18/2016

5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Donde: Salón Parroquial

**Por qué: Para celebrarte a tí
Feligrés de Santo Tomás**