



# 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 20, 2019*

## STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor  
 Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon  
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 Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE  
 Marisol Urbina.....Administrative Asst.  
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## Mass Schedules

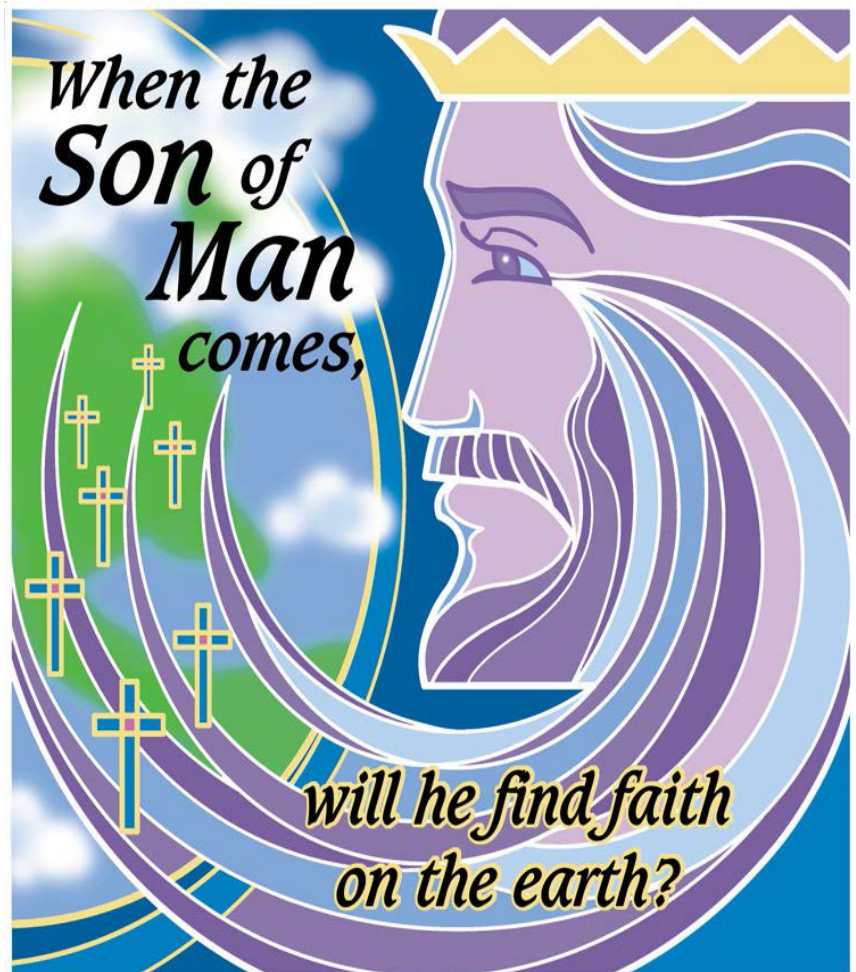
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes	7:15 am

## 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 thanksgiving  
 for the gift of life  
 "Happy Birthday"*

*To  
 John & Jessica Marquart  
 By  
 Cecil Marquart*

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	10/19	5:30 pm	Ted Martinez	
Sun.	<b>10/20</b>		<b>BAZAAR SUNDAY</b>	
		7:45 am	Parishioners	
		10:00 am	All Bazaar Angels (In Thanksgiving)	
Mon.	10/21		NO Mass	
Tues.	10/22	7:15 am	Ken Larson	
Wed.	10/23	7:15 am	Dorothy B. Hillman	
Thurs	10/24	7:15 am	Ellis Milam	
Fri.	10/25	7:15 am	John William & Carmen Heckler	
Sat.	10/26	5:30 pm	Anthony Copersino	
Sun.	10/27	7:45 am	Ken & Marilyn Johnson (52nd Anniversary)	
		10:45 am	Catherine Gabel	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		5:30 pm	CSC	

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

**October 12 & 13, 2019**

**Regular Sunday Donations:   \$7,297.49**

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

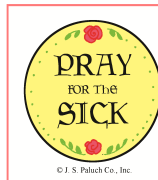
### **FRAGRANT FORGIVENESS**

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. —Mark Twain

## OFFICE MEMO / ANNUNCIO DE LA OFICINA

**Special request . . .** when you come to parish office feel free to just come in, please **DO NOT** ring doorbell.

**Solicitud especial. . .** cuando venga a la oficina de la parroquia, siéntase libre de entrar, Por favor **NO TOQUE** el timbre.



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 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;  
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



**Capital Campaign  
Report as of  
October 11, 2019**

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$1,300,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,388,520.96</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$380,542.36</b>
<b>Number of Pledges</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>Amount needed to begin construction</b>	<b>\$269,547.64</b>

**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 27 de Octubre, aquí en Sto. Tomas celebramos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones** 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.

**Do you like to shop or own a truck or like to wrap presents or just enjoy helping others?**

Those are some of the needs for our annual parish holiday project. Come to an organizational meeting on Monday, October 28 at 6:00 in the parish hall if you are interested in helping in any way with our annual parish holiday project serving deserving families in our community. For information, contact Mary at 295-6935 or [gedelian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gedelian@sbcglobal.net).

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**No es demasiado temprano para empezar a pensar sobre el Día de dar Gracias o Navidad!** Venga a la junta de organización el Lunes, 28 de Octubre a las 6:00 de la tarde en el salón parroquial, si usted está interesado en ayudar con nuestra fiesta anual de la parroquia con el proyecto sirviendo a las familias necesitadas en nuestra comunidad. Para obtener información, póngase en contacto con Mary a 936-295-6935 o [gedelian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gedelian@sbcglobal.net).

**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.

**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.

**That we may be persistent in our stewardship, even when it is not convenient or comfortable.**

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2 It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

**Que podamos ser persistentes en nuestra corresponsabilidad, incluso cuando esto no sea ni conveniente, ni cómodo.**

"... proclama la palabra, sé persistente sea conveniente o inconveniente ..." 2 Timoteo 4:2 No siempre es conveniente ser un buen administrador, especialmente cuando todas las tentaciones de nuestro mundo ocupado y materialista se interponen en el camino. ¡Ahora agreguemos nuestro propio orgullo y ego a la ecuación y vivir un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad puede ser completamente incómodo! Recuerde, Dios no nos llamó para estar cómodos. Nos llamó a ser fieles.

# 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  
10/06/2019 Class/Clase  
10/13/2019 Class/Clase  
10/20/2019 **NO** Class/Clase  
10/27/2019 Class/Clase

### STAY Lifeteen

When/Cuando: Wednesdays/Los miercoles  
Time/Hora: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm  
Where/Donde: Parish Hall/salón parroquial  
10/16/2019 Class/Clase  
10/23/2019 Class/Clase  
10/30/2019 Class/Clase

## Whats-up in STAY

### RCIA—Youth

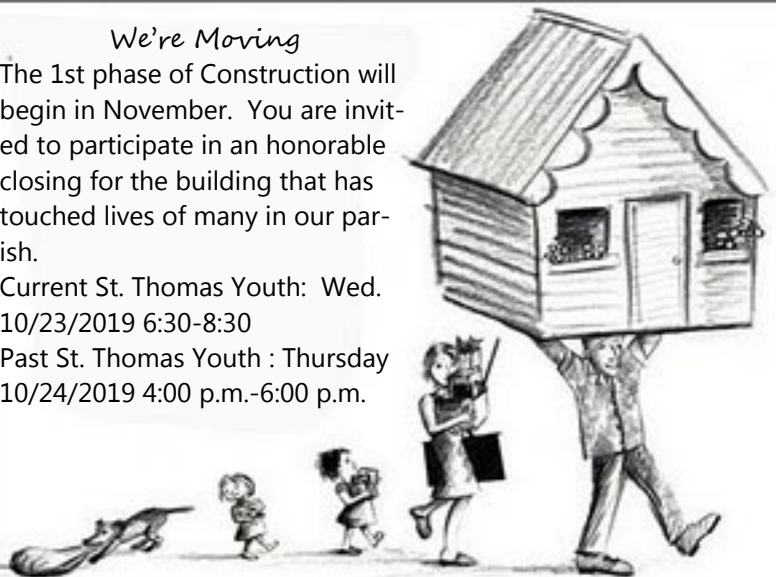
Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance  
and the Rite of Welcoming.

Please welcome: Jose Lugo Varela,  
Vianca Lugo, Victor Mazcorro Soto,  
Jose Mortero, and Luis Soto Salinas  
as they celebrate the Rites with the  
RCIA and RICA adults on 10/27/2019  
during the 10:45 (English) and 12:30  
(Spanish) Masses. Receptions to fol-  
low in the hall.

### We're Moving

The 1st phase of Construction will  
begin in November. You are invit-  
ed to participate in an honorable  
closing for the building that has  
touched lives of many in our par-  
ish.

Current St. Thomas Youth: Wed.  
10/23/2019 6:30-8:30  
Past St. Thomas Youth : Thursday  
10/24/2019 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



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 Hunter-Kilmer, 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>

**Temporary job opportunities with 2020 Census The 2020 Census is taking applications now for positions starting soon.** The 2020 Census has a wide variety of positions requiring various levels of experience and training, offering temporary full-time to flexible part-time positions. English and Spanish (links) flyers can be found here and shared at parish campuses and via church bulletins. For more information, contact Jonah Dycus in the Office of Communications, [jdycus@archgh.org](mailto:jdycus@archgh.org).

## The Fire of Your Love: Candles

By Will Oliver

Recently, after mass, Father spoke about the new electric candles gifted to our church, which made me think of all the beautiful churches throughout Europe, especially in Italy, and how so many of them are filled with real candles—of course they have attendants present throughout the day, so they can do that. This then made me think of all the many ways in which our Church uses candles.

The word “candle” comes from the Latin verb *candeo* meaning “to shine, glow, or burn.” As early as the eighth century, the word “candle” was introduced into the English language in relation to liturgical practices. The most visible candles in church are those on the altar. These candles are a tradition dating back to at least the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM), instructs that:

“The altar is to be covered with at least one white cloth. In addition, on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a holy day of obligation. If the Diocesan Bishop celebrates, then seven candles should be used” (117).

Later, it explains:

“The candles, which are required at every liturgical service out of reverence and on account of the festiveness of the celebration (cf. above, no. 117), are to be appropriately placed either on or around the altar in a way suited to the design of the altar and the sanctuary so that the whole may be well balanced and not interfere with the faithful's clear view of what takes place at the altar or what is placed on it” (307; See also CCC 1154 and 1189).

The altar candles are, of course, for the mass and the consecration of our Lord. After Communion, any remaining consecrated hosts are placed in the sanctuary at which there is always a sanctuary lamp – a candle, usually in a red glass container, that burns to show where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the church.

The other candle of prominence is the Paschal candle. The term “Paschal” comes from the Latin word “Pascha,” which itself comes from the word “Pesach” meaning Passover. It is sometimes also called the “Easter Candle,” because a new one is presented at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, blessed, and lit for first time. It is then lit for every mass throughout the year.

At that service and all Baptisms, those coming into the Church are given a Baptismal candle and the priest will say the following prayer: “You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.”

In the Church, we also have Advent Candles as we look forward to the birth of the Lord, and later, there is the old tradition—not seen much in the Church today—of Candlemas, a procession of candles on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Presentation of the Lord. There are also votive candles for praying to the Saints and Our Lady (such as the recent gift to St. Thomas), and Mexican culture has the beautiful practice of purchasing religious candles (*Veladoras*) that have the image of saints on them or Our Lady of Guadalupe, which they routinely light while offering their prayers for someone.

Jesus himself is the reason why candles are so much a part of our faith, for as he told us: “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

So, in His name light a candle, say a prayer, and bring forth the light of the world.

### LA PERSISTENCIA . . . .

Las lecturas de hoy son acerca de la persistencia, persistencia apasionada. El Éxodo narra una batalla ganada a pesar del cansancio porque Moisés, con la ayuda de Aarón y Jur, mantuvieron sus brazos levantados. Timoteo pide esa misma persistencia de su comunidad y de nosotros. Lucas cuenta un caso de justicia que gana una viuda, a pesar del juez injusto, porque ella no dejaba de acudir a él. El Salmo nos recuerda que Dios está en todos lados, cuidándonos día y noche de cualquier daño, yendo y viniendo, ahora y por toda la eternidad. Las lecturas son acerca de la persistencia, la búsqueda constante e inquebrantable de lo no se debe perder. Las lecturas son acerca de la persistencia apasionada de Dios en buscarnos, buscarnos para ganar nuestros corazones. 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.