



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..."

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 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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**World Day of Prayer
for Vocations
Next 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.

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.

**High School
Graduating Seniors . . .**



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, May 4, 2018.



Spaghetti Supper

The Knights of Columbus will have its annual Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, April 19th, in the church hall starting at 5:00 PM.

The cost is Donation only. All proceeds go to the Gene Stark Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for all the support and love y'all showed me when I held my bake sale to be a missionary this summer! It means the world to me to have such a loving and supportive community!

I will be starting my Journey in Virginia on May 16th! Then I will be traveling the United States and Central America week to week leading teens in mission! I will end my Summer with debriefing here in Texas and then return home August 1st! I hope to be able to write to the church and update everyone once a month on how my journey is going this summer. So keep an eye out for that!

Again Thank y'all so much for the Prayers and Financial Support y'all have offered me! I will be praying for Y'all

-Stephany C. (Steffi)

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

La próxima semana, realizaremos el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Ahora mismo, más del 40 por ciento de las diócesis en Estados Unidos es considerado territorio misionero nacional porque a esas diócesis no les es posible financiar las labores pastorales esenciales y necesarias en sus comunidades. Su apoyo a este Llamado ayuda a aliviar los esfuerzos que hacen estas diócesis. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar este llamado. Pueden encontrar más información en www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Mass Intentions Of The Week

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	
Mon.	04/16		NO Mass	
Tues.	04/17	7:15 am	Ralph Losack, Sr	
Wed.	04/18	7:15 am	Karen McPike (Special Intentions)	
Thurs.	04/19	7:15 am	Ruth Strubing (Birthday)	
Fri.	04/20	7:15 am	Donna Hebert	
Sat.	04/21	5:30 pm	Kathy Hibbison (Birthday)	
Sun	04/22	7:45 am	Triduum Choir (Thanksgiving)	
		10:45 am	The Cook Family (Their Int.)	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		5:30 pm	CSC	

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	04/16	ACTS 6:8-15 JN 6:22-29
Tues	04/17	ACTS 7:51—8:1A JN 6:30-35
Wed	04/18	ACTS 8:1B-8 JN 6:35-40
Thurs	04/19	ACTS 8:26-40 JN 6:44-51
Fri	04/20	ACTS 9:1-20 JN 6:52-59
Sat	04/21	ACTS 9:31-42 JN 6:60-69
Sun	04/22	ACTS 4:8-12 1 JN 3:1-2 JN 10:11-18

Parishioners . . .

We are working to reorganize & upgrade our religious articles display area in the parish hall. If you have, or know of someone who has, a glass display case that we might be able to consider using, please contact Jeanne O'Donnell 295-4833 or Nancy Gustafson 291-8434. Last year someone did make an offer but we did not get your name/number and were not able to see the display case that you had. Please call if it might be still available.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference Series

Together in Holiness will take place on Saturday, May 5. Register at one of our two locations, Sugar Land and The Woodlands. \$59/couple & \$35/individual. Lunch included; on-site childcare; scholarships available. To register or for more information, visit together-inholiness.org

Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$23,984.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$36,487.00
Number of Participants	98
Under Goal	\$13,015.50



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, Belem Espino, Ray DuPree, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Billie Jenkins, 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, 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 Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Bob Williams,



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! **\$12,145.00**



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.
\$12,145.00

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.

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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CREER EN JESUCRISTO

Durante todo el Tiempo Pascual, las tres lecturas del domingo son tomadas del Nuevo Testamento, la parte cristiana de la Sagrada Escritura. Juntas exploran qué significa creer que Jesús es el Cristo, aquél que cumplió las profecías de la Sagrada Escritura judía.

Las selecciones de hoy aluden a nuestra debilidad humana; sin embargo, hacen hincapié en el perdón y la paz que son posibles para quienes tienen fe en "Jesucristo, el Justo" (1 Juan 2:2). En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro nos dice a todos "arrepíentanse y conviértanse, para que se borren sus pecados" (Hechos 3:19). La primera carta del apóstol san Juan dice que Jesucristo es "víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados" (1 Juan 2:2). Por último, en el Evangelio, Jesús saluda a los discípulos diciéndoles: "Paz" y los insta a predicar "la necesidad de volverse a Dios y el perdón de los pecados" (Lucas 24:47).

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The Fire of Your Love: The 4th Precept **by Will Oliver**

The fourth precept of The Catholic Church is "to abstain from eating meat and to observe the days of fasting established by the Church."

We all pretty much know that during the Lenten season we must observe the abstention of meat on Fridays and that we should fast (Ages 18 to 59, consisting of one full meal and two smaller meals not equal to one whole meal) on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Did you know, however, that the abstention from meat all year round never went away? It was not abolished by Vatican II as is commonly believed. The Code of Canon Law 1983 still requires us to do penance on Fridays through "the whole year and the Season of Lent" (1249-1251). That once meant giving up meat on Fridays.

A little over 50 years ago, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops issued its *Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence* (1966). It declared: "Among the works of voluntary self-denial and personal penance which we especially commend to our people for the future observance of Friday, even though we hereby terminate the traditional law of abstinence binding under pain of sin, as the sole prescribed means of observing Friday, we give first place to abstinence from flesh meat. We do so in the hope that the Catholic community will ordinarily continue to abstain from meat by free choice as formerly we did in obedience to Church law."

That didn't work out so well. Most people just gave up giving up meat, but did no other penance. Despite it no longer being a confessionable sin, we are still required to do penance every Friday, all the year-long. It just doesn't have to be abstaining from meat. The purpose is for us to do some penance, because if Jesus could die on the cross for our sins, we can certainly give up something as a form of penance on Fridays as a reminder of what He did for us. But think about it: if a vegetarian gave up meat on Fridays, that wouldn't be much of a penance. Equally, some people adore fish, so giving up meat on Friday was in no way a hardship. But, if you have a grand sweet tooth, try giving up desserts every Friday through the year—that would certainly be a penance.

We should all consider, however, that something else was lost when Catholics gave up giving up meat on Fridays. What was sadly lost was one more outward sign of that which binds us together: our shared Catholic identity.