

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..."

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 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

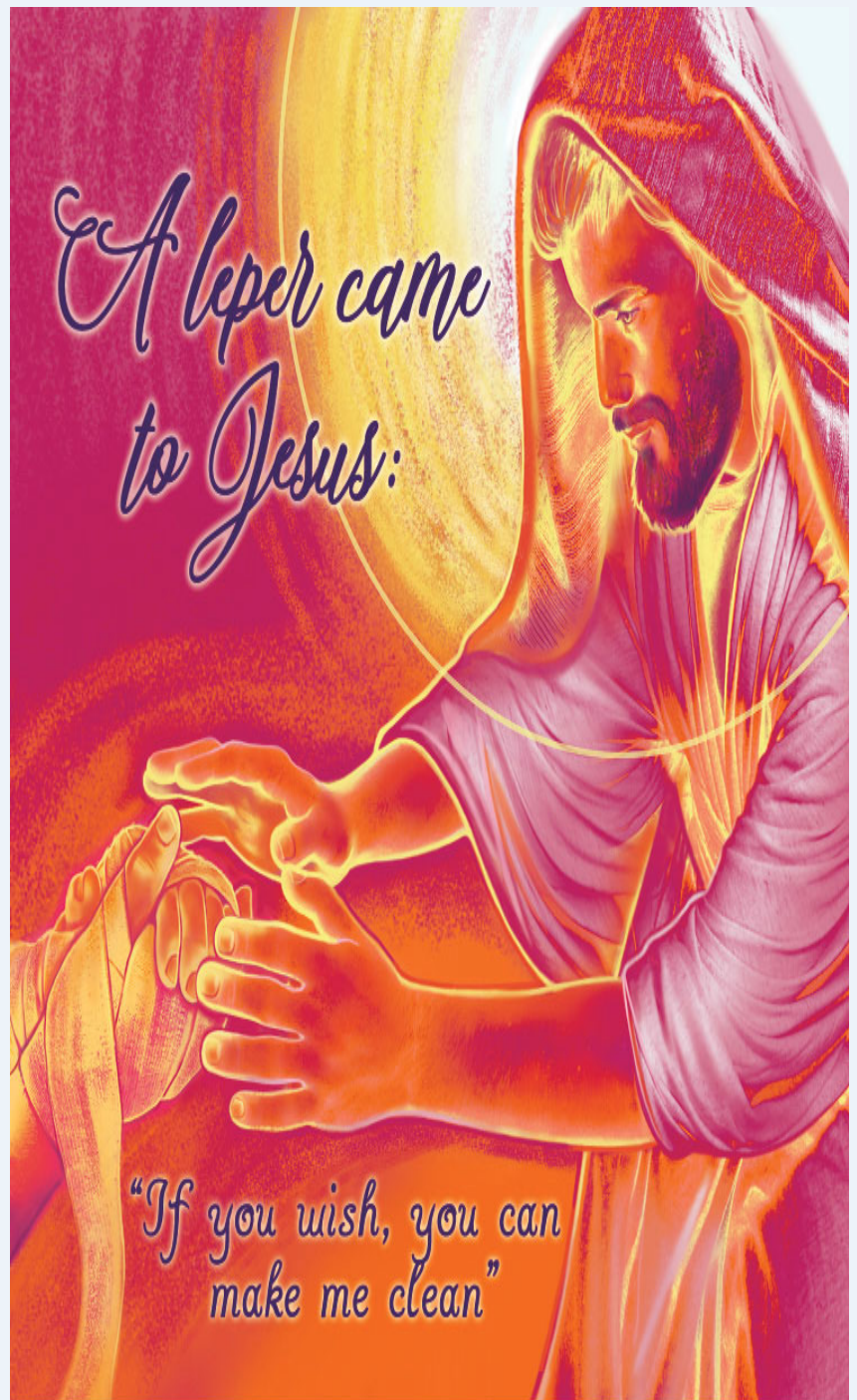
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes	7:15 am

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
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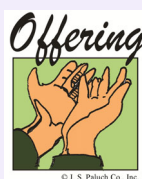
Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	02/10	5:30 pm	Clarence Hightower (B-Day)
Sun.	02/11	7:45 am	Mary (McGee) Miller 
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Linda Skains (B-Day)
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon.	02/12		NO MASS
Tues.	02/13	7:15 am	Karen Macha 
Wed.	02/14	7:15 am	Kenneth Larson 
Thurs.	02/15	7:15 am	Manuel Feleiro 
Fri.	02/16	7:15 am	Robert & Dorothea Stachowiak 
Sat.	02/17	5:30 pm	Edith Rogers 
Sun	02/18	7:45 am	Donna Hebert 
		10:45 am	Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary 
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	02/12	JAS 1:1-11 MK 8:11-13
Tues	02/13	JAS 1:12-18 MK 8:14-21
Wed	02/14	JL 2:12-18 2 COR 5:20—6:2 MT 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs	02/15	DT 30:15-20 LK 9:22-25
Fri	02/16	IS 58:1-9A MT 9:14-15
Sat	02/17	IS 58:9B-14 LK 5:27-32
Sun	02/18	GN 9:8-15 1 PT 3:18-22 MK 1:12-15



February 4th Stewardship

Regular Sunday Donations: \$12,573.19
St. Thomas Mission: \$2,574.92

Thank you for your continued parish support!



The flowers beside the Blessed Sacrament are in loving memory of Donna Hebert by Gayle Hebert



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, Isabel Kirwin, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Cecilia Leon, 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, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler,



**Stations of the Cross . . . 7:00 p.m. (English)
8:00 p.m. (Spanish)**

**Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry every Friday
(except Good Friday) . . . 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in
the Parish hall**



ASH WEDNESDAY
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
Miercoles, 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)



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.

“Instruments of God’s Mercy”
2018 Diocesan Services Fund

If you have not already offered your pledge in this year’s Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), please do so today. DSF 2018 is focused on us, the Church, as we use our gifts to be Instruments of God’s Mercy, which will benefit ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of GalvestonHouston. Through your generous support of DSF, we bring Christ’s comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. Our parish goal for 2018 is \$37,000. With every parish family’s full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the Church in our community. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

“INSTRUMENTOS DE LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS”
FONDO DE SERVICIOS DIOCESANOS 2018

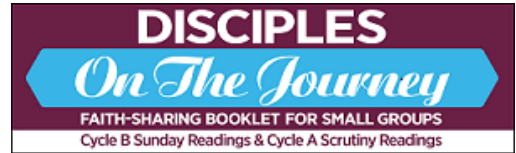
Si aún usted no ha ofrecido su promesa para el Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (DSF) de este año, por favor hágalo hoy. El DSF 2018 se enfoca en nosotros, la Iglesia, mientras usamos nuestros dones para ser Instrumentos de la Misericordia de Dios, lo cual beneficiará a los ministerios que sirven a miles y miles de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. A través de su apoyo generoso del DSF traemos el consuelo y el cuidado de Cristo a las muchas necesidades apremiantes que no pueden ser abordadas individualmente o por una sola parroquia. Nuestra meta parroquial para el 2018 es de \$37,000. Con la participación de toda la familia parroquial, seguramente excederemos esta cantidad y haremos nuestra parte para ayudar a tantos necesitados, promoviendo el trabajo de la Iglesia en nuestra comunidad. Para hacer la donación en línea, visite www.archgh.org/dsf. Para aquellos de ustedes que ya han respondido con una donación, por favor acepten nuestra sincera gratitud.

There are many who say they want to be happy, but they refuse to want that which will bring them happiness. – Fulton J. Sheen



What's Up in Edge—February 2018

4th(Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 8th (Thursday) **Edge Night 6:00-7:30 Youth Bldg**
 11th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 14th (Wed) Ash Wednesday
 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
 24th (Saturday) Archdiocesan Youth Rally
 25th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall



Hey Parents,

Here are some Lenten ideas for your family:

- ◆ Spend time each evening, or as often as you can reading and discussing scriptures. Check out: <https://disciplesonthejourney.org/family-teen-download> For daily activities for children of various ages.
- ◆ Take your family to the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights during Lent 7:00 English 8:00 Spanish (Don't forget the Knights fish fry which starts at 5:00)
- ◆ Bring you family to Adoration on Tuesdays—ends at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Bring your family to the Lenten Reconciliation Service which is Tuesday, March 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

Hey Parents,

hungry for a online Catholic magazine?

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Parent Life by Life Teen

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Find articles on marriage, parenting, family, faith and videos too.

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What's Up in Life Teen—February 2018

4th(Sunday) **STAY Confirmation 9:05-10:20**
 7th (Wednesday) Lifeteen 6:30-8:30
 10th (Saturday) Valentines Day Fundraiser
 11th (Sunday) STAY homeschool 9:05-10:20
 14th (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday—**No Lifeteen**
 21st (Wednesday) Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall
 28th (Sunday) **Homeschool meeting** 9:05-10:20

AYC (Archdiocesan Youth Conference)

July 20-22, 2018

Sign Up Now! Don't Miss It!

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

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

“While at a conference for pastors, I heard someone address the audience with, ‘Do not think your job is to go about changing the world. Your job is to go about testifying to the truth that the world is already changed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.’ I was stunned to hear what I already knew: God is God, and I am not. All the work that I do amounts to very little in the face of what God has done. And yet, my little actions can have such a big impact when it is God working through me.” T. E. Welliver, *Everyday Stewardship*

15th Annual Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic . . .
Thursday, March 8; 11:00 a.m. registration / 12:30 p.m. shotgun start Wildcat Golf Club / 12000 Almeda Road, Houston, Texas 77045 For more information, please call Director of Fund Development Kimberly Elliott at 713-741-8722 <http://www.stdominicvillage.org/brg>

Descubre el Camino Menos Recorrido . . . Jueves, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Abr. 19, Mayo 17; 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Reunión de discernimiento vocacional en español a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa para jóvenes adultos solteros (hombres y mujeres) de 18 a 35 años de edad que hayan completado preparatoria y/o equivalente. Las reuniones se llevara a cabo en el Convento de las Hermanas Carmelitas Misioneras de Santa Teresa (9600 Deer Trail Dr., Houston, TX 77038). Habrá convivencia, comida, música, oración y temas vocacionales presentados por sacerdotes, religiosas y seminaristas. Registración, videos, y detalles en www.houstonvocations.com/descubre

Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled . .
Thursdays: Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10 from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. A monthly discernment gathering for single women ages 18 and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Meet in different convents around the Archdiocese. Program includes supper, a brief presentation and time for sharing, followed by prayer. Sisters from several religious orders who live and minister in the Archdiocese will be present. Information on sites, registration and video about program is available at www.houstonvocations.com/women-seeking

Stewardship Reflections

That everything we do is for the glory of God. “Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31 Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I’m I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

Reflexiones de Mayordomía

Para que todo lo que hagamos sea para la gloria de Dios. "Hermanos y hermanas, ya sea que coman o beban, o lo que sea que hagan, hagan todo para la gloria de Dios". - 1 Corintios 10:31 Haga una revisión rápida de sus prioridades. ¿Dónde se ubica Dios en esa lista? Si Él no es el primero, tienes trabajo que hacer. Poner a Dios primero en todo nos ayuda a poner otros "dioses" (como nuestro orgullo y ego, dinero y posesiones, por nombrar algunos) ante Dios. Antes de tomar una decisión, pregúntate: ¿voy a hacerlo por la gloria de Dios o por la gloria mía?

Service Project with Young Adults . . Come be the “hands and feet of Christ” with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 17. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The Day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast then head out to serve in teams all over the city. Online registration required www.archgh.org/yacm or call 713-741-8778. Participants can choose from a list of available service projects. \$10 includes t-shirt/breakfast. For other information, contact 713-741-8778. Register online at www.archgh.org/yacm.

*The truest crosses are those we do not
choose ourselves.* – St. Rose Phillppine Duchesne

Día de Servicio con Jóvenes Adultos . . . Ven hacer "Manos y pies de Cristo" con cientos de Jóvenes Adultos de edades de 18-39 en el Día Arquidiocesano de Jóvenes Adultos día de servicio y oración el sábado, 17 de marzo. Equipos servirán ayudando a las víctimas de Harvey, al enfermo, al pobre, al que tiene hambre, prisioneros, y los inmigrantes. El día empieza a las 8:30 a.m. con la Santa Misa celebrada por el Obispo Sheltz, seguido por el desayuno y saldremos en equipos a server alrededor de la ciudad. Inscripciones en línea requerida www.archgh.org/yacm 713-741-8778 Los participantes pueden escoger de la lista de proyectos de servicio. Cuota: \$10 incluye camiseta/desayuno.

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

A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.

—G. K. Chesterton

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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A DIOS TODA LA GLORIA

Una característica peculiar de la primera parte del Evangelio según san Marcos es que en general Jesús obra un milagro y luego le dice al beneficiario del milagro que no se lo cuente a nadie. Se ha especulado mucho al respecto: Marcos está preparando el terreno para el gran "secreto" que se revelará cuando Pedro proclame que Jesús es el Mesías en Cesárea de Filipo; otros comentaristas más escépticos sostienen que Jesús, quien era plenamente consciente de su naturaleza humana, sabía que la mejor manera de difundir la Buena Nueva era pidiéndole a las personas que la mantuvieran en secreto. La reflexión de esta manera de guardar el secreto que nos resulta muy útil, sin embargo, es que Jesús estaba comenzando su ministerio público de la forma en que describe Pablo: lo estaba haciendo por la gloria de Dios, no para beneficio propio sino para beneficio de todos. Pablo después escribiría a los filipenses que Jesús "se rebajó a sí mismo" para parecerse a nosotros. Y vemos cómo esta humildad se pone en práctica hoy en la curación del leproso. Jesús está intentando revelar la presencia del Reino de Dios entre las personas, no para recibir gloria sino para que Dios fuera glorificado por él. Imitar esta forma de obrar, lo cual Pablo sugiere que hagan las facciones judías y griegas cristianas de Corintio, todavía nos resulta muy útil hoy.

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Pornography: Reality in Ministry and Families

A resourceful workshop on ways we can help those we serve through our ministries and how we can equip ourselves and families to live in freedom from the newest addiction. Parish and school staff, clergy and any others interested in this topic are invited to attend. Tuesday, February 13 (9am-2pm) St. Dominic's' Chancery, 2403 Holcombe Blvd. \$30, includes lunch.. To register, call 713-741-8778 or visit www.archgh.org/yacm

The Fire of Your Love by Will Oliver

While attending a national Catholic homeschool conference, I came across a t-shirt with an expressive message that read, "Justice is getting what you deserve, **Mercy is not getting what you deserve**, and Grace is getting what you don't deserve."

Peter spoke of **God's great mercy** when he wrote, "Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" (1 Peter 3). And Jesus told Saint Faustina, "You who are the dispenser of My mercy, tell all the world about My goodness, and thus you will comfort My Heart" (#580), and so at his request, **Divine Mercy Sunday** was established (April 8 this year).

As Catholics we are called upon to perform works of mercy which are "charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (CCC 2447). Jesus instructs us on mercy in the Beatitudes when he said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7), and while describing the second of the two greatest commandments: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:35-40).

The Church teaches of the **Corporal Works of Mercy** that come from Isaiah 58 and Matthew 25, and call on us: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, and to bury the dead (The last coming from the Book of Tobit).

The Church also calls upon us to perform the **Spiritual Works of Mercy**, which are: to instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, to admonish sinners, to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive offences willingly, to comfort the afflicted, and to pray for the living and the dead. The first four come from Ezekiel 33, the fifth from Jewish tradition, the sixth from Deuteronomy 15, and the last from Maccabees 2.