



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 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

Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
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 besides the Blessed
 Sacrament are offered in loving memory
 of
 Staff Sgt. Christopher Lee Everett
 By
 A. J. & Lorraine McGee*

Mass Intentions Of The Week

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	
Mon.	09/09		NO Mass	
Tues.	09/10	7:15 am	John William & Carmen Heckler	
Wed.	09/11	7:15 am	Ken Larson	
Thurs	09/12	7:15 am	Deborah Milam Harkcom & Family (Their Intentions)	
Fri.	09/13	7:15 am	Lourdes Moreno (Birthday)	
Sat.	14	5:30 pm	Deacon Joe Vitela	
Sun.	15	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr.	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Alfega Alcaraz	
		5:30 pm	CSC	

Do Not Neglect to SHARE

What You Have

DSF Report as of August 29, 2019

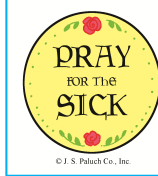
Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$34,547.80
Total Amount Pledged	\$38,615.00
Number of Participants	119
Under Goal	\$2,452.20



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

Priesthood Sunday *Sunday, September 29th*

A Future Full of Hope . . . We've seen some answered prayers this past summer with our newly ordained men (seven new priests)! More than ever, our priests need your support and prayers. Priesthood Sunday on September 29 provides an opportunity to express how much you appreciate the priests in your parish.



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: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

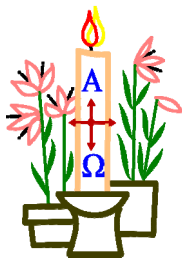
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

All Parishioners,
 Fall Bazaar raffle tickets will be distributed after all Masses this weekend and next. We have 25 prizes with the Grand Prize being a \$2,500 travel voucher. In addition, we have 14 prizes valued at \$500 each. We ask that each Parishioner sell or buy at least \$50 worth of tickets. Ticket stubs and money may be returned to the church office, or placed in the collection basket. Thank you for making this year's raffle a huge success!

**This Weekend
 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!

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 kbos-

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@saintthomashuntsvill 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.**

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.

Maria Goretti Support Group New support group for those afflicted with any type of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual or mental) will begin to meet at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of every month in downtown Houston at the Cathedral Centre (1701 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002). For more info about the Maria Goretti Network that sponsors support group, go to www.mgoretti.org/ or call 713-851-3708.

STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM

kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org

(936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

www.sainthomashuntsville.org

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^o-12^o 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

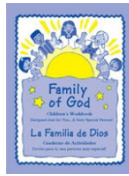
Para jóvenes no bautizados de secundaria Reunión de padres: Domingo; Septiembre de 2019; 9:00-10:20 en el centro juvenil.

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



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 7th** 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.

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@sainthomashuntsville.org
2. CMG at 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@sainthomashuntsville.org

CMG, 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

New Life Retreat Join us as we pilot our updated, new and improved New Life Retreat! The New Life Retreat is a unique marriage formation program focusing on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and the skills necessary for successful Christian marriage. The program was designed for couples creating a new blended or step-family; re-marrriages of divorced or widowed couples. The retreat is a day and a half (Friday night –Saturday) with one overnight stay at Cameron Retreat Center. Retreat dates: October 11-12. Cost is \$125. For more information contact Teresita at email tjohnson@archgh.org or 713-741-8776. Register here: <https://archgh.cvent.com/>

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION . . . What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth? —Cicero

EL VALOR DE LA EDUCACIÓN ... ¿Qué mayor o mejor regalo podemos ofrecer a la república que enseñar e instruir a nuestros jóvenes? —Cicerón

The Fire of Your Love: Hedonism

By Will Oliver

Dear Students,

Over the past two weeks, I have addressed two of the “isms” you will no doubt face in your academic pursuits. They are: sentimentalism and relativism. There is one more that I have little doubt you will also face, most likely on a near-daily basis, and that is hedonism.

Hedonism is the belief that the pursuit of pleasure, whether it be physical, emotional, or intellectual, is the most important goal of life. You will hear phrases that have almost become mantras, such as “maximize pleasure, minimize pain” or “If it feels good, do it” coming from people who are advocates of hedonism. They will range from not only musicians and Hollywood stars, but to teachers, roommates, and friends.

People that are hedonists are very self-centered people. Naturally, they have to be, because everything is about their pleasure. They do not care about other peoples’ problems or really other people, unless they provide them some benefit to maximize their pleasure. Hedonists are also very superficial people because they are always in pursuit of the next pleasure, never really satisfied with the last one, so they move from pleasure to pleasure, without much thought or reflection on what they are doing. Hedonists are *not* deep people. And, of course, hedonists are also destructive people. It can be something like ditching their friends because they got a better offer to do something fun, which is destructive of friendships. If they seek out pleasure through drugs and alcohol, it is destructive to their physical and psychological health. And if something gets in the way of their pleasure, such as pregnancy, the hedonist is willing to even commit murder to maximize their pleasure.

Hedonism runs counter to the Catholic faith. When the hedonists places himself at the center of everything, he has turned his back on Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. Still further, the hedonist does not believe that what they do is a sin, so they eschew all moral judgements and they become relativists. But Jesus came to forgive our sins, and although that does include the hedonists, they are again rejecting Jesus and all his teachings. Most horribly, they could care less that Jesus came to die for our sins. Jesus suffered for us, but the hedonist will suffer for no one, not even God.

St. Peter, our first pope, really understood the problems of [hedonism when he wrote about how the hedonists live “in debauchery, evil desires, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and wanton idolatry”](#) (1 Peter 4:3). He also knew how the hedonist would respond to you if you did not join them: [“They are surprised that you do not plunge into the same swamp of profligacy, and they vilify you”](#) (1 Peter 4:4). So, what was his advice? First, [“since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude”](#) (1 Peter 4:1). Next, he advised, [“be serious and sober for prayers”](#) (1 Peter 4:7). Finally, he advised how not to succumb to hedonism: [“Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”](#) (1 Peter 4:8-11).

Have a great academic year and remember: keep the faith!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE En 1976 un grupo de madres argentinas comenzó una vigilia silenciosa en frente de las oficinas gubernamentales en la Plaza de Mayo. Vestían de negro, con un pañuelo blanco en la cabeza y protestaban la desaparición de sus hijos. Poco a poco esta protesta de madres se fue expandiendo a El Salvador y otros países donde agentes del gobierno hacían desaparecer a los que obraban por la justicia y el bienestar del pueblo.

En Latinoamérica la Virgen de los Dolores que viste de negro y llora la muerte de su hijo quien estaba en la flor de la vida se ha transformado en la Madre de los Desaparecidos. Ella acompaña silenciosamente en la protesta de tanta latina que ha perdido hijos, maridos y hermanos a autoridades injustas o cobardes.

La vigilia de las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo terminó en enero de 2006 cuando por fin se encontraron con un gobierno que busca a los desaparecidos con ellas. Lamentablemente en muchos lugares las madres de los desaparecidos todavía no pueden contar con las autoridades civiles. Con ellas María se une en protesta silenciosa.

—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

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

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.