



# 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 1, 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

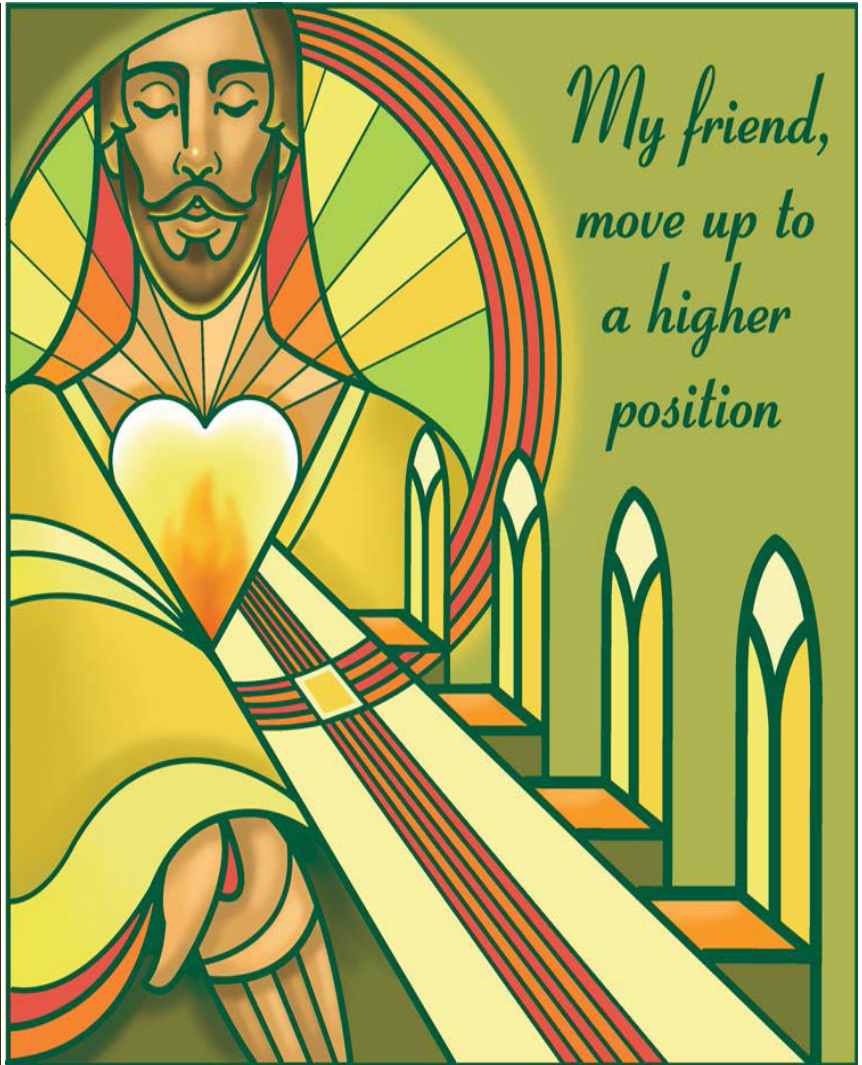
<b>Saturday/ Sabado</b>	<b>5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Sunday/ Domingo</b>	<b>7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish</b>
<b>Monday/ Lunes</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>

## 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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*My friend,  
move up to  
a higher  
position*

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*The flowers besides the Blessed  
Sacrament are offered in thanksgiving  
For all our  
Faith Formation Volunteers  
By  
A Caring Parishioner*

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

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 
Mon.	09/02		NO Mass
Tues.	09/03	7:15 am	Martha Strubing (Birthday)
Wed.	09/04	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon 
Thurs	09/05	7:15 am	Felix Tovar 
Fri.	09/06	7:15 am	Marcos Moreno (Birthday)
Sat.	09/07	5:30 pm	John Stanley Lewandowski 
Sun.	09/08	7:45 am	Staff Sgt. Christopher Lee Everett 
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	José & Maria Mortero 
		5:30 pm	CSC

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

**DSF Report as of August 26, 2019**  
**Parish Goal**                \$37,000.00  
**Total Amount Paid**       \$34,097.24  
**Total Amount Pledged**   \$38,515.00  
**Number of Participants**     118  
**Under Goal**                 \$2,902.76



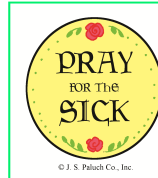
**YOU ARE INVITED!!**  
**Pray Divine Mercy Chaplet And Rosary**  
**every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.**  
**at Shrine of Two Hearts**  
**516 Rosenwall Road**  
**(Take 45 N Exit 118 then FM 2821 to**

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

**August 25, 2019**

**Regular Sunday Donations:        \$5,857.59**

***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 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



**Capital Campaign  
Report as of  
August 23, 2019**

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$1,300,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,363,209.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$261,163.19</b>
<b>Number of Pledges</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>Amount needed to begin construction</b>	<b>\$388,836.81</b>

**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.

**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>



**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

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

**WANTED:**

**BLOOD DONORS** are desperately needed!  
We need Donors who have NOT donated for 2 months or more plus NEW donors!  
The sign-up sheets are in the back of church to donate blood.  
We furnish meal this drive!

**St. Thomas's Semi-Annual Blood Drive**  
Saturday, September 14th  
8:00am - 3:00 pm  
Gibbs Pre-K School 1800 - 19th St.

For information or an appointment, please call Co-Chairs  
Cheryl Cummings 936-581-0451 or  
Karen McPike 936-661-6540.

PLEASE HELP US HELP OTHERS  
TO SAVE LIVES.

Donating blood counts as a  
corporal act of mercy.

# STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

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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



**DON'T MISS OUT . . . The Knights of Columbus are selling Tamales after the 7:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Mass this Sunday. Raffle tickets will also be available. The Raffle Ticket Drawing will be held after the 10:45 a.m. Mass.**

## Annual Second Collection Benefiting The University of St. Thomas

Your gift to the Second Collection will provide vital scholarship to students of the University of St. Thomas, Houston's only Catholic University. Your contribution helps provide a quality Catholic education that instills in students the core values of goodness, discipline, knowledge and community. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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.

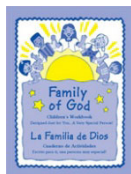
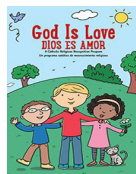
Ahora se requerirá que las siguientes personas a continuación completen la capacitación en línea de Safe Haven también:

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

## Calling all Youth in K thru 12

**Do you have a strong relationship with God? Want to make it stronger?**

**Then work on a Catholic Religious Award!**



These national medal programs are administered by the Galveston-Houston Archdiocesan Catholic Committee for Youth Organizations. We are hosting **Launch Day** on **September 7<sup>th</sup>** to help get you started: youth will complete a step of the award, and adults can take training to be an Adult Advisor.

For more information and to register visit [www.ghaccyo.org](http://www.ghaccyo.org).

## The Fire of Your Love: Relativism

By Will Oliver

Dear Students

In last week's column, I addressed sentimentalism, one of the issues that you may face during your time spent in academic pursuits. This week, I wanted to talk about another idea that you will undoubtedly come across, and that is relativism.

Relativism is the idea that viewpoints, opinions and perceptions are all relative, meaning there is no universal, objective truth. Instead, every person has their own truth, so what is wrong for one person is considered right for another, and what is right for another may be wrong for someone else. Therefore, we may never judge anything a person says or does as being right or wrong.

One problem with relativism is its faulty logic. I get this often and it usually goes something like this: "You can't say that's wrong, you are judging." "Yes, I can. People judge all the time." "But you can't, because what is right for you might not be right for others." "So, you are saying there is no absolute truth?" "Yes." "Is that an absolute statement?" "Well . . ." "Okay, let's play this game. What if I say it is okay for me to kill you, but not for you to kill me, is that okay?" "But you can't do another person harm!" "Who says?" "Well, it's not right." "So you are saying it is not right for anyone to kill another person because it does them harm?" "Yes, it is not right." "Sounds like an absolute to me; I thought you said there were no absolutes?" And so it goes.

The real problem with relativism, however, is the fact it turns people away from God, Jesus Christ, and the Catholic Church. It turns people into heretics, people who reject the teachings of God. It also makes people very self-centered, because rather than God being the center of their world, they make themselves the center. And all of this is highly destructive. Rejecting God or believing that whatever they do is the right way and God's way, makes people easily succumb to numerous destructive behaviors (e.g., drug abuse, pornography, etc.), including murder (e.g., abortion).

Jesus Christ taught us there is an absolute truth. As I wrote last week, Jesus Christ told St. Thomas, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (Jn 14:6). And, yes, he did say, "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Mt 7:1), but His teaching on judgement is two-sided. Jesus does instruct us not to condemn other's faults (Mt 7:2), because we cannot know what is in their heart, only God can know (Lk 16:15). Yet he also instructs us to exercise critical discernment (Mt 7:6, 15-19), because examination is needed to avoid profaning what is holy and embracing what it is false (Mt 7:6, 15) in both ourselves *and* others. In other words, we still need to know right from wrong, so that we choose rightly; we choose the truth.

How do you avoid the unholy ideas of relativism? Start to recognize how often people employ relativistic ideas, saying things like "you can't judge another person" or when they say "that is your truth, not mine." Be ready to defend that there is an absolute truth in all things, and that truth is Jesus Christ. Reinforce your faith by going to Mass, Bible study, small groups discussions, go to the Catholic Student Center and find some Catholic friends, but above all else, keep the faith!

Hoping you have a successful academic year; in His name we pray!

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE . . . .** Por esta época recordamos la natividad de María, madre de Jesús. María es muy popular entre muchos pueblos y en especial en los pueblos latinos. Al principio del mes de septiembre dos naciones toman la fiesta de su nacimiento para recordarla bajo el título de la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre en Cuba y de Nuestra Señora de Coromoto en Venezuela.

La Virgen del Cobre fue descubierta en el siglo XVI por dos indígenas y un niño africano llamados los tres Juanes, cuando estos fueron al mar en busca de sal. Después de una fuerte tempestad ellos encontraron flotando sobre las olas una pequeña imagen de María con el Niño Dios en brazos. La imagen flotaba sobre una tabla que decía yo soy la Virgen de la Caridad. Milagrosamente la imagen estaba seca.

También en el siglo XVI la Virgen se le apareció al cacique de los indígenas Coromoto en Venezuela. Estos se resistían a la evangelización y ella se apareció sobre las aguas invitándolos al bautizo cristiano.

Estas dos manifestaciones marianas llevan a Jesús en brazos recordándonos que María nada puede sin Cristo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, 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)

## Mi Propia Iglesia . . . .

Para registrarse o actualizar su información familiar vaya a: [https/galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com](https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com)  
Si tiene alguna pregunta, contáctese con Kathy Boscarino por correo electrónico [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.

### 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.