

# 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..."

*Third Sunday of Lent* *March 4, 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**

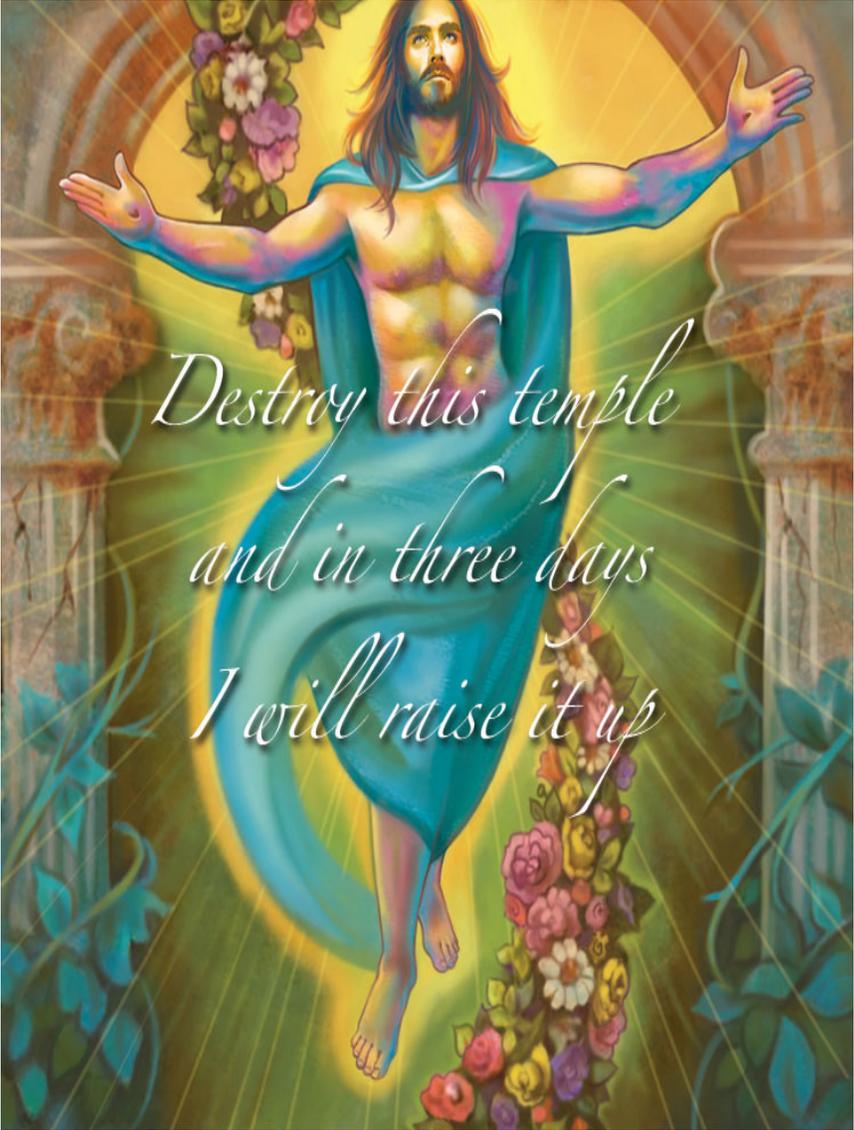
<b>Saturday/ Sabado</b>	<b>5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Sunday/ Domingo</b>	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
<b>Monday/ Lunes</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>

**Reconciliation / Reconciliación**

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

**Adoration/Adoración**

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



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
**2018 Penance Service /**  
**2018 Servicio de Penitencia**  
**Tuesday / Martes**  
**March 6 / Marzo 6 . . . 6:30 p.m.**

## Mass Intentions Of The Week



**Regular Sunday Donations: \$6,605.25**

*Thank you for your  
continued parish support!*

### Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$13,976.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$22,066.00</b>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Under Goal</b>	<b>\$23,024.00</b>

Sat.	03/03	5:30 pm	Parishioners	
Sun.	03/04	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr.	✠
		10:45 am	Marjie M Eglsaer	✠
		12:30 pm	Ofelia Berber	✠
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions	
Mon.	03/05		NO MASS	
Tues.	03/06	7:15 am	Pat & Lavonne Zaiantz (for 25th Anniversary)	
Wed.	03/07	7:15 am	Veronica Antwi	
Thurs.	03/08	7:15 am	Cecilia Margaret (B. Day)	
Fri.	03/09	7:15 am	John William Heckler	
Sat.	03/10	5:30 pm		
Sun	03/11	7:45 am	Richard Fassett (His Intentions)	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm		
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions	



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Mary Ann Cook, 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 Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Cecilia Leon, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Coby Meinzer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Jerry Moorer, 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

## WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	03/05	1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13 MK 6:53-56
Tues	03/06	1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30 MK 7:1-13
Wed	03/07	1 KGS 10:1-10 MK 7:14-23
Thurs	03/08	1 KGS 11:4-13 MK 7:24-30
Fri	03/09	1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19 MK 7:31-37
Sat	03/10	1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34 MK 8:1-10
Sun	03/11	LV 13:1-2, 44-46 1 COR 10:31—11:1 MK 1:40-45



**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 have your application completed and turned in no later than Friday, May 4, 2018.**

### ***From Fr. Fred's Desk . . .***

I would like to update you on some parish plans for this year. Cardinal DiNardo's capital archdiocesan campaign titled *Ignite* will resume this fall but with some revisions in the allocation of funds to assist those parishes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. We are planning on combining our capital campaign with the *Ignite* campaign. Our goal is to construct a 2-story, 15,400 square-foot building with a pavilion to replace the youth building, adjacent portable building, and the white house. The plan is to elevate the area behind the youth building to the same level as the parish hall and church, so that the new building would be on the same level as these other buildings. The new building would include classrooms, meeting space, and an enlarged youth area. The pavilion will be enclosed but will allow it to be opened to the outside when desired. This option will provide important space for outdoor activities such as the fall bazaar. To date, we have had the civil engineering work done on the site as well as soil samples taken to determine the requirements for the building's foundation. We will soon be signing a contract with an architect for the project. Why are we planning for this expansion? One reason is that our current facilities provide inadequate space for our current needs. Many are surprised at the amount of activity that occurs on the church property throughout the week. We are busy not only on Sunday but most days of the week. Secondly some of the buildings that we use were built as apartments or houses; they were not built for parish gatherings. In the past we have attempted to enlarge the useable space such as in the youth building but structural walls limit what can be done. Our parish will grow! With the interstate expansion project, Huntsville will grow at a faster rate than in the past, which will put added strain on the available space in our current facilities. Finally, the cardinal normally receives 10% of the funds collected in parish capital campaigns; these funds are then used to assist the poorer parishes in the archdiocese. During the *Ignite* campaign this policy will be waived for parishes doing a combined campaign. So if our campaign goal is \$1,000,000, then we will save \$100,000. As I have mentioned in the past, this project is possible for our parish community but it will require some financial commitment and sacrifices on our part to make it a reality. Parishioners many years ago made a similar commitment so that we could worship in the church and meet in the parish hall. We will be providing to current and future parishioners what was done for us by others who provided our current parish facilities

### ***Del escritorio de Fr. Fred . . .***

Me gustaría actualizarlo sobre algunos planes parroquiales para este año. La campaña arquidiocesana capital del Cardenal DiNardo titulada *Ignite* se reanudará este otoño, pero con algunas revisiones en la asignación de fondos para ayudar a las parroquias dañadas por el huracán Harvey. Estamos planeando combinar nuestra campaña de capital con la campaña *Ignite*. Nuestro objetivo es construir un edificio de 2 pisos y 15,400 pies cuadrados con un pabellón para reemplazar el edificio juvenil, el edificio portátil adyacente y la casa blanca. El plan es elevar el área detrás del edificio juvenil al mismo nivel que el salón parroquial y la iglesia, de modo que el nuevo edificio esté en el mismo nivel que estos otros edificios. El nuevo edificio incluiría aulas, espacios para reuniones y un área para jóvenes ampliada. El pabellón estará cerrado pero permitirá que se abra hacia el exterior cuando se desee. Esta opción proporcionará un espacio importante para actividades al aire libre, como el bazar de otoño. Hasta la fecha, hemos realizado el trabajo de ingeniería civil en el sitio, así como muestras de suelo tomadas para determinar los requisitos para la fundación del edificio. Pronto firmaremos un contrato con un arquitecto para el proyecto. ¿Por qué estamos planeando esta expansión? Una razón es que nuestras instalaciones actuales brindan un espacio inadecuado para nuestras necesidades actuales. Muchos se sorprenden de la cantidad de actividad que ocurre en la propiedad de la iglesia a lo largo de la semana. Estamos ocupados no solo los domingos sino la mayoría de los días de la semana. En segundo lugar, algunos de los edificios que usamos fueron construidos como apartamentos o casas; no fueron construidos para reuniones parroquiales. En el pasado, hemos intentado ampliar el espacio utilizable, como en el edificio de la juventud, pero las paredes estructurales limitan lo que se puede hacer. ¡Nuestra parroquia crecerá! Con el proyecto de expansión interestatal, Huntsville crecerá a un ritmo más rápido que en el pasado, lo que aumentará la presión sobre el espacio disponible en nuestras instalaciones actuales. Finalmente, el cardinal normalmente recibe el 10% de los fondos recaudados en campañas de capital parroquial; estos fondos se utilizan luego para ayudar a las parroquias más pobres de la arquidiócesis. Durante la campaña *Ignite*, esta política no se aplicará a las parroquias que realicen una campaña combinada. Entonces, si nuestra meta de campaña es de \$ 1,000,000, ahorraremos \$ 100,000. Como mencioné en el pasado, este proyecto es posible para nuestra comunidad parroquial, pero requerirá un compromiso financiero y sacrificios de nuestra parte para que sea una realidad. Hace muchos años, los feligreses hicieron un compromiso similar para que podamos adorar en la iglesia y reunirnos en el salón parroquial. Proporcionaremos a los feligreses actuales y futuros lo que otros nos proporcionaron con nuestras instalaciones parroquiales presentes.

### **FORGIVENESS**

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.



### 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



2018 Archdiocese Junior High Youth Conference

## 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

### Last Week at STAY Youth Night

This week at Youth Night, we looked at the effect different events in our lives change us:

- ◆ It can make us weak—like a carrot boiled in water; once strong became weak and easily broken
- ◆ It can harden us—like an egg in boiling water; weak and only protected by a thin shell, became harden inside
- ◆ Ground coffee after it was in the water changed, as did the water.

Like the water, life experiences can affect and transform us in various ways, depending on our response.

*Be Transformed !*

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



### 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! **\$2,140.00**



*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.  
**\$2,140.00**

**2018 LENTEN  
 PENANCE SERVICES**

**Tuesday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 St. Thomas the Apostle in Huntsville Bilingual

**Wednesday, March 7th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 St. Matthias in Magnolia Bilingual

**Thursday, March 8th, 6:30 –8:30 p.m**  
 St. Joseph in New Waverly Bilingual

**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.**

**Altar Servers: Hear Ye! Hear Ye!** All children and youth 4th grade to Seniors. We need YOU to serve at the Altar. There will be training on Monday, March 5th here in the church from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. BE HERE. Forget? There will be another training Monday, March 19.

**Citizens' Climate Education Meeting:** The Huntsville chapter of CCE meets on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 p.m. at the SHSU Piney Woods Lab, 1866 Fish Hatchery Road, Huntsville, TX. CCE is a non-partisan, grass roots organization to create political will for climate solutions, consistent with Pope Francis' position. For more information on the organization, or to RSVP, contact Roger Ingersoll at 832-443-6178.

**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 platicas.**



© J.S. Falch Co., Inc.

## BLOOD DONORS ARE DESPARATELY NEEDED

**Saturday, March 10, 9am-3:30 pm at GIBBS PRE KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL.** Our church is co-sponsoring this Blood Drive. We **DON'T** need food this time, we **NEED DONORS.** We realize that spring break is a factor here, but if at all possible.

**PLEASE DONATE.** I was asked to thank the 14 donors who gave earlier this month.

**SIGN UP SHEETS** are in the back of the church  
For more information or appointment, call Karen at 936-661-6540 Or Cheryl at 936-581-0451.

### 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.

**Did you know we have a Sunday morning Communion ministry?** If you have someone (or know of someone) who is in one of our local nursing homes or rehabilitation facilities and is a Catholic who would like to receive the Blessed Eucharist on Sunday mornings, please contact call the parish office at 936-295-8159 or Charley Sanders, 936-295-0653.

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet on March 12, 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Any interested Catholic female at least 18 years of age is welcome to attend our meeting and "come check us out."

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

## 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.



**When / Cuando:**

**Sat., March 17, 10 a.m. /  
Sabado, Marzo 17, 10 a.m.**

**Where / Donde:**

**St. Thomas Church Grounds /  
Propiedad de Santo Tomas**

**Who / Quien: Children ages 10 and under /**

**Niños (as) de 10 años y menores**

**Bring your basket and join in the Easter Egg Hunting!**

**Traiga su canasta y acompañenos en la búsqueda de cascarones!**

**Sponsors:**

**St. Thomas Ladies / Mujeres de Santo Tomas**

**-Finding your calling in life ultimately comes down to finding the answer to the question, "How can I help?" - Geekpriest**

## *The Fire of Your Love* by Will Olive

Last week I wrote of **Social Justice** in the Catholic Church. There are two principles that are naturally part of social justice and every Catholic should know and understand them. They are solidarity and subsidiarity. This week, I will address solidarity.

The easiest way to understand the concept of solidarity is to recall the story of Cain and Abel. After Cain killed his brother, the Lord asked him, "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain said, "I do not know, am I my brother's keeper?" Cain got it all wrong; he *was* his brother's keeper—and that is solidarity.

**Solidarity**, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, is easily equated with "friendship" and "social charity," as they are "a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood" (See 1939-1948). It is through solidarity that we can ensure social justice: by providing the conditions that allow people to come together in groups and associations (Social) to give each person his due (Justice).

We have many social and economic problems in our society today that cannot be addressed by individuals; they can only be solved by people coming together in groups. These groups must first do as the Lord said, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33). Spiritual goods must come before material ones.

People must then look beyond their differences, embracing those differences as part of God's plan, and respecting the dignity of others. Then they can work in solidarity: "Solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business." In other words, no one job or person in that job is more important than another. They are not better, they are just different. Those differences are part of God's plan, "who wills that we should need one another."

Solidarity, wrote St. John Paul II, "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, **because we are all really responsible for all**" (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*).