



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Amarillo

## 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:60

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### REFLECTION

Have you ever heard that the Gospel is radical? In our times, we hear that word and think of fundamentalists, radical activists, or extremists - people who go beyond limits to achieve their goals and may not consider themselves bound by normal propriety or morality. Their ethos might not be so different from James and John in today's Gospel. "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" This isn't so foreign to some of the stories of the Old Testament. Yet Jesus rebukes them. He won't be exacting in the way his contemporaries expected. There will be no radical rain down of fire and brimstone. Jesus is radical in another way: the call to discipleship.

"The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These can be difficult passages to read. These are not normal things to hear! It can be easy for many of us to avoid the exacting nature of the Gospel, which might not be what we think it is. James and John wanted to set the bar high for others on the outside and to punish those who didn't meet that standard. Jesus sets the bar high for his disciples, those who say they want to follow him. He may be using some hyperbole, but it's only to send a clear message. This is a radical call, one that has a cost. To truly put God and others first, before ourselves, will involve sacrifice. How is Jesus asking you to be radical today?

### Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 AM

Monday &amp; Tuesday: 6:00 PM

Wednesday thru Friday: 7:00 AM

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 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> 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



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week  
were donated by  
Sue Diller  
in memory of  
Gerald Diller

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Thanks to all parishioners who have completed their UCA pledge cards. **Currently, 242 families (16%) have pledged 134,245 (75%) of our goal.** If you have not already done so, please fill out a pledge card at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your participation in this campaign.

**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JULY 4, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY!**  
**THE STAFF WISHES EACH OF YOU A BLESSED AND SAFE HOLIDAY.**

**ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB** will meet **Mon, Jul. 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the Msgr. Tash Hall.** All men of the parish are invited. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and service to the parish. All are welcome to pray the rosary beforehand at 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel.

**SUMMER ROSARY MAKERS:** Please consider learning to make Rosaries each **Monday morning, from 10:00 -11:00 a.m., through July 29.** Children are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. There's a one time fee of \$5.00! For more information, call **681-3185.**

**ENGLAND/SCOTLAND TRIP:** Last call for anyone interested in traveling to England & Scotland October 14-24! Travel from Dallas for \$3799 -visit Stonehenge\*Salisbury\*Bath\*Stratford\*Lake District\*Edinburgh\*Oxford\* London. There are only a few seats left on flight and on the one bus led by Fr. John and Fr. Scott. Deadline for full payment is the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July. For questions or further information please contact : **Sandy Riney. 806-674-1403 or [scriney@suddenlink.net](mailto:scriney@suddenlink.net).**

**ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** Some ministers have expressed a desire to receive their monthly assignment via email. **If you would like to be included in that listing, please call the office, 358-2461,** and give the email address you wish to use. **Sending the lists by email will be very cost efficient for St. Thomas Parish.** However, if you choose not to receive the assignment by email, they will continue to be mailed to you.

**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.

*Altar  
Flowers*



If you want a lovely memorial tribute to a lost loved one or loved ones or a way to honor those special individuals in your life, be reminded that you may purchase a beautiful fresh flower arrangement designed by **Scott's Flowers for a donation of \$85.00.** If you are interested in purchasing Altar Flowers, complete a request form (forms can be found next to the

credenza outside the bell tower) or you can the Parish Office at 358-2461.

## Daily Scripture Readings

### **Sunday, June 30:**

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

### **Monday, July 1:**

Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22

### **Tuesday, July 2:**

Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

### **Wednesday, July 3:**

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

### **Thursday, July 4:**

Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8

### **Friday, July 5:**

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67

### **Saturday, July 6:**

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

### **Sunday, July 7:**

Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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

Kate Schmidt, Ben Canales, Marilyn Brzostowski, Clela 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, 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, C. D. Williams, Kim Zinsmeyer, Michael & Irene Hubbs, Margaret Herring, Carol Olivas, Joe Detten, Jac DeMont, Harold Caraway.

### **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, Jeremiah Tumbelson, Jarred Romero, David Graham

## Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>June 23, 2019</u>	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 25,668.00	(\$ 1,163.00)
<u>Month-to-Date</u>	\$ 107,324.00	\$ 105,932.60	(\$ 1,391.40)

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." ~GALATIANS 5:13*

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

~[giving.arhchicago.org](http://giving.arhchicago.org)

## Parish News/Events



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.**

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At this time, an Adorer is needed for **Mon., 4:00 a.m./Thurs., 1:00 a.m.** If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, all **Simon Wright at 806-570-9776.**

**VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX:** The crucifix is taken home by an individual or family each week and put in a safe place of honor. The prayer for vocations is then prayed each day by the person or family for the entire week. Your prayers are greatly needed so we ask that you sign up now in the Bell Tower.



### Rachel's Corner

#### Abortion After-Care Healing



*The pain of abortion is a dark place; it is an enormous emptiness. Come back into the light and be filled with His love and forgiveness.*

**Come be filled with God's healing light in your life, on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. . Confidential contact: Mindy at [rios2000us@yahoo.com](mailto:rios2000us@yahoo.com) or 806-702-2284. Retiro español en el area de Lubbock agosto 16-18.**

## St. Thomas Youth Events

A special thank you to Canyon Wal-Mart for their support of the youth program at St. Thomas. They generously helped with some really cool updates to the Dwelling for this coming year. Thank you Canyon Wal-Mart!

## Holy Cross Catholic Academy



### Did you know...

The 2019 senior gift to **Holy Cross Catholic Academy** was a 50 inch smart TV, mounting and technological programming. The TV will be mounted in the hall to give students information about the events of the current day and the next day. The TV will serve students for all reminders, activities and will decrease classroom disruptions.

**Thanks to the 2019 seniors!**

## Around the Diocese

**A.C.T.S. RETREAT:** 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](http://ACTSamarillo.org). We also welcome your prayers on the Hourly Prayer Board. The following is a listing of the upcoming retreats: **Men's Retreat - Aug. 15-18/ another Women's Retreat - Oct. 17-20/another Teen's Retreat - Dec. 26-29.** All retreats begin on a Thurs. evening and end with Sunday Mass. Sign up today.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER JULY 27 - 28: YOU KNOW...** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together? Apply online at <http://meAmarillo.org> or contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or [rbfeller@gmail.com](mailto:rbfeller@gmail.com). **Space is limited, so apply by July 1 to receive a \$10 discount off the \$100/couple application fee (use promo code: BLESSED).**

**DIOCESE OF AMARILLO - FAMILY LIFE OFFICE:** Save the Date for the 22nd Annual Respect Life Banquet on **Sun., Sept. 15** in the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. Tim Staples, Director of Apologetics and Evangelization for Catholic Answers will be the keynote speaker. In addition to Tim's presentation there will be a prime rib dinner from the Big Texan Steak Ranch, followed by live and silent auctions. Social Hour will start at 4:45 p.m. For additional information, please call the Family Life Office at 806-414-1059 or go online to the diocese website, [amarillodiocese.org](http://amarillodiocese.org).

**ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL, AMARILLO** is seeking a principal who will be a Faith Leader and Academic Leader of a small Catholic parish elementary school. The successful candidate should be a practicing Catholic with a knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith as well as religious education. **For more information or an application, please contact Christine Wanjura, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo, at P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117-5644 or (806) 383-2243 or [cwanjura@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:cwanjura@catholiclubbock.org).**

## GOD Bless AMERICA

### Celebrating Our Freedom

*Heavenly Father,  
you have given us the gifts of life and liberty  
and entrust to your people the duty to guard these gifts  
wherever they are threatened.*

*Help us to protect the freedom of all  
to follow the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and to bring his light and truth to the ends of the earth.*

*Guide all who play a role in enacting legislation  
to uphold the freedom of conscience of all citizens.*

*Send us your Spirit to inspire in us  
the wisdom and courage needed  
to witness to the truth and to stand up for all  
whose religious liberty is endangered.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.*

*Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our country, pray for us.*



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF**

Pastor .....Rev. John Valdez  
Deacon .....Blaine Westlake  
Deacon .....Phillip Whitson  
Retired Deacon .....Jim Brown  
Retired Deacon .....Terry Pevehouse  
Music Director/Organist/Choir Master.....Jim Gardner  
Children/Youth Choir Director.....Mykel Byersmith  
Religious Ed & Adult Faith Formation Director.....Kerry Acker  
Youth Director.....Andrew Neighbors  
Parish Secretary .....Rita Walker  
Facility Administrator .....Bryan Webb  
Parish Bookkeeper .....Virginia Christian  
Parish Life Coordinator .....Julie Jones  
Ministry Assistant ..... Dayamin Winchester  
Music Secretary .....Judith Tucker  
Music/RE Assistant .....Stephanie Gallegos  
Facility Assistant .....Glen Starcher  
Custodian .....Mark Ebenkamp  
Custodian .....Curtis Zeissel  
Liturgical Environmentalist.....Julie Pierce

**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, JULY 1**

**6:00 PM**

+Caleb Bonner by Trever & Jennifer Wagner

**TUESDAY, JULY 2**

**6:00 PM**

Int. of Tommy Darnell by Floyd & Becky Lane  
Dec. Members of Weinman Family by Shirley Mager

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3**

**7:00 AM -**

+Rod Riley by Tom & Margie Campbell  
+Eddie Gallagher by Pat & Maggie Weinheimer

**THURSDAY, JULY 4**

**7:00 AM**

+Donald Detten by Shari Sullivan

**FRIDAY, JULY 5**

**7:00 AM**

Dec. Mem. of Thole & Sullivan Families by Shari Sullivan  
+Tom Reilly by Jim Barrows & Mario Chavez

**SATURDAY, JULY 6**

**5:00 PM**

+Leo J. & Kevin J. Mack by Their Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 7**

**7:30 AM**

+Robert & Willie Faye Huseman by Bob Huseman

**9:00 AM**

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH FAMILY

**11:15 AM**

+Bob Mager by Shirley Mager



## Religious Education & RCIA

### RE NEWS

\***Wednesday evenings July 10, 17, 24, and 31**, the RE office will be open from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for anyone who would like help with RE registration.

\***RE Registration is available online!** A flocknote was sent on June 6 with instructions. You may also come by the RE office for printed materials or set up a time to receive individual assistance if desired.

\***Please note** that the DRE will not be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays during June and July. Additionally, the office will not be open on Sundays until late August.

### RCIA NEWS

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

**Upcoming inquiry dates** are as follows:

July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18

Contact Kerry Acker DRE at [kacker@stthomasamarillo.org](mailto:kacker@stthomasamarillo.org) or 806.358.2461, Ext. 106, for more info on RCIA or Religious Education

## Adult Faith Formation



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### **RADICAL TRANSFORMATION**

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings describe anything but an ordinary time. They are disturbing and they leave us disturbed. The Old Testament reading recounts a young man's radical break with the past to follow a new path. The Gospel describes how life as we know it is abruptly changed if we follow the call of Christ. The psalm and Paul assure us that such life-altering change is possible only because of the power of God's love. We are presented with a stark choice. To love as God loves, we must leave our old lives behind. We must leave behind not just the bad, the selfish, and the evil but the ordinary, our daily work, and the important, our families, our lives. Loving as God loves requires a radical transformation, not a smooth transition.

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### **Contemplative Power Hour**

There won't be Contemplative Power Hour during the summer. Power hour will resume on Monday, August 19, at 12:00 p.m.

## Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, JULY 1

10:00 a.m. - Summer Rosary Makers - Marian Room  
6:30 p.m. - St. Thomas Men's Club - Chapel/Msgr. Tash Hall

### TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Gym

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

9:00 a.m. - Community Bible Study - Parlor  
9:30 a.m. - Marianist Group - Groom's Room  
5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing

### THURSDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY - PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

10:05 a.m. - RCIA Inquiry Class - Library  
5:00 p.m. - Parish Picnic/Potluck - Gym

### Story of St. Thomas the Apostle

*Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).*

*Thomas should be equally well-known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, "Let us also go to die with him" (John 11:16b).*

