



# 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 15, 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

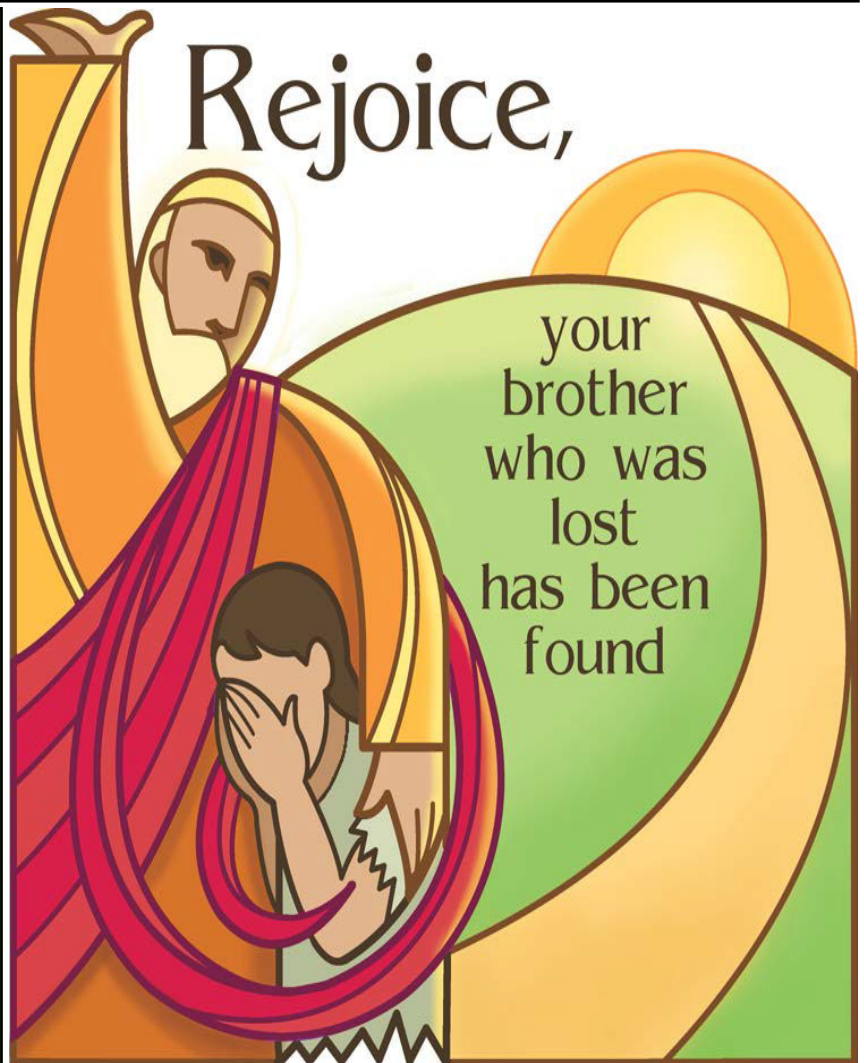
<b>Saturday/ Sabado</b>	<b>5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Sunday/ Domingo</b>	<b>7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English</b>
<b>Monday/ Lunes</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>

## 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 loving memory  
 Of  
 Donna Hebert  
 By  
 Gayle Hebert*

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	09/14	5:30 pm	Deacon Joe Vitela 
Sun.	09/15	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr. 
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Alfega Alcaraz 
		5:30 pm	CSC
Mon.	09/16		NO Mass
Tues.	09/17	7:15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	09/18	7:15 am	Anne Degnan (Birthday)
Thurs	09/19	7:15 am	Donna Hebert 
Fri.	09/20	7:15 am	Rev. Msgr. Norman G. Metsy 
Sat.	09/21	5.30 pm	Alfred & Donnie Seidel 
Sun.	09/22	7:45 am	Kathy Vanecek (Special Intention)
		10:45 am	Tomasa Serrerasas Perez 
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 pm	CSC

### *Do Not Neglect to SHARE*

#### *What You Have*

<b>DSF Report as of September 5, 2019</b>	
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$34,597.80</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$38,615.00</b>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Under Goal</b>	<b>\$2,402.20</b>



**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.**



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, Ed Hunt, 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 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

**All Parishioners,**

**Fall Bazaar raffle tickets will be distributed after all Masses this weekend. 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!**

**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.

**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-marriages 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/NewLifeRetreat>

**Season III of *ARISE Together in Christ* will take place this fall, beginning the week of October 6, 2019.** There will be six faith sharing sessions that invite us to journey “In the Footsteps of Christ”. The first session challenges us to see life’s journey through the eyes of faith. Over the next 5 weeks we will explore the meaning Catholic Social Teaching by asking such questions as: how are we to be instruments of the Good News in our world today? The social teaching of the Church is an essential part of our Catholic faith. Join us in our small communities to pray and share faith with one another.

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**La temporada III de LEVANTATE Juntos en Cristo se llevará a cabo este otoño, comenzando la semana del 6 de octubre del 2019.** Habrá seis sesiones de intercambio de fe que nos invitarán a caminar " Siguiendo los pasos de Cristo ". La primera sesión nos reta a ver el viaje de la vida a través de los ojos de la fe. Durante las próximas 5 semanas exploraremos el significado de la Doctrina Social Católica haciendo preguntas como: ¿cómo vamos a ser instrumentos de las Buenas Noticias en nuestro mundo de hoy? La enseñanza social de la Iglesia es una parte esencial de nuestra fe católica. Únanse a nosotros en nuestras pequeñas comunidades para orar y compartir la fe unos con otros.

**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>**

**NEEDED . . . The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family. —Anonymous**

# 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

When/Cuando: Tuesdays/ martes  
Time/Hora 6:00 pm-7:30 pm  
Where:/Donde: Youth bldg./edificio de juvenil  
9/17/2019 Parent Mtg/reunión de padres  
9/24/2019 Class/Clase

### STAY RCIA

When/Cuando: Sundays/Los miercoles  
Time/Hora: 3:45-5:15  
Where/Donde: Youth bldg./ edificio de juvenil  
9/15//2019 Class/Clase  
9/22/2019 Class/Clase  
9/29/2019 Class/Clase

### STAY Homeschool

When/Cuando: Sundays/domingos  
Time/Hora: 9:05-10:20  
Where/Donde: Youth bldg./edificio de juvenil  
9/15/2019 Parent Mtt/reunión de padres  
10/13/2019 Class/Clase

### STAY Confirmation 2020

When/Cuando: Sundays/los miercoles  
Time/hora: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
Where/Donde: Youth bldg./edificio de juvenil  
9/22/2019 Class/Clase  
10/06/2019 Class/Clase  
10/20/2019 Bazaar Service

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



## 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



## 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.

## The Fire of Your Love: Defending the Faith

by Will Oliver

As Catholics, one of our obligations is to defend the faith. During Confirmation, we are given a special strength of the Holy Spirit to not only spread the faith, but to defend it as well (CCC 1303). Recently, my wife and I found ourselves in such a situation. We both have the utmost respect for the person in question and we agreed with almost everything the person had to say regarding how Christianity is under attack by the secular world. The person was addressing the many issues of division between the faithful and the secular today, but then added at the very end that there is no such thing as infant baptism and you can only make confessions to God. Those last two statements brought us up short for those were divisions between Christian faiths, not between Christians and the secular world, which is what the article was all about. As those two comments were aimed at us Catholics, we knew we had to defend our faith.

Many Protestants do not believe in infant baptisms, nor do they believe in confessing their sins to a priest (pastor). So, both of these were obviously attacks on our Catholic faith because we DO believe in infant baptism and confessing our sins to a priest. As Protestantism is largely a scripture-based faith, we decided to respond, at least at first, with scripture.

To the first charge, we wrote: "Let's start with what Jesus said when he rebuked the disciples, 'Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs to the kingdom of God' (Luke 18:15-16). Nowhere in the Bible does it say that infants should be excluded from Baptism. It became a practice of early Christianity (that includes both Catholics and Protestants) to perform infant baptism, and it only became the practice of some Christians after the Reformation to only perform baptisms on adults."

To the second charge, we wrote: "After Jesus was crucified and he appeared to the disciples, He said 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you' (John 20:21). He then breathed on them and said, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained' (John 20:22-23). This refers to the power to forgive sins, which Jesus gave to the disciples and through them, The Church. This is the very reason Jesus came among us, as He said 'For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners' (Matthew 9:13), and we are all sinners. And though we may find ourselves in a state of grace with God, we can always fall from that state of grace, so we Catholics go to a priest for confession. And it should be made clear that when we Catholics confess our sins, we are not confessing to another person, but to a priest who is acting *In Persona Christi*."

We then told the person we loved them and that we made these points to defend our faith. We also noted that we were on the same side against the secular world and that we, as Christians, should stand together. Did we change this person's mind? Probably not. But I share this with you because you never know when, where and with whom you will find yourself in a situation in which your Catholic faith is challenged. If ever faced with this situation, remember two things: the words of St. Pope John Paul II, "Be not afraid," and that you always have the Holy Spirit on your side!

**PERDIDO Y ENCONTRADO** . . . Bienvenido al "¡Domingo perdido y encontrado!" En caso de que al estar en la iglesia nos haga considerar sentirnos orgullosos de ser religiosos, el Evangelio de hoy sugiere que sería más prudente admitir que algunas veces estamos perdidos. Para luego en última instancia estar felizmente contados entre los "encontrados" por Jesús, porque Jesús hoy se enfoca en una oveja perdida, una moneda perdida, un hijo perdido. Jesús lo hace porque los fariseos y escribas, que orgullosamente se consideran religiosos, "empiezan a quejarse" que Jesús "se reúne con pecadores y además come con ellos". Jesús les advierte, y a nosotros también, dejar de juzgar a los demás. Por el contrario, ¡asómbrate de la extraordinaria gracia de Dios que nos ha encontrado! De hecho, debemos hacernos los amorosos amigos de Jesús tratando de buscar a otros. Así el Éxodo pide, si Dios "cedió en castigo" y nos perdonó, ¿no deberíamos perdonar con gracia a nuestros prójimos pecadores? Incluso Pablo admite su "arrogancia" como "el más importante entre los pecadores". Nosotros también, felices de ser "misericordiosamente tratados", debemos compartir con todos los demás la inagotable paciencia de Jesús. 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.