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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Parish Office Hours

Monday/ Lunes

11:00-4:30pm

Horario de la Oficina

Tuesday-Friday/martes viernes

9:00-4:30pm

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

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| Sat | 3/18 | 5:30 pm | John William Heckler | ✝ |
| Sun | 3/19 | 7:45 am | Ramona Karasek | ✝ |
| | | 10:45 am | Parishioners | |
| | | 12:30 pm | Genoveva Cortez | ✝ |
| | | 5:30 pm | CSC Intentions | |
| Mon | 3/20 | No Mass | | |
| Tues | 3/21 | 7:15 am | Greg Zang (special intentions) | |
| Wed | 3/22 | 7:15 am | Living & Deceased members of Steely & Milan Families | ✝ |
| Thurs | 3/23 | 7:15 am | Ralph Losack Sr. | ✝ |
| Fri | 3/24 | 7:15 am | Daniel T. Maloney (special intentions) | |
| Sat | 3/25 | 5:30 pm | David Townsend | ✝ |
| Sun | 3/26 | 7:45 am | Parishioners | |
| | | 10:45 am | Deceased members of Magelky Fam. | |
| | | 12:30 pm | Roberto Dueñas | ✝ |
| | | 5:30 pm | CSC Intentions | |

Stewardship for March 12th: \$
Thank you for your parish support!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS RECUERDEN EN SUS ORACIONES

Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Katie Davison, Tom and Erin Degnan, Jose Luis Ecamilla, Carrie, Justin, and Abby Claire Faltysek, Paul Fivel, Diane Fuller, Mary Gedelian, Mary Hall, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretschmar, Dorothy Laskoskie, Al Losack, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Coby Meinzer, Bill Middleton, Donna Moore, Floyd and Maryann Moore, Tom Morales, Lourdes Mosqueda, Craig Orr, Brenda Piñeda, John Raia, Lillian Rodriguez, Lydia Rodriguez, Maria Ines Rodriguez, Margaret Rozell, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarley, Jerry Seaton, Cindy Schwanke, Lorayne Shaw, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Tim Speck, Dorothea Stachowiak, Kathy Spivey, Kathy Stoltz, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Leo Vasquez, Shirley Villareal, Alma Williams, Char-

Weekly Readings

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| Mon | 3/20 | 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22; MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A |
| Tues | 3/21 | DN 3:25, 34-43; MT 18:21-35 |
| Wed | 3/22 | DT 4:1, 5-9; MT 5:17-19 |
| Thurs | 3/23 | JER 7:23-28; LK 11:14-23 |
| Fri | 3/24 | HOS 14:2-10; MK 12:28-34 |
| Sat | 3/25 | IS 7:10-14; 8:10; HEB 10:4-10; LK 1:26-38 |
| Sun | 3/26 | 1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13A; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41 |

Marriage & the Catholic Church **Does a declaration of nullity make my children illegitimate?**

NO! Any children born of this marriage remain as they have been: the legitimate and fruitful offspring of that marriage. Canon Law upholds this reality (Canons 1137-1138). One must always remember that children are part of God's creation and thus are gifts from God.

The term "legitimacy" refers to the paternity of the child. It is presumed in civil law and Canon Law that the husband married to the wife who bore a child is indeed the father of the child. No one nor any declaration of nullity can ever take away the paternity of a child.

Source: <http://www.archgh.org/default/Tribunal/new/2015-Frequently%20Asked%20Questions-Web.pdf>

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PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Heads up to all Parish Ministries!

The Parish Pastoral Council will be holding the first Council of Ministries meeting on Monday April 24, 2017 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Please make preparations to attend this important meeting. Father Fred expects all parish ministries to be in attendance either by its' chairperson or representative.

The discussions held during this meeting will be of vital importance to our parish.

Any questions can be directed to Richard Zajac at rjz1952@gmail.com.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

“GO MAKE DISCIPLES”

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

Our 2017 Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) begins this weekend in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston need your compassion and generosity. Your kind gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire archdiocese through more than 60 important programs.

This week, all registered parishioners will receive a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting you to Go Make Disciples. Pray about your DSF 2017 commitment, then complete the enclosed pledge card and return it via mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass next weekend. If you prefer, you may go online at www.archgh.org/dsf to make your donation. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services. Our parish goal for this year is \$37,000.

Marriage & the Catholic Church

What is an annulment? (1st of 3 parts)

In the eyes of the Church, marriage is a “matrimonial covenant,” by which a man and woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring” (Canon 1055, §1). It is intended to be a faithful and permanent commitment for one’s whole life, until the death of one of the spouses (Canon 1056).

Marriage may or may not be a sacrament. It is a sacrament when both spouses are baptized, whether Catholic or not. All marriages, whether a sacrament or not, are presumed to be valid. The good of all concerned, spouses, children, family members, society, the Church, demands this presumption.

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Edge Night

When: Thursday
Time: 6:00-7:30
Where: Youth Center



Dear Parents,

This week in Edge we learned about the 5 forms of prayer. They are blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. The Lord's Prayer is a prayer of both praise and petition. In it, we honor God and give him glory simply because He is God. We also petition God seeking the kingdom of God and to bring human needs before God. Prayers of intercession, such as the Prayers of the Faithful, are petitions offered on behalf of another.

Discussion starters: Tell me about the 5 forms and prayer and what do they mean?

Family Activity: As a family, include one or more of the prayer forms in your daily prayer. Discuss the prayer form(s) and what would you should include.

Up-Coming Events

- ◆ Edge (CCE) Sunday 9:05-10:20 in the CCE building
- ◆ Edge Night Thursday 2/9/2017, 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center

Altar Server Training

When: 2/20/2017 from 6-8
Where: Youth Building



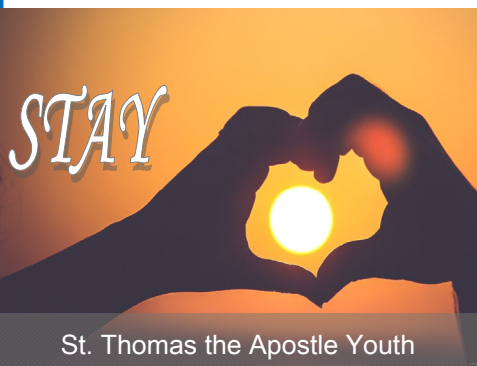
Designed especially for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth, Edge offers educational, social and spiritual experiences *leading our youth closer to Christ* and His church.

I Praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14



Up-coming Events

- † Sunday 1/29/2017 Life Teen 9:05-10:20
- † Wed 2/01/2017 STAY Life Night 6:30-8:30
In the Youth Center
- † Fri 7/28-Sun 7/30 AYC—Archdiocesan Youth Rally fundraisers begin with the
Valentines dinner on 2/11/17



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Weekly Events

Sundays CCE 9:05 a.m.—10:20 a.m.
Edge (6th –8th grade) CCE Bldg
Lifeteen (9th– 12th) Youth Bldg
Wednesdays *STAY Youth Night*
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Youth Center
2nd Thursday of Each Month
STAY Edge Night 6:00pm—7:30pm



“VAYAN Y FORMEN DISCIPULOS” FONDO DE SERVICIOS DIOCESANOS 2017... Nuestro Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos del año 2017 comienza en cada parroquia de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Cristo nos llama a acercarnos a aquellos que se encuentran enfermos o necesitados, para bendecirles, servirles y mostrarles misericordia. Las miles de personas que reciben servicios de los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston necesitan de su compasión y generosidad. Su amable contribución al DSF nos da los medios para ofrecer asistencia a las personas de esta parroquia, así como por toda la Arquidiócesis por conducto de más de 60 importantes programas. Todos los feligreses registrados recibirán una carta del Cardinal DiNardo, adjunta a una tarjeta de compromiso personal, invitándoles a Ir y Formar Discípulos. Ore sobre su compromiso para el DSF del año 2017, después llene la tarjeta de compromiso incluida, y regrésela por correo en el sobre especial suministrado, o llévela a Misa. Si usted prefiere, visite la página internet www.archgh.org/dsf para hacer su donación. Su generosidad le permitirá a nuestra comunidad Católica continuar con un gran número de programas y servicios vitales. La meta de nuestra parroquia este año es de **\$37,000**.

PARISH BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

St. Thomas parish has an opening for a parish bookkeeper.

Job responsibilities include

- **maintaining parish accounting software**
- **performing all IRS payroll tax reporting**
- **processing parish payroll**
- **Maintaining accurate PTO records**

We require at least 2 years of college level studies in accounting or 5 years of work experience. Bilingual language capabilities are preferred.

Contact the parish office if interested in the position. 936-295-5189

FOLLOW ME

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to a deeper friendship with Christ. St. Thomas Adult Faith Formation will begin

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 through April 05, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information or to register, please contact Susan Hightower or Kathy at **936-295-8159** or **kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org**.

Cost is \$17.00

REFLECTION... That the good works of our parish ministries encourages others to generously share their gifts.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

REFLEXION... Que las buenas obras de nuestros ministerios parroquiales alienten a otros a compartir generosamente sus dones.

"Dejen que su luz brille ante de los hombres, para que vean vuestras buenas obras y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos." Mateo 5:16

¡La generosidad de ser un buen mayordomo de sus dones tiene un efecto positivo en las personas y es contagioso! Las buenas obras animan más buenas obras. ¡Deja que tu luz brille! Ten cuidado de reconocer que Dios está obrando a través tuyo y no te pongas por encima de las personas a las que has sido llamado para ayudar.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE *BODY*

What is the meaning and purpose of my life? How do I find happiness and fulfillment? If you're wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover the extraordinary and fulfilling vision for life, as it offers a new way to authentically see yourself, your faith, your relationships and your world.

Given to us by Saint John Paul the Great, the Theology of the Body is renewing marriages, awakening vocations, healing deep personal wounds, and setting people free to live the life of greatness to which we are called.

In An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life, an adult faith formation program, renowned author and theologian Christopher West unfolds God's extraordinary plan for all of humanity. If you desire to live out the fullest meaning and purpose of your life, then join us for this amazing discovery!

This DVD and workbook study will be held on 8 Wednesday nights beginning February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Bldg. The cost is only \$13.00. For more information and to register, Contact Kathy at (936) 295-8159 or kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org

DISCOVERING THE MASTER PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE

MASS... The Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the CoCathedral of the Sacred Heart with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo as president. Reception at the Cathedral Centre (3rd floor) immediately following Mass. Please RSVP for the reception at **respectlife@archgh.org** or phone **(713) 440-3443**. Enter Cathedral Centre through San Jacinto entrance. Parking available at the Amegy garage and the Chancery lot.