

# 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..."

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 28, 2019*



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## 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-Martes</b>	<b>7:15 am &amp; 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wed. – Friday/ Miercoles-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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## PRAYER CRUSADE

**Dear Church Family,**

In that small portion of your day when you find a quiet moment to listen with your inner ear to Jesus, remember to pray for our need for an activity building that will serve our Parish community. Then, aware that He loves you more than any other person loves you, step peacefully into the busy fullness of your day. He will be with you.

**Heavenly Father,**

We thank you for the many faithful servants who in the past have generously provided for the needs of our parish community today.

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit and with Christ as our Shepherd, we seek your blessing as we continue their legacy through our campaign.

Seeking to build for our present needs and looking to the future, may our generous participation in this project give you glory and be pleasing in your sight. Glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

## ORACIÓN DE CRUZADA

**Querida Familia de la Iglesia,**

En aquella porción del día cuando encuentres un momento solitario para escuchar a Jesús con tu oído interno, recuerda orar para tener un edificio de actividades sociales que servirá a nuestra comunidad. Luego sabiendo que Jesús te ama más que cualquier otra persona, regresa nuevamente a tu activa vida diaria. El estara contigo.





**Padre celestial,**

Te agradecemos por los muchos fieles siervos que en el pasado han proporcionado generosamente las necesidades de nuestra comunidad parroquial de hoy.

Fortalecidos por el Espíritu Santo y con Cristo como nuestro Pastor, buscamos tu bendición mientras continuamos su legado a través de nuestra campaña.

Buscando construir para nuestras necesidades actuales y mirando hacia el futuro, que nuestra participación generosa en este proyecto te dé gloria y sea agradable para ti. Gloria a ti, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Amen.

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	04/27	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	04/28	7:45 am	Veronica Antwi Family (Their intentions)
		10:45 am	Griselda Daly (Birthday)
		12:30 pm	
		5:30 pm	CSC
Mon.	04/29		NO Mass
Tues.	04/30		NO Mass
Wed	05/01		NO Mass
Thurs.	05/02	7:15 am	John William & Carmen Heckler 
Fri.	05/03	7:15 am	Brittney Vanessa Ortiz (Birthday)
Sat.	05/04	5:30 pm	Phyllis Bilnoski 
Sun.	05/05	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr. 
		10:45 am	John William & Carmen Heckler 
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 pm	CSC

***Do Not Neglect to  
SHARE  
What You Have***

**DSF Report as of April 15, 2019**

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$25, 295.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$33,680.00</b>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Under Goal</b>	<b>\$11,705.00</b>

## *Our gratefulness to God weekly offering*

**April 7, 2019**

**Regular Sunday Donations \$14,880.35**

**St. Thomas Mission: \$2,726.60**

**April 14, 2019**

**Regular Sunday Donations: \$6,730.16**

***Thank you for your continued support!***



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Marie Blanchard, Chelsea Brown, Linda Buckley, Phillip Caito, Gary Coker, Wren Colligan, Wayne Collins, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, James Elliott, Patsy Freeman, Mary Gedelian, Travis Gordn, Edwin Laake, Mary Ann Lampson, Dorothy Laskoskie, Corrina Lawrence, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Geno Mancuso, Don Marcotte, Lisa Miller, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Martin Moreno, Lourdes Mosqueda, Frank O'Donnell, Brenda Piñeda, Marty Reeder, Bob Riley, Nina Rozell, Andrea Scheel, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Jerry Seaton, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Cheryl Smith, John Paul Sorrell, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Christi Townley, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Enrique Valadez, Maria Elena Valencia, Matthew Varnum, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Nancy Winkler

## **Readings for the Week**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or  
(for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or  
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6,  
11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**From Fr. Fred's Desk . . .** Several workmen, who were building one of the great cathedrals in Europe, were asked what they were doing. One said that he worked with stained glass and another said that he was a brick layer. The third, although he was a carpenter, said that he was building a great cathedral. Having a larger perspective is what we are being asked to do this weekend. Over the next week we are being asked to earnestly pray about how God is calling us to participate in our Capital Campaign, "Building For The Present, Looking To Our Future." As we pray, let's have a large perspective. How will the construction of better facilities for youth gatherings, adult meetings, and parish functions affect the present community of St. Thomas as well as the community of the future? None of us can tell exactly. But we can try to picture it in our minds. Our mission is to plant the seeds to make that future vision a reality. That is what hope is all about. That is what our ancestors in the faith have done for us. Now we have the opportunity to do the same for future generations at St. Thomas. Construction projects are always big undertakings. Consider the early Christian Church members. They were few in number. But as mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (2:42), their growth as the Catholic Church of today was built upon the actions of devoting "themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." The new parish building will be used for many of these same community-building activities. So, yes it is a big project which will require sacrifices to make the project a reality. I have prayed for a long time about my participation. Originally I had thought that I would contribute \$20,000. That is about equal to my yearly salary. Then I thought that it would be great to contribute \$1000 for every year I have been a priest. Yes it will be my 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary in May. Then I thought that there is some resistance about the requirement to participate in the Ignite campaign being conducted by the archdiocese to support various ministerial needs of our archdiocesan family. As a parish, we have made a commitment to meet our parish's goal for the campaign by making 16 quarterly payments of about \$17,000. For my participation in our capital campaign I will pledge to make two of the quarterly payments or, in other words, my pledge will be a contribution of \$34,000. As the saying goes, I will have a lot of "skin in the game." How about you?



**Del escritorio del Padre Fred . . .** A algunos hombres que trabajan construyendo una de las grandes catedrales de Europa, se les preguntó qué era lo que construían. Uno dijo que trabajaba en una de las ventanas sacras y otro que ponía ladrillo tras ladrillo. El tercero, aunque era carpintero, dijo contestó que el estaba construyendo una gran catedral. Tener una perspectiva más amplia es lo que se nos pide hacer este fin de semana. Durante la próxima semana, se nos pide que oremos fervientemente acerca de cómo Dios nos está llamando a participar en nuestra Campaña de la Capital, "Construyendo para el presente, mirando hacia nuestro futuro". Mientras oramos, tengamos una perspectiva amplia. ¿Cómo afectará la construcción de mejores instalaciones para reuniones de jóvenes, reuniones de adultos y funciones parroquiales a la comunidad actual de St. Thomas, así como a la comunidad del futuro? Ninguno de nosotros puede decir exactamente. Pero podemos tratar de imaginarlo en nuestras mentes. Nuestra misión es plantar las semillas para hacer realidad esa visión de futuro. De eso se trata la esperanza. Eso es lo que nuestros antepasados en la fe han hecho por nosotros. Ahora tenemos la oportunidad de hacer lo mismo para las generaciones futuras en St. Thomas. Los proyectos de construcción son siempre grandes empresas. Considere los primeros miembros de la iglesia cristiana. Eran pocos en número. Pero como se menciona en los Hechos de los Apóstoles (2:42), "escuchar la enseñanza de los Apóstoles y participar en la vida comun, en la fracción del pan y en las oraciones". El nuevo edificio parroquial se usará para muchas de estas mismas actividades de construcción de la comunidad. Entonces, sí, es un gran proyecto que requerirá sacrificios para hacer que el proyecto sea una realidad. He orado durante mucho tiempo por mi participación. Originalmente pensé que aportaría \$ 20,000. Eso es aproximadamente igual a mi salario anual. Entonces pensé que sería genial aportar \$ 1000 por cada año que he sido sacerdote. Sí, será mi 25<sup>o</sup> aniversario de ordenación en mayo. Luego pensé que hay cierta resistencia respecto al requisito de participar en la campaña Ignite que está llevando a cabo la Arquidiócesis para apoyar varias necesidades ministeriales de nuestra familia arquidiocesana. Como parroquia, nos hemos comprometido a cumplir con la meta de nuestra parroquia para la campaña al realizar 16 pagos trimestrales de aproximadamente \$17,000. Para mi participación en nuestra campaña de capital, me comprometeré a realizar dos de los pagos trimestrales o, en otras palabras, mi promesa será una contribución de \$34,000. Como dice el dicho, tendré mucha "máscara en el juego". ¿Y tú?

# STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

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For All 7th and 8th Graders  
9:05-10:20 in the Parish Hall  
Coordinators: Mike and Kirsti Legerski

## May/Mayo

05/05/2019 **Class/Clase** -  
Last STAY Edge of the Semester



Summer Schedule Begins  
May 15, 2019



For  
12th

All 9th –  
Grades

Wednesday Nights 6:30 pm—8:30 pm  
Youth Minister—Kathy Boscarino  
<http://www.saintthomashuntsville.org>

## May/Mayo

May 01, 2019 *Class/Clase*  
May 08, 2019 *Class/Clase*



Summer Schedule Begins  
May 15, 2019



## 2019/2020 Faith Formation

Registration for 2019/2020 k-12 Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation will be open on Monday, July 1, 2019. All material information packets will be available online and in the parish office. You may register during office hours or at the Kick off Celebration.

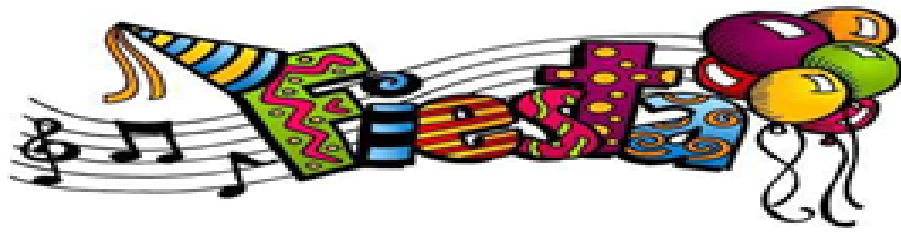
**The Faith Formation Kick-off Celebration is Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm**

### Ven y únete a las festividades Come Join the Festivities

La inscripción para 2019/2020 k-12 Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental estará abierta el lunes 1 de julio del 2019. Todos los paquetes de información de materiales estarán disponibles en línea y en la oficina parroquial. Puede registrarse durante las horas de oficina o en la Celebración de Inicio.

**La Celebración de Inicio de la Formación de fe es el sábado 24 de agosto de 2019 de 11:00 am a 2:00 pm**





**UNA CELEBRACION PARA TODOS EN GENERAL  
ESTE DOMINGO, ABRIL, 28 . . . 1:30PM-4:30PM  
SALON PARROQUIAL, IGLESIA SANTO TOMAS**

**VEN Y PARTICIPAEN EN UNA FIESTA  
LLENA DE ALEGRIA, COMIDA, MUSICA Y PREMIOS**



**BUILDING For The PRESENT  
LOOKING To Our FUTURE**



**Pray for Commitment Weekend  
May 4th & 5th**

We will all receive our Commitment Card at the Mass we attend; and be asked to complete it and return it in a sealed envelope at that Mass. If we do so there will be no further contact concerning our Campaign.



*National  
Day of Prayer*

**You Are Invited! . . . National Day of Prayer**

**Prayer Service . . . May 2nd  
Walker County Storm Shelter  
11:30 a.m. . . . Lunch  
12:00 p.m. . . . Prayer Service**

**SEEING IS BELIEVING**

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# The Fire of Your Love: The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment

By Will Oliver

**“You shall not steal”** (Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19; Matthew 19:18).

The Seventh Commandment God gave to Moses was another simple directive that has far more depth and scope than one imagines.

In order to truly understand this commandment, one must recognize that God is instructing us not to steal from our neighbor. As the Catechism explains, “the seventh commandment forbids unjustly taking or keeping the goods of one’s neighbor and wronging him in any way with respect to his goods” (CCC 2401). What this presupposes is the right to goods; the right to property. Unlike the political philosophies of Socialism and Communism, which deny people the right to own property, God, His Son, and our Catholic Church believes that ownership of property is a basic right; a right allowing us to achieve both religious and economic freedom (CCC 2425; also see the Papal encyclicals *Rerum Novarum* (1891), *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991)).

That goods should not be stolen through larceny, burglary or robbery, all fall under sins of this commandment, but it also includes the “goods of production – material or immaterial” (CCC 2405). In the case of material goods of production, these include a farmer’s produce, a painter’s paintings, or a musician’s score; all physical goods they produced. Stealing any of these items would be a sin under this commandment. More importantly, however, in today’s virtual world, is the immaterial goods of production. An author who writes an e-book, an artist who creates a picture online, a musician who creates a song that streams, or a film producers who creates a movie, creates something that is not a tangible or tactile product, but it is still a product. To pirate an e-book off the web, to “copy image” of someone’s artwork and use it for their own purposes, to illegally download a song to a device, or watch a movie online without paying for it through a legitimate vendor is stealing, just as if they stole a physical representation of the same things out of their hands. They are still sins against our neighbors, even if there is no chance we will ever meet them.

Still further, making promises or contracts with the intent to swindle someone is stealing. Denying someone their just wages for the work they do is also a sin under this commandment, including not just the taking advantage of people, such as immigrants, but something as simple as not giving a tip to a waitress who works at a reduced hourly wage in order to earn more through tips (this is, of course, assuming they have not stolen good service from you in the first place – an immaterial good). Perhaps the worst form of stealing, however, is the theft of a human being; the stealing and trafficking of human beings for purposes of labor, prostitution, or harvesting body parts. And, yet one more form of stealing, is the stealing of natural resources from the whole human race, and securing them only for a select few.

The Seventh Commandment is predicated on the virtues of justice and temperance, and is the true practice of living in solidarity. It is the practice of justice because as Jesus taught us, “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them” (Luke 6:31). It is of temperance, so that we do not take more than we truly need for Jesus told the tax collectors, “Collect no more than is appointed you” (Luke 3: 13). And it is about us living in solidarity with one another, because Jesus also taught us that the second greatest commandment is: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22: 39).

**VER ES CREER . . .** ¡Ver es creer! Desde que los teléfonos celulares nos conectan instantáneamente a las redes sociales, televisión en vivo y los rostros de nuestros seres queridos de cerca y lejos, “Tomás el incrédulo” podría ser nuestro santo patrón: “¡hasta que no lo vea, no lo creeré!” Pero que reconfortante para cualquiera de nosotros que compartimos las dudas de Tomás, o nos gustan los “incrédulos” que lo hacen, para ver qué tan amable responde Jesús. Al ofrecer la misma evidencia que Tomás pedía, Jesús no reprendió a Tomás, sino parece que entendió su incredulidad. ¿Es que acaso Jesús estaba pensando en nosotros, que anhelábamos creer que “¡Jesús resucitó!”, pero ver demasiado sufrimiento y quizá incluso haber causado algo, que nos preguntamos, cómo algo tan extraordinario sería verdad? En las lecturas de hoy del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, el amor de Jesús resucitado da consuelo por medio de sus discípulos que amaban a los demás. En el libro del Apocalipsis, “nuestro hermano Juan” no solo afirma que vio vivo a Jesús, sino que transmite las palabras de Jesús que dan vida: “¡No tengan miedo!” ¡Ver a Jesús en los demás es creer! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### **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](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)

### **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.

### **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 [kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)

### **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.