

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..."

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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

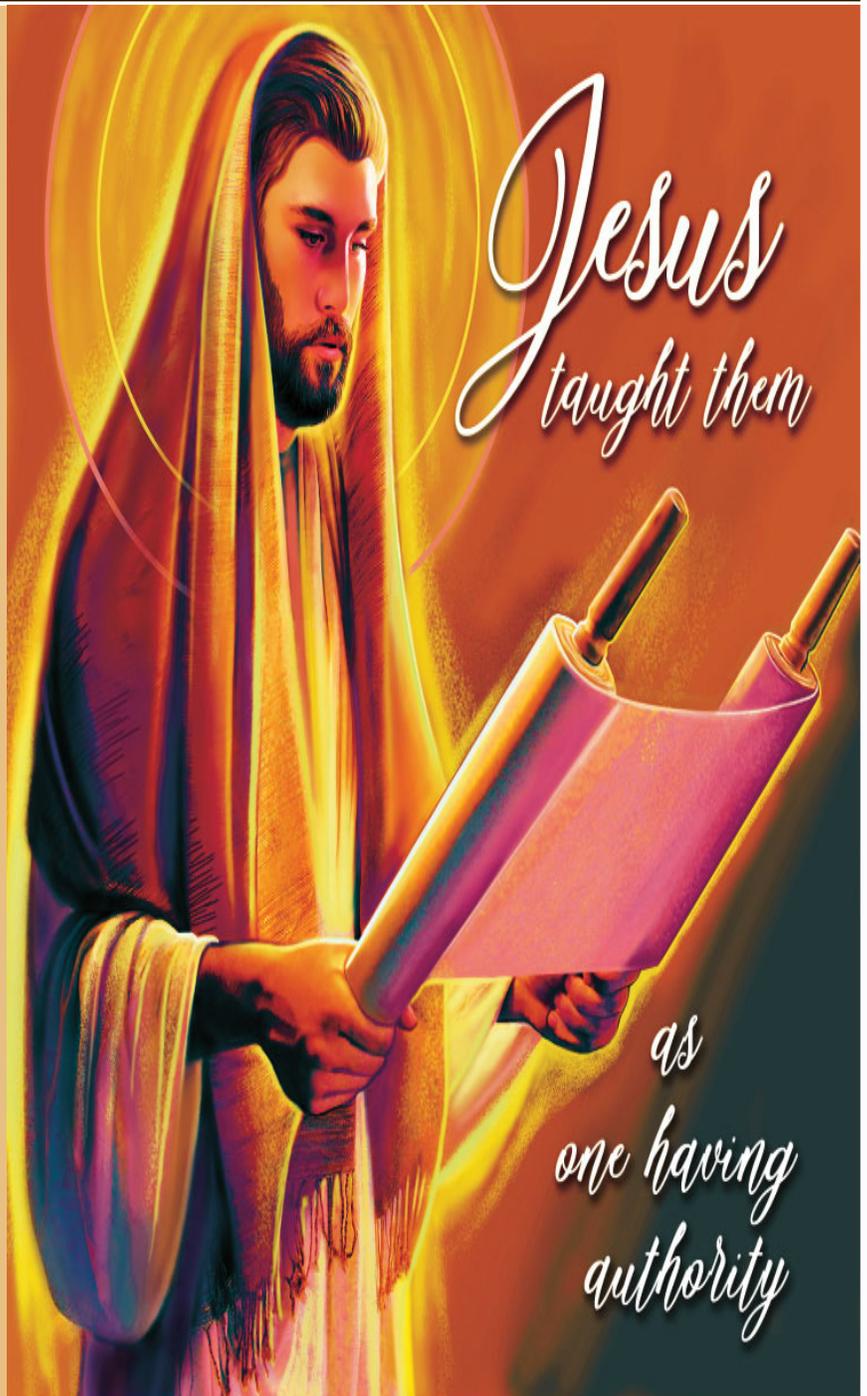
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday; Martes-Friday / Viernes	7:15 am
Friday/ Viernes	

Reconciliation Reconciliación

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

Adoration/Adoracion

Tues/ Martes	After 7:15 mass. Until 5:30pm
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Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	01/27	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	01/28	7:45 am	Don & Emily Gallegos 
		10:45 am	Alfred Wells 
		12:30 pm	Santos Jimenez 
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon.	01/29		NO Mass
Tues.	01/30	7:15 am	Ramon Sandoval & Family
Wed.	01/31	7:15 am	Rev. Tom Schmid 
Thurs.	02/01	7:15 am	George & filie Sequeira
Fri.	02/02	7:15 am	Lois Dingman 
Sat.	02/03	5:30 pm	Kevin Smith
Sun	02/04	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:45 am	Jan Gustafson 
		12:30 pm	José Dolores Tamayo 
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	01/29	2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 MK 5:1-20
Tues	01/30	2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3 MK 5:21-43
Wed	01/31	2 SM 24:2, 9-17 MK 6:1-6
Thurs	02/01	1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12 MK 6:7-13
Fri	02/02	MAL 3:1-4 LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32
Sat	02/03	1 KGS 3:4-13 MK 6:30-34
Sun	02/04	JB 7:1-4, 6-7 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23 MK 1:29-39



January 21st Stewardship

Regular Sunday Donations: \$7,471.11

Thank you for your continued parish support!

Diocesan Service Fund As of January 22, 2018

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total amount paid	\$44,198.61
Total amount pledged	\$44,523.61
Paid over goal	\$7,198.61



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, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Coby Meiner, 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,

Celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life . . . Sunday February 4

Mass will be celebrated in our Archdiocese with Cardinal DiNardo and the Consecrated men and women religious at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston.

All are invited to join in this liturgy to pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and to thank them. The vowed religious will be invited to publicly renew their commitment during the liturgy. The world-wide celebration will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Don't miss it! **More details at:** www.houstonvocations.com/world-day-for-consecrated-life



ASH WEDNESDAY
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, February 14

- 7:15 a.m. Mass (English)
- 12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (English)
- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (English)
- 7:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (Spanish)
- 8:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (Spanish)

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA
Día Santo de Obligación
Miércoles, Febrero 14

- 7:15 a.m. Misa en Ingles
- 12:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Ingles)
- 5:30 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Ingles)
- 7:15 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Español)
- 8:15 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Español)



All Ladies of the Parish are invited to a Valentine Bingo Night hosted by St. Thomas Ladies on Thursday, February 1st at 5:00. Please join us in the Parish Hall for a fun evening, sharing snacks and fellowship.



XLT w/ Father T.J.

When/Cuando: 2/7/2017

Time/Que Hora: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where/Donde: Church/Iglesia

Todo la escuela secundaria y adultos jóvenes están invitados a una noche de "Alabanza y Adoración." Nuestro orador invitado es Padre T.J. Dolce. El Padre T.J. es Director de Vacaciones para el Archidiócesis de Galveston Houston.

All High School youth and young adults are invited to join Father T.J. in a evening of Praise & Worship and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Father T.J. will share with us his story on how he was called to be a priest. We are all called to a vocation—single life, married life, priesthood or religious life.

Please Come!



If any parishioner interested in singing in the Triduum Choir, please contact Rick Reed in the office. This is open to any parishioner, even those not currently active in the music ministry. This will be a 6-7 week commitment, culminating with Holy Week.

Si hay algun feligrés interesado en cantar en el Coro Triduo, por favor contacte a Rick Reed en la oficina. Esto esta abierto para todos, incluso aquellos que ya participan en el ministerio de música. Esto sera un compromise de 6-7 semanas terminando en Semana Santa.

St. Vincent de Paul is a world-wide Catholic organization. Inspired by Gospel values, this ministry leads our members to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person help to the needy and suffering. Generous donations given by Parishioners in our blue envelopes, and other sources, provide us the funds to help those in our Huntsville community. When we visit a home, we bring friendship, the love of Christ and hope to them. During the past year we were able to assist 227 families with rent, utilities, food, medicine, and other necessities. We are seeking more parishioners to join our St. Thomas organization. If you enjoy meeting and talking with people and have a sympathetic ear, this could be a ministry for you. Please call one of our officers for more information. Craig Hibbison, President (936-436-0362); Peggy Riley, Vice President (936-291-2892); Christi Townley, Treasurer ((713) 499-9057); Karen McPike, Spiritual Advisor (936-661-6540).



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:
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

Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)

July 20-22, 2018

AYC gathers over 2,800 participants - both youth and adults - from all over the local Church. AYC is the largest evangelizing event for older adolescents. Ninth graders through outgoing high school seniors are challenged to live out their faith, learn informative presentations, listen to outstanding national speakers, and make new friendships. They will have the opportunity to share and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through daily Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, and other prayer experiences.



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



First Fundraiser:
Valentines Dinner
Saturday February 10,
2018

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

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

“I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem, to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.” – Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*



**Grammy Award Winning Christian
Music Legend Coming To Houston
Co- Cathedral.**

Houston TX– Christian music legend John Michael Talbot will bring his “lifetime of Music & Ministry” concert tour on Thursday February 8th, 2018 to the Co- Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX.

Tickets are:

\$30 for **General Admission**

\$50 for a **Special VIP Package** that includes preferred seating, early admission to artist's sound check and autographed cd.

The concert is supported by God's embrace ministries and tickets can be purchased online at www.godsembrace.org.

For questions and group rates please call the sponsor at 979-561-8883.

DISCOVER THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

**PRESENTED BY: OFFICE OF VOCATIONS,
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON**

If you are thinking about priesthood or religious life come and join priests and other young men ages 18 and up for an evening of great food, prayer, Mass, music and great talking as you discern God's call in your life.

6:30 PM | Thursday | FEB 8th

ST. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial dr., Houston, Tx
JPII Room 3 RSVP online, Email votions@archgh.org,
www.Houstonvocations.com/discover or 713-652-8239

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PROFETAS VERDADEROS

Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso si estos van en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LENT starts

Wednesday, February 14



Dear Brotheren,

I wish to appeal for help with assistance in acquiring wheelchairs, walkers and crutches for a Catholic hospital in Ghana, Africa precisely. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. My goal is to acquire as many of these such items as possible and ship them to the hospital when I have gathered a full load. If anyone has a used wheelchair, walker, or crutches that they are not in need any longer, I would love to have thee items to ship to the people in need of them at the Catholic hospital in Ghana, Africa. Thank you in advance for any assistance and many blessings. For information or to donate any of these items please contact me, Daniel Bawa, at 404-610-3533.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 2 de febrero se celebrará la Candelaria. En este día se conmemora la purificación de María, cuarenta días después de que dio a luz a Jesús. Candelaria viene del verbo latín candere (brillar), de allí la palabra candela, o sea, veladora. La celebración de la Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el templo se conmemora con la bendición de todas las velas y veladoras que se van a usar durante el año. Esto se hace con la esperanza de que nunca venga a faltar la luz, tanto material como espiritual, en las casas de los fieles. Los cristianos, como Simeón en el templo, pueden decir que ellos también han visto la salvación; Jesús la verdadera luz que brilla en brazos de María.

En Puerto Rico tradicionalmente esta fiesta se celebra con la quemazón de los árboles de navidad, basura, palos, cosas viejas, etc. Esta costumbre subraya el deseo de dejar atrás todo lo malo para que llegue lo bueno; es decir terminar con la oscuridad para que brille la luz.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glzl, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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](tel: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

The Fire of Your Love

by Will Oliver

When **St. Thomas Aquinas** was canonized, his **feast day** was celebrated on March 7 (which marked the day of his death), but in the 1969 revision, it was moved to today's date – **January 28**. This date was chosen because it signified the day his relics were moved to the Church of the Jacobins in Toulouse (France).

Saint Thomas was born in the Lazio region of Italy (around Rome) and from an early age it was clear he was an exceptionally bright student. He entered the order of Saint Dominic against his parent's wishes and at one point was kidnapped by his brothers to keep him away from the Dominican friars. He eventually received a scholar's education, studying under St. Albert the Great (a Doctor of the Church), before becoming a teacher of philosophy and serving as a papal theologian.

While a teacher, he composed his greatest work: *Summa Theologiae* which he felt would be useful for students beginning to study philosophy, yet, its 3,500 pages are still studied and pondered by some of our best theologians today.

St. Thomas Aquinas was canonized by Pope John XXII on July 18, 1323 and was made—like his mentor—a Doctor of the Church, a rare honor indeed, by Pope Pius V on April 11, 1567.

St. Thomas also authored many prayers, many of which were directed towards students and teachers, but my favorite prayer by him is both elegant in its simplicity, while instructional on how we should live our lives:

Grant, Lord, that I may gladly share what I have with the needy.

humbly ask for what I need from him who has,

sincerely admit the evil I have done,

calmly bear the evil I suffer,

not envy my neighbor for his blessings,

and thank you unceasingly

whenever you hear my prayer.

Amen.