



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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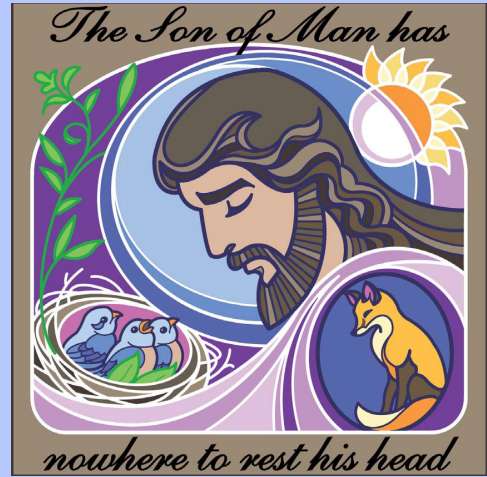
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone Pastor

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



MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	6/25	5:30 pm	Cherie McGee	✝
Sun	6/26	7:45 am	Johnson Family (their intentions)	
		10:45 am	Carol Mendel	✝
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
Mon	6/27	No Mass		
Tues	6/28	7:15 am	Jerry Brauneis	✝
Wed	6/29	7:15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Thurs	6/30	7:15 am	Donald Fellers	✝
Fri	7/1	7:15 am	John William Heckler	✝
Sat	7/2	5:30 pm	Robert Gregory Hile	✝
Sun	7/3	7:45 am	Zetta Miller	✝
		10:45 am	Marilyn Devors	✝
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	

Weekly Readings



Mon	6/27	Am.2:6-10,13-16;Mt.8:18-22
Tues	6/28	Am.3:1-8;4:11-12;Mt.8:23-27
Wed	6/29	Acts12:1-11;2Tm.4:6-8,17-18;Mt.16:13-19
Thurs	6/30	Am.7:10-17;Mt.9:1-8
Fri	7/1	Am.8:4-6,8-12;Mt.9:9-13
Sat	7/2	Am.9:11-15;Mt.9:14-17
Sun	7/3	Is.66:10-14;Gal.6:14-18;Lk.10:1-12,17-20

PATIENCE... Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears. —Anonymous

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

Judy Adib, Steve Aguayo, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Kathy Boscarino, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Katie Davison, Tom Degnan, Betty Doebbler, Jose Luis Ecamilla, Paul Fivel, Diane Fuller, Diana Garcia, Mary Gedelian, Mary Gutermuth, Bill Hodges, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretschmar, Dorothy Laskoskie, Andrew Leal, Sam and Marie Martinez, Coby Meinzer, 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, Audra Rumfield, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarley, Jerry Seaton, Cindy Schwanke, Marilyn Shepherd, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Linda Skains, Wanda H. Smith, Elizabeth Speck, Tim Speck, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Leo Vasquez, Alma Williams, Rose Youngblood.

Café Catholica: Reawaken Mercy

Café Catholica is a dinner-lecture series for young adults, featuring dynamic speakers. The Cafe is held over three Mondays at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston TX 77025). Confessions at 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. dinner at 7:15 p.m. and the speaker at 8:15 p.m. Come for all or part of the evening! About 700 young adults attend each night. Donations are appreciated.

July 11 Deacon Preston Quintela:
Compassion. Community. Christ.

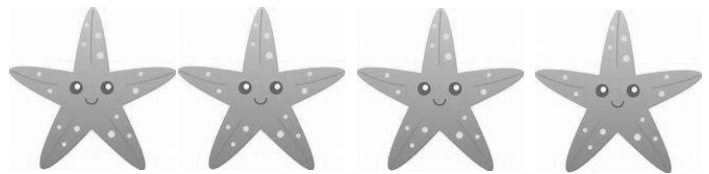
July 18 Daniel Cardinal DiNardo:
Endless Mercy. Lasting Joy.

July 25 Msgr. William L. Young:
Walk Humbly. Love Mercy.

Café Catholica is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry.
For more information, call **713-741-8778**.



*The flowers beside the
Blessed Sacrament
are offered in
thanksgiving for their
27th wedding anniversary
by
Isidro and Maria Tovar*



YEAR OF MERCY

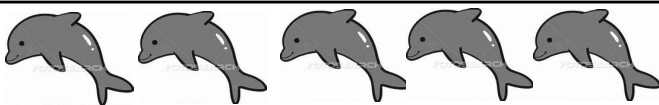
"Often the greatest mercy we can experience is realizing Jesus knows our doubts and worries. He never dismisses them. Instead he offers us mercy, showing us the reasons to have hope. We who have been shown this mercy create a stronger community of faith in listening to what others wish we knew."

-Monsignor Gregory E. S. Malovetz

Father Fred writes...

The readings this weekend remind us that as disciples we are called to follow Christ. Always. Not only when it is convenient or is beneficial to us. The American bishops have declared the period of June 21 - July 4 as a Fortnight of Freedom. I would encourage you to read some of the material on the bishop's web site. [<http://usccb.org/>] While the contraceptive mandate in the Affordable Health Care Act is often seen as the reason for this Fortnight of Freedom, the information on this web page shows the many different areas that our religious freedom is being threatened: *Altering Church structure and governance; Christian students on campus; Catholic foster care and adoption services; Discrimination against small church congregations; Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.* As the bishops state in one article: *Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contributions in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas. What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative, and robust civil society—or whether the state alone will determine who gets to contribute to the common good, and how they get to do it. Religious believers are part of American civil society, which includes neighbors helping each other, community associations, fraternal service clubs, sports leagues, and youth groups. All these Americans make their contribution to our common life, and they do not need the permission of the government to do so. Restrictions on religious liberty are an attack on civil society and the American genius for voluntary associations. During this Fortnight of Freedom we will celebrate the feasts of many martyrs and saints who were willing to sacrifice their lives in their commitment to follow Christ. We forget at times that the original of the word *martyr* is *witness*. To witness to one's faith in the early church demanded, at times, the sacrifice of one's life. The readings this weekend challenge us: are we as committed to being Christ's disciples as were those early Christians?*

NO KC FISH FRY on July 1st.



OFFICE MEMOS

4th of JULY

The parish office will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

NURSERY NEWS... the nursery will be closed on Sunday, July 10th.



THANK YOU... Our parish community would like to thank all the youth and adults who volunteered for vacation bible school. **Without you it wouldn't have been possible.**

Diocesan Service Fund As of May 23, 2016

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$27,529.50
Total Amount Pledged	\$36,367.00
Parish Goal Balance Due	\$9,470.50

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER BREAKFAST Thursday, July 28 7:30 a.m.

Speaker:

Most Reverend Michael Sis
Bishop of San Angelo

Event Details:

Check-In begins at 7:00 a.m.
Program begins at 7:30 a.m. sharp

Hilton Americas-Houston
1600 Lamar Street
Houston, Texas 77010

Due to limited seating there will be no walk-up registration on the day of the event

For more information please contact 713-652-4417
Or visit our website to reserve your space

www.archgh.org/prayerbreakfast

 <p>St. Thomas the Apostle Youth</p>	<p>Contact Information Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM kathybosc@sbcglobal.net (936) 520-6524 http://www.saintthomashuntsville.org</p>	<p><i>Weekly Events</i></p> <p>Sundays CCE 9:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Edge (7th –8th grade) Parish Hall Lifeteen (9th– 11th) Youth Center</p> <p>Wednesdays <i>STAY</i> Youth Night 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Yourh Center</p>
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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, June 26, 2016 No CCE. **CCE will return Sunday, September 11, 2016**
 Wednesday, June 29, 2016 STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30

Confirmation 2016 Retreat is July 18, 19, and 20, 2016 (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.) Please turn your Registration form in by Friday, July 01, 2016.

Attention All Parents

Due to the often overcrowding conditions of the 10:45 Mass and 12:30 Mass, It is necessary to *consider* moving the Edge (6th grade—8th grade) & Lifeteen (9th grade—12th grade) programs to Sunday Evening after the 5 p.m. Mass. We have made great efforts in reaching all of our middle school and high school CCE parents. If you have not received or responded to an emailed survey, a paper survey, or a phone call please visit the Faith Formation section of our website www.saintthomashuntsville.org for a link or contact Kathy Boscarino at the church office.

We want to hear from you.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION... In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today’s collection.



LA COLECTA PETER’S PENCE... En la segunda colecta de hoy, apoyamos al papa Francisco en sus obras de caridad. La Colecta Peter’s Pence se lleva a cabo en el mundo entero para apoyar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que viven al margen de la sociedad, incluyendo a las víctimas de guerra, opresión y desastres naturales. En este Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia, la colecta es una oportunidad para unimos al papa Francisco y ser unos testigos de la caridad para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren. Por favor, contribuyan generosamente en la colecta de hoy

ANNUAL BLACK BAG COLLECTION . . . In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that “whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

Together, let us follow Jesus’s example by bringing hope and mercy to the poor through our mission of charity. **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s Annual Black Bag collection will be held on July 9 & 10.**



COLECTA ANUAL “BOLSA NEGRA” . . . En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que “quien quiera salvar su vida la perderá, pero quien pierda su vida por mi causa, la salvara”.

En esta semana, sabemos que usted llevara esperanza a los pobres a través **de su generosa donación a la colecta anual “Bolsa Negra” de La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul los días 9 y 10 de julio.**

Palabras del Padre Fred...

Las lecturas de este fin de semana nos recuerdan que como discípulos estamos llamados a seguir a Cristo. Siempre. No sólo cuando es conveniente o es beneficioso para nosotros. Los obispos estadounidenses han declarado el período del 21 de junio - 4 de julio como la Quincena de la Libertad. Les animo a leer algunos de los materiales en el sitio web del obispo. [[Http://uscgb.org/](http://uscgb.org/)] Mientras el mandato de anticonceptivos en la Ley de Cuidado de Salud Asequible se considera a menudo como la razón de esta Quincena de la Libertad, la información de esta página web muestra las muchas diferentes áreas en que se ve amenazada nuestra libertad religiosa: *La modificación de la estructura y el gobierno de la Iglesia; Los estudiantes cristianos en el campus; hogares de acogida y servicios de adopción católicos; Discriminación de las pequeñas congregaciones de la iglesia; La discriminación contra los servicios humanitarios católicos.* A medida según dice los obispos en un artículo: *La libertad religiosa no consiste solamente en asistir a Misa el domingo, o rezar el rosario en el hogar. Se trata de poder contribuir al bien común de todos los norteamericanos. ¿Pero, podemos hacer el bien que nuestras creencias nos indican debemos hacer sin tener que claudicar en esas mismas creencias? Si no se entiende lo que es la libertad religiosa, los norteamericanos estarán en desventaja al faltarles contribuciones esenciales como son la educación, el cuidado de la salud, el dar de comer a los hambrientos, las libertades civiles y los servicios sociales, contribuciones que los norteamericanos creyentes realizan cada día, tanto aquí en nuestro país como en el extranjero. Lo que está en juego es si Norteamérica continuará teniendo una sociedad civil libre, creativa y fuerte, o si será el estado el que determine quién puede contribuir al bien común, y como lo podrá hacer. Los creyentes constituyen parte de la sociedad civil de los Estados Unidos, que incluye a vecinos que se ayudan mutuamente, a asociaciones comunitarias, fraternidades, ligas de deportes y grupos juveniles. Estos norteamericanos contribuyen a nuestra vida en comunidad y no necesitan permiso del gobierno para hacerlo. Las restricciones a las libertades religiosas son un ataque a la sociedad civil y al ingenio de los norteamericanos para crear asociaciones voluntarias. Durante esta Quincena de Libertad vamos a celebrar las fiestas de muchos mártires y santos que estaban dispuestos a sacrificar sus vidas en su compromiso de seguir a Cristo. Se nos olvida a veces que el original de la palabra *mártir es testigo*. Para dar testimonio de la propia fe en la iglesia primitiva, a veces exigió, el sacrificio de la propia vida. Las lecturas de este fin de semana nos desafían: estamos nosotros tan cometidos a ser discípulos de Cristo al igual que los primeros cristianos?*

Its Time! ...to celebrate our clergy

Jubilee for Clergy

When: June 26, 2016
Time: 11:45 am-12:45 pm
Where: Parish Hall

(Spanish Mass begins at 1:00 pm)

Come Celebrate :

Father Fred and Deacon Felix.



¡Es la hora! ... Para celebrar nuestro clero

Jubileo para el Clero

Cuando: Este Domingo, Junio 26
Hora: 11: 45am -12:45 pm
Dónde: Salón Parroquial

(misa en español comienza a las 1:00 pm)

Ven a celebrar:

Padre Fred y Deacon Felix.



REFLECTION... That we build God's Church to glorify His name and not look for prestige and honor for ourselves. "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." Galatians 5:13 We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.



REFLEXION... Que construyamos la Iglesia de Dios para glorificar Su nombre y no para buscar prestigio y honor para nosotros mismos. "Porque, hermanos y hermanas, habéis sido llamados a la libertad. Sólo que no toméis de esa libertad como pretexto para la carne; antes, al contrario, servíos por amor los unos a los otros" Galateos 5:13 Queremos celebrar el hecho de que somos libres para "vivir una buena vida". Pero Jesús nos llama a una clase de libertad diferente. San Pablo nos recuerda que Jesús nos hizo libres para que podamos servirnos los unos a los otros, compartir nuestros dones y promover el trabajo de Dios aquí en la tierra para glorificar Su nombre y no para honrarnos a nosotros mismos.