



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

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 Maria DelgadoElementary CCE Coordinator
 Dir. of Music Ministry
 Jill Baker Nursery Coordinator
 Dell WellsBookkeeper
 Sylvia Vitela Secretary
 Laura PuenteCustodian

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.



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.



“Only someone who has encountered mercy, who has been caressed by the tenderness of mercy, is happy and comfortable with the Lord.”

Church of Mercy by Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

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	
Mon	1/18	No Mass		
Tues	1/19	7:15 am	Mike and Paul Miller	✝
Wed	1/20	7:15 am	Ellis Milam	✝
Thurs	1/21	7:15 am	Ralph Losack, Sr.	✝
Fri	1/22	7:15 am	Joe Cox	✝
Sat	1/23	5:30 pm	Mary and William Grupa	✝
Sun	1/24	7:45 am	Richard Fassett (his intentions)	
		10:45 am	Joseph Pueyo	✝
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	

Weekly Readings



Mon	1/25	Acts 22:3-16; Mk. 16:15-18
Tues	1/26	2Tm. 1:1-8; Mk. 3:31-35
Wed	1/27	2Sm. 7:4-17; Mk. 4:1-20
Thurs	1/28	2Sm. 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk. 4:21-25
Fri	1/29	2Sm. 11:1-10, 13-17; Mk. 4:26-34
Sat	1/30	2Sm. 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk. 4:35-41
Sun	1/31	Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; 1Cor. 12:31—13:13; Lk. 4:21-30

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, 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 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 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, Maria Elena Valencia, Leo Vasquez, Joe Vitela, Dell Wells, Bob Wessels, 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,
936-295-7049.

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 936-291-8197.

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 936-436-0362.

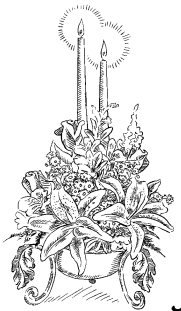
OOPS! Sorry we missed it



*On January 10th
The flowers beside the
Blessed Sacrament
were offered in
thanksgiving for
their 54th Wedding Anniversary*

by

Bob and Frona Massey



*The flowers beside the
Blessed Sacrament
are offered in
thanksgiving for their
31st Wedding Anniversary*

by

James and Cecilia Marquart

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER... will be held on Friday, January 29th. Money raised from this event will benefit our Gene Stark Scholarship Fund which provides two \$500 Scholarships for deserving Catholic High School graduates. Dinner will be served from 5PM to 7PM in the parish hall. All contributions will be appreciated.

CHILD CARE will be provided for our little ones by the St. Thomas STAY Group Child Care Ministry from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the parish nursery. **Parents Enjoy your Dinner!**

REFLECTION... That we balance our lives by enjoying the gifts we have been given and generously sharing with those in need.

"Go eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...." (Nehemia 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life, he wants us to be happy! However, He expects us to generously share our blessings with those who are in need, without expecting anything in return.

Stewardship for January 17th: \$8,436.93

Thank you for your parish support!

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**

Circle 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 at

<http://staoptw.org> >Pastoral Life >Fellowship >Circle of Friends Icon for detail of events and more.

February Major Events:

Super Bowl Party

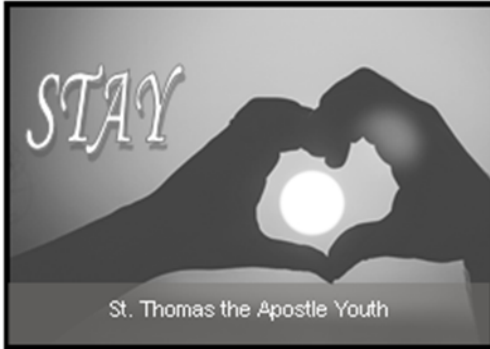
Catholic Daughter's "Date Night"

Bowling

Check our Calendar for details on these and more events!

EMPTY BOWLS LUNCH... Here's a delightful and delicious way to help our senior citizens in need of a hot meal! The Annual "Empty Bowls" Lunch will be held on Tuesday, February 29, the day before Ash Wednesday, for the benefit of the Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program, a St. Thomas ministry. The location is the Eclectic Studio, 1211 19th St., next door to the Homestead. "Bottomless" soups, bread, and beverages will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and each guest will also choose a souvenir pottery bowl. Take-out is available and no reservations are necessary. The minimum suggested donation is \$20, however larger contributions are greatly appreciated since the cost of meals distributed is about \$600 per day.

PARDON QUICKLY... If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly. Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness. —Sir Arthur Pinero



Contact Information

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 kathybosc@sbcglobal.net
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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 24, 2016 CCE 9:15 to 10:30

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 STAY Youth Night 6:30 pm –8:30 pm Youth Center Come Join the fun!

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, February 14, 2016 **SAVE THE DATE! Youth Valentine's Day Fund Raiser**

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.

What's Up at the Catholic Student Center

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

Week of January 24, 2016

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 pm – Men's Small Group
 – Women's Small Group

Faith sharing and reflection on the Scriptures



Tuesday 5 pm – Catholic Movie Night
8 pm – Catholic Bible Study

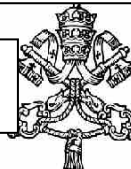
A faith-filled evening of Scripture, prayer, sharing, and great music!

Wednesday 4 pm – Rosary in the CSC
7 pm – Alive! Praise and Worship Music

Thursday 6:15 pm – Mass in CSC Chapel
7 pm – Café Catholica

Dinner and discussion of all things Catholic.

Friday 4 pm – Rosary in the



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.

Respect Life



Annual Respect Life Mass and Reception with Cardinal DiNardo

Saturday, February 6,
5:00 p.m. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston,

LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST... Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together. Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

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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**.

WINTER WARMTH... One kind word can warm three winter months. —Japanese proverb

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.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! Come and join hundreds of young adults ages 18-35 years old celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy at the **Archdiocesan Young Adult Day**. "The Door of Mercy" on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Get inspired by international and local speakers who are living the works of mercy. Contemplate about the mystery of mercy and forgiveness. Fun, music, prayer and Eucharist with Bishop Sheltz. The door prize for those participating at this event is a trip to World Youth Day in Poland. Presented in English and Spanish. Location: St. Pius X High school 811 W. Donovan Street, Houston, TX 77091. Early Bird \$25 by January 31 or \$35 after February 1. Group Discounts available.

Register online www.archgh.org/yacm
For more information, call **713-741-8778**.

ATTENCION JOVENES ADULTOS! Ven y acompaña a cientos de jóvenes adultos de 18 a 35 años de edad a celebrar el Jubileo de la Misericordia en el día **Arquidiocesano de Jovenes Adultos**. "La Puerta de la Misericordia" Sábado 27 de Febrero, 2016 de 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Inspírate con presentadores internacionales y locales que ponen en práctica las obras de misericordia y contempla en el misterio de la misericordia y el perdón. Se sortera un viaje a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Polonia a quienes participen en este día y sean elegibles. Diversión, música, oración y Eucaristía con el Obispo Sheltz. Presentado en Inglés y Español. Lugar: St. Pius X High school 811 W. Donovan Street, Houston, TX 77091. \$25 antes del 31 de Enero o \$35 después del 1 de Febrero. Descuentos para grupos.

Inscripciones en línea www.archgh.org/yacm Information 713-741-8778.

ELUSIVE 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. —Anonymus