

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..."

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8, 2018

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor
Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon
Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M
Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE
Marisol Urbina.....Administrative Asst.
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Jill Baker.....Nursery Coordinator
Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper
Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary
Laura Puente.....Custodian

Mass Schedules

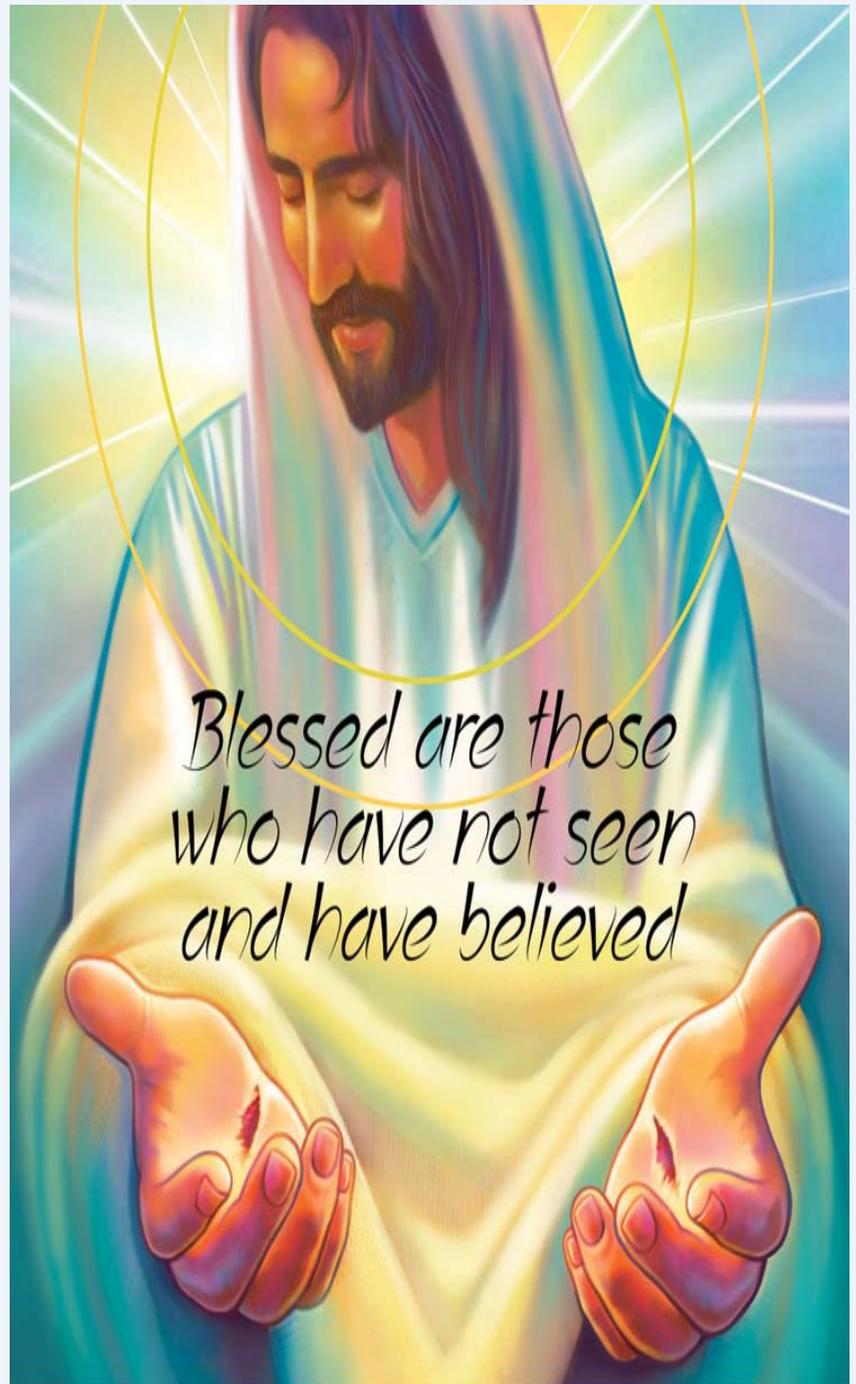
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes	7:15 am

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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World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 22

The Office of Vocations invites you to pray from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a generous response to God's call to all vocations especially to priesthood and religious life. No matter your location, go to our Facebook page at facebook.com/houstonvocations to join us in prayer. A copy of the prayer will be posted.



PRAYER



Baby Supply Drive

Sponsored by the SHSU Knights of Columbus Council 8374

April 2, 2018 to May 4, 2018

We need everything you can think of for newborns. Diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby food, toys, etc. Boxes for donations will be in the foyer and at the Catholic Student Center. All donations go to the Care Center of Huntsville. ... please no babies. Only supplies.

Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled Thursdays: 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

Discover the Road Less Traveled Thursdays, Apr. 12, May 10 from 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary for **single young adult men ages 18 and older**. Meets second Thursday of the month. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood and religious life. 9845 Memorial Dr. Registration, video and information: www.houstonvocations.com/discover



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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 drop off or mail your completed application to the church office, attention St. Thomas Ladies. The completed applications are due no later than Friday,

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view. A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposita*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	04/07	5:30 pm	Jim Docherty (Birthday)
Sun.	04/08	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:45 am	Rosalinda Sandoval (Birthday)
		12:30 pm	Maria Isabel Delgado 
		5:30 pm	CSC
Mon.	04/09		NO Mass
Tues.	04/10	7:15 am	Jeannie Hibbison 
Wed.	04/11	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon 
Thurs.	04/12	7:15 am	Joseph Tovar (Birthday)
Fri.	04/13	7:15 am	Ellis Milam 
Sat.	04/14	5:30 pm	Paul Amoako 
Sun	04/15	7:45 am	Adley Mey Byers 
		10:45 am	Deacon Joe Vitela 
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 pm	CSC

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon	04/09	IS 7:10-14; 8:10; HEB:10: 4-10 LK 1:26-38
Tues	04/10	ACTS 4:32-37; JN 3:7b-15
Wed	04/11	ACTS 5:17-26 JN 3:16-21
Thurs	04/12	ACTS 5:27-33 JN 3:31-36
Fri	04/13	ACTS 5:34-42 JN 6:1-15
Sat	04/14	ACTS 6:1-7 JN 6:16-21
Sun	04/15	ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19 1 JN 2:1-5a LK 24:35-48

Thought Provoking Statements

“Strive to live content in the midst of those things that cause you discontent. Free your mind from all that troubles you. God will take care of things ... Trust in Him, I beg you, and you will have the fulfillment of what your heart desires.”
-St. Vincent de Paul

Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$23,457.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$36,137.00
Number of Participants	96
Under Goal	\$13,543.00



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, Ray DuPree, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Amber McGee, 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, David Stoltz, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Var-num, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler, Nancy Winkler

Circle of Friends Catholic Singles Ministry

Circle of Friends is open to all adults who are single, widowed, divorced or separated. People from any Parish and Faith are invited to participate in group activities. Please look at our webpage @ <https://ap.church/ministries/organizations-2/> for detail of events and more.

April Events:

Wings and More each Friday of the month at 6:00pm
4th The Republic Grille
18th Culver's Burgers & Ice Cream
28th Mercer Botanic Gardens



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.



4+ fish ponds

Check out how much we raise for the fish pond here! **\$10,525.00**



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.



4+ estanques de peces

Echa un vistazo a la cantidad realmente recaudada para el estanque de peces aquí.
\$10,525.00

CHURCH SECURITY INFORMATION

Following the church shootings last year near San Antonio the parish's Security Committee has begun to take steps to ensure the safety of all St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. The first step will be to restrict access to the church during liturgical services.

Effective this weekend, April 7th and 8th, 2018, (once Mass has begun), **all doors into the church will be locked** from the inside with the exception of the double doors facing 16th Street. **Anyone arriving late for Mass will only be able to enter the church through the 16th Street doors. Parishioners will be able to exit the church through any of the locked doors as well as the doors facing 16th Street.** A panic bar will be installed on the wooden, double doors facing west similar to the panic bar on the glass door by the sacristy. These doors will allow exiting at any time simply by pushing the bar. Regarding the door by the baptismal font in the sanctuary, this door has a door knob lock that, when locked, allows exiting from the inside but does not allow entry from the outside.

Signs will be posted around the church building to remind parishioners of the locked doors.

The staff at St. Thomas the Apostle Church takes the safety and security of all the parishioners very seriously. We are confident that the steps taken at this time will minimize any problematic incidents.

INFORMACION DE SEGURIDAD DE LA IGLESIA

Después de los tiroteos de la iglesia el año pasado cerca de San Antonio, el Comité de Seguridad de la parroquia ha comenzado a tomar medidas para garantizar la seguridad de todos los feligreses de la Iglesia de Santo Tomás Apóstol. El primer paso será restringir el acceso a la Iglesia durante los servicios litúrgicos. **A partir de este fin de semana 7 y 8 de abril del 2018,** (una vez que haya comenzado la misa), **todas las puertas de la iglesia estarán cerradas** desde adentro con la excepción de las puertas dobles que dan a la calle 16. **Cualquier persona que llegue tarde a una misa solo podrá entrar a la iglesia a través de las puertas de la calle 16. Los feligreses podrán salir de la iglesia a través de cualquiera de las puertas cerradas, así como las puertas que dan a la calle 16.** Se instalará una barra antipánico en las puertas dobles de madera orientadas hacia el oeste, similar a la barra antipánico en la puerta de vidrio junto a la sacristía. Estas puertas permitirán salir en cualquier momento simplemente presionando la barra. En cuanto a la puerta por la fuente bautismal en el santuario, esta puerta tiene un bloqueo del botón de la puerta que, cuando está bloqueado, permite salir desde el interior, pero no permite la entrada desde el exterior.

Se colocarán letreros alrededor del edificio de la iglesia para recordar a los feligreses las puertas cerradas.

El personal de la Iglesia Santo Tomás Apóstol toma muy en serio la seguridad de todos los feligreses. Estamos seguros de que los pasos tomados en este momento minimizarán cualquier incidente problemático.

Registro Parroquial De Mi Propia Iglesia

Mi Propia Iglesia: 3 Pasos Simples

1. presiona el botón
2. crear tu cuenta
3. Ver y actualizar su información

Santo Tomás ahora tiene un nuevo sistema llamado My Own Church para actualizar su información familiar.

Iniciar en: <https://galveston.parishfamilysuite.com>. El personal de Santo Tomás aprobará su cuenta y podrá actualizar su información familiar, incluidos nombres, direcciones, números de teléfono y correos electrónicos.

Podrá ver el directorio ilustrado de Santo Tomás, cargar su foto familiar favorita (u otra información) visible para otros miembros que hayan iniciado sesión, o puede mantener cierta información privada y solo disponible para la administración de la iglesia.

¡Por favor, recuerde revisar My Own Church pronto! Con su información actualizada, podremos contactarlo cuando lo necesitemos para que no se pierda nada importante.

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://galveston.parishfamilysuite.com>

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.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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PARA QUE CREAS

No sucede demasiado a menudo que el autor de uno de los libros de la Biblia se dirija directamente a nosotros para explicarnos por qué está escribiendo lo que está escribiendo. En la lectura del Evangelio de este domingo, que pertenece a la conclusión del Evangelio según san Juan, el autor nos dice que ha elegido escribir estos acontecimientos para que "crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que, creyendo, tengan vida en su Nombre" (20:31).

La carta de san Juan retoma esta idea diciendo que: "todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo ha nacido de Dios" (5:1); lo que llamaríamos "nacer de nuevo". Nuestra lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este Segundo Domingo de Pascua nos muestra exactamente qué sucede cuando los creyentes nacen de nuevo por medio de la fe.

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The Fire of Your Love

by Will Olive

Over the past two weeks, I have covered the first two precepts of The Catholic Church. The first precept is to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and the second precept is to confess your sins at least once a year. This week I will cover the third precept of The Church, "to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season" (CCC 2042).

This precept means that you must, at a minimum, receive the Eucharist during the Easter Season which runs from the First Sunday of Easter to Pentecost, which is May 20th this year; although there is some leeway to even this rule. To understand the "rules" that govern this, we have to look to the Code of Canon Law-essentially the laws of The Church which were established at the Fourth Vatican Council in 1215, and have been updated from time to time. The last major revision was in 1983, which replaced the previous update from 1917!

According to the Canon, "After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year" (920-1). The next part of the law states that "this precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year" (920-2). That is where there is some flexibility in terms of when the minimum standard is to take place; the "just cause" clause.

Now, we should keep in mind that this is only the minimum requirement. Although precept one says we have to attend Mass it does not say we have to receive communion. But if we are going to attend Mass, for most people, all they need to do is go to Reconciliation, have their sins forgiven, and then they can receive communion. As a Eucharist-centered people, it is what we should want; not just once a year, but every week, if not every day. Just imagine if someone told you, "You have to laugh at least once a year." I am sure you would want to meet the minimum, but wouldn't you enjoy laughing just a little more often, say at least once a week, if not every day?