



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2016

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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

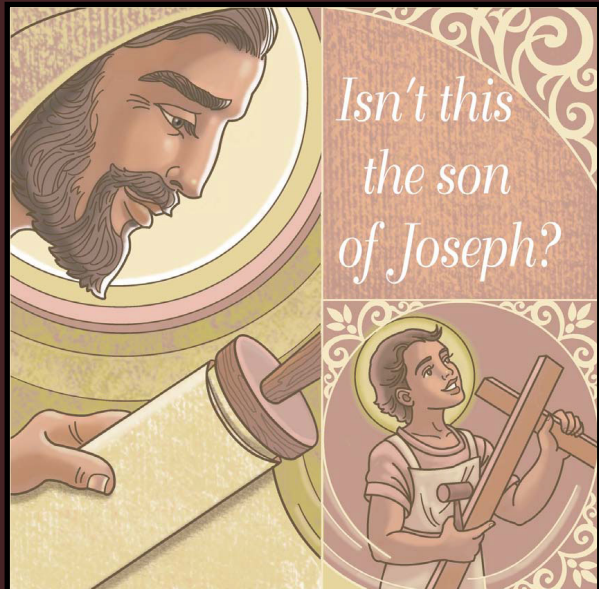
Sacramento de Reconciliación

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.



*"The Lord is loving and merciful,
 slow to anger and full of constant
 love. He is good to everyone and
 has compassion on all he made."
 Psalm 145: 8-9*

MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	1/30	5:30 pm	Mary and William Grupa	✝
Sun	1/31	7:45 am	Richard Fasset (his intentions)	
		10:45 am	Joseph Pueyo	✝
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	
Mon	2/1	No Mass		
Tues	2/2	7:15 am	Fr. Joseph Kalladan	✝
Wed	2/3	7:15 am	Ellis Milam	✝
Thurs	2/4	7:15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Fri	2/5	7:15 am	Rev. Richard M. Patrick	✝
Sat	2/6	5:30 pm	Ann Dandrige and Anthony Pasket (their birthdays)	
Sun	2/7	7:45 am	Theresa Coomes	✝
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Roberto Dueñas	✝
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	

Weekly Readings



Mon	2/1	2Sm.15:13-14,30;16:5-13;Mk.5:1-20
Tues	2/2	Mal.3:1-4;Heb.2:14-18;Lk.22:22-40
Wed	2/3	2Sm.24:2,9-17;Mk.6:1-6
Thurs	2/4	1Kgs.2:1-4,10-12Mk,6:7-13
Fri	2/5	Sir.47:2-11;Mk.6:14-29
Sat	2/6	1Kgs.3:4-13;Mk.6:30-34
Sun	2/7	Is.6:1-8;1Cor.15:1-11;Lk.5:1-11

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, Winifred Grivich, Mary Gutermuth, Maria Jalifi, Dorothy Laskoskie, Andrew Leal, Sam and Marie Martinez, Cheri McGee, Coby Meinzer, Carol Mendel, Bill Middleton, Donna Moore, Floyd and Maryann Moore, Tom Morales, Lourdes Mosqueda, Paula Legler Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, 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, David and Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Leo Vasquez, Joe Vitela, 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

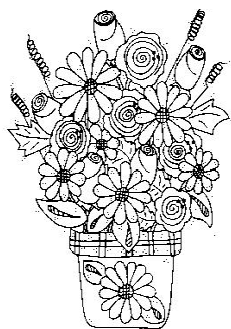
St. Thomas Ladies meet 1st Thursday of month.
Contact June Davis, at 936-291-8197.

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.

Father Fred writes... Today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians will be familiar to many of us who have attended weddings. It is a reading that wedding couples often choose: *Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth....* Paul is not trying to stir up fleeting emotions but to inspire us to a way of life formed by the quality of love that Christ has for the church. The past few weeks Paul has reminded us that we are called to use the gifts that the Spirit has given to us to build up the Body of Christ. Today Paul reminds us that if love is not the motivation behind the use of our gifts then our service with the use of these gifts might be compared to *a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. Ouch!!* This weekend starts the annual Diocesan Services Fund appeal where we can use the gift of the financial resources that God has given us to serve and to build up the Body of Christ. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for your generosity this past year. We met our goal towards the end of the summer which allowed me to have many peaceful nights of sleep knowing that we had attained our goal. To top it all we exceeded our goal by \$9828! The diocese will rebate 50% of this excess to us. So thank you. This year's campaign is titled *His Mercy Endures Forever* from Psalm 136. The title is very appropriate during this Year of Mercy. As Saint John Paul wrote, "Mercy is love's second name." Our goal for the campaign is \$37,000. With the love that we have in our hearts, I am sure that we will meet and exceed this goal. Thank you for your generous service to the Body of Christ through this annual appeal.



The flowers beside the Blessed Sacrament are offered in loving memory of Chad Wagamon
by
Mrs. Kenneth Lauer

Stewardship for January 24th: \$7,120.78

Bishops Fund for Latin America: \$2,056.62

Thank you for your parish support!



CELEBRATION...

Father Sal DeGeorge will be here at the Mass on Sat., Feb 13th at 5:30 P.M. to celebrate his 50 years in the priesthood. A reception in his honor will follow in the parish hall. Father DeGeorge was a previous pastor at St Thomas and we are looking forward to his

coming back to share this important event with us. For more information or anyone offering to help please call **Carole Barrett at 936-295-7201.**

ST. THOMAS LADIES... will have a pot luck supper and meeting on Thursday, February 4th, at 6PM, in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have a First Friday Fish Fry on February 5th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

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 9, 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.

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,

A FORETASTE... Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.
—St. Thomas Aquinas

WANTING... Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Contact Information

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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 31, 2016 Lifeteen and Edge 9:15-10:30
Wednesday, February 03, 2016 STAY Youth Night

Upcoming Events

Wednesday February 10, 2016 Ash Wednesday—Lent begins.
Wednesday February 17, 2016 “Merciful” Lenten study begins.

“The Church is a unique kind of community, the union of those baptized into Christ, formed by His Word—gathered around the table where we share Christ’s body in order to become his body for the world” *Sister Sandra Schneiders*

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 31, 2016

Sunday 4 pm – Choir Practice
6 pm – Student Mass
7 pm – **Free Dinner Social**

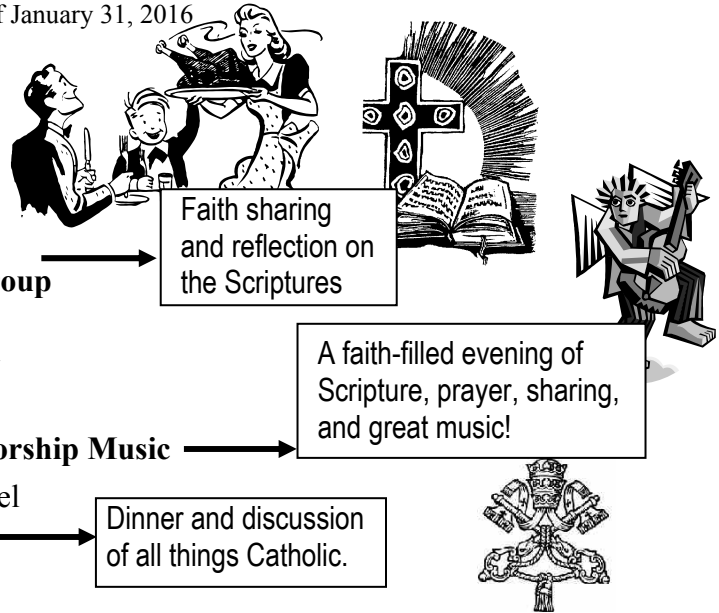
Monday 4 pm – Rosary in the CSC
7 pm – Game/Social Night
8 pm – **Men’s Small Group**
– **Women’s Small Group**

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

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**

Friday 4 pm – Rosary in the CSC



Food for Thought:

Every Christian community should be an oasis of charity and warmth in the midst of a desert of solitude and indifference.”

Pope Francis

Palabras del Padre Fred... La segunda lectura de hoy de la carta de Pablo a los Corintios será familiar para muchos de nosotros que han asistido a las bodas. Es una lectura que las parejas de boda con frecuencia eligen: El amor es paciente, es comprensivo, el amor es servicial y no tiene envidia; *el amor no es presumido ni se envanece; no es grosero ni egoísta; no se irrita ni guarda rencor; no se alegra con la injusticia, sino que goza con la verdad.* Pablo no está tratando de suscitar emociones fugaces, sino desea inspirarnos a una forma de vida formado por la calidad del amor que Cristo tiene para la iglesia. Las últimas semanas Pablo nos ha recordado que estamos llamados a usar los dones que el Espíritu nos ha dado para la edificación del Cuerpo de Cristo. Hoy Pablo nos recuerda que si el amor no es la motivación detrás del uso de nuestros dones entonces *no soy más que una campana que resuena o unos platillos que aturden.* ¡¡Ay!! Este fin de semana comienza el llamamiento anual Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos en el que podemos utilizar el don de los recursos financieros de que Dios nos ha dado para servir y para la edificación del Cuerpo de Cristo. Desde el fondo de mi corazón quiero darles las gracias por su generosidad de este año pasado. Nos encontramos con nuestro objetivo hacia el final del verano, que me permitió tener muchas noches tranquilas y pude dormir sabiendo que habíamos alcanzado nuestro objetivo. Y lo mejor fue que superamos nuestra meta por \$9,828 y la diócesis nos regresa 50% de este exceso. Así que gracias. La campaña de este año se titula *Su misericordia es para siempre* del Salmo 136. El título es muy apropiado en este Año de la Misericordia. Como escribió San Juan Pablo: "La misericordia es el segundo nombre de amor." Nuestro objetivo para la campaña es de \$37,000. Con el amor que tenemos en nuestros corazones, estoy seguro de que vamos a cumplir y superar esta meta. Gracias por su servicio generoso con el Cuerpo de Cristo a través de este llamamiento anual.

HOUSTON: A Messenger of Hope from Padua, Italy

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA RELIC VISIT TO THE ARCHDIOCESE... February 19-28

The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony will be visiting us in the form of a precious relic from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relic will be accompanied by a friar from the Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua and the relic will travel to several parishes in the area.

	Date	Mass	Language	Veneration
CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART	2/ 19	12:10 pm 7:30 pm	English	All afternoon
CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART	2/20	6:30 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	English English Vietnamese	After mass until 2:00 pm Resumes after mass until 7:00 pm Resumes after mass
CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART	2/21	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	English English English Vietnamese Spanish	All day after masses
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH— The Woodlands, TX 281.419.8700	2/28	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	No languages were given	All day after masses

FEBRUARY 22- CHRIST THE INCARNATE WORD

FEBRUARY 23- THE SHRINE OF THE TRUE CROSS

FEBRUARY 25- CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CENTER

FEBRUARY 26- ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27- OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH