



# 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..."

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*June 28, 2020*

## STAFF

**Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor**  
**Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon**  
**Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M**  
**Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE**  
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**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>8:00 am English</b><br><b>10:00 am English</b><br><b>12:00 pm Spanish</b><br><b>2:30 pm Spanish</b> |
| <b>Monday/ Lunes</b>                          | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday – Friday/<br/>Martes - Viernes</b> | <b>8:30 am</b>   |

## Reconciliation / Reconciliación

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Tues/Martes</b>  | <b>4:30-5:30 pm</b> |
| <b>Thurs/Jueves</b> | <b>4:30-5:30 pm</b> |

**No Adoration at this time**  
**No hay Adoración en este tiempo**












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*The flowers besides the Blessed  
 Sacrament are offered in  
 thanksgiving on their  
 31st Wedding Anniversary  
 By  
 Isidro & Maria Tovar*

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

|       |       |          |  |
|-------|-------|----------|--|
| 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   |
| Mon.  | 06/29 |          | NO Mass  |
| Tues. | 06/30 | 8:30 am  | Isidro & Maria Tovar<br>(For 31st Anniversary)   |
| Wed.  | 07/01 | 8:30 am  | Dorothy Townsend            |
|       |       | 6:00 pm  |  |
| Thurs | 07/02 | 8:30 am  | Rick Wise                   |
| Fri.  | 07/03 | 8:30 am  | Geno Mancuso               |
| Sat.  | 07/04 | 5:30 pm  | Jean Stow                 |
| Sun.  | 07/05 | 8:00 am  | Donna Hebert              |
|       |       | 10:00 am | Parishioners   |
|       |       | 12:00 pm | Genoveva Aguilar Negrete  |

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;<br>2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8;<br>Mt 8:23-27   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13,<br>16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34   |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8  |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;<br>Jn 20:24-29  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt<br>9:14-17 or, for Independence Day,<br>any readings from the Mass "For the<br>Country," nos. 882-886, or "For<br>Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891 |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;<br>Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30   |

## *Our gratefulness to God weekly offering*

June 21, 2020

**Regular Sunday Donations: \$3,830.00**

*Thank you  
for your continued support!*

### **BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD**

**DSF Report as of June 8, 2020**

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Parish Goal</b>            | <b>\$37,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Total Amount Pledged</b>   | <b>\$37,180.00</b>  |
| <b>Total Amount Paid</b>      | <b>\$32,896.25</b>  |
| <b>Number of Participants</b> | <b>115</b>          |
| <b>Paid under Goal</b>        | <b>(\$4,103.75)</b> |

### *Let us pray for the sick*

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, 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

**The Archdiocese has created a webpage of resources to assist parishes in the fight against racism.** The resource page includes a video to the faithful from Cardinal DiNardo, news updates, prayers and educational resources. The webpage can be found here: [archgh.org/racism](http://archgh.org/racism)



## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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

**Does your daily walk mimic Jesus' strides? Leave a trail behind you of people who are encouraged, uplifted, healed, fed, and quenched.**



# STAY Youth Ministry

7th grade—12th grade  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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: Catholic Humor

By Will Oliver

I love humor, all kinds, but good wit and irony are some of my favorites. I even find puns humorous (often called the lowest form of humor), but I prefer malapropisms—they are harder to pull off. When it comes to the Church, I think there is plenty of room for humor. After all, G.K. Chesterton once said, “It is a test of good religion whether you can joke about it.” Unfortunately, most of the humor related to our faith today is either anti-Catholic, anti-Church, or anti-Christian. This I do not find humorous. Still, good Catholic humor abounds.

One place we often find Catholic humor is in the homilies during Mass. Here is one I have heard on a number of occasions: After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, “Thou shalt not kill.”

In the Bible, there is a lot of talk about laughter, such as “Then our mouth was filled with laughter” (Psalm 126:2), there is “a time to weep, and a time to laugh” (Ecclesiastes 3:4), and Jesus taught, “Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh” (Luke 6:21). Jesus did seem to have a sense of humor, though it is not often revealed in scripture. In one case, he made a comment with great imagery that when you picture it in your mind is pretty funny: “Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls before swine” (Matthew 7:6) (Stephen Pastis apparently thought the line humorous enough to name his comic strip after it—one of my favorites).

Some say that there is one example where Jesus may have been having a little fun. On his way through Samaria, Jesus was confronted by some Samaritans who did not want to receive him. James and John said, “Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?” and Jesus “turned and rebuked them” and “they went on to another village” (Luke 9:54-56). This incident may be the reason Jesus called James and John, “sons of thunder” (Mark 3:17).

One of my favorite authors I already mentioned, G.K. Chesterton, had a great sense of humor when it came to the faith to which he converted. “The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies,” he once said, then quipped, “probably because generally they are the same people.” On another occasion, he wrote, “In Catholicism, the pint, the pipe and the Cross can all fit together.” Once, he was told that Catholicism, which resists times and trends, is “dead.” Chesterton replied, “A *dead thing can go with the stream*, but *only* a living thing can go against it.” And to people like that he often made note that, as Catholics, “We have a God who knows his way out of the grave.”

Catholics often like pointing out some of the ironies within our faith, all in good fun. For instance, Catholics are told our theology is all about death, even as we proclaim life everlasting. Or, ironically, Catholics refer to celibate priests and celibate nuns as “Father” and “Mother.”

Finally, it seems even our popes and saints keep a good sense of humor. Pope Leo XIII, once had an audience with a Spanish gentleman, who, filled with gratitude for his chance to speak with the pope, told him, “I thank you Your Holiness for this great opportunity. Just think, days before Pius IX died, he also granted me an audience.” Pope Leo quickly replied, “If I would have known that you were so dangerous for popes, I would have postponed our meeting for a few years!”

Saint Pope Paul VI, once called the convent of the Holy Spirit in Rome. A nun answered the phone, saying, “Hello, this is the Mother Superior of the Holy Spirit.” The pope replied, “I’m sorry, you’ll have to accept speaking with the lowly Vicar of Christ on earth!”

### **Presentation of the pastoral letter against racism “Open Wide Our Hearts: The enduring call to love.”**

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. by Donna Grimes, Assistant Director for African American Affairs, Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB. Webinar ID: 315-694-499 Free Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1046113153613794827>

### **Presentación de la Carta pastoral contra el racismo “Abramos nuestros corazones: El incesante llamado al amor.”**

Miércoles, 24 de junio, en español, 7:00 p.m., por María del Mar Muñoz-Visoso, Directora Ejecutiva del Secretariado de Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia, USCCB. Webinar ID: 293-660-371 Inscripción Gratis: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8365668712346573835>

**THE CROSS AND HOPE . . .** The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.

—Pope St. Leo I

**LA CRUZ Y LA ESPERANZA . . .** La cruz de Cristo es el suelo verdadero y causa principal de la esperanza cristiana.

—Papa San León I

## **CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY**

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

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## **HOSPITALIDAD CRISTIANA**

En todo momento se requiere de nosotros que hagamos decisiones para la acción, informadas por el amor cristiano que es difícil, duradero y útil. Hacemos lo que podemos, y Dios presta atención. Dios se encarga de las recompensas, y un vaso de agua es suficiente cuando es lo que podemos proporcionar con corazón abierto y alegre.

Pablo nos da una teología clara para el trabajo misionero que hacemos cuando alguien está cerca. Nos recuerda que nuestro trabajo, nuestro ministerio, se cumple en coordinación con Cristo. Hemos sido bautizados en su muerte y en su vida. A cada momento, tanto la vida como la muerte están presentes, un juego de intercambio entre sombra y luz. A veces, es difícil diferenciar el margen entre la luz y la sombra. Pero, Dios se encargará de esto, también.

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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)

## **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)

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