



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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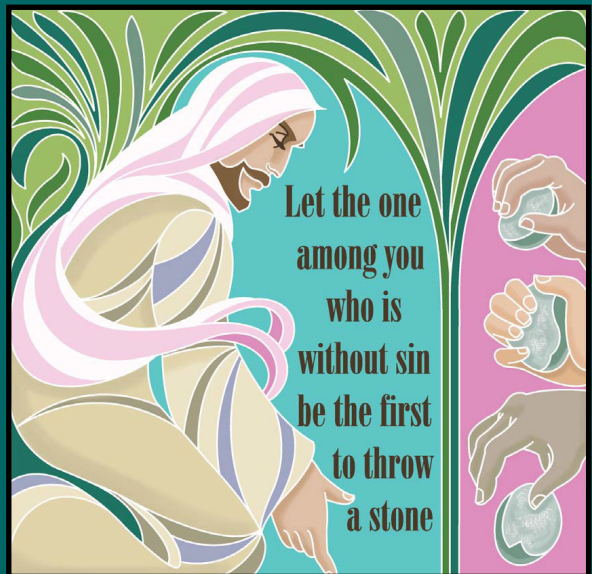
Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone Pastor

Felix Ramos Permanent Deacon
 Kathy Boscarino DRE / Youth Minister
 Maria Delgado Elementary CCE Coordinator
 Music Ministry
 Rick Reed Co-Coordinator
 Carolyn O'Rourke Co-Coordinator
 Jill Baker Nursery Coordinator
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 Sylvia Vitela Secretary
 Laura Puente Custodian



Lenten Activities

Stations of the Cross Every Friday

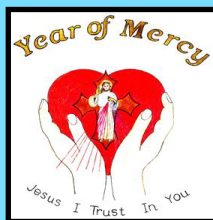
7:00 p.m. In English

7:45 p.m. In Spanish

Fish Fry every Friday

Except Good Friday

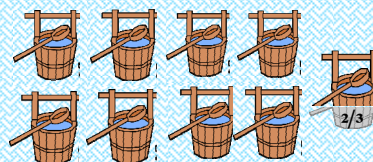
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall



Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth
 break forth into song, you mountains.
 For the Lord comforts his people
 and shows mercy to his afflicted.
 Isaiah 49: 13

St. Thomas Community Lenten Project

February 14th	\$2,204
February 21st	\$3,561
February 28th	\$4,020
March 6th	\$1,484
Total	\$11,241



Fr. Fred's Project Goal: \$11,700
(9 water systems @ \$1300 each)

MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	3/12	5:30 pm	Charles Kalinek	+
Sun	3/13	7:45 am	Marlene Zang (special intentions)	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Alfega Alcatraz	+
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	
Mon	3/14	No Mass		
Tues	3/15	7:15 am	Theresa Coomes	+
Wed	3/16	7:15 am	Kenneth Larson	+
Thurs	3/17	7:15 am	Rev. Edward Roberts	+
Fri	3/18	7:15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Sat	3/19	5:30 pm	Mary and William Grupa	+
Sun	3/20	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr.	+
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Veronica Rivera	+
		6:00 pm	CSC Intentions	

Weekly Readings



Mon	3/14	Dn.13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62;Jn.8:12-20
Tues	3/15	Nm.21:4-9;Jn.8:21-30
Wed	3/16	Dn.3:14-20,91-92,95;Jn.8:31-42
Thurs	3/17	Gn.17:3-9;Jn.8:51-59
Fri	3/18	Jer.20:10-13;Jn.10:31-42
Sat	3/19	2Sm.7:4-5,12-14,16;Mt.1:16,18-21,24
Sun	3/20	Lk.19:28-40;Is.50:4-7;Phil.2:6-11; Lk.22:14—23:56

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, Bill Hodges, Maria Jalifi, Kevin Kretschmar, 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, Margaret Rozell, 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, Bob Wessels, Alma Williams, Rose Youngblood.

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY

Reflections for March 20th readings:

Memory Verse:

“Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42)

Faith Sharing Question:

When has the example or the life of another strengthened my faith?

Living as Disciples:

During this Lenten season how have I grown in gratitude and joy? What special graces have I received?

Write a note of welcome and support to those in the RCIA in your parish who will be baptized or fully initiated at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumens (un-baptized)

Larry Lawrence
Joan Wickersham
John Steinke

Candidates (baptized)

Stephen Farlow
Mike Hodges
Sarah Ortiz
Alejandra Puente
Erik Puente
Robert Spann
Stacy Spann
John White

Spanish Speakers

Octavio Olgin
Rosa Beltran
José Beltran
Gerardo Lira

Please place notes into the collection basket or bring to the office.

Holy Week Triduum

Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass (bilingual)

9:00 - 10:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

11:00 a.m. Live Stations of the Cross
(Spanish)

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

5:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
Veneration of the Cross (bilingual)

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (English)

Easter Sunday

7:45 a.m. Mass (English)

10:45 a.m. Mass (English)

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

6:00 p.m. No Mass

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS... will be selling scrip before and after the 5:30, 7:45 and 10:45 Masses on the weekend of March 12 & 13, 2016. Thank you for helping us support our charities!

ST. THOMAS LADIES... organization is now accepting scholarship applications for the 16th Annual Frances Munn Scholarship. All graduating high school seniors from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the church office or from Kathy Boscarino. Please have your application completed and turned in no later than Friday, Apr.29, 2016.

C R S COLLECTION... "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt.25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

INSPIRED SCRIPTURE... The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of finding our duty.—St. Basil the Great

Easter Flowers will be purchased to decorate our church for Easter. You may make a donation for the flowers in honor of or memory of a loved one. Please fill in the information below and return to office by Wednesday, March 23rd. Offering is \$20.

____ In honor of: _____ In memory of:

Donated by: _____

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Donated by: _____

ENGLISH BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION... will be held on Tuesday, March 15th 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, March 11th.

MEN'S RETREAT

MERCY : A GLIMPSE INTO THE HEART OF GOD

APRIL 22 THRU 24

"The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth."

If you are in a rut, better move on out and make a retreat with the men of St. Thomas at the Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston.

Take some time to reflect,
to get focused in terms of God,
in terms of others and in terms of yourself.

For registration information call
CRAIG HIBBISON AT 436 - 0362
OR
THE HOLY NAME RETREAT CENTER
713 - 464 -0211

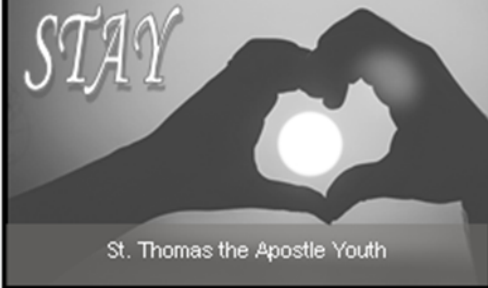
Stewardship for March 6th: \$11,116.20

St. Thomas Mission: \$2,516.83

Lenten Water Drop Project: \$1,485.00
(week ending 3/6)

Thank you for your parish support!

STAY



St. Thomas the Apostle Youth

Contact Information

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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, March 13, 2016 No Lifeteen or Edge—Spring Break

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30

Sunday March 20, 2016—No Lifeteen or Edge—Palm Sunday

Upcoming Events

InSight—Retreat for Young Women in High School “Join the Dominican Sister of Mary Immaculate Province for a one day retreat to build friendships, learn about religious life and meet sisters and other consecrated women of the Archdioceses” When: April 2, 2016 8:30-5:00 5250 Gasmer Dr Houston, TX 77035 Check with Mrs B for registration info.

Its time to begin registering for AYC. AYC (Archdiocesan Youth Rally) is the largest youth rally of its kind and is open to all Catholic high school youth Information will be handed out at Lifeteen, Edge and STAY youth night.

What’s Up at the Catholic Student Center

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

Week of March 13, 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

This Week’s Guest Chef: **Shawn Nourlun**
This Week’s Menu: **Homemade Chicken Soup And Biscuits**



Easter Basket Sale

The Catholic Student Center will be selling Easter baskets to help fund-raise for our fall **Awakening Retreat**. Baskets will be on sale from Saturday, February the 20th, until Sunday, March 13th.

For an order form find a CSC member in the back of the church after the weekend masses, or stop by the Catholic Student Center to pick one up.

Upcoming Event! 3/18 — Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Two Hearts
Challenging 5 mile trek thru town to pray the Stations of the Cross. Leave from CSC @ 2 pm. Please contact Joe at the CSC if you are interested.

For more information contact
Ryan Head (214-437-2506) or
Andrea Villarreal (713-515-7100)

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SERVICE PENETENCIAL de CUARESMA

Day/Dia	Date/Fecha	Time/Hora	Parish/Parroquia	Language/Idioma
Tues/Martes	3/15	6:30 PM	St. Joseph - New Waverly	Bilingual/Bilingue
Thurs/Jueves	3/17	7:00 PM	Christ Our Light - Navasota	Bilingual/Bilingue

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION...

Three years ago, as we made the shift in the Eucharistic Prayer from “Benedict” to “Francis,” we named a “treasure” in our tradition. From apostolic times, the Church has sent disciples on mission with a mandate to proclaim the gospel. Paul and Barnabas and Timothy come to mind as men invested with responsibility for community and mission. First we see bishops, “overseers,” good men appointed by the acclaim of their people, the center of leadership, of prayer, of word and sacrament. Their territories were small initially, small enough to get everyone into one room and for the bishop to know everyone’s name. In time, men were appointed to function as a council of advisers, “elders,” or presbyters. That isn’t a comment on chronological age, rather it indicates the maturity of their wisdom and faith. Before long, and only when the bishop was absent, some of these men “stood in” for him to do what bishops usually did: preaching, presiding at Eucharist. The deacons had a strong and visible role in liturgy and service, especially in the care of the poor, but were gradually overshadowed by the new importance of the presbyter. As the Roman Empire first tottered and then collapsed completely by 476, bishops increasingly became civil servants to maintain order and dispense justice. Conferences and duties summoned bishops away from their home posts, and presbyters were entrusted with the sacramental and preaching duties, even though at one time runners were sent out from the bishop’s Mass to bring fragments of the host to drop into chalices as a sign of the church’s unity around its bishop.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FLOWERING... The flower does not bear the root, but the root the flower . . . The rose is merely the evi-



PRAY, FAST, ALMSGIVING

ORAR, AYUNAR, LA LIMOSNA

SESIONES DE PREPARACIÓN PARA BAUTISMO...

Miercoles y jueves, el 16 y 17 de marzo, 7:00p.m. en salon 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, 11 de marzo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE... Artesanos preparan alfombras de flores y plumas de quetzal en Guatemala para las fiestas de esta semana santa. Grupos de fieles practican su papel de personaje judío o romano para los vía crucis en México, Texas, Chicago y tantos lugares más. Fraternidades penitenciales están preparándose espiritualmente para cargar con imágenes sagradas y pesadas por calles españolas. Muchos más están preparando sus maletas para irse a la playa o las montañas donde, probablemente, nunca recordaran el nombre de Jesús. Estos últimos se perderán las liturgias más significativas de nuestra fe cristiana; ritos llenos de movimiento desde afuera de la Iglesia hasta adentro. Están llenos de símbolos que nos llaman a la verdad de la existencia cristiana y humana: somos personas paradójicas. Comenzamos entre los hosannas del Domingo de Ramos, pasamos por las dolorosas imágenes del Viernes Santo y terminamos entre juegos de oscuridad, fuego y agua en la Vigilia Pascual. Muchas veces honramos al Señor y tantas veces lo negamos, pero él nunca deja de llamarnos. En fin nos recuerda que la condición humana es sagrada y profana a la vez. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



ESCRITURA INSPIRADA... Estudiar las Escrituras inspiradas es la manera principal de saber cuál es nuestro deber. —San Basilio Magno

FLORECER... La flor no da lugar a la raíz, sino la raíz a la flor. . . La rosa es mera prueba de la vitalidad de la raíz. —Woodrow Wilson