



# 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..."

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 25, 2019*

## 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</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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*The flowers besides the Blessed  
 Sacrament are offered in thanksgiving  
 For our  
 Capital Campaign  
 By  
 A Caring Parishioner*

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	08/24	5:30 pm	In Thanksgiving of our Capital Campaign
Sun.	08/25	7:45 am	Cheryl Cummings (For her intentions)
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Samuel Moreno 
Mon.	08/26		NO Mass
Tues.	08/27	7:15 am	Catherine (Kathy) Aagenes 
Wed.	08/28	7:15 am	Ken Larson 
Thurs	08/29	7:15 am	Deacon Joe Vitela 
Fri.	08/30	7:15 am	John William & Carmen Heckler 
Sat.	08/31	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	09/01	7:45 am	Ken & Marilyn Johnsons' Children (Their Intentions)
		10:45 am	Paula Legler Phillips 
		12:30 pm	Juan Carlos Alvarado Sanchez 

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

**DSF Report as of August 19, 2019**  
**Parish Goal**                \$37,000.00  
**Total Amount Paid**       \$33,762.24  
**Total Amount Pledged**   \$38,515.00  
**Number of Participants**     118  
**Under Goal**                 \$3,237.76



**YOU ARE INVITED!!**  
**Pray Divine Mercy Chaplet And Rosary**  
**every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.**  
**at Shrine of Two Hearts**  
**516 Rosenwall Road**  
**(Take 45 N Exit 118 then FM 2821 to**

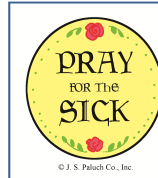
***Our gratefulness to God  
weekly offering***

**August 18, 2019**

**Regular Sunday Donations:        \$8,283.49**

**Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary: \$857.00**

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



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

## *Readings for the Week*

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



## RCIA is Now Forming

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church or to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), please contact

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM at 936-295-8159 or [kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)



## RICA ahora se está formando

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce le gustaría aprender más sobre la Iglesia Católica o completar sus Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía), comuníquese con Kathy

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## TOGETHER IN HOLINESS

### *Together in Holiness Marriage Conference*

Saturday, September 28, 2019 / 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Two locations: St. Theresa in Sugar Land, and  
Sts. Simon & Jude in The Woodlands

The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 5th annual *Together in Holiness Conference*, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On-site childcare is available (2-12 years), pre-registration required. Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual. Scholarships available. For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email Houston conference coordinators at [th@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:th@forlifeandfamily.org) or see links for registration details: Sugar Land Website: <https://bit.ly/2HY7K3c>  
The Woodlands Website: <https://bit.ly/2CGIXyo>

**"Alive" High School Girls Retreat 2020 February 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Home of the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi, 22730 Lain Road, Spring, TX 77379 Explore your vocations and come fully Alive in Christ - A day for High School Girls! Build friendship and community, meet Sisters and other Consecrated Women, meet other High School Girls, and pray together! To register, use the web link: <https://cvent.me/DnPeZ> Fee - \$20, Scholarships are available. For information, contact us at 713-652-8239.

## Virtus, Protecting God's Children

The CMG Safe Haven online training has replaced VIRTUS, protecting god's children.

All training is online <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/> Those taking the training for the first time or renewing their training may go to their CMG Connect account. They may log on using their VIRTUS user ID and 1234 as the password. They may change their password once they log in.

If they do not remember their user ID, they may contact one the following:

1. Kathy Boscarino @ (936) 295-8159 or [kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)
2. CMG at [cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org](mailto:cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org)

New users will register as a "new user" Please do not create an account of you have been trained before.

The following individuals below will now be required to complete Safe Haven online training as well:

1. Individuals who have never attended training.
2. Individuals who are currently due for refresher training and had not attended VIRTUS training.
3. Individuals who are out of compliance or past due

After approval the certification will be good for 5 years

## Protegiendo a los hijos de Dios

La capacitación en línea de CMG Safe Haven ha reemplazado a VIRTUS, que protege a los niños de Dios.

Todo el entrenamiento está en línea <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/> Aquellos que tomen el entrenamiento por primera vez o la renueven pueden ingresar a su cuenta de CMG Connect, pueden iniciar sesión con su ID de usuario de VIRTUS y 1234 como la contraseña. Si no recuerdan su identificación de usuario, pueden comunicarse con las siguientes:

Kathy Boscarino @ (936) 295-8159 o [kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)

CMG, [cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org](mailto:cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org)

Después de la aprobación, la certificación será válida por 5 años.

Los nuevos usuarios se registrarán como un "nuevo usuario". No cree una cuenta en la que haya recibido capacitación anteriormente.

Ahora se requerirá que las siguientes personas a continuación completen la capacitación en línea de Safe Haven también:

1. Personas que nunca han asistido a la formación.
2. Las personas que actualmente deben recibir una capacitación de actualización y no hayan asistido a la capacitación de VIRTUS.
3. Personas que están fuera de cumplimiento o vencidas



# STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM

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## Welcome/Bienvenido

### STAY Edge

When/Cuando: Sundays/ domingos

Time/Hora: 9:05-10:20

Where/Donde: Parish Hall/salón parroquial

9/08/2019 Class/Clase

9/15/2019 Class/Clase

9/22/2019 Class/Clase

9/29/2019 Class/Clase

### STAY Lifeteen

When/Cuando: Wednesdays/Los miercoles

Time/Hora: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Where/Donde: Parish Hall/salón parroquial

9/11/2019 Class/Clase

9/18/2019 Class/Clase

9/25/2019 **NO Class/ NO Clase**

Confirmation 2019 Mass/

Misa de Confirmación 2019

### STAY Sacramental Prep./Preparación Sacramental

For 7th –12th graders who have been baptized Catholic and have attended the previous year of Faith Formation. Parent Meeting: Tuesday 9/17/2019 6:00-7:30 in the STAY Youth Center.

Para los grados 7<sup>o</sup>-12<sup>o</sup> que son católicos bautizados y han asistido el año anterior de formación en la fe. **Reunión de padres:** Martes 17/09/2019 6:00-7:30 in Centro Juvenil.

### STAY Confirmation (*Confirmación*)2020

For 11th-12th grade youth who have been baptized Catholic and have attended the previous year of Faith Formation. Parent Meeting: Sunday 9/08/2019 9:00-10:30 in the STAY Youth Center

Para los grados 11th-12th que son católicos bautizados y han asistido el año anterior de formación en la fe. **Reunión de padres: Domingo, 8 de Septiembre de 2019 ; 9:00-10:30 en el centro juvenil.**

### STAY Homeschool

STAY Homeschool is for high school youth unable to come to STAY Lifeteen on Wednesday Nights. Space is limited.

Parent Meeting: September 15, 2019

When: 2nd Sunday of each Month

Time: 9:05-10:20

### STAY RCIA/STAY RICA

For Unbaptized High School Youth

Parent Meeting: Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 3:30-5:00 in the STAY youth Center

Para jóvenes no bautizados de secundaria Reunión de padres: Domingo; Septiembre de 2019; 9:00-10:20 en el centro juvenil.

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you; plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.  
Jer. 29:11



**St Pio Fraternity of Secular Franciscans** is collecting items to go into canvas drawstring backpacks to be sent to an immigrant detention center in Laredo. This detention center holds individuals coming into the US and awaiting approval for asylum. Once asylum is granted, the detainee is released and placed on a bus to their destination in the U.S. They often have nothing more than the clothes on their back. These supplies will assist them in their journey. A box has been placed in the narthex seeking donations of the following items: travel size toothpaste, toothbrush, brush/comb, small blanket, travel size shampoo, small pack of wipes, bottle of water, deodorant, nut free snacks, travel size lotion and coloring books/crayons. We need a dozen of each to fill the 12 bags we will be sending to Laredo. If you have questions, please contact Stephen Farlow at (936)355-1855.



## 2019 BAZAAR

**October 20th will soon be here.**

**Here are some ideas for you to consider over the summer:**

- Canning? Save some of your bounty for the Country Store. Call Liz at (936) 436-9121.
- Crafty? Like to sew? Make something for the Country Store.
- Gardeners! Start some clippings. The Plant Booth will need many plants of all sizes and varieties.
- How about donating something NEW of larger value (\$50 plus) to the Live and/or Silent Auction? All items must be received no later than Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Purchase & donate drinks when they are on sale: water, Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, and/or 7-Up.
- Donate monetarily to help with the purchase of children's game prizes.
- Save empty egg shells (our youth will make confetti eggs).
- Say "YES" when the cake lady calls to ask you to donate a homemade cake.
- **We Need You!** No experience required; only a friendly smile and willingness to help. Call Lavonne at (936) 661-2405.

**Andrew Dinners 2019 . . . .** This year the Andrew Dinners for High School guys will be held at various parish locations. The program includes an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with the Vocation Director, Fr. Richard McNeillie and other priests from the Archdiocese. More info & Registration: [www.houstonvocations.com/andrew-dinner](http://www.houstonvocations.com/andrew-dinner). Questions? Contact us at 713-652-8239 or [vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org). To register: <https://cvent.me/WDXWn>

### **Dates and Parish Locations and times:**

**September 6** – St. Vincent de Paul Church, 5-9 pm

**October 26** – St. Martha Church, 6-9 pm

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION . . .** Contemporary Christians search for mentors to help them understand the difference God's presence makes in their lives. The ministry of spiritual Direction is the companionship of others in their quest to recognize God more fully in their lives. The Spiritual Director accompanies those seeking to grow in awareness of God's presence and love. Spiritual Direction is a sharing of deep listening in a prayerful way for the Director and the seeker to listen and become attuned to the Holy Spirit in every aspect of life. If you are seeking spiritual direction, contact Stephen Farlow at [sefarlow@gmail.com](mailto:sefarlow@gmail.com) or at (936)355-1855.

## The Fire of Your Love: Sentimentalism

By Will Oliver

Dear Students,

Welcome to or back to another year of learning. I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you the best in your academic pursuits and know that I, and many others, are praying for you. Research has said the two most vulnerable times in one's life are two often lonely transitions, into college and into a nursing home. You will learn many ideologies in your studies; they can be intriguing, they can be compelling, they can be enticing . . . they can also be morally wrong. So, in this column and the next two, I want to talk about three "isms" that are seductive, and wholly against our Catholic faith: sentimentalism, relativism, and hedonism. Let's start with sentimentalism.

Sentimentalism is the excessive expression of feelings of tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia in behavior, writing, or speech. The key word here is excessive. We all get sentimental about people we love when they pass away, or sentimental about a cute little puppy, or sentimental about something we cherished in our childhood, like a stuffed teddy-bear. However, when people use sentimentalism to invoke your emotions and then use it to manipulate you into supporting their cause or agenda, it can be tragically dangerous. The Catholic writer, Flannery O'Connor put it in really stark terms when she wrote, "In the absence of faith, we govern by tenderness, and tenderness leads to the gas chamber."

The real problem with sentimentalism is, as O'Connor wrote, that it causes us to lose faith. I will use an extreme example here to illustrate her point. If someone tells another that the earth is so fragile and its end is coming soon because we humans breathe, thus making that person excessively sad so that they want to take action, and then the person suggests suicide to resolve the problem, they're playing on that person's emotion, leading them to the equivalent of the gas chamber. The greatest problem is the lack of faith in God, followed by the overly emotional response, and its ultimately destructive end.

Sentiment, emotions, tenderness and nostalgia, are not virtues; the four cardinal virtues are actually: prudence, courage, temperance, and justice. When faced with people trying to manipulate you through sentimentalism, you will need all four of these cardinal virtues to face them. Most importantly, you will need to remember what Jesus answered our own St. Thomas when he asked, "How can we know the way?" and Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6).

So, how do we not fall prey to the moral corruption of sentimentalism? Whenever you hear the ad nauseam question, "how does that make you feel?" know the person is potentially trying to use sentimentalism to play on your emotions in order to manipulate you in some manner. Whenever excessive emotions are being employed (crying, yelling, etc.) to convince you of something: beware. Focus instead on reason, prudence, and your faith; stay focused on Jesus Christ. And the best way to inoculate yourself against the dangers of sentimentalism: go to confession, go to Mass, go to the Catholic Student Center, make some Catholic friends, go to the Sunday dinners after the Sunday evening Student Mass, join the Bible study, the small men or women's group, and keep learning your faith.

May God bless each and every one of you this academic year and remember, keep the faith!

**Men's Emmaus Dinner** for young adult men with Cardinal DiNardo and priests of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Friday, October 4, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, St. Mary's Seminary, Check-in at 6 pm and dinner begins at 6:30 pm in Borski Gym, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024 This is a night for single young adult men ages 18 to 40 who are open to discern the Diocesan Priesthood. A unique opportunity to have dinner, ask questions and hear stories from priests about their vocation journey. This a simple step to actively discern God's calling in your life if you've noticed a desire for priesthood in your prayer. Spots are limited, register today. To register, please use the web link: <https://event.me/2demq> Information: 713-652-8239 Or visit: [www.houstonvocations.com](http://www.houstonvocations.com)

### GRACE AND STRUGGLE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase. —St. Rose of Lima

### GRACIA Y LUCHA

El regalo de la gracia aumenta a medida que aumenta la lucha. —Santa Rosa de Lima

## 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.