

MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	7/9	5:30 pm	David Townsend	✝
Sun	7/10	7:45 am	Mary Gutermuth	✝
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Raul Escamilla	✝
Mon	7/11	No Mass		
Tues	7/12	7:15 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Wed	7/13	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon	✝
Thurs	7/14	7:15 am	Marlene Zang	✝
Fri	7/15	7:15 am	Rev. James Donald Schwarting	✝
Sat	7/16	5:30 pm	Donna Hebert	✝
Sun	7/17	7:45 am	David Townsend	✝
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Raul Madera	✝

Weekly Readings

Mon	7/11	Is.1:10-17;Mt.10:34—11:1
Tues	7/12	Is.7:1-9;Mt.11:20-24
Wed	7/13	Is.10:5-7,13-16;Mt.11:25-27
Thurs	7/14	Is.26:7-9,12,16-19;Mt.11:28-30
Fri	7/15	Is.38:1-6,21-22,7-8;Mt.12:1-8
Sat	7/16	Mic.2:1-5;Mt.12:14-21
Sun	7/17	Gn.18:1-10;Col.1:24-28;Lk.10:38-42

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, 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.

DAMAGE... Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured. —Anonymous

OFFICE MEMO

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

Diocesan Service Fund As of June 26, 2016

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$28,260.50
Total Amount Pledged	\$36,673.00
Balance Due	\$ 8,739.50



Blessed Sacrament Flowers
May be offered in memory
of a loved family member or friend
for a birthday, anniversary, or any
other special occasion.

Donation is \$25.

Stewardship for July 3rd: \$12,831.29

St. Thomas Mission: \$ 2,034.66

Thank you for your parish support!



Pray for rain.
Meanwhile, drink plenty of water
to prevent dehydration!

YEAR OF MERCY

"O my Lord Jesus, whose love for me has been so great as to bring you down from heaven to save me, teach me, dear Lord, my sin—teach me its heinousness—teach me truly to repent of it—and pardon it in your great mercy! . . . I wish to be your good servant. I wish to sin no more. Be gracious to me, and enable me to be what I know I ought to be."

-Blessed John Henry Newman

Father Fred writes... A seminary professor gave an assignment to his graduate students. Each was to prepare a 20-minute presentation on the parable of the Good Samaritan, to be delivered to the entire faculty of the theology department. One by one, the students were called, on short notice, and told when and where they were to appear. In their rush to their presentations, each student had to pass a man who had apparently spent the night outside on the campus. He was filthy, with a long beard, disheveled hair and a slur to his words that indicated intoxication at best, or a medical emergency at worst. One by one the students made their apologies—or their excuses—on their way around the man (one even going so far as to hurdle the man in his haste). Unfortunately for these eager students, that man was their professor in disguise, and their treatment of him the basis for their final grade. In the gospel today, we will continue our journey to Jerusalem with Jesus. He instructs us about our neighbor with the Good Samaritan parable. While I was in the seminary, like the story above, one day a homeless man found his way to the seminary chapel. As we were all entering the chapel for daily Mass no one stopped to ask the man if he wanted to join us or possibly if he needed help. I still remember one of the seminarians confronting us with our lack of hospitality at the next meeting of all the seminarians. On the other hand, at one parish a homeless gentleman asked if I would provide spiritual direction to him. It was not a problem to me. But I vividly recall how some staff members were upset that a homeless man was in the office. Are we Good Samaritans? One of the first questions that God directed to humankind is found in Genesis 4. God asked Cain where his brother Abel was. Cain responded with some words that we have heard before, “*Am I my brother’s keeper?*” The Good Samaritan parable reminds all those walking with Jesus to Jerusalem that we are one another’s keepers. The path of eternal life requires us to love God and to love our neighbor, the person who needs our help right now. Saint John Paul II spoke about this parable in his encyclical the Gospel of Life, #8: *Cain does not wish to think about his brother and refuses to accept the responsibility which every person has towards others. We cannot but think of today’s tendency for people to refuse to accept responsibility for their brothers and sisters. Symptoms of this trend include the lack of solidarity towards society’s weakest members—such as the elderly, the infirm, immigrants, children— and the indifference frequently found in relations between the world’s peoples even when basic values such as survival, freedom and peace are involved.*

REVELATION.... In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed. —St. Augustine

LA REVELACIÓN... En el Antiguo Testamento, el Nuevo Testamento está oculto; en el Nuevo Testamento, se revela el Antiguo Testamento. —San Agustín

ENGLISH BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION... will be held on Tuesday, July 19th 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, July 15th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCRIP... This weekend the KC's will be selling scrip (gift cards) after the 5:30 PM, 7:45 AM and 10:45 AM Masses. This is the main fund-raiser for our Council and we appreciate your support!

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's
Annual Black Bag Collection**

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robber's victim?" the scholar of the law answered "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise." **Today**, you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by giving to the St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Black Bag Collection.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS The 2016 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, August 14 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition. Reserved seating will be limited. For more information, contact Regina Vasquez with the Office of Family Life Ministry, 713-741-8720. Registration can be completed at www.familylifeministryhouston.org

**The St. Thomas Ladies
Annual Rummage Sale
Friday and Saturday, August 5-6, 2016**

We will begin accepting donations on
Monday, July 18th
The donation schedule is as follows:
**Mondays through Thursdays: 9:00 AM to 4 PM
In the CCE Building**

Thank you in advance
for donating your clean, usable items!!
If you need assistance, or have any questions,
please call

June Davis (662-6323)

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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, July 10, 2016 No CCE. CCE will return Sunday, September 11, 2016
Tuesday July 12, 2016 Summer Sacraments 6:30-8:30
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
Thursday, July 14, 2016 Summer Sacraments 6:30-8:30

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

BAZAAR 2016 NEWS

St. Thomas Community Bazaar will be held October 16th on the church grounds.

Bazaar 2016 Meeting: July 18, 6:30 p.m.

October 16 will soon be here and our bazaar will only be successful if everyone participates. Here are some ideas for you to consider over the summer:

Table with 2 columns: Idea/Action and Contact Person. Rows include: Save your books & donate to the Book Nook (Call Lavonne @ 661-2405 after 4:30), Canning? Save some of your bounty for the Country Store. Crafty? Like to sew? Make something for the Country Store. (Call Sable @ 295-8003), Gardeners. Start some clippings. We have starter pots or pots. The Plant Booth will need many plants of all sizes and varieties. (Call Nancy @ 295-2293), Cleaning house, downsizing, shopping? We need items for all holidays throughout the year. We can use baskets and ribbons for displays and decorating, as well as, holiday themed pillows or wreaths. (Call Patsy @ 436-1033), Consider donating an item for the live auction. (Call Kristi @ 662-7510), Purchase & donate drinks when they are on sale. Water, Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, 7-Up.

We Need You! Consider volunteering for 1 or 2 hours in one of our many booths. No experience required. Just bring a friendly smile and willingness to help. Our booth chairs won't get a chance to participate in the other bazaar activities if we don't have volunteers to give them some "away" time.

Call Charley @ 295-0653.

Palabras del Padre Fred... Un profesor de seminario dio una tarea a sus estudiantes graduados. Cada uno debía preparar una presentación de 20 minutos sobre la parábola del Buen Samaritano, que iba presentarse a toda la facultad del departamento de teología. Uno por uno, los estudiantes fueron llamados, a corto plazo, y se les dijo cuándo y a donde debían de ir. En su prisa por sus presentaciones cada estudiante tuvo que pasar a un hombre que al parecer había pasado la noche al aire libre en el campus. Él estaba sucio, con una larga barba, el cabello despeinado y una ligadura de expresión a sus palabras que se indica en el mejor la intoxicación, o en lo peor una emergencia médica. Uno por uno, los estudiantes hicieron sus disculpas - o sus excusas - en su camino alrededor del hombre (uno incluso en su prisa llegó tan lejos que el hombre para él fue un obstáculo). Desafortunadamente para estos estudiantes ansiosos, este hombre era el profesor en disfraz, y el tratamiento de ellos hacia él era la base de la calificación final. En el Evangelio de hoy, continuaremos nuestro viaje a Jerusalén con Jesús. Él nos instruye acerca de nuestro prójimo con la parábola del Buen Samaritano. Mientras yo estaba en el seminario, al igual que la historia anterior, un día un hombre sin hogar encontró su camino a la capilla del seminario. Como todos nosotros estábamos entrando en la capilla para la Misa diaria nadie se detuvo a preguntarle al hombre si quería unirse a nosotros o, posiblemente, si necesitaba ayuda. Todavía recuerdo a uno de los seminaristas confrontándonos con nuestra falta de hospitalidad en la próxima reunión de todos los seminaristas. Por otro lado, en una parroquia un caballero sin hogar me preguntó que si me gustaría aportar dirección espiritual a él. No fue un problema para mí. Pero recuerdo vívidamente cómo algunos miembros del personal estaban molestos de que un hombre sin hogar estaba en la oficina. ¿Somos buenos samaritanos? Una de las primeras preguntas que Dios dirige a la humanidad se encuentra en Génesis 4. Dios le preguntó a Caín que dónde estaba su hermano Abel. Caín respondió con unas palabras que hemos escuchado antes, *Soy yo acaso guardián de mi hermano?* La parábola del Buen Samaritano recuerda a todos aquellos que caminan con Jesús a Jerusalén que somos guardianes de uno de los otros. El camino de la vida eterna nos obliga a amar a Dios y amar a nuestro prójimo, la persona que necesita nuestra ayuda en este momento. San Juan Pablo II habló de esta parábola en su encíclica *Evangelio de la Vida*, # 8: *Caín no quiere pensar en su hermano y rechaza asumir aquella responsabilidad que cada hombre tiene en relación con los demás. Esto hace pensar espontáneamente en las tendencias actuales de ausencia de responsabilidad del hombre hacia sus semejantes, cuyos síntomas son, entre otros, la falta de solidaridad con los miembros más débiles de la sociedad — es decir, ancianos, enfermos, inmigrantes y niños — y la indiferencia que con frecuencia se observa en la relación entre los pueblos, incluso cuando están en juego valores fundamentales como la supervivencia, la libertad y la paz.*

SESIONES DE PREPARACIÓN PARA BAUTISMO... miércoles 20 & jueves 21 de este mes, 7:00p.m. en el salón 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 lunes 18 de julio.**

Las Misa de Celebración de Aniversario en honor a las parejas que celebran sus bodas de plata (25th) y que contrajeron matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica en 1991; se llevará a cabo el día domingo 14 de Agosto en la CoCatedral del Sagrado Corazón a las 3:00 de la tarde. Todas las parejas inscritas previamente y que asistan, o no, a la ceremonia, recibirán un reconocimiento especial firmado por su Eminencia Daniel Cardenal DiNardo. El número de personas para asistir está limitado. Si tiene alguna duda por favor contacte a **Regina Vasquez** en el Ministerio de Vida Familiar, 713-741-8720. Se puede inscribir en

www.familylifeministryhouston.org

COLECTA ANUAL "BOLSA NEGRA"

En el Evangelio de hoy, con candor Jesús pregunta "quien de estos tres, en su opinion, fue el prójimo de la victima de los ladrones? El maestro de la ley contesto, "aquel quien lo trato con misericordia." Jesús dijo entonces, "Ve y haz lo mismo." Usted también puede "tratar al pobre con misericordia" depositando hoy su regalo en la colecta anual "Bolsa Negra."

REFLEXION... Para que nos esforcemos por ser más como el buen samaritano, ayudando a los necesitados, sin esperar nada a cambio. "Jesús le dijo:" Ve y haz tú lo mismo. "" Lucas 10:37 Este fue el mandato de Jesús al final de la historia del Buen Samaritano. Pero ¿sabías que los samaritanos y Judíos se despreciaban entre sí. La moraleja de la historia es que amemos a nuestro vecino, que puede ser alguien que no conoces, alguien que se ve diferente a tí o alguien que no te gusta, sin esperar nada a cambio.

