



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..."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone Pastor

Felix RamosPermanent Deacon
 Kathy BoscarinoDRE / Youth Minister
 Maria DelgadoElem. CCE Coordinator
 Music Ministry
 Rick Reed Co-Coordinator
 Carolyn O'Rourke..... Co-Coordinator
 Jill Baker Nursery Coordinator
 Dell WellsBookkeeper
 Sylvia Vitela Secretary
 Laura PuenteCustodian



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m. (English)
 Sunday 7:45 a.m. (English)
 10:45 a.m. (English)
 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Week Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:15 a.m.
 Thursday 7:15 a.m.
 Friday 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Tuesday / Martes 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday / Sabado 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial

Monday/Lunes	11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday - Friday Martes - Viernes	9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Sacramento de Bautismo

Baptisms are held on the second Saturday of the month. Parents and Godparents are required to attend preparation sessions. Please call the parish office for more information.

Bautismos se llevan acabo el segundo Sabado de cada mes. Los padres y padrinos deben participar en las sesiones de preparación. Para mayor información, favor de llamar a la oficina.

Sacrament of Marriage

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Contact office at least six months prior to wedding. Favor de llamar a la oficina seis meses antes de la boda.

Special Blessings

Bendiciones Especiales

All blessings are done on the third Sunday of the month. Call the office to make arrangements. Todas las bendiciones especiales se haran el tercer domingo del mes. Hable a la oficine para hacer arreglos.

MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK				
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	✝
Mon	7/18	No Mass		
Tues	7/19	No Mass		
Wed	7/20	No Mass		
Thurs	7/21	No Mass		
Fri	7/22	7:15 am	Cherie McGee	✝
Sat	7/23	5:30 pm	Marlene Zang	✝
Sun	7/24	7:45 am	Donna Hebert	✝
		10:45 am	Gene and Carole Barrett (58th Anniversary)	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	

Weekly Readings



Mon	7/18	Mic.6:1-4,6-8;Mt.12:38-42;
Tues	7/19	Mic.7:14-15,18-20;Mt.12:46-50
Wed	7/20	Jer.1:1,4-10;Mt.13:1-9
Thurs	7/21	Jer.2:1-3,7-8,12-13;Mt.13:10-17
Fri	7/22	Jer.3:14-17;Jn.20:1-2,11-18
Sat	7/23	Jer.7:1-11;Mt.13:24-30
Sun	7/24	Gn.18:20-32;Col.2:12-14;Lk.11:1-13

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

Judy Adib, Steve Aguayo, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Kathy Boscarino, Sam Buentello, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Katie Davison, Tom Degnan, Betty Doebller, Jose Luis Ecamilla, Paul Fivel, Diane Fuller, Diana Garcia, Mary Gedelian, Bill Hodges, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretzschmar, 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, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Linda Skains, Wanda H. Smith, Elizabeth Speck, Tim Speck, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Leo Vasquez, Shirley Villareal, Alma Williams, Rose Youngblood.

2nd Annual

Friends of the Poor Walk

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sponsored by

St. Thomas the Apostle Conference



This year honoring the memory of SVdP member

Dan Shelton

September 24, 2016

Pritchett Soccer Field

9:30am.

Check-in will begin at 9:00am

**You may register for the event
at the sign-up table after Masses
on July 23/24 and July 30/31**

You may see any Vincentian for details and sign-up at any time.

Participants registered by August 12th will receive a Friends of the Poor Walk T-shirt

**All monies raised will go directly to
our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference.**

The Friends of the Poor Walk is a nationwide event of the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul with the intended purpose of raising awareness and funds to support the local conference by providing assistance to those in need. Funds are raised by the participants who solicit donation pledges for their participation. The pledges are a fixed amount and not a dollar per miles concept. There is no minimum distance for the walk since active participation is encouraged.



**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 10th: \$ 11,137.04
SVdP Black Bag Collection: \$ 1,809.79

Thank you for your parish support!

Father Fred writes... This weekend's gospel story of Martha and Mary always reminds me of the importance of hospitality. I have never forgotten an ecumenical wedding that I assisted at. When I arrived at the bride's Christian church early on the night of the wedding, I felt upon entering that the non-Catholics did not care for my presence at the wedding. I ignored the feeling until the wedding reception. The bride's mother expressed to me that she was surprised that her daughter had decided to marry a Catholic. POW! The lack of hospitality that I felt when I entered the church that night was correct. That lesson has taught me very well that hospitality is essential for Jesus' disciples if we are to evangelize others. When strangers do not feel welcomed, that is often the end of the relationship. Any chance of faith sharing ends before it ever began. It is hard to be good evangelizers without a strong sense of hospitality. Didn't Jesus welcome sinners and tax collectors into his company? He touched them. He dined with them. He was friends with them despite the objections of many of the religious leaders. Fr. Roland Rolheiser spoke about welcoming the stranger with these words: *In the early church there was a custom of welcoming strangers with the belief that they, being foreigners, were specially privileged in their capacity to bring new promise and fresh revelation from God. It was with this in mind that the author of the letter to the Hebrews wrote: In welcoming strangers some of you have entertained angels without knowing it. In scripture, God's promise, revelation, and new truth are most often brought not through what's familiar or through those whom we know and who are like us, but through a stranger or an angel. Thus, for instance, we see: Sarah and Abraham receive the promise of a son not from a family member, a neighbour, or the local doctor, but from a stranger who has wandered into their camp at night and to whom they have shown hospitality. ... Christ is visited in the crib not by the Jewish rulers but by the Magi, strange foreign kings. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the wounded man is helped not by his own kinsfolk and those who were of his own religion, but by a samaritan, a stranger. With the stranger lies surprise, new possibility, contact with that part of God and reality that we have never experienced before.* At the beginning of Mass we greet one another not only because we are united as members of the one Body of Christ. But who knows. Maybe we will encounter an angel in the stranger standing next to us. Also the Huntsville Hospitality House is one of the local ministries that we support with the collection on the first Sunday of the month. Hospitality (food, lodging, etc.) is offered to strangers visiting a family member incarcerated in one of the local prisons. These families have travelled a long distance and often cannot afford the cost of a motel for several nights. While these families may not know the identity of those who support this ministry, I am sure that they are very thankful. Maybe they consider us to be "angels."

BAZAAR 2016 NEWS

Bazaar 2016 Meeting: Monday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.
in the parish hall.
All interested parishioners are welcome.
We Need You!
Volunteer Sign-up sheets coming soon.

The St. Thomas Ladies Annual Rummage Sale August 5-6, 2016

We will begin accepting donations on Monday, July 18th!!
The donation schedule is as follows:

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4 PM

Thank you in advance for donating your clean, usable items!! All proceeds from our sale stay at St. Thomas, or are donated to local charities.* We love to sell household items, furniture, jewelry, clothing, collectibles, books, toys, accessories, linens, - in other words – TREASURE!!

Thank you, Thank you for your continued support.

If you need assistance, or have any questions, please call June Davis (662-6323) or Bobbi Stefaniak (661-4803)

Proceeds from Rummage Sale benefit:

ST. THOMAS FUNERAL MINISTRY
ST. THOMAS YOUTH
ST. THOMAS BAZAAR
ST. THOMAS KITCHEN SUPPLIES/COFFEE
ST. THOMAS ALTAR SERVERS
ST. THOMAS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS/EASTER DECORATIONS
ALL ST. THOMAS RECEPTIONS
HUNTSVILLE SAAFE HOUSE
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
KPIA CATHOLIC RADIO (LOCAL)
NETTIE'S FRIENDS

YEAR OF MERCY

"Making the Father present as love and mercy is, in Christ's own consciousness, the fundamental touchstone of his mission as the Messiah. . .

Christ proclaims by his actions
even more than by his words
that call to mercy which is one of the essential
elements of the Gospel ethos. . .

All the subtleties of love become manifest in the
Lord's mercy towards those who are his own."

-Dives in Misericordia 2-4

 <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, July 17, 2016 No CCE **CCE will return Sunday, September 11, 2016**
 Monday July 18 –Wed. July 20, 2016 Confirmation Retreat
 Wednesday, July 20, 2016 STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30

Congratulations to Kera Roberts, Mia Pulido, Phoenix Vasquez; Teddy Njehu; Francisca Njehu; and George Thuita for receiving Communion for the first time. Please continue to pray for them.

Please continue to pray for Juan Lopez, José Garcia, William Tran, Aimee Bravo, Lisbeth Torres, Jose Avila, Itzel Obregon, Ross Rozell, Franklin Morgan, Flavio Perez and Jonathan Perez *as they continue their Journey to Confirmation in September.*

It is time to register for CCE, find a registration form in the hall, in the back of the church, online at <http://www.saintthomashuntsville.org>

Forms and registration fees can be turned in at the church office.

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. **Registration deadline is Friday, July 15.**

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

CATECHISTS NEEDED! TRANSFORM & BE TRANSFORMED!

Do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to get involved? The catechetical ministry is in great need of volunteers for all grades, Kindergarten through High School. You will be provided with training and support. If you have been considering volunteering now is the time! Please contact:

Kathy Boscarino, DRE
 at kathybosc@sbcglobal.net
Maria Delgado, Elementary Coordinator
 at k-6cce@saintthomashuntsville.org
 Or call us at **936 295-8159**

REFLECTION... That we look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us.

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” Colossians 1:25

Believe it or not, we are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our knowledge and relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us, like our family and friends.

PRAY DAILY... Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour. —St. Francis de Sales

Palabras del Padre Fred... El Evangelio de este fin de semana de Marta y María me recuerda siempre la importancia de la hospitalidad. Nunca he olvidado una boda ecuménica en que asistí. Cuando llegué a la iglesia cristiana de la novia temprano en la noche de la boda, me sentí al entrar que a los no católicos no les gustaba mi presencia en la boda. Ignoraba la sensación hasta la recepción de la boda. La madre de la novia expresaba que le sorprendió que su hija hubiera decidido casarse con un católico. POW! La falta de hospitalidad que sentí cuando entré en la iglesia esa noche era correcta. Esa lección me ha enseñado muy bien que la hospitalidad es esencial para los discípulos de Jesús si hemos evangelizar a otros. Cuando extranjeros no se sienten bienvenidos, muy seguro es el final de la relación. Cualquier posibilidad de compartir la fe termina antes de que comenzara. Es difícil ser buenos evangelizadores sin un fuerte sentido de la hospitalidad. ¿Qué Jesús no les dio una bienvenida a los pecadores y recaudadores de impuestos en su compañía? Los tocó. Cenó con ellos. Él era amigo de ellos a pesar de las objeciones de muchos de los líderes religiosos. El padre Roland Rolheiser habló sobre dar la bienvenida al extranjero con estas palabras: *en la iglesia antigua existía una costumbre de dar la bienvenida a los extraños con la creencia de que ellos, siendo los extranjeros, fueron especialmente privilegiados en su capacidad para traer nueva promesa y revelación fresca de Dios. Fue con esto en mente que el autor de la carta a los hebreos escribió: Al da la bienvenida a extraños algunos de ustedes han entretenido a Ángeles sin saberlo."En las escrituras, promesa de Dios, la revelación y la nueva verdad se presentan más a menudo no a través de lo que es familiar o a través de los que conocemos y que son como nosotros, sino a través de un extraño o un ángel. Así, por ejemplo, vemos: Sarah y Abraham reciben la promesa de un hijo no de un familiar, un vecino o el médico local, sino de un extraño que ha vagado en su campo por la noche y a quien han mostrado hospitalidad. ... Cristo es visitado en la cuna, no por los dirigentes judíos sino por los Reyes Magos, Reyes extranjeros extraños. En la parábola del buen samaritano, el hombre herido es ayudado no por sus propios parientes y aquellos que eran de su propia religión, sino por un samaritano, un extranjero. Con el extraño se encuentra sorpresa, nueva posibilidad, en contacto con esa parte de Dios y la realidad que nunca antes hemos experimentado. Al principio de la Misa nos saludamos no sólo porque estamos unidos como miembros de un cuerpo de Cristo. Pero quién sabe. Tal vez encontramos a un ángel en el extraño que está parado junto a nosotros. También la Casa de Hospitalidad de Huntsville es uno de los ministerios locales que apoyamos en la colección el primer domingo del mes. Hospitalidad (comida, alojamiento, etc.) se ofrece a extranjeros que visitan a un miembro de la familia en una de las prisiones locales. Estas familias han viajado una distancia larga y a menudo no pueden permitirse el costo de un motel durante varias noches. Mientras que estas familias no pueden conocer la identidad de los que apoyan este Ministerio, estoy seguro que están muy agradecidos. Tal vez ellos nos consideran ser "Ángeles."*

SESIONES DE PREPARACIÓN PARA BAUTISMO... miércoles 20 & jueves 21 de este mes, 7:00p.m. en el salon 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

REFLEXION... Para que busquemos oportunidades para compartir nuestra fe con aquellos más cercanos a nosotros.

"... Yo soy un ministro, de acuerdo con el encargo de Dios que me ha dado de anunciar la palabra de Dios." Colosenses 1:25

Lo creas o no, todos estamos llamados a evangelizar - a crecer continuamente en nuestro conocimiento y relación con Jesús y compartirlo con otros. Podemos no ser llamados a evangelizar como San Pablo, pero deberíamos buscar oportunidades para compartir nuestra Fe con quienes tenemos más cerca, como nuestra familia y amigos.

REZA A DIARIO... Todo cristiano necesita media hora de oración al día, excepto cuando está ocupado; en este caso, necesita una hora. —San Francisco de Sales

LA MISERICORDIA... Aunque los atributos de Dios son todos iguales, más resplandece y campea a nuestro ver el de la misericordia que el de la justicia. —Miguel de Cervantes