



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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

Third Sunday of Advent *December 17, 2017*



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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
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	12/16	5:30 pm	Sylvia Yesenia Arteaga (For her birthday)
Sun	12/17	7:45 am	Steve & Belia Aguayo (46th Anniversary)
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Manuela Zamora 
Mon	12/18	No Mass	
Tues	12/19	7:15am	Paul Amoaka 
Wed	12/20	7:15am	Margaret Brady 
Thur	12/21	7:15 am	Danny Brown 
Fri	12/22	7:15 am	Veronica Antwi Family (Their intentions)
Sat	12/23	5:30 pm	Charles F. Massey 
Sun	12/24	9:00 am	Parishioners
		11:00 am	Lucia Quintana Yopez 

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	12/18	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Tues	12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Wed	12/20	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Thurs	12/21	Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Fri	12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28; LK 1:46-56
Sat	12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Sun	12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Rediscover the joy
in preparing for Christmas.

Sign up for **FREE** at
BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited

Weekly Offering



Stewardship for December 10th: \$8,273.27
Sisters Retirement Fund: \$2,516.64
Immaculate Conception: \$548.00
Christmas Project: \$825.00

*Thank you for your continued
parish support!*

Diocesan Service Fund As of December 4, 2017

Parish Goal \$37,000.00
Total amount paid \$42,405.57
Total amount pledged \$43,618.61
P aid over goal \$5,405.57

Pray for...

Recen por...

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 Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Al Losack, Katy Lowsack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, , Lucy Mata, Coby Meinzer, 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,



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Saturday/Sabado Dec. 23 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday/Domingo Dec. 24
Morning Mass / Misa en la mañana 9:00 a.m. (English)
 11:00 a.m. (Español)

Sunday/Domingo 24
Christmas Eve / Misa de Vigilia 4:00 p.m. (English)
 6:00 p.m. (English)
 8:00 p.m. (Español)
 Midnight (English)

Monday /Lunes 25
Christmas Day
Día de Navidad 10:00 a.m. (English)

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
Miercoles, 10 y jueves 11 de enero, 7:00 p.m.
Por favor registre en la oficina parroquial antes de asistir las sesiones. El certificado de nacimiento debe ser presentado al tiempo de la inscripción.

Office Memo

The Church Office will be closed at noon on Friday, the 22nd and will be closed on Monday, the 25th and Tuesday, the 26th in observance of the Christmas Holidays.

Retiro “Joven Samuel: Háblame Señor que tu Siervo Escucha” 1 Samuel 3:10 El Retiro “Joven Samuel” es un retiro para jóvenes-Adultos de 18-35 años de edad que se encuentran discerniendo su vocación a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa y desean profundizar en la llamada de Dios por medio del silencio y la oración. El retiro ayudará al joven a reflexionar sobre su llamado particular que Dios tiene para él o ella y a desarrollar una mejor relación de intimidad con Jesús para ser un buen discípulo y así poder responder con el corazón y las palabras del joven Samuel diciendo “habla Señor que tu siervo escucha.” Fecha: 30 de diciembre, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Lugar: Convento Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale St, Houston, TX 77023. Contacto: 713-652-8239, vocations@archgh.org,

Christmas Project 2017 Work Schedule in the CCE Building:

Monday, Dec 18	12:00-5:00	Set up CCE rooms, move and organize gifts (need strong muscles and trucks)
Tuesday, Dec 19	1:00-5:00	Wrap and label gifts and last minute shopping!
Wednesday, Dec 20	2:00-8:00	Wrap and label Gifts
Thursday, Dec 21	4:00– Until Done!	Fill food boxes
Friday, Dec 22	9 am	Deliver food and gifts!

If you are interested in helping further with the Christmas Project, we can use all helpers!! No experience needed! Call Mary at 936-581-2855 with questions or just show up to help!!



What's Up in **Edge**—December 2017

- 3rd (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 5th (Tuesday) NO STAY Sacrament Prep.
- 10th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 12th (Tuesday) NO STAY Sacrament Prep. .
- 17th (Sunday) **NO** Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 21st (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament Prep.
- 24th (Sunday) **NO** Edge **Merry Christmas!**
- 31st (Sunday) **NO** Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall



Feed those in Need

The EDGE youth are collecting food for the poor from November 12th through December 17th. Canned foods may be placed in the designated totes in the back of the Church. Thank you for your support.

Los jóvenes de Edge están colectando comida para los pobres desde el 12 de noviembre hasta el 17 de diciembre. La comida se puede llevar a la parte posterior de la iglesia.

Food Drive



The food collected will benefit the St. Thomas Thanksgiving and Christmas basket ministry. La comida colectada beneficiará el proyecto del día de dar del Gracias y Navidad

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



Merry Christmas from STAY Life Teen

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



What's Up in Life Teen—November 2017

- 3rd (Sunday) **Confirmation 2018** Youth Center
- 5th (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament Prep
- 6th (Wednesday) Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall
- 10th (Sunday) **Homeschool meeting** 9:15-10:30
- 12th (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament Prep. Returns 1/9/18
- 13th (Wednesday) Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall
- 19th (Tuesday) Sacrament Prep returns 1/9/18
- 20th (Wednesday) No Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Returns 1/10/18
- 26th (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament **Returns 1/9/2017**
- 27th (Wednesday) **No Life Teen** 6:30-8:30 **Returns 1/10/18**



Christmas flowers are being purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. The flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved family member or friend or for some other special occasion. Please fill in the information requested below and return to the parish office. The deadline is Friday, Dec. 22nd . Offering is \$20.

_____ in honor of _____ in memory of

Donated by:

_____ in honor of _____ in memory of

Donated by:



HELPING HANDS NEEDED

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 9:00 a.m. We can use everyone’s help - we need strong arms for several things that are put up outside the church and lots of hands to decorate the inside. We thank all of our “decorating angels” who we know will be here to give of your time and talent for our church. For other information, please contact Peggy Riley, (936)291-2892.



Ministry Opportunity

Title: Virtus Coordinator

Duties:

- Work with ministry leaders to ensure all adults who work with or have contact with children and youth are approved by the Archdiocese
- Schedule various Virtus workshops and host such workshops.
- Provide an annual Compliance report to the Archdiocese.

Requirements:

- Catholic in good standing
- Trained in Protecting God’s Children
- Ability to work well with employees, ministry leaders and volunteers
- Bilingual—Spanish/English preferred

For more information, please contact Kathy at kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org or by phone (936) 295-8159 or (936) 520-6524

Other Opportunities:

- Altar Server Coordinator

Multi-Faith Memorial Service for the Homeless December 21, 5:30 p.m. at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart with Soup Supper to follow at Cathedral Centre. Cardinal DiNardo and leaders from many faiths will preside over a multi-faith memorial service to remember our brothers and sisters who have died on the street in the past year. For more information, call 713-363-1961.

Stewardship Reflection . . .

That we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others. “Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18 This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for Eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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¡ALÉGRATE!

¡Isaías realmente nos proclama una buena nueva! La venida del Señor no trae tristeza, culpa, miedo, ira ni condena. No, la venida del Señor es fuente de júbilo y consuelo. No basta con decirlo una vez, las lecturas de hoy están llenas de júbilo. El Magnificat de María reemplaza a nuestro salmo hoy y nuestra segunda lectura nos anima a alegrarnos, dar gracia y rendir alabanza. Éste es el significado principal de la palabra griega para eucaristía. Se nos insta a alegrarnos y dar gracias, porque la venida del Señor trae júbilo, curación, libertad, perdón y vindicación. ¡Hace que la tierra eche brotes de vida nueva! ¡Buenas noticias!

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Living as Disciples – “whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did it for me.”

The St. Thomas Meals on Wheels ministry delivers hot meals prepared by the Walker County Senior Center to seniors on two routes every Tuesday. We always deliver in pairs and usually are scheduled to deliver about once every 3-4 weeks. We schedule in two-month blocks based on constraints provided to the scheduler. Delivery times vary but average about 1 to 1.5 hours.

The people you meet as you deliver will touch your heart in many ways and make you glad that you are being God's hands in feeding His hungry. After just a few deliveries you will find that you think of many of our seniors as friends rather than clients. We are a collection of caring individuals with no leader—just a schedule coordinator. We have no meetings—just go about our Tuesday deliveries. While we are mostly comprised of members of St. Thomas, we do have a few members of other faiths. If you would like more information, or would like to join our group, email Vic Sower at sowerv@shsu.edu or call Vic or Judy Sower at 936-294-9993. New members of our group are always scheduled with “veterans” for their first delivery. Our next 2 month schedule for January and February will be planned in the middle of December, so come join us now.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE / SERVICIO PENITENCIAL DE ADVENTO

Day/Dia	Date/ Fecha	Time/horario	Parish/ Parroquia	City/Ciudad	
Tuesday/Martes	Dec. 19	6 pm	St. Joseph	New Waverly	Bilingual
Wednesday/ Miercoles	Dec. 20	6:30pm	St. Matthias	Magnolia	Bilingual