

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Amarillo



So the sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." - Jn 11:3-4

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REFLECTION

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her' ? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 AM
 Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 AM
 Tuesday: 6:00 PM
 Holy Days: (to be announced)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 PM
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM
 Other times by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to schedule a date and time. Parents and sponsors must attend a Baptism class. One sponsor must be Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion

These sacraments combine into one sacramental preparation program which takes two consecutive years of religious education classes to complete. Students must be at least in first grade to begin this preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This sacrament takes two consecutive years of faith formation to complete. Students must be in at least seventh grade before beginning this preparation.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the Pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish secretary of any sick or elderly shut-ins and all those in the hospital.

The Rite of Christian Initiation

The program for adults (RCIA) is open to non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and to Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacraments. This process is offered on an ongoing basis.


Parish News/Events

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, APR. 12,
7:00 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: At this time, an Adorer is needed for **Mon., 1:00 a.m./Wed., 2:00 a.m., and 3:00 a.m./Sat., 1:00 p.m.** If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**



St. Thomas will have another **Lenten Fish Fry on Fri., Apr. 12, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., in the gym.** Tickets will be sold after Masses **TODAY, Apr. 6/7,** in the bell tower. Proceeds benefit STA Music Department. **See flyer in bulletin for details and ticket prices.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST: Next pancake breakfast will be held on **Sun., Apr. 14.** They will be serving continuously from **8:00 a.m., to 12:30 p.m.,** in the Gym. **Adults \$7, Children 10 and under \$3.** Proceeds benefit seminarians and charities. **THIS IS THE LAST KC BREAKFAST FOR 2019.**

ST. THOMAS ROSARY GROUP: If you are interested in praying the rosary with a group once a week, you are welcome to join the **St. Thomas Rosary Group each Thurs. morning at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel.** Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Shawl Ministry meets each **Wed. evening in the Parlor from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** If you like to knit or crochet, you are welcome to join this very worthwhile ministry.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. If you would be interested in joining this worthwhile ministry or if you have a prayer chain request, **call the RE office, 358-2461, Ext. 107.**

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Please be reminded that there is a nursery and cry room available for those of you who have children who become fussy during Mass. We would also like to remind you that there is **no food allowed in the main church.** If you wish to give your children snacks or solid food during Mass, please go to the hallway or the nursery to take care of those needs. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to make the celebration of Mass a solemn and calm experience for everyone.



ALL COUPLES IN THE PARISH WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 50 OR MORE YEARS, INCLUDING THOSE COUPLES WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, will be recognized at the **11:15 Mass on Sun., May 5.** In addition, a sit-down luncheon with reserved seating will be held in your honor in the Msgr.

Tash Hall immediately following the Mass. **Please call the Parish Life Office, 358-2461, Ext. 123, by Mon., Apr. 29, if you will be able to attend.**



If you are new parents and/or first-time sponsors, you are required to attend a Baptism class before the reception of the sacrament. **Please call the parish office, 358-2461, to register for the next scheduled class.**

THE MARGARET ANDERSON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was established in 2007 for Senior girls who are members of St. Thomas. **For the class of 2019,** a \$3000 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding girl who demonstrates all of Margaret's strengths: attendance at religious education classes, service to the church & community, outstanding academics, sportsmanship and leadership. **Applications for both the Margaret Anderson & St. Thomas Men's Club scholarships are available in the Youth Office & are due by April 15, 2019.**

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Kate Schmidt, Ben Canales, Marilyn Brzostowski, Clea Bustos, Steve Chontos, Terry Moenter, Glenda Fassauer, Braxton Sandoval, Cheryle Wayne, Jerry Stone, Jerry Terry, Esther York, Mike O'Neill, Angie Van Bakel, Jeannette Kaminski, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Nadine Hadley, Madeline Arrott, Lupita Randon, Betty Cutting, Judy Allen, Jordan Barrientez, Gilbert Ybarra, Paul Kiefer, Doug Tyler, JoAnn Mercer, Valerie Williams, John (Jack) Hoben, LaRuth Haverfield, Betty Stevens, Richard Herbsleb, Edna Henke, James Rhodes, Emily Pacheco, Rod Lancour, Jack Turner, Thea Gunnarson, Ray Ramirez, Tom Kitts, Maverick Crawford, Carolyn Blum, C. D. Williams, Kim Zinsmeyer, Nathan Barrett

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Sheldon Fowler, A. J. Serafin, Lee Wingfield, Sean Callahan, Bryan Revell, John Nussbaum, Rachel Nussbaum, Matt Nussbaum, Christopher Schrock, David Oviedo Cantu, Jacob Bitonel, Jason Freeby, Jacob Tumbelson, Swasey & Jena Brown, Cody Keese, Justin Spencer, Ryan Huseman, Cody Detten, Ethan Thomas Weaver, Toby Bitonel

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Mar. 31, 2019</u>	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 25,477.00	(\$ 1,354.00)
<u>Month-to-Date</u>	\$134,155.00	\$ 133,526.90	(\$ 628.10)

"For his sake, I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." -PHILIPPIANS 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

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Parish News/Events

HOLY THURSDAY RICE BOWL COLLECTION REMINDER:
Your offerings will be collected at the Holy Thursday Mass
of the Last Supper on Apr. 18.

GIFT BEARERS are needed at all Masses. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the book in the Bell Tower.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you have elected to make your **contributions to St. Thomas by using the on-line payment option**, please contact the Parish Office, **358-2461**, and request that your **monthly envelopes be stopped**. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE:

The 36th Annual Jerry Harpole
Memorial Scholarship Golf
Tournament will be held
Saturday, May 18.



St. Thomas Youth Events

ATTENTION Graduating seniors of St. Thomas:

If you would like to be in the slide show following the senior graduation Mass, please send the following information to Andrew at this email: neighborspatriot@gmail.com no later than May 1st: First and Last Name, High School, and three modest pictures (examples - baby, middle school, and senior).

DEADLINE is May 1, 2019.

Twenty-Fourth Annual "Bach's" Lunch Series

The final "Bach's" Lunch series is as follows:

Friday, April 12, 2019

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Michael Raillard, Organist

Each program begins at 12:05 p.m., with a 25-minute organ recital. For more information, visit the Facebook page, [Amarillo Chapter American Guild of Organists](#), or call Dr. Michael Johnson, 806-654-3239.



HOLY CROSS CORNER

The Holy Cross Catholic Academy students and staff wish you a Blessed season of Lent.

Lord of light, come shine your truth upon my life in this season of Lent.
Light into the dark corners of disillusionment, where I hide beneath the comforts of food and drink.
Light upon the fears and worries I seek to quell with control and routine.
Light within the shadowed areas of hurt that cast shades of resentment and unforgiveness in me.
Light bright across my thoughts, seep into my heart and come awaken my hope.
May your eternal light reveal heavens beautiful promises and bring a peace that surpasses understanding.

Amen.

Around the Diocese

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS:

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m., on Tues., Apr. 16, at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Daily Mass at St. Thomas will be at 7:00 a.m. that day.



BISHOP'S GALA : The Catholic Foundation of the Texas Panhandle cordially invites you to the **Bishops Gala -May 3, at Amarillo Country Club**. Funds raised benefit the renovation of a building to use for Faith Formation for **Our Mother of Mercy** in Wellington & for updates to the 110-yr. old **Sacred Heart** church building in Memphis. **Cocktails, light hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction begin at 6:30 p.m.**, followed by a seated dinner, Live Auction, & dancing to *Insufficient Funds*. **Tickets are \$75 per person or a table for 8 - \$1,000 and can be purchased online at amarillodiocese.org/gala**. Sponsorship Opportunities are still available, so please **contact Kim Richard at 806-383-2243**.



Would you like to attend an ACTS

Retreat Weekend? There is more information about the ACTS Retreat online.

If you or someone you know would like to attend you can register online at

ACTSamarillo.org. We also welcome your prayers on the Hourly Prayer Board.

The following is a listing of the upcoming retreats: **Teen's Retreat - June 27-30, 2019/Men's Retreat - Aug. 15-18, 2019/Women's Retreat - Oct. 17-20, 2019/Teen's Retreat - Dec. 26-29, 2019**. These retreats begin on a Thurs. evening and end with Sunday Mass. Sign up today.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE: There is an **URGENT NEED** for Homebound delivery drivers for our Hunger Project! We are growing! We are currently in need of volunteer drivers to deliver food to our homebound senior clients of our hunger project. **Please consider this very rewarding opportunity**. Our drivers need to be able to lift boxes of food and take them one time per month to some of our homebound clients. This opportunity is so rewarding personally you will find yourself feeling like many of our clients are family. **Please consider! Call Vic Allcorn or Joyce Knight at 806-376-4571.**

GETTING MARRIED? If you are getting married sometime this year, NFP is a mandatory requirement in the Diocese of Amarillo for couples seeking the sacrament of matrimony. For more information and class schedules near you, please visit the website, www.amarillodiocese.org/nfp.



Rachel's Corner

Abortion After-Care Healing

Women in crisis pregnancy are told that abortion will solve their problem. Unfortunately, abortion creates much larger problems of its own, that can plague a woman for many years.

Has abortion impacted your life? Call Rachel Ministries and let them help you.

An English Retreat will be in the Lubbock area May 3-5. Retiro Espanol en el area de Lubbock Agosto 16-18.

Confidential contact: Mindy at rios2000us@yahoo.com or 806-702-2284.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF

PastorRev. John Valdez
 DeaconBlaine Westlake
 DeaconPhillip Whitson
 Retired DeaconJim Brown
 Retired DeaconTerry Pevehouse
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master.....Jim Gardner
 Assistant Music Director.....Lizzi Manfredi
 Religious Ed & Adult Faith Formation Director.....Kerry Acker
 Youth Director.....Andrew Neighbors
 Parish SecretaryRita Walker
 Facility AdministratorBryan Webb
 Parish BookkeeperVirginia Christian
 Parish Life CoordinatorJulie Jones
 Ministry Assistant Dayamin Winchester
 Music SecretaryJudith Tucker
 Music AssistantStephanie Gallegos
 Facility AssistantGlen Starcher
 CustodianMark Ebenkamp
 CustodianCurtis Zeissel
 Liturgical Environmentalist.....Julie Pierce

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 7:
 Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
3rd Scrutiny/Yr. A: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday, April 8:
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday, April 9:
 Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, April 10:
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, April 11:
 Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday, April 12:
 Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, April 13:
 Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday, April 14:
 Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday	4/8	7:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	4/9	6:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of Order of Martha Marlene Casasanta
Wednesday	4/10	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of STA Prayer Shawl Group
Thursday	4/11	7:00 AM	+Donald Detten Pat Wilcox
Friday	4/12	7:00 AM	+Eileen Ewing David & Cindy Rohrbach
Saturday	4/13	5:00 PM	+Cliff A. Keyes Robert & Rondelle Parker
Sunday	4/14	7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
		9:00 AM	+Dan Callahan Tom & Sandy Riney
		11:15 AM	+Ricketa Pretti Campbell Tom & Margie Campbell

Religious Education News

RE NEWS

***Confirmation II families:** community, parish, and home service projects are due to class this Sunday!

***1st Communion II kids:** the 1st Communion mass is Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m.!

RCIA NEWS

+Sunday, April 7 is the **3rd Scrutiny for our elect** who are preparing for baptism. This Scrutiny uses the story of the resurrection of Lazarus to prefigure Christ's resurrection and our own rebirth in Christ. The Scrutiny allows for the unbaptized to reflect on how it applies to their own lives.

+**Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is?** The first step of RCIA is an Inquiry class that meets from 10:05-11:05 a.m. in the library. The class is informal and fun!

Upcoming inquiry dates are as follows:

Apr. 7 & 28

May 5 & 19

Contact Kerry Acker DRE at kacker@stthomasamarillo.org or 806.358.2461, Ext. 106, for more info on RCIA or Religious Education

Adult Faith Formation



GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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Week at a Glance

MONDAY, APRIL 8

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - St. Thomas Altar Guild - Msgr. Tash Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 a.m. - Matthew Class (AFF) -Marian Room
2:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Marian Room
6:30 p.m. - Safe Environment Training - B1 Media Room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 87 - Gym/The Dwelling

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:30 a.m. - Community Bible Study - Parlor
9:30 a.m. - Marianist Group - Groom's Room
5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Group - Parlor
6:30 p.m. - RCIA - Upper Room (S)
6:30 p.m. - Confirmation II Class - B9
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing
6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Church
7:00 p.m. - High School S.T.A.Y. - The Dwelling/Gym
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Music Wing

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel
1:30 p.m. - Focolare Group - Marian Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m. - AFF Book Club - Library
12:00 p.m. - Eagle Scout Ceremony - Gym
3:00 p.m. - Why Catholic Lenten Group - Groom's Room
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 p.m. - KC Breakfast - Gym
9:00 a.m. - Youth/KIDS Choirs -Church
10:00 a.m. - RCIA Catechumenate Class - Parlor
10:00 a.m. - RE Stations of the Cross - Church
10:05 a.m. - RE Classes - Education/Pre-K Wing
10:05 a.m. - Wisdom Class (AFF) -Upper Room (N)
11:15 a.m. - Breaking Open the Word - Marian Room
4:30 p.m. - Young in Spirit Group - Msgr. Tash Hall
5:00 p.m. - Youth Orchestra - Music Wing
5:30 p.m. - Youth Bells - Music Wing
6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir - Music Wing



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