

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office: 1603 Avenue N * Huntsville, TX 77340

Church: 1323 16th St. * Huntsville, TX 77340

Ph. 936.295.8159 * Fax 936.295.3543

www.saintthomashuntsville.org

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor
Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon
Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M
Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE
Marisol Urbina.....Administrative Asst.
Rick Reed.....Music Coordinator
Jill Baker.....Nursery Coordinator
Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper
Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary
Laura Puente.....Custodian

Mass Schedules

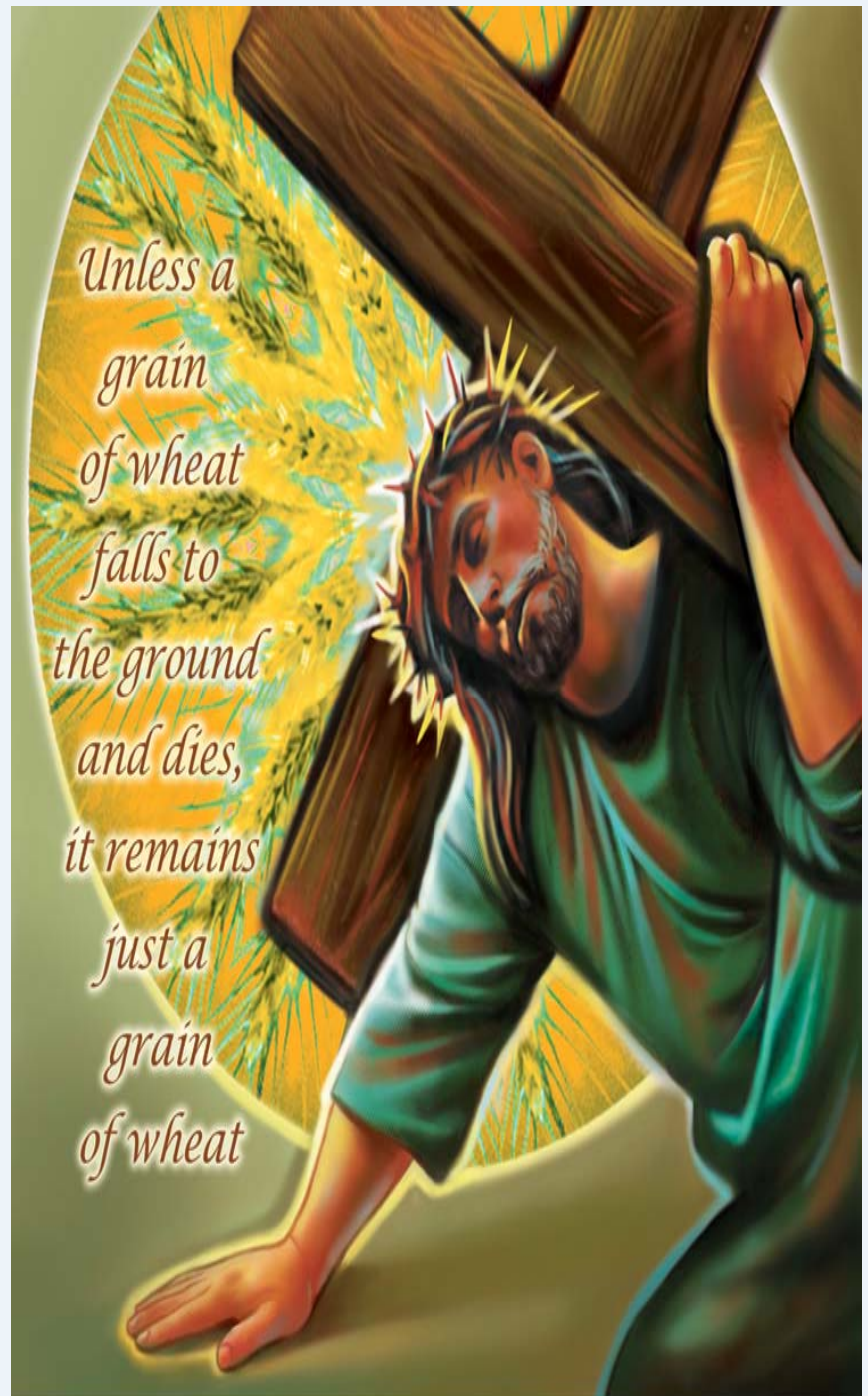
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes	7:15 am

Reconciliation / Reconciliación






Tues/Martes	4:30-5:30 pm
Sat/Sabado	4:00-5:00 pm

Adoration/Adoración

Tuesday / Martes	After 7:15 am Mass until 5:30pm
-----------------------------	--



Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	03/17	5:30 pm	William & Mary Grupa 
Sun.	03/18	7:45 am	Pat Sailer (Birthday)
		10:45 am	Living & Deceased Miller and Goodwin Family members
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon.	03/19		NO MASS
Tues.	03/20	7:15 am	Tim Hillman (Birthday)
Wed.	03/21	7:15 am	Glenn Reina 
Thurs.	03/22	7:15 am	John William Heckler 
Fri.	03/23	7:15 am	Darrell Pasket (His birthday)
Sat.	03/24	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun	03/25	7:45 am	Mary Ann Cook 
		10:45 am	Frank Gonzales 
		12:30 pm	
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	03/19	2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22 LK 2:41-51A
Tues	03/20	NM 21:4-9 JN 8:21-30
Wed	03/21	DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 JN 8:31-42
Thurs	03/22	GN 17:3-9 JN 8:51-59
Fri	03/23	JER 20:10-13 JN 10:31-42
Sat	03/24	EZ 37:21-28; JN 11:45-56
Sun	03/25	MK 11:1-10 or JN 12:12-16 IS 50:4-7; PHIL 2:6-11 MK 14:1—15:47



Regular Sunday Donations: \$7,327.15

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,713.98

Thank you for your continued parish support!

Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$16,308.50
Total Amount Pledged	\$24,291.00
Number of Participants	62
Under Goal	\$20,691.50



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, Katie Everett, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Kevin Kretschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez,, Coby Meinzer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Nina Rozell, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kenny Sechelski, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Kevin 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, Nancy Winkler



The St. Thomas Ladies organization is now accepting scholarship applications for the 18th 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 drop off or mail your completed application to the church office, attention St. Thomas Ladies. The completed applications are due no later than Friday, May 4, 2018.

CHURCH SECURITY INFORMATION

Following the church shootings last year near San Antonio the parish's Security Committee has begun to take steps to ensure the safety of all St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. The first step will be to restrict access to the church during liturgical services. Effective April 7th and 8th, 2018, once Mass has begun, all doors into the church will be locked from the inside with the exception of the double doors facing 16th Street. **Anyone arriving late for Mass will only be able to enter the church through the 16th Street doors. Parishioners will be able to exit the church through any of the locked doors as well as the doors facing 16th Street.** A panic bar will be installed on the wooden, double doors facing west similar to the panic bar on the glass door by the sacristy. These doors will allow exiting at any time simply by pushing the bar. Regarding the door by the baptismal font in the sanctuary, this door has a door knob lock that, when locked, allows exiting from the inside but does not allow entry from the outside.

Signs will be posted around the church building to remind parishioners of the locked doors.

The staff at St. Thomas the Apostle Church takes the safety and security of all the parishioners very seriously. We are confident that the steps taken at this time will minimize any problematic incidents.

Scholarships

Graduating High School Catholic Females

Are you planning to continue your education after high school? Great! The Catholic Daughters of the Americas right here at our parish have **two** scholarships available that may be used at any institution of higher education beyond high school. 1) Our CDA Scholarship is for \$500.00. 2) Our Kathy Miller Memorial Scholarship is contingent upon the amount of funds received for the scholarship and may be different from year-to-year. Requirements and the application process are very easy. Applications may be picked up beginning March 1st from Kathy Boscarino or in the main entry to our church. Deadline for application submissions will be May 15, 2018. Scholarship awards will be made at the annual High School Senior Breakfast.

INFORMACION DE SEGURIDAD DE LA IGLESIA

Después de los tiroteos de la iglesia el año pasado cerca de San Antonio, el Comité de Seguridad de la parroquia ha comenzado a tomar medidas para garantizar la seguridad de todos los feligreses de la Iglesia de Santo Tomás Apóstol. El primer paso será restringir el acceso a la Iglesia durante los servicios litúrgicos. A partir del 7 y 8 de abril del 2018, una vez que haya comenzado la misa, todas las puertas de la iglesia estarán cerradas desde adentro con la excepción de las puertas dobles que dan a la calle 16. **Cualquier persona que llegue tarde a misa solo podrá entrar a la iglesia a través de las puertas de la calle 16. Los feligreses podrán salir de la iglesia a través de cualquiera de las puertas cerradas, así como las puertas que dan a la calle 16.** Se instalará una barra antipánico en las puertas dobles de madera orientadas hacia el oeste, similar a la barra antipánico en la puerta de vidrio junto a la sacristía. Estas puertas permitirán salir en cualquier momento simplemente presionando la barra. En cuanto a la puerta por la fuente bautismal en el santuario, esta puerta tiene un bloqueo del botón de la puerta que, cuando está bloqueado, permite salir desde el interior, pero no permite la entrada desde el exterior.

Se colocarán letreros alrededor del edificio de la iglesia para recordar a los feligreses las puertas cerradas.

El personal de la Iglesia Santo Tomás Apóstol toma muy en serio la seguridad de todos los feligreses. Estamos seguros de que los pasos tomados en este momento minimizarán cualquier incidente problemático.

English Baptism Sessions

Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Bldg. Please register in the parish office prior to attending the session. Child's birth certificate should be presented at time of pre-registration.

Sesiones de preparación para el Bautismo . . miércoles y jueves, 21 y 22 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de CCE. Por favor preinscríbese en la oficina de la parroquia antes de asistir las sesiones. El certificado de nacimiento debe presentarse antes de asistir las pláticas.

Bazaar 2018 needs a chairman and co-chair. If you think you might be interested, please contact the parish office for further information.



What's Up in Edge—March 2018

4th(Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 5th (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
 8th (Thursday) **Edge Night 6:00-7:30 Youth Bldg**
 11th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 16th (Tuesday) Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8 Youth Ctr.
 18th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 19th (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
 25th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall

How is Your Lent

Is Lent passing by with not much notice. Lent is a special time when we purposefully do act of Pray, Sacrifice and Almsgiving in order to draw closer to Christ. If you are feeling discouraged, Lent isn't over yet. Choose one of these activities and do them each day for a week:

Pray scripture each day. (Use the daily readings—bulletin)	Go to daily Mass	Go to Adoration and Confession on Tuesday
Consume only water between meals each day.	Take only cold showers or sleep on the floor.	Read a spiritual book. Try: "7 Secrets of Confession"
Turn off all distractions for an hour and make it a <i>Holy Hour</i> .	Take a walk with your spouse each day— hold hands	Pray the <u>Our Father</u> , <u>Hail Mary</u> and the <u>Glory Be</u> as a family.

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

Contact/Contacto:
 Kathy Boscarino, DRE/Youth Minister
 kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org
 (936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

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



“Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” John 12:24

With his full knowledge and consent, Christ was “lifted up” (on the cross) and died for our salvation. We too must die to ourselves and the things of this world, take up our cross and follow him. It is in our humility, our dying that we receive the grace necessary to be his disciples (followers of Christ). This is particular true when the “grain of wheat” becomes the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and with great humility we receive Him body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. St. Augustine tells us, “You are what you eat.”

Let us be Christ to others. Let us see Christ in each other.



What's Up in Life Teen—March 2018

3/3 (Saturday) 1st Communion Mass 5:30 p.m.
 3/4 (Sunday) Confirmation 2018 Class 9:05-10:20
 3/5 (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
 3/7 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30 –8:30
 3/11 (Sunday) Homeschool 9:05-10:20
 3/11 (Sunday) Discipleship Mission
 3/14 Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
 3/19 (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
 3/21 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
 3/28 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
 3/29 (Thursday) Holy Thursday—Help with the liturgy
 3/30 (Good Friday) Stations of the Cross/Divine Mercy

AYC (Archdiocesan Youth Conference)
July 20-22, 2018
Sign Up Now! Don't Miss It!



St. Thomas Lenten Project
Community Fish Pond
Cost: \$2,500

When did we see you hungry and feed you?"

"A fish pond provides a steady source of protein, improving nutrition and health for a community. It also irrigates crops to give farms a boost, especially in times of drought. " CRS

"What you did to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me" Matthew 25'

Please help. Pick up a brown envelope at the back of the church. Place the amount of money it indicates inside the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection basket or bring to the church office.
 Watch the bulletin to keep track of the money raised to feed the poor.



Check out how much we raise for the fish pond here! **\$7,360.00**



Proyecto de Cuaresma de Santo Tomás
Estanque de peces de comunidad
Costo: \$2,500

"Cuándo te vimos hambriento y te alimentamos?"

"Un estanque de peces proporciona: Fuente constant de proteínas, mejorando la nutrición y la salud de la comunidad. También irriga los cultivos para impulsar los granjas, especialmente en tiempos de sequía. " CRS

"Lo que le hiciste al menos de mis hermanos y hermanas me lo hiciste a mi" Mateo 25'

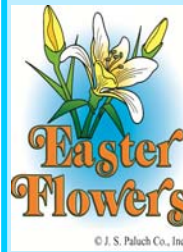
Por favor ayude. Recoga un sobre marron en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Coloque la cantidad de dinero que indica dentro del sobre. Coloque el sobre en la colección del domingo o tráigalo a la oficina de la iglesia.
 Mire el boletín para mantener un registro del dinero recaudado para alimentar a los pobres.



Echa un vistazo a la cantidad realmente recaudada para el estanque de peces aquí.
\$7,360.00



Newly elected council for the St Pio Fraternity (OFS) at St. Thomas. Left to right are:
 Jeanette Slaughter - Treasurer, Stephen Farlow - Minister, Carolyn Westmoreland - Secretary and Formation Director, Linda Skains - Vice Minister, Br. Juniper - OFM.
 If you feel called to inquire into becoming a Secular Franciscan, contact Stephen Farlow at sefarlowofs@gmail.com or (936)355-1855 or contact Carolyn Westmoreland at graciousliving2108@att.net or (936)537-9680.



Easter Flowers will be purchased to decorate our church. You may make a donation for the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill in the information below and return to the office by Wednesday, March 28th. Offering is \$20.

_____ In honor of: _____ In memory of:

Donated by: _____

_____ In honor of: _____ In memory of:

Donated by: _____

Registro Parroquial De Mi Propia Iglesia

Mi Propia Iglesia: 3 Pasos Simples

1. presiona el botón
2. crear tu cuenta
3. Ver y actualizar su información

Santo Tomás ahora tiene un nuevo sistema llamado My Own Church para actualizar su información familiar.

iniciar en: <https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/galveston/>

El personal de Santo Tomás aprobará su cuenta y podrá actualizar su información familiar, incluidos nombres, direcciones, números de teléfono y correos electrónicos.

Podrá ver el directorio ilustrado de Santo Tomás, cargar su foto familiar favorita (u otra información) visible para otros miembros que hayan iniciado sesión, o puede mantener cierta información privada y solo disponible para la administración de la iglesia.

¡Por favor, recuerde revisar My Own Church pronto! Con su información actualizada, podremos contactarlo cuando lo necesitemos para que no se pierda nada importante.

My Own Church Parish Census Registration

My Own Church: 3 Simple Steps

1. Hit the Button
2. Create your Login
3. View and Update your Information

St. Thomas now has a new system called My Own Church for updating your family information.

Log-in at: <https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/galveston/>

St. Thomas Staff will approve your account and you'll be able to update your family information including names, addresses, phone numbers, emails.

You will be able to view the St. Thomas pictorial directory, upload your favorite family photo and choose whether you want that photo (or other information) visible to other members who have logged in - or you can keep some information private and only available to church administration.

Please remember to check out My Own Church soon!

With your updated information, we will be able to contact you when we need to so you won't miss anything important.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection . . Pope Francis has asked that we support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

Para que, como pueblo elegido de Dios, podemos aceptar y seguir el plan de Dios para compartir generosamente nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro con otros. "Seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo". Jeremias 31:33 ¿Qué significa ser el pueblo de Dios? Significa que reconocemos que todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos le pertenece a Dios. No somos "dueños" de nada, somos simplemente "administradores" de los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Significa que estamos dispuestos a usar nuestros dones y nuestras vidas para cuidar a nuestros vecinos y al mundo, así como Dios se preocupa por nosotros.



When/ Cuando:

This Weekend!!

Where/ Dónde:

Parish Hall/ Salon de la Iglesia

For/ Para:

To help Stephany Cabrera raise money to be a Traveling Missionary this summer. All money goes to help-

ing her on her journey in rebuilding chapels, homes, evangelizing today's teens and bringing the love of Christ to every person along the way! Come and Enjoy an amazing dessert! ///

Para ayudar a Stephany Cabrera a recaudar dinero para ser una viajera de Misionera este Verano. Todo el dinero va a ayudarla en su viaje en la reconstrucción de capillas, hogares, y evangelizando a los adolescentes actuales y llevando el amor de Cristo a todas las personas en el camino. Vengan y disfruta de un postre increíble!

If interested in becoming a sponsor or sending prayer request please contact//Si está interesado en convertirse en patrocinador o en enviar una solicitud de oración, póngase en contacto con:

SEC045@yahoo.com or 936-994-8173

*** Keep a look out this summer!! I will be sending updates to the bulletin from the road!!**

The Fire of Your Love

by Will Olive

As this is the Lenten season, it is a good time to be reminded of the **Five Precepts of the Catholic Church**. Many Catholics do not know that the Church has precepts, laws of the Church that every Catholic must follow. The purpose of the precepts are, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "meant to guarantee for the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in love of God and neighbor" (2041). Simply put, these are the things you must do, at a minimum, to remain in good stead with the Church. Over the next five weeks, I will discuss each in turn.

The **First Precept of the Church** is: "To **attend Mass on Sundays** and other **holy days of obligation** and to **refrain from work** and activities which could impede the sanctification of those days."

The first precept is based on the Lord's creation, for he worked for six days and then rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2). If it is good enough for God, it should be good enough for us.

It is also based on the Third Commandment in which God tells us: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work" (Exodus 20:8-10).

As Catholics, we must attend Mass on Sundays; it is not an option. Regardless of where we are, we must make the effort, an earnest effort, to attend Mass. Also, as Sunday is a day of rest, we should not be working, nor should we make other people have to work. There are, of course, some who must work on Sunday. They are our protectors, God bless them: Nurses, Firefighters, EMTs, Lifeguards, and Police Officers.

Finally, we are also required to attend Mass on Holy Days of obligation. There used to be dozens of Holy Days each year, but Canon Law has settled on 10 days. However, many of these float so they will often fall on Sundays or have been moved to Sundays by the Bishops. That leaves very few left upon which we must attend during the week in a given year. Yet, when they do fall during the week, we still must attend Mass to meet the requirements of the First Precept of The Church.