



# 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..."

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 22, 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>	<b>7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English</b>
<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>
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**World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations  
This 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](https://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.

**ADORATION**

**EVERY TUESDAY 8AM-5:30PM IS  
ADORATION DAY AT OUR CHURCH**

Adoration began at St. Thomas church 20 years ago. Some of the first adorers Have been coming at the same hour, week after week, all those years... but illness, death, and moving away have shrunk their numbers. Now, not enough people are committed to filling every adoration hour.

**WON'T YOU PLEASE CHOOSE AN HOUR  
THAT YOU WILL COME EACH TUESDAY  
SO THAT ADORATION CAN CONTINUE AT  
ST. THOMAS CHURCH?**

**volunteers are waiting for you to  
sign up after this Mass.  
SIGN-UP TODAY**


**Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today!** 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 be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

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**Apoye hoy al 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, sean generosos. Pueden encontrar más información en [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

True peace and joy comes from allowing the unconditional love of Jesus in us to flow freely to our brothers and sisters especially to those who are in pain and who feel neglected." - Homily of the Day, Catholic Exchange

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

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
Mon.	04/23		NO Mass
Tues.	04/24	7:15 am	John William Heckler 
Wed.	04/25	7:15 am	Rose Youngblood 
Thurs.	04/26	7:15 am	For all special Friends
Fri.	04/27	7:15 am	Mary Ann Cook 
Sat.	04/28	5:30 pm	Marjie Eglsaer 
Sun	04/29	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:45 am	Cirilo Caitano Fernandes 
		12:30 pm	Perla Marisol de la Fuente 
		5:30 pm	CSC



*The flowers beside the  
Blessed Sacrament are in  
loving memory of  
Donna Hebert  
by  
Gayle Hebert*

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

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$32,954.50
Total Amount Pledged	\$45,597.00
Number of Participants	110
Under Goal	\$4,045.50



**April 14 & 15, 2018**

**Regular Sunday Donations: \$8,215.60**

*Thank you for your  
continued parish support!*

## WEEKLY READINGS

Mon	04/23	ACTS 11:1-18 JN 10:1-10
Tues	04/24	ACTS 11:19-26 JN 10:22-30
Wed	04/25	1 PT 5:5B-14 MK 16:15-20
Thurs	04/26	ACTS 13:13-25 JN 13:16-20
Fri	04/27	ACTS 13:26-33 JN 14:1-
Sat	04/28	ACTS 13:44-52 JN 14:7-14
Sun	04/29	ACTS 9:26-31 1 JN 3:18-24 JN 15:1-8



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, Billie Jenkins, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Al Losack, Katy Losack, 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, 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, Nancy Winkler





*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’



**4+ fish ponds**  
 Check out how much we raise for the fish pond here! **\$12,245.00**



*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 mí” Mateo 25’



**4+ estanques de peces**  
 Echa un vistazo a la cantidad realmente recaudada para el estanque de peces aquí. **\$12,245.00**

**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 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.

**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 [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org)**

## 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.parishsoftfamilysuite.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.parishsoftfamilysuite.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.

### SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### SALVADOS POR AQUEL QUE FUE RECHAZADO

Algunos adolescentes de la ciudad suelen menospreciar y rechazar a los chicos del campo. Sin embargo, no sería una exageración decir que la humanidad les debe la vida a los agricultores que cuidan los cultivos y el ganado por todo el mundo. La Sagrada Escritura para esta semana nos recuerda que Jesús fue rechazado como pastor, como chico del campo, sin embargo, a él le debemos la vida.

En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles de este domingo, Pedro les dice a las personas que la salvación viene por Jesucristo, que fue rechazado y crucificado. En la carta del apóstol san Juan escuchamos que nos hemos convertido en los hijos amados de Dios por Jesús, a quien el mundo no conoció. Por último, en el Evangelio Jesús se describe como el buen Pastor: "yo doy la vida por las ovejas" (Juan 10:11). ¿Te unirás a Jesús para dar tu vida por el rebaño amado de Dios? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## ***The Fire of Your Love: The 5th Precept***

**by Will Oliver**

Over the past five weeks, I have been reviewing the precepts of The Church, those very minimal things for us to do in order to remain in good standing with The Church. The fifth and final precept: "to help to provide for the material needs of The Church, each according to his own ability."

Unlike many protestant churches which state quite plainly that a tithe is mandatory, usually being 10% of one's income, the Catholic Church does not specify a specific amount. All it says is that we must help provide for the material needs of The Church, based on what we can afford. As Paul told the Corinthians: "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper" (1 Corinthians 16:2). In his second letter he added: " The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:5-8).

With that said, if you have an income, the 10% tithe is a good goal. My first priest, after I converted to Catholicism, told me that the tithe is a good measure of giving. He recommended parishioners give 5% to their local parish and 5% to other charities of their choice with a greater focus on local charities, keeping with both solidarity and subsidiarity.

For those who are poor, however, even a small gift weekly is looked upon with great favor for consider the poor widow who could only give two copper coins. Jesus told his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living" (Mark 12:41-44).

The reality is our Church does much. There are more activities at our St. Thomas parish than just Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings. There are numerous ministries, charitable groups, and educational activities going on every day of the week. Add on utilities, maintenance, and salaries and you can see our church needs our help. Remember, St. Thomas the Apostle is the Lord's Church, which also means it is our Church. The Lord (and Father!) needs our help, so let's all abide by the Fifth Precept of The Church and provide for the needs of The Church, every one of us, "each according to his own ability."