



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

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	8:00 am English 10:00 am English 12:00 pm Spanish 2:30 pm Spanish
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes	8:30 am

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Tues/Martes	4:30-5:30 pm
Thurs/Jueves	4:30-5:30 pm

No Adoration at this time
No hay Adoración en este tiempo










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*We wish all fathers a
 Blessed
 Father's Day*

Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	06/20	5:30 pm	All Fathers
Sun.	06/21	8:00 am	Parishioners
		10:00 am	Don & Emily Gallegos 
		12:00 pm	Ramon Sandoval 
		2:30 pm	
Mon.	06/22		NO Mass
Tues.	06/23	8:30 am	For healing of relationships of Steely-Milam Families
Wed.	06/24	8:30 am	Francisco Ramirez (Special Intention)
		6:00 pm	
Thurs	06/25	8:30 am	Jean Stow 
Fri.	06/26	8:30 am	Dorothy Townsend 
Sat.	06/27	5:30 pm	Rita Jane Anthony 
Sun.	06/28	8:00 am	Fidel Valadez 
		10:00 am	Kristee Boscarino 
		12:00 pm	Parishioners
		2:30 pm	

BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD

DSF Report as of June 8, 2020

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$36,880.00
Total Amount Paid	\$32,451.25
Number of Participants	114
Paid under Goal	(\$4,548.75)

Our gratefulness to God weekly offering

June 7, 2020

Regular Sunday Donations: \$8,146.00

*Thank you
for your continued support!*



Janice Andrews, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Beckham Collins, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Julie Delgado, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, Joe Duffy, James Elliott, Patsy Freeman, Mary Gedelian, Floyd Gruppa, Melba & Leroy Hall, Sallie Hodges, Viola Kretschmar, Edwin Laake, Dorothy Laskoskie, Corrina Lawrence, Audra Legler, Daphne Levey, Al Losack, Katy Losack, A.J. McGee, Karen McPike, Sheri McPike, Don Marcotte, Lisa Miller, Michele Miller, Angel Moncada, Wag Donna Moore, Mary Ann Moore, Martin Moreno, Patricia Morrison, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mary Novark, Frank O'Donnell, Dawn & Odell Rachal, Virginia Reed, Bob Riley, Kelly Robinson, Nina Rozell, Andrea Scheel, Ana Marie Santos, Jerry Seaton, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Cheryl Smith, Jerry & Dolores Stavina, Glenn Stewart, Kathy Stoltz, Victoria Torres, Ray & Christi Townley, Gordan Travis, Lois Ubanoski, Gilbert Urango, Enrique Valadez, Maria Elena Valencia, Kathy Vanecek, Matthew Varnum, Kirt Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill & Gaitha Walton, Alma Williams

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 <u>Day:</u> Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



St. Thomas Fall Festival 2020 “Celebrate the Present”

Despite the challenges of 2020, this is an exciting year for St. Thomas. In addition to the construction of our new multi-purpose building and the purchase of the Comella property, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of the St. Thomas Fall Festival (formerly known as the St. Thomas Bazaar).

The effects of COVID-19 have presented a rather difficult time for our local community, including our parish. It will take the joining of many hands to make this year's Fall Festival a day to remember. To commemorate these special milestones, several former Festival chairmen are collaborating to ensure that this year's festivities are memorable for our parishioners and a true celebration of our past and present.

So what can you expect and how can you help?

1. The uncertainty of the next few months presents challenges in planning our Festival. At this time, we are moving forward with the same activities you are accustomed to seeing, and we will keep social distancing and sanitizing in mind as we plan. Although Texas is slowly reopening, restrictions may change during the next few months, so changes to our activities are a possibility.
2. Your chairmen are committed to remaining respectful to our local businesses who have also endured financial hardship, so we will **NOT** contact them for donations this year. We are turning to you for assistance in making this year's Festival memorable and successful. Each month we will focus on donation requests (monetary or goods) for a specific activity/ booth. The bulletin, Parish Network, and Facebook will provide details regarding donation requests. Goods or monetary donations may be brought to the office, or you can place monetary donations in the offertory basket or donate through the Online Giving portal (select Fall Festival from the drop-down box).

June: donations for gift cards (not to exceed \$25 each) are requested for the Mystery Card Booth. Monetary donations received will be used to purchase gift cards.

3. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in early September. In recent years, parishioners were asked to purchase \$50 of raffle tickets. This year, we are requesting a purchase of \$75.
4. To commemorate the Festival's 50th Anniversary and our new multi-purpose building, there are plans to place a time capsule in the new building. If you have any St. Thomas artifacts that you are willing to donate, please contact Lavonne Zaiontz at (936) 661-2405 after 5pm. We are looking for pictures, bulletins, programs, letters, etc....
5. Plans are underway for a commemorative t-shirt. Watch the bulletin, Parish Network, and Facebook for details!

This year has given our parishioners an opportunity to grow in our faith and relationships. As we plan to commemorate these special parish milestones in the months ahead, let us strengthen that growth as we come together to “Celebrate the Present” at St. Thomas.

Lavonne Zaiontz, on behalf of Fr. Fred Valone, Trinell Barrum, Peggy Riley, June Davis, Fred Guillory, Gene & Diana Hunziker, Clarence & Susan Hightower, Mary Gedelian, Charley Sanders, Sable Losack, Daniel Olivarez, and Maria Delgado

Requested Bazaar Donations - JUNE 2020 Donations for gift cards (not to exceed \$25 each) are requested for the Mystery Card Booth. Monetary donations received will be used to purchase gift cards.

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Sto. Tomas Festival de Otoño 2020

“Celebrando el Presente”



A pesar de los desafíos del 2020, este es un año emocionante para Sto. Tomas. En adición a la construcción del nuevo edificio de varios- propósitos y la compra de la propiedad Comella, este año marca el 50 Aniversario de Sto. Tomas Festival de Otoño (anteriormente conocido como el Bazar de Sto. Tomas).

Los efectos de COVID-19 han presentado un tiempo de dificultad para nuestra comunidad local, incluyendo nuestra parroquia. Se necesita la unión de muchas manos para hacer del Festival de Otoño un día para recordar. Para conmemorar estos pasos especiales, varios encargados anteriores del Festival están colaborando para asegurar que las festividades de este año sean memorables para nuestros parroquianos y una celebración real de nuestro pasado y presente.

Que puede esperar y como puede ayudar?

1. La incertidumbre de la planeación de los siguientes meses presenta desafíos en planeando el Festival. En este momento, seguimos adelante con las mismas actividades que usted esta acostumbrado a ver, y continuaremos con el distanciamiento social y desinfectando en mente con la planeación. A pesar que el estado de Texas esta abriendo despacio, restricciones cambiaran durante los próximos meses, los cambios a nuestras actividades son posibilidades.
2. Los encargados están comprometidos a permanecer respetuosos a nuestros negocios locales que han sobrellevado apuros financieros, nosotros NO los contactaremos para donaciones este año. Nosotros estamos buscando de su asistencia para hacer este año el Festival memorable y exitoso. Cada mes nos enfocaremos en donaciones requeridas (monetario o artículos) para una actividad específica / puesto. El Boletín, Parish Network, y Facebook ofrecerán detalles con respecto a requisitos y donaciones. Donaciones de artículos o monetario se pueden entregar en la oficina de la parroquia, o usted puede poner las donaciones monetarias en la canasta de ofrendas en la iglesia o donar en Online Giving portal (seleccione Fall Festival señal).

Junio: donaciones para tarjetas de regalo (no mas de \$25 cada una) son requeridas para el Puesto de Tarjetas de Regalo. Monetario y donaciones recibidas se usaran para la compra de tarjetas de regalo.

3. Boletos de la Rifa estarán disponible para comprar temprano en Septiembre. En recientes año, a los parroquianos se les pedía a comprar \$50 de boletos de Rifa. Este año, estamos requiriendo a comprar \$75.
4. Para conmemorar el 50 Aniversario del Festival y del nuevo edificio de varios- propósitos, hay planes para una capsula de tiempo en el nuevo edificio. Si usted tiene algunos artículos artefactos de Sto. Tomas que le gustaría donar, por favor de contactar a Lavonne Zaiantz a (936) 661-2405 después de 5:00 pm. Estamos buscando por fotografías, boletines, programas, cartas, etc.....

Planes para una playera conmemorativa esta en progreso. Mirar el boletín, Parish Network, y Facebook para detalles! Este año ofrece a los parroquianos la oportunidad a un crecimiento en la fe y en relaciones. Al paso de la los planes de conmemoración en los próximos meses, hay que fortalecernos en crecimiento al unirmos a “Celebrar el Presente” en Sto. Tomas.

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WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Study a family photo. On your family’s behalf, ask Jesus to work in their lives so they will become more like Him in word and deed.



STAY Youth Ministry

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Registration for 2020/2021 Faith Formations K-12

Begins July 1, 2020

Online Registration and Payment will be Available.

Confirmation 2020

The Celebration of Confirmation 2020 is Tentative on September 1, 2020

Confirmation Retreat 6/26-6/28 Location to be determined

Information has been sent out. If your child has prepared for Confirmation and has not received information please contact Kathy (kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)

Digital Celebration of Senior Class

July 18, 2020 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

Information to be sent out to Seniors by July 1, 2020. If you know of a Senior who was not Confirmed at, but is active at St. Thomas please contact Kathy (kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org)

Confirmation 2021—Now Forming

Confirmation 2021 is now forming. Letters have been sent out to those who we have identified. Unfortunately, we may forget some or do not have proper contact information. If you know of someone who will be in the 11th grade 2020/2021 school year, has been baptized, received first communion and desires to be confirmed, please contact Kathy

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



The Fire of Your Love: Books in the Bible

By Will Oliver

The question I get asked most frequently by non-Catholics, particularly Protestants, is: “Why do you pray to Mary?” I think the second most frequent question I get asked is: “Why did you add books to the Bible?” To the latter, I always reply, “The real question is: why did you take them out?” Let me explain.

A Catholic Bible does indeed have more books than the Protestant Bible. Both of them have the same number of books in the New Testament: 27. However, when it comes to the Old Testament, Protestant Bibles have 39 books, while we have 46. Again, many Protestants claim that we added seven books to our Bible, those being: Wisdom, Sirach, Judith, Baruch, Tobit and 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees. In addition, there are two books of the Bible for which we are said to have expanded: Daniel 3:24-90, 13 and 14; and Esther 10:4-16, 24. In the Catholic Church, these are collectively referred to as the deuterocanonicals, while Protestants often call them the “Apocrypha,” which means “of doubtful authenticity.” So, why do we have them in our Bible and are they authentic?

The first thing to remember is that when Jesus was born there was no Bible. The Old Testament books did exist, but they were Hebrew writings, such as the first five books, called the Pentateuch or the Torah. There also existed a lot of debate over which books belonged in the Hebrew Bible. Some, such as the Sadducees, believed that only the first five books of the Bible should be considered scripture. We have also learned of many more debates since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Again, when Jesus was born and throughout his ministry, no Bible existed. And while he was with us on earth, no one thought to write down everything he was saying (why would you if you were in the presence of God?). It was only later that the books in the New Testament were written, but not as a collected Bible, rather as individual books.

In time, with many books written, but no agreed upon Bible among Christians (which only consisted of Catholics), the Church decided to do something about it. A synod, held in Rome in 382 AD under Pope Damasus, set out to resolve the issue of which books belonged in the Bible. The result? It was decided that 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament would be recognized as scripture for a total of 73 books in the Christian Bible. Two more meetings were held to work out some issues, so the Council of Hippo was held in 393 AD and the Council of Carthage in 397 AD, though the number never deviated from the same 73 books. It remained this way for over 1,000 years.

Then, in 1529, Martin Luther proposed a change. He wanted to see the Old Testament canon of rabbinic Judaism adopted, which only had 39 books in its Old Testament. One can only imagine how controversial this had to have been. Still, a council was held to revisit this question. The Council of Trent convened in 1546 AD and after much discussion, it reaffirmed the 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New for a total of 73 books in the Bible. Nothing changed. At least not for the Catholic Church.

Protestants under Martin Luther, on the other hand, decided to remove the aforementioned books. So, the Catholic Church at the Council of Trent did not *add* any books to the Bible, as many Protestants claim. Rather, Martin Luther and his followers *removed* seven books and parts of Daniel and Esther.

The important thing to remember is that until Martin Luther, this was a decided issue. The Catholic Bible we use today with the 73 books is the same Bible that Christians used in the early years of the Church. The Protestant Bible follows the decisions of one man who wrote of his distaste for not only many of the practices of the Church and the papacy, but for certain books in the Bible that he personally wanted to see removed. Given a choice—I’ll follow the early fathers of the Catholic Church any day!

Next week, we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta Peter’s Pence, la cual le proporciona al papa Francisco los fondos necesarios para llevar a cabo sus obras de caridad en el mundo. Lo recaudado beneficia a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que viven en los márgenes de la sociedad, incluyendo a las víctimas de la guerra, la opresión y los desastres naturales. Por favor, sean generosos. Para más información, visiten www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Walking with Moms in Need . . . A Year of Service The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will collaborate with the USCCB beginning in June 2020 on Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service. The program will run in the Archdiocese from June 7, 2020 through June 6, 2021. The initiative is designed to help each parish better publicize resources available for pregnant women and mothers in need in its region and to prayerfully discern how it may begin to assist, or build upon assistance already provided, to women in need. Additional information is available at www.walkingwithmoms.com. If you would like more, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or email jkfritsch@archgh.org.



*Congratulations 1st Communion Students!
Saint Thomas Catholic Church*

*Felicidades Estudiantes de 1ra Comunion
Iglesia Católica de Santo Tomas*

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Wednesday Good News for Young Adults Join us every Wednesday for a short webinar (30 minutes) to enrich young adults in the Houston area. These webinars are designed to give us hope and help us rise during these times. We will cover topics such as relationships, tips to stay mentally healthy, grieving, decision making, resume building, prayer ideas while at home, etc. Every Wednesday we will have different speakers. Register for FREE at <http://Tinyurl.com/GoodNewsYoungAdults> List of topics and dates can be found at www.archgh.org/yacm
Estos webinars tambien seran ofrecidos en Espanol los Jueves.

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