



# 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 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 13, 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

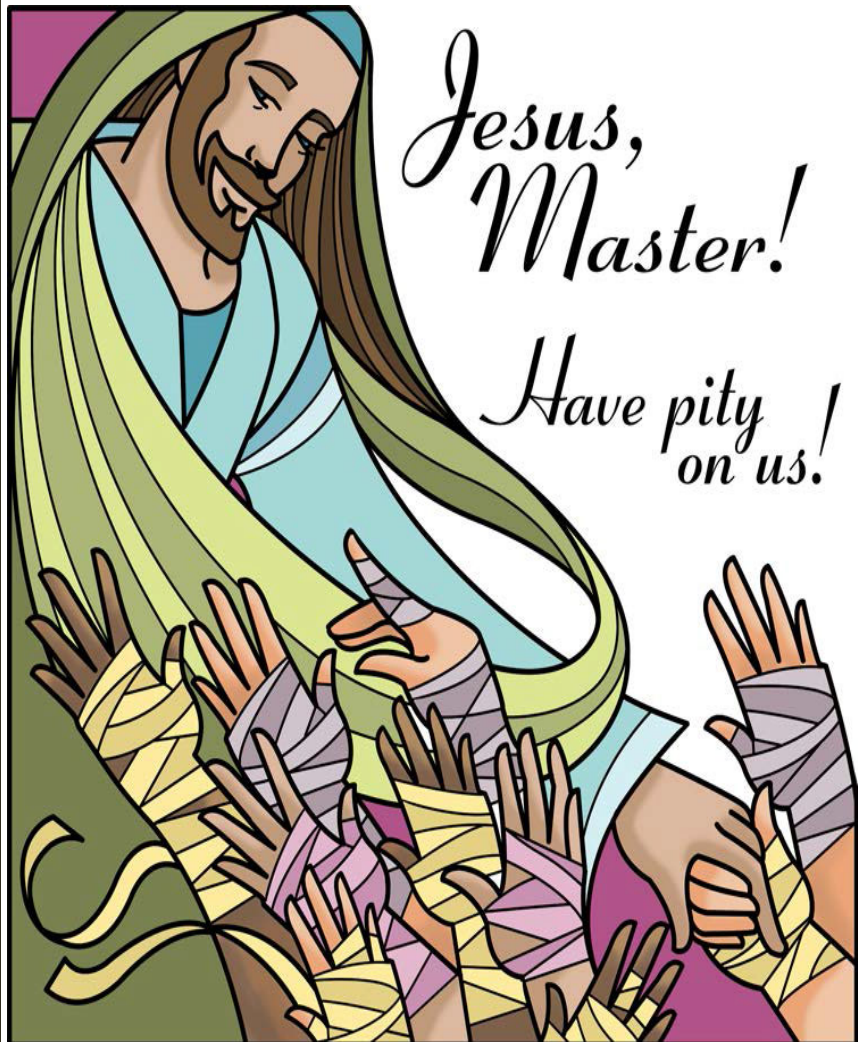
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes	7:15 am

## 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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*Jesus,  
Master!*

*Have pity!  
on us!*

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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.	10/12	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	10/13	7:45 am	John Marquart (Birthdays) Jessica Marquart Aultz
		10:45 am	Franklin & Ramona Karasek 
		12:30 pm	Gordan Travis (Special Intention)
		5:30 pm	CSC
Mon.	10/14		NO Mass
Tues.	10/15	7:15 am	Pedro & Guadalupe Gomez 
Wed.	10/16	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon 
Thurs	10/17	7:15 am	Donna Hebert 
Fri.	10/18	7:15 am	Luke Tovar (Birthday)
Sat.	10/19	5:30 pm	Ted Martinez 
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>10/20</b>		<b>BAZAAR SUNDAY</b>
		7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:00 am	Bazaar Angels (In Thanksgiving)

### *Our gratefulness to God weekly offering*

October 6, 2019

**Regular Sunday Donations:      \$13,942.70**

**St. Thomas Mission:                \$2,613.72**

*Thank you  
for your continued support!*

**NOTHING BUT GOD . . . I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of God.**  
—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

### *Do Not Neglect to SHARE*

#### *What You Have*

**DSF Report as of October 3, 2019**

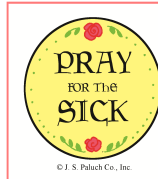
**Parish Goal                                \$37,000.00**

**Total Amount Paid                    \$35,855.86**

**Total Amount Pledged                \$38,890.00**

**Number of Participants                121**

**Under Goal                                \$1,144.14**



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, 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, Dawn & Odell Rachal, Virginia Reed, Marty Reeder, Bob Riley, Kelly Robinson, Nina Rozell, Andrea Scheel, Ana Marie Santos, 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, Theresa Wheeler, Alma Williams, Nancy Winkler

### *Readings for the Week*

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

## **BAZAAR SUNDAY . . . OCTOBER 20th**

**11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### **Mass Schedule for Bazaar weekend:**

**Saturday . . 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday . . 7:45 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m. (Outside**

### **Nursing Home Ministry Volunteers needed . . .**

Frank & Janet Fair are “retiring” from our nursing home Sunday morning ministry within the next couple of months. Frank & Janet have been serving on this ministry for many years; Frank has served for over 34 years! Thank you Frank & Janet for your dedication to this vital ministry.

Eucharist is delivered to our Catholic residents of our local nursing homes every Sunday morning. Depending on the numbers, this usually requires approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. We travel in pairs and each pair is scheduled for one weekend per month. Our Catholic residents in our local facilities are very appreciative to have Communion brought to them. If you think you might be interested in this ministry and would like more information, please call Frank Fair at 936-295-0869 or Charley Sanders at 936-295-0653.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY . . Although October 20th is World Mission Sunday, here at St. Thomas our collection will be held on October 27th.** Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers and be generous in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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**DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES EL 20 de Octubre, pero aqui en Sto. Tomas celebramos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones el 27 de Octubre.** El Papa Francisco invita a toda la Iglesia a apoyar a las diócesis misioneras de África, Asia, las Islas del Pacífico y partes de Latinoamérica y Europa, donde sacerdotes, líderes religiosos y líderes laicos sirven a las comunidades más vulnerables del mundo. Por favor, sigan orando por las misiones del Papa y sean generosos en la colecta de la semana entrante para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe.

## **Baptism Preparation / Preparación para Bautizo**

**English Baptism Sessions . . .** Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Bldg. (1613 Ave N) . Please pre-register in the parish office prior to attending sessions. A copy of the child’s birth certificate should be presented at time of registration.

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### **Sesiones de preparación para el Bautizo . . . .**

El miércoles 23 y jueves 24 de octubre a las 7:00 p.m. en el salon de CCE. Por favor preinscríbese en la oficina de la parroquia antes de asistir las sesiones. El acta de nacimiento debe presentarse al tiempo que se registre en la oficina.

### **HEALING AND SALVATION . . . .**

The readings today speak of healing and salvation. In Second Kings, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria, develops leprosy. He goes to a stranger, a prophet from Israel, when no one else can cure his disease. Much to his surprise, after a simple bath in the river, he is cured. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them to the priest. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for his cure and only he hears the words, “Your faith has saved you.” The psalm and Timothy remind us that salvation involves justice, kindness, and faithfulness and forever links us with Jesus. In a world as broken as ours, both healing and salvation are necessary. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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# 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



**SECULAR FRANCISCANS . . .** Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We would be happy to meet with you to share about the Franciscan journey. We meet the 4th Saturday each month at 12:00 noon in the Adult Education Building. Please contact Stephen Farlow, OFS at (936)355-1855.

**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 [sefarlowsd@gmail.com](mailto:sefarlowsd@gmail.com) or at (936)355-1855.

**Silent Discernment Retreat for Single Young Adults ages 18-40 November 23** – Silent Discernment Retreat for single men and women ages 18-40 who are seriously discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood and consecrated religious life. This is an opportunity to set aside some time of silence to listen to the voice of God in your life. Learn more about the St. Ignatius' Discernment of Spirits following Fr. Gallagher's book "The Discernment of Spirits." Lunch and opportunities for spiritual direction are included. Telephone interview required for registration; \$20 registration fee, scholarships available; space limited. Deadline to register Nov. 15. Retreat to be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill, For information, go to: <http://www.houstonvocations.com/silentretreat>

**Discover the Road Less Traveled Fall 2019** A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Meeting dates are November 21 and December 19. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood. Time: 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr., Houston. To register or for more information, visit: [www.houstonvocations.com/gatherings/discover/](http://www.houstonvocations.com/gatherings/discover/)

**Café Catholica Lite** The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church at different locations around the Archdiocese for a talk, followed by time in prayer and fellowship. The next Café Lite will be on Thursday, November 7 at St. Laurence Church (3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX) from 7:00-9:00 p.m., with an optional prayer hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Meg HunterKilmer, who calls herself a "hobo missionary." Her topic will be "A Thousand Paths to Holiness: How the Saints Teach Us to Follow God without Leaving Ourselves Behind." For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at [www.archgh.org/cafecatholica](http://www.archgh.org/cafecatholica).

**Bayou Awakening . . . .** Bayou Awakening is a retreat for college-age young adults (18-25) that focuses on deepening your relationship with Christ. The retreat includes talks, small group discussions, quiet prayer time, Mass and reconciliation. Join us for a great weekend of spiritual renewal! Bayou Awakening will be held on November 15-17, at Christian Renewal Center (1515 Hughes Rd., Dickinson, TX 77539). Cost is \$100 with limited scholarships available. Deadline to register is November 4. Registration information is available online at [www.archgh.org/bayouawakening](http://www.archgh.org/bayouawakening). For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at [yacm@archgh.org](mailto:yacm@archgh.org) or 713-741- 8778.

**Samuel Group for Single Women . . .** Samuel Group is a monthly discernment gathering for young women ages 19-30 who meet for six months to study, pray and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. Held on Tuesdays evenings, 6:00- 9:00 p.m.: November 5, December 10, January 21, February 18 and March 24 Location: St. Joseph Church, Parish Hall, 1505 Kane St. Houston, TX 77007 Special Note: Participants in Samuel Group are not simply committing to attend one meeting a month, they are committing to a journey. This means that, outside of the meetings, they must continue contemplating and working on what they learn during the meetings, including discussing their journey and working with a spiritual director. Program includes refreshments, talks, meditation, adoration, and confession will be available. Registration fee \$30. To register, please use the link: <https://cvent.me/ve4vy>

**BIBLE STUDY . . .** Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page. —St. Jerome

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**ESTUDIO BÍBLICO . . .** Que el sueño te encuentre sosteniendo tu Biblia y cuando reclines la cabeza descansa sobre una página sagrada. —San Jerónimo

# The Fire of Your Love: Suicide

By Will Oliver

According to the National Institute of Health, suicide was the 10th-leading cause of death in the United States in 2016. For those people ages 35 to 54, it was the fourth-leading cause of death, and for those ages 10 to 34 it was the second-leading cause among people ages 35 to 54 (second only to unintentional injuries).

Suicide rates began rising dramatically after 2007, setting off all kinds of alarm bells in the health profession. Many have tried to figure out what was so significant about 2007. That's really not too hard to figure out. Guess what came out in 2007? The Smartphone.

Until about 2012, for decades before, the numbers of suicides and homicides generally trended together. There were usually twice as many suicides as there were homicides. Today, however, there are approximately three times as many suicides as homicides, and the numbers seem to keep going up.

America has also become rather schizophrenic regarding suicide. On one hand, we hear alarms bells being sounded over the increased suicide rates, something deemed to be tragic. Yet, at the same time, more and more states have or are considering "physician assisted suicide" laws. California has to be the most mixed-up state there is because in 2015, by several polls,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the state's citizens wanted physician assisted suicide legalized. It passed in 2016. That same year, they also passed a spending bill for millions of dollars to implement suicide prevention programs. A society that says suicide is "normal," but then goes into crisis mode whenever there is one, is a society that will not last long.

The majority of suicides (90%) are attributed to mental illnesses, especially depression, loneliness, and despair. There are continued reports of ever growing anxiety among Americans, which leads to both depression and despair, and there is the growing trend of an ever increasing number of people reporting to be lonely, this despite all the talk of our modern "social" media. And it is not surprising that with Church attendance down and more and more people reporting as "nones," as in no religion, loneliness and anxiety are on the rise.

The three "isms" I spoke about in this column not long ago, often contribute to this mess. When people no longer believe in right and wrong, but become moral relativists, they start believing that suicide is just simply another choice. Another danger is sentimentalism because people advocating for legalizing suicide often use this to convince people to see suicide as normal by evoking such things as the amount of physical and emotional pain a person was suffering. They do this to play on our emotions in the hopes of overriding our moral sense. And finally hedonism is to blame because it believes life is a series of pleasures over pains, and when there are more pains than pleasures, suicide is seen as a viable option.

In the Catholic Church, suicide is a mortal sin. *The Baltimore Catechism* explains very succinctly, "It is a mortal sin to destroy one's own life or commit suicide . . . and persons who willfully and knowingly commit such an act die in a state of mortal sin" (1274). *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* also explains, "Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the living God" (2281).

Do not be swayed by the "isms" or trust that the "laws" legalizing suicide somehow make it right, rather, have faith in our Lord and put your trust in God.

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## 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.