



# 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..."

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 27, 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

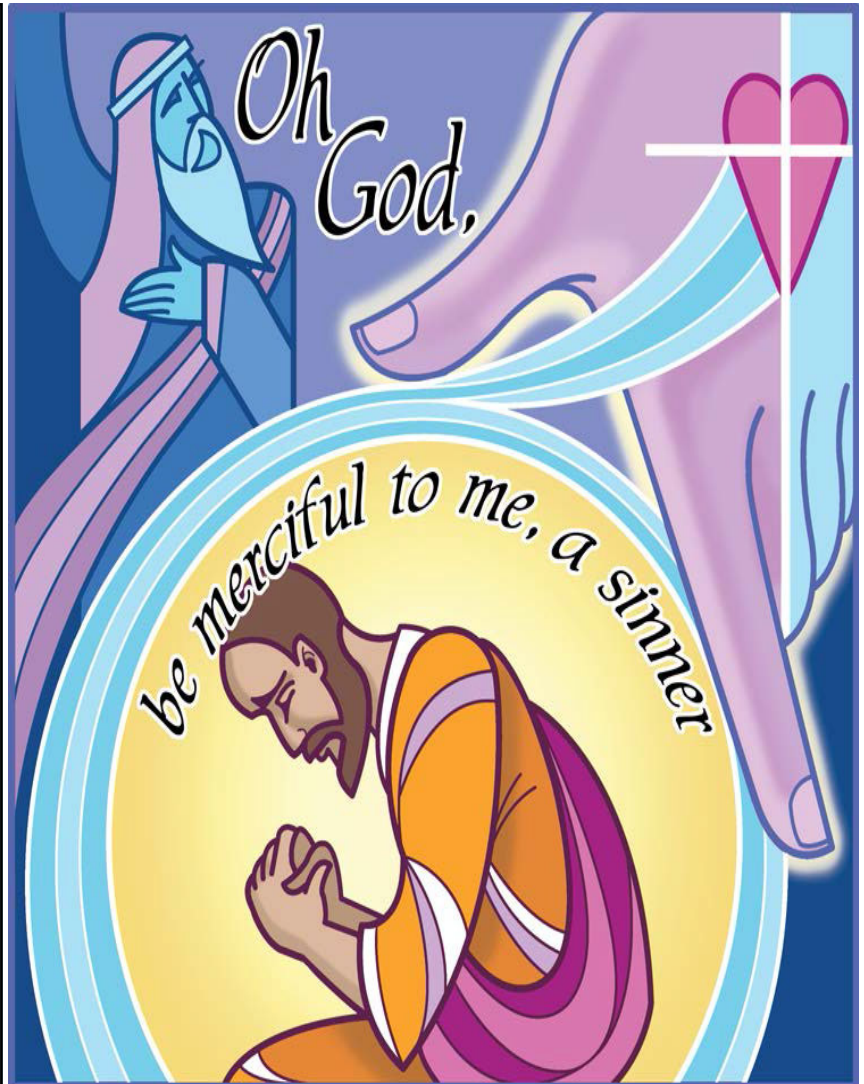
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes	7:15 am

## 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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**ALL SAINTS DAY ...  
 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
 Friday, November 1st  
 Mass at 7:15 a.m. and  
 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

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
Mon.	10/28		NO Mass
Tues.	10/29	7:15 am	Ricardo de la Paz 
Wed.	10/30	7:15 am	Maria Isabel Zavala 
Thurs	10/31	7:15 am	A.J. & Lorraine McGee (Anniversary)
Fri.	11/01	7:15 am	
		7:00 pm	
Sat.	11/02	5:30 pm	Mary Sewaa 
Sun.	11/03	7:45 am	Doris Pasket (Birthday)
		10:45 am	Lewis Bessong (In thanksgiving)
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 pm	CSC

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

**October 19 & 20, 2019**

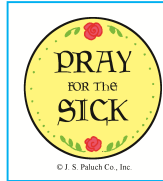
**Regular Sunday Donations: \$5,729.95**

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

## OFFICE MEMO / ANUNCIO DE LA OFICINA

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

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**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, Beatriz Villanueva, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Theresa Wheeler, Alma Williams, Nancy Winkler

## *Readings for the Week*

- Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
- Friday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Saturday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Sunday:** Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10



## MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING UPDATE

On or about November 1, 2019 construction will begin on our multi-purpose building which will take place in three phases. Phase One will consist of the dirt pad, the slab, and the required drainage pipes. Phase Two will be the erection of the steel building and Phase Three will entail the completion of the first floor. The total cost of completing the first floor will be \$1,600,000.00. Phase Four, the second floor, will be finished out at a later date not yet determined. The goal of the building project is to have the first floor totally finished in time for the 50th anniversary of our fall festival in October of 2020.

Simply put, the multipurpose building is being constructed in phases due to escalating costs. At the beginning of the capital campaign the estimate of the building cost was \$1,300,000.00. During the ensuing months an increase in construction costs as well as an increase in permitting fees resulted in a \$2,100,000.00 price tag for our multipurpose building. Facing these costs as well as future construction cost increases the decision was made to complete our building in phases as our finances would allow with special emphasis on the first floor.

The construction of the building will be as follows:

**Phase One** will be the dirt pad, slab, and drainage pipes. This phase will be paid for with the payments on campaign pledges already received. Once the payments on the capital campaign pledges reach the \$650,000.00 mark phase two will begin. **Phase Two** will be the steel building and erections costs. At this point there will be an assessment of the capital campaign collections which will determine when phase three will begin. **Phase Three** will be the total completion of the first floor. The price tag for all three phases completed by October 2020 is \$1,600,000.00. **Phase Four** is finishing the second floor at an undetermined date which will bring the total cost of the multipurpose building up to \$2,100,000.00.

**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).

### UNPLANNED . . . . Sunday, Nov. 10th, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.



At St. Thomas Parish Hall, we will be showing UNPLANNED, the powerful true story of Planned Parenthood Clinic director Abby Johnson's dramatic transformation from abortion advocate to one of the most dynamic and passionate prolife promoters and speakers in America. Earlier this year, UNPLANNED was a stunning box office success that has catapulted the abortion issue into a revealing spotlight and has already changed countless hearts and minds! Don't miss this opportunity to gather for fellowship, refreshments and to be inspired and motivated by this amazing story! This movie is rated R, so it is not likely appropriate for very young children. Admission is free will offering. For more information contact: Stephen Farlow, 936-355-1855.

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. — *Sirach 35:17-18a*

# STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM

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## Welcome/Bienvenido

### STAY Edge

When/Cuando: Sundays/ domingos  
Time/Hora: 9:05-10:20  
Where/Donde: Parish Hall/salón parroquial  
11/03/2019 Class/Clase  
11/10/2019 Class/Clase  
11/17/2019 Class/Clase  
11/24/2019 Class/Clase

### STAY Lifeteen

When/Cuando: Wednesdays/Los miercoles  
Time/Hora: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm  
Where/Donde: Parish Hall/salón parroquial  
11/06/2019 Class/Clase  
11/13/2019 Class/Clase  
11/20/2019 Class/Clase  
11/27/2019 NO 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.

**DEAR PARENTS:** Please note the class location  
beginning the week of November 1, 2019

**Queridos padres:** Tome en cuenta la ubicación de la  
clase a partir de noviembre de 2019

**Sunday/domingo:** STAY Edge—remains in the Hall/Salon  
STAY Homeschool—Parish Office/ oficina  
STAY Confirmation—Parish Office/oficina  
STAY RCIA—Adult Education Bldg/ educación de adultos

**Tuesday/martes:** STAY Sacramental Prep—Adult Ed. Bldg./  
educación de adultos

**Wed/miércoles:** STAY Lifeteen—Parish Hall/Salon  
STAY Coffee with Sts—Little White House/casita blanca

*The day and time of each program remains the same.  
Los días y horarios siguen siendo los mismos.*

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





**Homes Needed to House Volunteer  
for the St. Dismas Retreat at the  
Wynne Unit Prison Farm**

Two couples in Prison Ministry who will be volunteers at the St. Dismas Retreat are looking for homes to stay overnight, Friday & Saturday, Nov. 8 & 9. They will arrive Friday evening and leave early Saturday morning for the retreat at the Wynne Unit. They will return to your home late Saturday evening and leave early Sunday morning for the last day of the retreat and will not return to your home. For more information, please contact Marilyn Johnson at (936)222-0176,

**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 information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at [yacm@archgh.org](mailto:yacm@archgh.org) or 713-741- 8778.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
2019 Bazaar Grand Raffle Prize Winners**

- \$2,500 - Advantage Travel Voucher ..... Jimmy Lovorn
- \$500 - Ward Furniture Gift Certificate ..... Brian Zemlicka
- \$500 - Buckner’s Jewelry Gift Certificate ..... Geraldine Dickerson
- \$500 - Messina Hof Winery Get-Away ..... Maria Maloney
- \$500 - Home Depot Gift Card..... Esther Hudson
- \$500 - Amazon Gift Card..... Bill Ritter
- \$500 - Best Buy Gift Card ..... Felix Buxkemper
- \$500 - Brookshire Brothers Gift Card..... Kyle Heinemann
- \$500 - H-E-B Gift Card ..... Karla Jimenez
- \$500 - Wal-Mart Gift Card ..... Gene Barrett
- \$500 - Golf Package..... Matthew Reddock
- \$500 - Walker Cnty. Hardware Gift Card ..... The Huffs
- \$500 - SHSU Season Baseball Tickets (2) & Gift Card..... James D. Brown
- \$500 - HP 15” Laptop Computer ..... Ruth Devezin
- \$500 - Sears Outdoor Grill..... JP Lampson
- \$400 - Apple iPad (6<sup>th</sup> Generation) ..... Casey Rozell
- \$300 - 43” Vizio HDR Smart TV ..... Vicky Adams
- \$300 - Dinner for 4, 2 Wine Baskets, W. Sandy Creek Winery.....  
Geraldine Dickerson
- \$300 - McCoy’s Gift Card ..... Dorothy Townsend
- \$200 - Marshall’s Gift Card..... Jason Koranek
- \$200 - Four Oil Changes from Team Dodge..... Edna Roman
- \$200 - Cuisinart Outdoor Grill..... Al Losack
- \$150 - 1836 Steakhouse Gift Card..... Michael Franklin
- \$100 - Palais Royal Gift Card..... Andres Mejorado
- \$100 - Craftsman Wrench Set – Sears ..... Casey Rozell

**RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD . . . .** Today’s readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. “The Lord will not delay,” he says. Knowing that God’s help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today’s Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ’s. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# The Fire of You Love: The Siege of Malta

By Will Oliver

One of the best books I have ever read about our Catholic faith in action remains a novel of historical fiction about the Siege of Malta titled *Angels in Iron* by Nicholas C. Prata (Arx Publishing, 2004). If you are interested in a fast paced read, with lots of strategy and tactics in a war based novel, about men with a strong devotion to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, this is a book I highly recommend.

As the back cover copy explains: "The year is A.D. 1565 and the tiny island fortress of Malta, defended by an anachronistic crusading order called the Knights of St. John Hospitallers, is all that stands between the war machine of Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent and the very heart of Christendom.

"Pitifully outmatched and against impossible odds, the indomitable Grand Master Jean Parisot de La Valette nevertheless inspires his knights to 'strike a blow for Christ' and sacrifice their lives to halt the invading Turks at the gates of Europe. What follows is a desperate struggle between East and West, Cross and Koran, faith and despair. Nicholas Prata relates the actual events of the Great Siege in riveting and graphic prose which brings the extreme heroism of the knights and the unimaginable horror of combat sharply into focus."

The way the book is written, one would think this was a well-crafted adventure novel, but what makes this even more amazing is that the story is true. In 1522, Suleiman the Magnificent was trying to expand the Turkish Empire and he had taken the island of Rhodes where the Knights Hospitallers were headquartered. Seeking a new home, they established their base of operations on the island of Malta and began using naval power to keep the Turks from expanding into Christian lands. Suleiman saw the key to conquest as starting with the destruction of the Knights, so with an estimated 35 to 40,000 troops, he set sail for Malta to lay siege to the island nation. The Knights only numbered approximately 2,000, and along with a cobbled together army of Spanish, Italian, Greek, and Maltese soldiers, as well as many citizens of Malta who were willing to fight, they had between 6,000 and 9,000 on their side.

The Grand Master of the Knights, Jean Parisot de La Valette, knowing what was coming, sent a call for help to all the Christian nations for he knew this amounted to a last stand. Meanwhile, the Turks arrived on May 18, 1565, and began their assault the following day. Through a series of attacks, planned retreats, deceptions, tactical genius, iron will, and pure Catholic faith, the defenders held out until September 7, when Don Garcia of Spain arrived with the *Grande Soccorso* ("great relief"). The defenders were down to only a small portion of the castle left defended and it was easier to count the living than the dead. By most estimates, the Christians lost 2,500 soldiers, while more than 7,000 Maltese civilians were killed. The Turks lost an estimated 25 to 35,000 soldiers.

News of La Valette's victory resounded throughout Europe leaving noted author Voltaire to claim, "Nothing is better known than the siege of Malta." It was the beginning of the end for the Turkish Empire. In honor of his successful victory, the capital of Malta was renamed Valletta and still bears his name to this day. If you wish to see Jean Parisot de La Valette's tactical genius and Catholic faith fully on display, this is the book for you.

## LA RELACIÓN CON DIOS . . . .

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a la oración, hacia una relación con Dios. Pues las relaciones se sienten más naturales cuando conocemos mejor uno con el otro. El libro del Eclesiástico nos anima a conocer mejor a Dios. En su sabiduría, este libro nos dice cómo es Dios, justo, de mente abierta, compasivo y atento. "El Señor no tarda" dice. Sabiendo que la ayuda de Dios llega en el debido momento, donde sea que la necesitemos, calma nuestros corazones y nos ayuda a confiar en el Señor. En la segunda carta a Timoteo, san Pablo demuestra su propia confianza en Dios. A pesar de las luchas agotadoras que san Pablo ha enfrentado a causa de su fe cristiana, él alaba al Señor por haberlo rescatado una y otra vez. El Evangelio de hoy nos acerca también a Jesús, revelando su especial amor por los pobres y humildes. Cuando Jesús cuenta la parábola acerca de las formas como los fariseos y recolectores de impuestos rezan, nuestros corazones se convierten tan gentiles como los de Cristo. 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.