

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 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

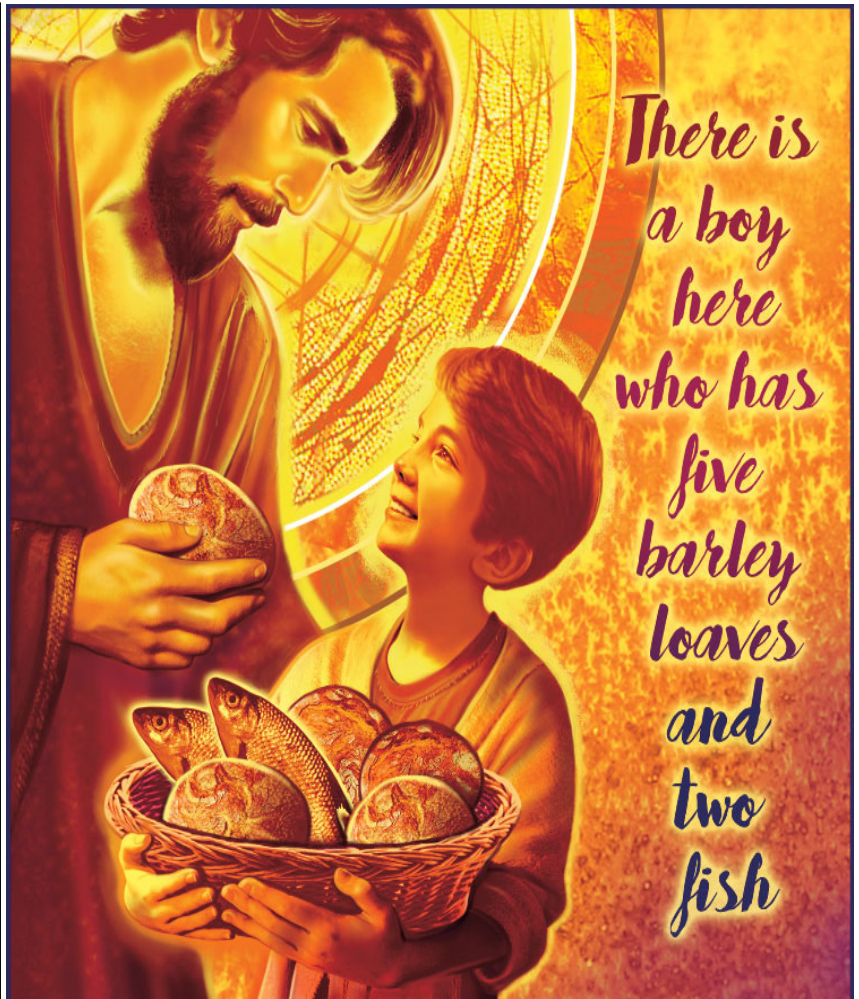
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes	7:15 am

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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*The flowers beside the
 Blessed Sacrament are
 offered in thanksgiving
 by
 Gene & Carole Barrett
 On their 60th
 Wedding Anniversary*

Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	07/28	5:30 pm	Clara Klawinsky	
Sun	07/29	7:45 am	Parishioners	
		10:45 am	Gene & Carole Barrett (60th Wedding Anniversary)	
		12:30 pm		
Mon.	07/30		NO Mass	
Tues.	07/31	7:15 am	Rose Youngblood	
Wed.	08/01	7:15 am	Dawn Everett	
Thurs.	08/02	7:15 am	Donna Hebert	
Fri.	08/03	7:15 am	Patrick McHale (For his birthday)	
Sat.	08/04	5:30 p.m.	Velma & Shirley Seidel	
Sun.	08/05	7:45 a.m.	Ralph Losack, Sr.	
		10:45 a.m.	Parishioners	
		12:30 p.m.		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



July 21 & 22, 2018

Regular Sunday Donations: \$5,637.33

*Thank you
for your continued support!*

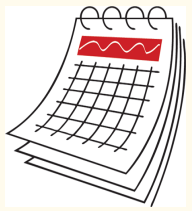
Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$41,307.67
Total Amount Pledged	\$50,226.00
Number of Participants	127
Over Goal	\$4,307.67



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gwynetta Baker, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Gary Coker, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Melvin Dierksheide, Colin Dufour, Ray DuPree, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Floyd Grupa, Patrick Hogan, Sylvia Hogenmiller,, Billie Jenkins, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Lisa Miller, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Ezra Perrone, Brenda Piñeda, John Raia, Bob Riley, Nina Rozell, Andrea Scheel, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Cheryl Smith, John Paul Sorrell, 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

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Calendar[ing] Meeting

(For all those who use a meeting space at St. Thomas)

When: Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

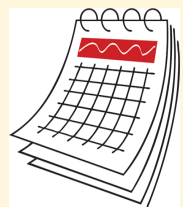
Where: Parish Hall

Who: Leaders of groups/ministries who use space (rooms/ buildings at St. Thomas)

Why: St. Thomas is growing and space is limited

Please Note:

- Please bring your proposed calendar from September 1, 2018-June 30, 2019
- Spanish groups– please bring a bilingual representative.



Reunión de Calendar[iendo]

(Para todos aquellos que usan espacio para reuniones en Santo Tomas)

Cuando: Miércoles, 8 de Agosto de 2018

Que Hora: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Dónde: Salon Parroquial

Quién: Líderes de grupos/ministerios que usan el espacio (habitaciones/ edificios) en Santo Tomas.

La Razón: Santo Tomas está creciendo y el espacio es limitado

Note Por Favor:

- Por favor traiga su calendario propuesto del 1 de septiembre de 2018 al 30 de junio de 2019
- Grupos españoles, por favor traiga un representante bilingüe

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 1st St. Thomas Mission

August 12th . . . Infirm Priests Collection

4th Annual

Friends of the Poor Walk

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sponsored by

St. Thomas the Apostle Conference

This year honoring the memory of SVdP member

Charlie Zang

September 29, 2018

Pritchett Soccer Field

9:30 am.

Check-in will begin at 9:00 am

You may register for the event at the sign-up table after Masses this weekend, July 28/29.

You may see any Vincentian for details and sign-up at any time.

Participants registered by August 20 will receive a Friends of the Poor Walk T-Shirt

All monies raised will go directly to our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference

The Friends of the Poor Walk is a nationwide event of the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul with the intended purpose of raising awareness and funds to support the local conference by providing assistance to those in need. Funds are raised by the participants who solicit donation pledges for their participation. The pledges are a fixed amount and not a dollar per miles concept. There is no minimum distance for the walk since active participation is encouraged.



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RUMMAGE SALE

Getting ready for.....

Saint Thomas Ladies Annual Rummage Sale

August 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

August 4th 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Donated items may be brought to the CCE Building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday. Last day to drop off items is this Tuesday, July 31st.



Sneak Peek

Lifeteen 2018/2019

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Lifeteen 2018/2019

In planning the 2018/2019 High School events, we have placed in the forefront of our minds the fact that we learn through lived experiences. The fact is our faith comes alive when we are alive in our faith. Many of these events are on the church calendar. We will serve at the Confirmation Mass; be present at Life Chain the silent protest supporting the lives of the unborn; and we will hold a food drive for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Projects in a active manner

*Our faith comes
alive when we are*

Some of the events are new to us and new to St. Thomas. We will learn about the Incarnation through a Live Nativity; Awaken our minds and hearts to those who work for the betterment of others through a MLK Pilgrimage; and experience empathy as we journey through the live Stations of the Cross through Mary's eyes.

Other events include a May Crowning of our Blessed Mother which all children of the parish will be invited to participate. **Come Join Us !**

S.T.A.Y. Ministry Youth 7th -12th Grade

Contact/Contacto:

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/Youth Minister
kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org
(936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14

What's Up in Life Teen—Summer 2018

- 5/30 (Wednesday) STAY Youth Night 6:30-8:30
- 6/06 Visit to raised garden/plant pumpkins
- 6/13 No STAY Youth Night
- 6/20 Visit to raised garden
- 6/27 STAY Youth Night
- 7/04 No STAY Youth Night
- 7/11 Prepare meal for GSM/ Raised Garden
- 7/13-7/15 Confirmation Retreat
- 7/18 STAY Youth Night
- 7/20-7/22 AYC
- 7/25 Visit to Raised Garden

Confirmation Retreat 7/13-7/15
Registration Forms due by 5/31/2018



STAY News

STAY Youth have adopted a raised vegetable garden for the Good Shepherd Mission. Their goal is to provide fresh vegetables to those in need who look to the Mission for food. Their 1st step will be to prepare the soil, then grow seedlings to plant for a fall garden. Other activities include preparing and serving a meal at the Good Shepherd Mission, building community and sharing our faith.

Come Join Us



Paul tells us in Ephesians that Jesus has reconciled us with God and one another. We are the communion called the Body of Christ. In August the parish community will begin a program from Renew International, called *Arise Together in Christ*. Renew International is a canonically-recognized Catholic organization based in Plainfield, NJ, in the Archdiocese of Newark. Renew International fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life, deepen and share faith, and connect faith with action.

**Sign up Sunday is August 26, 2018
at each Mass.**



Pablo nos dice en Efesios que Jesús nos ha reconciliado con Dios y con los demás. Somos la comunión llamada el Cuerpo de Cristo. En agosto, la comunidad parroquial comenzará un programa de Renew International, llamado *Levantate Unámonos en Cristo*. Renew International es una organización católica reconocida canónicamente con sede en Plainfield, Nueva Jersey, en la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Renew International fomenta la renovación espiritual en la tradición católica al capacitar a las personas y las comunidades para que se encuentren con Dios en la vida cotidiana, profundicen y compartan la fe, y conecten la fe con la acción.

**Regístrese el domingo 26 de agosto
de 2018 en cada misa.**

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 Ministry Activities. Please visit our webpage at <https://ap.church/ministries> for details on Events.

August Events:

Wings and More each Friday of the month at 6:00pm
8th - Pallotta's Italian Grill 22nd - Craft Grill
18th - Bowlero Bowling Lanes

Check our Calendar for more details on this month's events.

Baptism Preparation
Preparación Para Bautismo

English . . . Tuesday, August 7th, 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Bldg. Pre-registration at the parish office prior to attending the session is required. Child's birth certificate should be presented at time of pre-registration.

En Español . . . miercoles y jueves, 1 y 2 de agosto las 7:00 p.m. en el salon parroquial . Se requiere que se preinscriban en la oficina parroquial antes de asistir las sesiones. El certificado de nacimiento debe presentarse al tiempo que se registre en la oficina.

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BAZAAR 2018 - October 21

Interested in helping?

Call Charley 936-295-0653

- * We are in need of a chair for our LIVE AUCTION. And workers to help on bazaar Sunday.
- * We need volunteers to help with set-up (Friday, 10/19), and workers for our booths on bazaar Sunday.

Here's a few other ways you can help! Over the balance of our summer.....

+ Gardeners and plant lovers. The Plant Booth will need many plants of all shapes, sizes, and varieties - blooming and green plants. Start some clippings now from your plants and donate them to Plant Booth. Need starter pots, want to volunteer to help for an hour or more? Call Sable at 936-295-8003.

+ Save your empty egg shells for the children's confetti eggs. Need to know how? Call 936-295-0653.

+ Donate an item valued at \$50 or more to the live auction. Call 936-295-0653

+ Purchase the following items when they are on sale: Water, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, 7-Up, or other soft drinks. Donate 2 liter drinks for the children's games.

+ House Cleaning - donate GOOD, LIKE NEW, GENTLY USED items to the Treasure Chest.

+ Crafters, Canners, Sewers, Bakers. Donate your home made items to the Country Store. Call Vonda 936-291-8443

+ Cash - always accepted & appreciated to help with bazaar expenses - watch for future "Bazaar Angel Envelopes" in the back of the church.

Donation boxes will be in the back of the church beginning September 22.

The Fire of Your Love: Divorce

By Will Oliver

Divorce is a sad reality that is unfortunately very prevalent in our world today. The Catholic Catechism speaks of the pain and disorder that divorce creates: "Divorce ...introduces disorder into the family and into society. This disorder brings grave harm to the deserted spouse, to children traumatized by the separation of their parents and often torn between them, and because of its contagious effect which makes it truly a plague on society" (CCC 2385).

The pain of divorce is well documented in Leila Miller's new book, *Primal Loss: The Now-Adult Children of Divorce Speak*. Miller is a Catholic writer (Catholic Answers) and blogger (Little Catholic Bubble), who learned through social media about the tragedy of growing up in a divorce household. She discovered the little known and often unspoken reality of divorce and the disorder, trauma, and plague it causes. When she began asking questions, she began writing her book.

In the book Miller interviewed 70 people who had experienced divorce as children; their responses became the material for the book. She began by asking the effect their parents' divorce had on them. Most of the answers were very broad and covered much ground, but the most commonly used word was: destructive. She then asked how it had affected their own marriage and nearly all had a story ranging from their inability to trust their own spouse to the fact it had led to their own divorce. Miller then stated that there is a common belief that kids can handle divorce because they are resilient and she asked if that was true. Most of the interviewees believed it was a lie told by selfish parents to make themselves feel better; typically they said as children they simply had no choice in the matter. She then asked what they would say to their parents then and now, and most answered "don't" to the first, and they talked about forgiveness with the second. Finally, she asked them what society should know about divorce, and most said it was destructive and that the destruction lasts for generations.

As someone who comes from divorced parents, this book affirmed for me that others felt as I did about my parent's divorce. It also gave voice to many of the things I always felt about the divorce, but was never able to put into words. Reading it made me both angry and sad, but I believe it helped me deal with the impact the divorce had (and still has) on me. I encourage anyone whose parents are divorced to read this book. But, more importantly, I encourage anyone contemplating divorce to read this book to see just how destructive this immoral act can be to children, family, and our society.

The Church's teaching on divorce seeks to follow Jesus' words on the subject: "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery" (Luke 16:18). It is a very difficult teaching and a sacramental marriage is a challenging vocation. The grace of the sacrament, however, is given to the couple to perfect their ability to love one another and so to strengthen the bond of unity between the two spouses. The church has asked parishes to improve their marriage preparation program and the post-marriage support of married couples. Anyone interested in joining the effort?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Religious Education . . . We are preparing for the 2018-2019 Faith Formation year and need many hands! There are a number of grades in need of volunteers for next year. We neCatechists and

Aids. Please consider joining the Faith Formation team for the 2018-2019 year. Please prayerfully consider this invitation to serve the children of our parish and grow in your own faith. You can reach Kathy Boscarino Religious Education Director and Maria Delgado Coordinator Elementary CCE K-6 by phone (936)295-8159 or via e-mail kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org or k-6cce@saintthomashuntsville.org

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My Own Church Parish

To Register yourself or update your family information go to <https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>

If you have any questions please contact Kathy Boscarino by email at

kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org

Mi Propia Iglesia

Para registrarse o actualizar su información familiar vaya a: <https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>

Si tiene alguna pregunta, contáctese con Kathy

Boscarino por correo electrónico

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CHURCH SECURITY INFORMATION

Following the church shootings last year near San Antonio the parish's Security Committee has taken steps ensure the safety of all St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. The first step restricts access to the church during liturgical services. 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. 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 tomo medidas para garantizar la seguridad de los feligreses de Santo Tomás. El primer paso fue de restringir el acceso a la Iglesia durante los servicios litúrgicos. Cuando haya comenzado la misa, **todas las puertas de la iglesia estarán cerradas** de adentro con la excepción de las puertas dobles que dan a la calle 16. **Personas que lleguen tarde a misa solo podrá entrar a través de las puertas de la calle 16. Los feligreses podrán salir a través de cualquiera de las puertas cerradas. Se colocarán letreros alrededor del edificio de la iglesia para recordar a los feligreses de las puertas cerradas.** El personal de la Iglesia Santo Tomás toma muy en serio la seguridad de todos los feligreses. Estamos seguros de que los pasos tomados minimizarán incidentes problemáticos.