



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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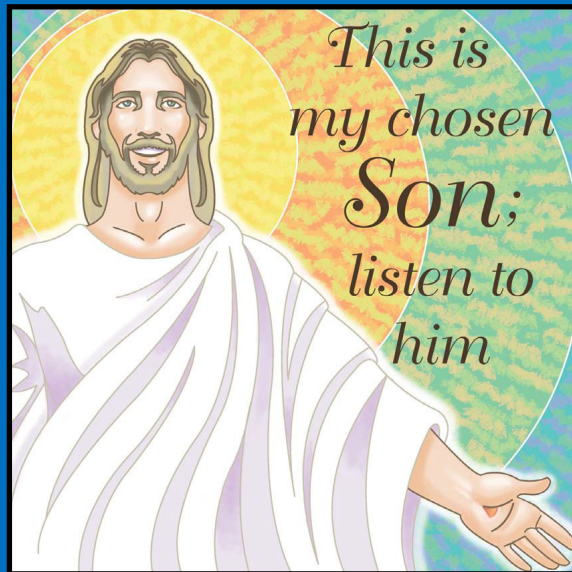
## Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

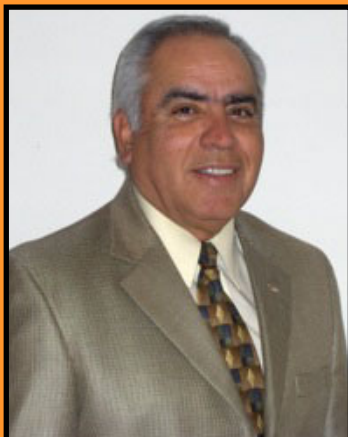
### STAFF

#### Rev. Fred Valone .... Pastor

- Felix Ramos ..... Permanent Deacon
- Kathy Boscarino ..... DRE / Youth Minister
- Maria Delgado ..... Elementary CCE Coordinator
- Rick Reed ..... Dir. of Music Ministry
- Jill Baker ..... Nursery Coordinator
- Dell Wells ..... Bookkeeper
- Sylvia Vitela ..... Secretary
- Laura Puente ..... Custodian



### Living the Year of Mercy Discover *Prison Ministry*



#### Information meeting with Deacon Richard Lopez

**When:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Parish Hall

Reaching out in Mercy to the Imprisoned

### St. Thomas Community Lenten Project

Check here to see how we are  
progressing in meeting our goal.



**Fr. Fred's Project Goal: \$2,600  
(2 water systems)**

### Lenten Activities

*Stations of the Cross* Every Friday

7:00 p.m. In English

7:45 p.m. In Spanish

*Fish Fry every Friday*

Except Good Friday

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

## MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	2/20	5:30 pm	Dr. Antonio Cañadas	✝
Sun	2/21	7:45 am	Chris Cooper	✝
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Rodolfo Bravo	✝
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	
Mon	2/22	No Mass		
Tues	2/23	7:15 am	Dorothea Stachowiak (her intentions)	
Wed	2/24	7:15 am	Mary Pitman (birthday)	
Thurs	2/25	7:15 am	Shirley Skains Miller	✝
Fri	2/26	7:15 am	Rev. Edward Roberts	✝
Sat	2/27	5:30 pm	Mike Dunn (special intentions)	
Sun	2/28	7:45 am	Parishioners	
		10:45 am	Richard (Dick) Colgrove	✝
		12:30 pm	Alfega Alcaraz (special intentions)	
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	

## Weekly Readings



Mon	2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4;Mt.16:13-19
Tues	2/23	Is 1:10, 16-20;Mt 23:1-12
Wed	2/24	Jer 18:18-20;Mt 20:17-28
Thurs	2/25	Jer 17:5-10;Lk 16:19-31
Fri	2/26	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17b-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat	2/27	Mi 7:14-15;Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun	2/28	Ex 3:1-8, 13-15;1 Cor10:1-6, 10-12;Lk 13:1-9

### 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, Monique Colegrove, 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, Kevin Kretzschmar, Dorothy Laskoskie, Andrew Leal, Sam and Marie Martinez, Karen McPike, 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.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS...** Looking for a devotional to enrich your Lenten journey? The following websites offer daily devotionals which can be delivered directly to your email Inbox, and/or available directly on their website. Visit the following websites for more information:

**Catholic email subscriptions** (look for newsletter or email subscription instructions):

[www.guslloyd.com](http://www.guslloyd.com)

[www.redeemedonline.com](http://www.redeemedonline.com)

[www.ascensionpresents.com](http://www.ascensionpresents.com)

[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

[www.blessedishe.net](http://www.blessedishe.net) (women's devotional)

[www.livingwithchrist.us](http://www.livingwithchrist.us)

[www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)

[www.flocknote.com/catechism](http://www.flocknote.com/catechism)

<http://www.catholiccompany.com/subscribe-morning-offering.tr>

<http://catholicmom.com/category/daily/>  
(Catholic moms)

Don't forget Father Fred's daily blog:

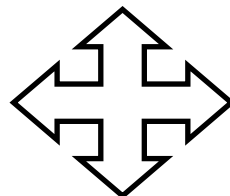
[www.fathermickey.com](http://www.fathermickey.com)

### Apps available for Smartphones

EWTN	Busted Halo
iMissal	The Pope App
Laudate	CRS Rice Bowl
Mea Culpa	Verbum
My Adoration Pal	iBreviary

**Word Among Us (monthly fee applies).**

You can also visit [www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)



**DIRECTION...** The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

# PRAY, FAST, ALMSGIVING

**St. THOMAS LADIES...** All ladies of the parish are invited to the March meeting and pot luck supper with the Ladies of St. Thomas. Join us at 6:00pm on Thursday, March 3rd, in the Parish Hall. See you there!

**From St. Vincent de Paul ...**

In 2015 The Good Shepherd Mission provided to the Huntsville Community:

Hot Meals	25,000
Groceries to Families	94 tons to 550 families
Shelter	2,500 individuals
Counseling	2,500 hours
Clothing	77,000 articles distributed
Furniture	2,000 pieces distributed

A percentage of your Blue Envelope Contributions support this ministry.

**DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY**

**Reflections for February 28th readings:**

**Memory Verse:**

“Bless the Lord, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts.” (Psalm 103:2)

**Faith Sharing Question:**

Mount Horeb and the barren fig tree remind us that God tends to meet us in desolate places. How does that resonate with my experience of God?

**Living as Disciples:**

The Gospel and Pope Francis’ new encyclical On Care for Our Common Home call us to examine our individual lifestyles to confront environmental degradation and climate change. Do something this week that will help the environment and cut down on wastefulness.

**Protecting God’s Children Workshop  
February 23, 2015 6-9 pm**

St. Thomas will be hosting a Protecting God’s Children workshop, Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 6 – 9 pm in the Adult Education Bldg., next to the Church office. To attend the workshop

**YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE at  
[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)**

All parishioners are encouraged to attend this workshop. Seating is limited to the first 20 registrants. For more information, please contact: **Mary Wessels at 281-650-3022.**

**St. Thomas Community  
Lenten Project**

What are **YOU** giving up for lent—chocolate; caffeine; Netflix? Why not let your Lenten sacrifice **bring the gift of hope?** As a member of the St. Thomas Community, consider taking a “*water drop*” from the back of the church and donating the amount of money (\$5, \$20, \$50...) on the *water drop* towards a community water station. Just place your donation and *water drop* in the envelope and place in the collection basket or turn it in to the church office. Each community water station costs \$1,300.00 and is the work of CRS (Catholic Relief Services). Together, we can “**give drink to the thirsty**”

Visit their site at [www.CRS.org](http://www.CRS.org)



**St. Thomas Community  
Lenten Reconciliation Service**

**Wednesday, March 2nd  
6:00 pm to 9 pm**

*Year of Mercy*



*When you go to confession,  
to this fountain of mercy,  
the Blood and Water  
which came forth from My Heart  
always flows down upon your soul.  
Here the misery of the soul  
meets the God of mercy (Diary 1602).*  
Words of Jesus to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

STAY



St. Thomas the Apostle Youth

### 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, February 21, 2016	Lifeteen and Edge	9:15-10:30
Wednesday, February 24, 2016	STAY Youth Night	
Friday, February 26, 2016	Station of the Cross	7:00 English and 7:45 Spanish

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 Parish wide Reconciliation Service

“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 February 21, 2016

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



This Week’s Guest Chefs: **Bearkat Awakening #18 Leadership** This Week’s Menu: **Tortilla Soup**

**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**

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



**Thursday** 6:15 pm – Mass in CSC  
7 pm – **Café** → Dinner and discussion of all things Catholic.

**Friday** 4 pm – Rosary in the CSC



### The DOOR of Mercy

Young Adult & Campus Ministry Conference

**Workshops - Fun - Music - Prayer - Eucharist**

Come and join hundreds of young adults ages 18-35 celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
St. Pius X High School

### Charis

An overnight retreat for young adults (18-35) centering on the question: **Who do you say that I am?**

**March 11-12, 2016 - Camp Kappe**  
For more information on either event, visit [www.archgh.org/yacm](http://www.archgh.org/yacm)

## Actividades de Cuaresma

*Via Cruzes* todos los viernes

7:00 p.m. en Inglés

7:45 p.m. en Español

*Comida de Pescado todos los viernes*

(excepto Viernes Santo)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. en el salon parroquial



**Servicio de  
Reconciliacion**

**Comunidad de Santo Tomas**

**Servicio de Reconciliacion  
de Cuaresma**

Miercoles, 2 de mayo

6:00 pm - 9 pm

### Vocation Expo "Finding Our Vocation Through God's Mercy" on March 12 - 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

at St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr.) All Parish Vocation Committees, Priests, Religious, Deacons, DREs, Youth Ministers, Campus Ministers, Serrans, and other Catholics concerned about vocation awareness are invited to attend a day of resources, workshops, group discussions, ideas, prayer and inspiring talks. Cardinal DiNardo will be the keynote speaker. Exhibits from local religious communities will be available. Cost is \$5 per person (includes lunch). Deadline: March 7.

[www.houstonvocations.com/vocation-expo](http://www.houstonvocations.com/vocation-expo)

### Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled

**Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12**

**6:30 p.m. - 9p.m.**

A monthly discernment gathering for women ages 18 and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Meet in different convents around the Archdiocese every second Thursday of the month from September to May. Program includes supper, a brief presentation and time for sharing, followed by prayer. Sisters from several religious orders who live and minister in the Archdiocese will be present. Information on sites, registration and video about program contact

**Sr. Anita Brenek, CPD at 713-652-8239, or  
[www.houstonvocations.com/women-seeking](http://www.houstonvocations.com/women-seeking)**

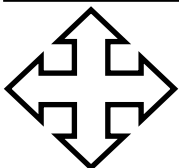
### Discover the Road Less Traveled

**Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12**

**6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr.) for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Meets every second Thursday of the month from September to May. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood and religious life. Registration, video and information:

[www.houstonvocations.com/discover](http://www.houstonvocations.com/discover)



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### Expo de Vocaciones "Encontrando Nuestra Vocación a Través de la Misericordia de Dios"

**12 de Marzo - 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**, Seminario Santa María (9845 Memorial Dr.) Todo el liderazgo de la arquidiócesis, comités vocacionales, sacerdotes, religiosas/os, diáconos, directores de ministerio hispano y educación religiosa, catequistas, coordinadores de grupos juveniles y todos los interesados sobre la concientización vocacional, están invitados a un día de recursos, talleres en español e inglés, grupos de discusión, ideas, oración, paneles, y charlas inspiradoras. El Cardenal DiNardo será el expositor principal. Habrá mesas de exhibición de comunidades religiosas locales. El costo es de \$5 por persona (incluye almuerzo).

Fecha límite: 7 de marzo. Inscripción en

[www.houstonvocations.com/vocation-expo](http://www.houstonvocations.com/vocation-expo)

### Descubre el Camino Menos Recorrido

**Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19**

**7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**

This is the Spanish version of the Discover and Women Seeking combined, for single men and women ages 18 and older who are discerning a vocation to priesthood and religious life and prefer the session in Spanish. Gatherings are from September through May. Meetings take place at the Missionary Carmelites of St. Theresa.

Reunión de discernimiento vocacional en español a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa para jóvenes adultos solteros (hombres y mujeres) de 18 a 35 años de edad que hayan completado preparatoria y/o equivalente. Las reuniones se llevara a cabo en el Convento de las Hermanas Carmelitas Misioneras de Santa Teresa (9600 Deer Trail Dr.). Habrá convivencia, comida, música, oración y temas vocacionales presentados por sacerdotes, religiosas y seminaristas. Registración, videos, y detalles en

[www.houstonvocations.com/descubre](http://www.houstonvocations.com/descubre)

**LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU...** Let nothing disturb you, Nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patient endurance attains all things. Whoever possesses God lacks nothing, God alone is sufficient. —St. Teresa of Ávila

**ORAR, AYUNAR, LA LIMOSNA**