



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017



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STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor
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 Rick Reed.....Music Coordinator
 Jill Baker.....Nursery Coordinator
 Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper
 Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary
 Laura Puente.....Custodian



Mass Schedules	
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday; Martes-Friday / Viernes	7:15 am

Reconciliation Reconciliación	Adoration/Adoracion						
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Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	12/30	5:30 pm	Bill & Karen McPike (For 57th Anniversary)
Sun.	12/31	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:45 am	Kerri Strubing (Birthday)
		12:30 pm	
Mon.	01/01		NO Mass
Tues.	01/02		NO Mass
Wed.	01/03	7:15 am	Diane E. Aymes 
Thurs.	01/04	7:15 am	Maria Luisa Sandoval (For her birthday)
Fri.	01/05	7:15 am	Esperanza Sandoval 
Sat.	01/06	5:30 pm	Marjie Eglsaer 
Sun	01/07	7:45 am	Matthew Strubing (For his birthday)
		10:45 am	Jan Gustafson 
		12:30 pm	Parishioners

Monday, January 1, 2018

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR PEACE**

*Diocesan Service Fund
As of December 21, 2017*

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total amount paid	\$43,185.11
Total amount pledged	\$43,772.61
P aid over goal	\$6,185.11



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, Victor Espino, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretschmar, Edwin Laake, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, , Lucy Mata, Coby Meizer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kenny Sechelski, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler, Rose Youngblood,

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	01/01	Nm 6:22-27; Gal.4:4-7; Lk 2: 16-21
Tues	01/02	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Wed	01/03	1Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn1: 29-34
Thurs	01/04	1Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Fri	01/05	1Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1: 43-51
Sat	01/06	1Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Sun	01/07	Is 60:1-6; Eph3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 21:1-12

Office Memo

The office will be closed, Monday, January 1st in observance of the Holy Day.

No morning Mass on Monday, January 1st.

No morning Mass on Tuesday, January 2nd.

NO Adoration or Confessions on Tuesday.

From Fr. Fred's Desk . . .

In anticipation of the new year, on behalf of myself and the parish staff we wish you a blessed and prosperous New Year. May the Advent spirit of joy and hope be with us. Not only during these days of Christmas, but rather was people who have the Good News of Emmanuel, God with us. One priest had the following creed for us disciples of Jesus: (Daniel Berrigan, Testimony: The Word Made Flesh)

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life; (John 3:16)

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly. (John 10:10)

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world. (Matthew 28:18)

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams. (Acts 2:17)

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23)

Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

Del escritorio de Padre Fred . . .

Anticipándome el Año Nuevo, en mi nombre y del personal de la parroquia, les deseamos un Año Nuevo bendecido y próspero. Que el espíritu de Adviento de alegría y esperanza esté con nosotros. No solo durante estos días de Navidad, sino como gente que tiene las Buenas Nuevas de Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros. Un sacerdote tenía el siguiente credo para nosotros los discípulos de Jesús: (Daniel Berrigan, Testimonio: The Word Made Flesh)

No es verdad que la creación y la familia humana están condenadas a la destrucción y la pérdida. Esto es verdad: Dios amó tanto al mundo que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo el que cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna; (Juan 3:16)

No es cierto que debamos aceptar la inhumanidad y la discriminación, el hambre y la pobreza, la muerte y la destrucción. Esto es cierto: he venido para que tengan vida, y en abundancia. (Juan 10:10)

No es verdad que la violencia y el odio deben tener la última palabra, y que la guerra y la destrucción gobiernan para siempre. Esto es verdad: A nosotros nos ha nacido un niño, a nosotros se le ha dado un Hijo, y el gobierno estará sobre su hombro, su nombre se llamará concejal maravilloso, Dios poderoso, el Eterno, el Príncipe de la paz. (Isaías 9: 6)

No es verdad que somos simplemente víctimas de los poderes del mal que buscan gobernar el mundo. Esto es verdad: a mí se le ha dado autoridad en el cielo y en la tierra, y he aquí que estoy contigo, incluso hasta el fin del mundo. (Mateo 28:18)

No es cierto que tengamos que esperar a aquellos que están especialmente dotados, que son los profetas de la Iglesia antes de que podamos ser pacificadores. Esto es cierto: derramaré mi espíritu sobre toda carne y tus hijos e hijas profetizarán, tus jóvenes verán visiones y tus viejos tendrán sueños. (Hechos 2:17)

No es cierto que nuestras esperanzas de liberación de la humanidad, de la justicia, de la dignidad humana de la paz no estén destinadas a esta tierra y a esta historia. Esto es cierto: llega la hora, y es ahora, de que los verdaderos adoradores adorarán a Dios en espíritu y en verdad. (Juan 4:23)

Veamos visiones de amor, paz y justicia. Afirmemos con humildad, con alegría, con fe, con coraje: Jesucristo -- la vida del mundo.



Archdiocesan 2018 Junior High Youth Rally
 Saturday February 24, 2018
 10:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
 St. Simon and Jude—Woodlands
 Cost: \$40
 Deadline to Register: January 14, 2018
 Registrations packets can be picked up:
 Junior High Edge • Parish Office • online
www.saintthomashuntsville.org

What's Up in Edge—January 2018

7rd (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
9th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr
14th (Sunday)	No Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
16th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr.
21st (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
23rd (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr
28th (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20	Parish Hall
30th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8	Youth Ctr



S.T.A.Y. Ministry
 Youth 7th -12th Grade

Contact/Contacto:
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I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14



¿Are you a high school youth?
 Eres un joven de secundaria?
 Come Join Us!
 ¡Vengan a participar!



What's Up in Life Teen—January 2018

7th(Sunday)	Confirmation 2018 9:05-10:20	Youth Center
9th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep 6:30-8	Youth Center
10th (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall
16th (Tuesday)	STAY Sacrament Prep. Returns 1/9/18	
17th (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall
21st (Sunday)	Homeschool meeting 9:05-10:20	
23rd (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep returns 1/9/18	
24th (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall
30th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8:00	Youth Ctr
31st (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30	Parish Hall

**“Thought-provoking statements
about our faith.”**

“Radio, TV, newspapers, books, films, but also hard work and a busy social life all can be ways to run away from ourselves and turn life into a long entertainment ... When we start living life as entertainment, we lose touch with our souls and become little more than spectators in a life-long show ... Silence is the discipline that helps us go beyond the entertainment quality of our lives.” – Henri Nouwen, *Mornings*. Try to find a small space for silence in your life, especially during this very busy season.

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to the St. Thomas Ladies Soup Supper on Thursday, January 4th, at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for homemade soup and bring a side dish to share. Meeting will follow to plan activities for the coming year.

**English Baptism preparation sessions
Tuesday, January 9th, 7:00 p.m.**

Please register in the office prior to attending sessions. Birth certificate should be presented at time of registration.

**Sesiones de preparación para Bautismos
Miércoles, 10 y jueves 11 de enero, 7:00 p.m.**

Por favor regístrese en la oficina parroquial antes de asistir las sesiones. El certificado de nacimiento debe ser presentado al tiempo de la inscripción.

The Texas Rally for Life in Austin, TX will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Come stand with Catholics from around the State in support of life from conception to natural death. Cardinal DiNardo will offer Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 8:15 a.m. prior to departure for Austin. Buses will depart from St. Dominic Chancery prior to the Mass. To register or if your parish is interested in taking a group to this event, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.

Ministry Opportunity

Title: **Techies**

Group of techies needed who are computer and technology enthusiasts knowledgeable and competent in various areas of technology including computers, electronics and software.

Duties would include (based on area of expertise)

- Various projects
- Sound System

Please leave your information at the office at 936-295-8159. A general meeting of all techies is forthcoming.

Other Opportunities:

- Virtus Coordinator

Congratulations to *Jaime Becker* who will take over as Altar Server Coordinator in January

For more information on please contact Kathy at the parish office

***St. Thomas the Apostle now has a
Discipleship Committee!***

The members of this committee are:

Deacon Felix Ramos, Stephen Farlow, Judy Sower, Lois Brown, and Mary Gedelian

*The **PURPOSE** of the Discipleship Committee is to fulfill Christ's desire to draw all people to himself as he is lifted up. (John 12:32)*

Its **MISSION** is to foster a spirit of intentional discipleship as a way of life flowing from each individual's personal relationship with God.

If you are interested in working on this important ministry please contact one of the above members or any parish pastoral council representative.

Circle of Friends Catholic Singles Ministry Circle of Friends is open to all adults who are single, widowed, divorced or separated. People from any Parish and Faith are invited to participate in Ministry Activities. Please visit our webpage @ staoptw.org/circle-of-friends for details on more Events. January Events: Wings and More each Friday of the month at 6:00pm 10th 6:30 pm Longhorn Steakhouse 24th 6:30 pm Dimassi's Mediterranean Kitchen 13th 8:00 am Newman's Bakery & Castle Check our Calendar for details on this month's events!

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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PORTADORES DE LA PALABRA

La Iglesia ha puesto unos cuantos días de fiesta notables enseguida después de la Navidad. Las fiestas de Esteban, Juan el Bautista y los Santos Inocentes forman un sumario de la vida vivida en Cristo, la Palabra hecha carne. ¿Qué relación tienen estas fiestas con la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, que corona la Octava de la Navidad? Estas fiestas nos recuerdan que habrá sufrimiento al tratar de cumplir la misión de Cristo, y que estamos todos llamados a ser portadores de esta Palabra cuyo nacimiento celebramos.

También vemos la manifestación de esta verdad en las vidas de José y María, quienes se exponen a riesgos sociales y religiosos para obedecer la voluntad de Dios, y estaban abiertos a la Palabra que Dios les enviaba del cielo. Así ambos fueron prefigurados de Jesús.

Es muy probable que muy pocos de nosotros fuimos a la misa del jueves, el viernes o el sábado pasado, pero la esencia de estas fiestas y la esencia de la santidad de José, María y Jesús es central, santidad que celebramos hoy.

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Circle of Grace

Circle of Grace is a Virtus program mandated by the Archdiocese. It contributes to the protection of our young children, and affirms them as beloved children of God.

Summary of Key Concepts

1. God gives each of us a *Circle of Grace* where He is always "Present."
2. God is "Present" because He desires a relationship with us.
3. God helps us know what belongs in our *Circle of Grace*.
4. God helps us know what does not belong in our *Circle of Grace*.
5. God Helps us know when to ask for help from someone we trust.

The Circle of Grace will be taught to all children k-12

- K-8 Sunday, January 7, 2017 during CCE
- High School—Lifeteen, Wednesday 1/10/18 6:30-8:30
- STAY—Home School, Sunday 1/21/18 9:05-10:20

For more information, please contact:

K-6th grade—Maria Delago 936-295-8159

7th -12th grade—Kathy Boscarino 936-295-8159



Círculo de Gracia

El "Círculo de Gracia" contribuye a la protección de nuestros jóvenes y los afirma como hijos amados de Dios.

Resumen de los Conceptos Clave del "Círculo de Gracia"

1. Dios nos da a cada uno de nosotros un Círculo de Gracia en el cual él está siempre "Presente"
2. Dios Está "Prerente" porque él desea una relación con nosotros.
3. Dios nos ayuda a saber qué pertenece en nuestro Círculo de Gracia
4. Dios nos ayuda a saber que no pertenece en nuestro Círculo de Gracia.
5. Dios nos ayuda a saber cuando pedir ayuda de alguien en quien confiamos.

El Círculo de Gracia será enseñado a todos los niños k-12

- K-8 Domingo, 7 de enero de 2017 durante CCE
- High School-Lifeteen, miércoles 10/01/18 6:30-8:30
- Escuela STAY-Home, domingo 21/01/18 9:05-10:20

Para más información:

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