

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..."

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 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

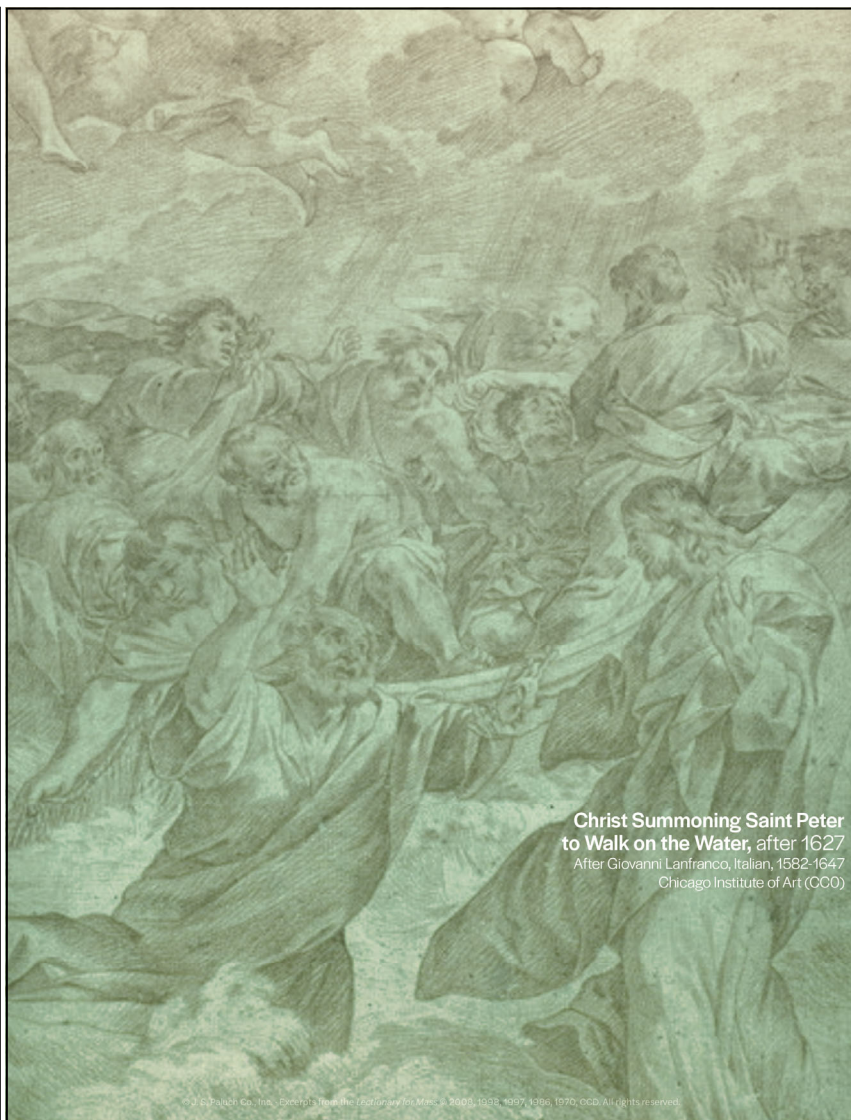
Mass Schedules

Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	8:00 am English 10:00 am English 12:00 pm Spanish
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**









Christ Summoning Saint Peter to Walk on the Water, after 1627
 After Giovanni Lanfranco, Italian, 1582-1647
 Chicago Institute of Art (CCI)



*The flowers besides the Blessed
 Sacrament are offered in loving memory
 Of
 Velma & Shirley Ann Seidel
 By
 David & Darlene Burris*

Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	08/08	5:30 pm	Baylor Bishop 
Sun.	08/09	8:00 am	Evangeline Guillory 
		10:00 am	Michael Moskal 
		12:00 pm	Parishioners
Mon.	08/10		NO Mass
Tues.	08/11	8:30 am	Ken Larson 
Wed.	08/12	8:30 am	Chad Wagamon 
Thurs	08/13	8:30 am	Phil Kernek 
Fri.	08/14	8:30 am	John & Carmen Heckler 
Sat.	08/15	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	08/16	8:00 am	
		10:00 am	Alfred & Shelby Losack (60th Anniversary)
		12:00 pm	Pedro Rodriguez 

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9;
Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103,
111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63];
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-
57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-
27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Our gratefulness to God weekly offering

July 27-August 2, 2020

Donations (Basket or office): \$9,255.00
Online Donations: \$850.00
St. Thomas Mission: \$2,178.00
St. Thomas Mission Online: \$50.00

Thank you for your continued support!

BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD

DSF Report as of July 16, 2020

Parish Goal \$37,000.00
Total Amount Pledged \$37,430.00
Total Amount Paid \$33,625.00
Number of Participants 116

Let us pray for the sick

Janice Andrews, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Phillip Caito, Janet Caywood, Wren Colligan, Beckham Collins, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Julie Delgado, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, Joe Duffy, James Elliott, Mary Gedelian, Floyd Gruppa, Melba & Leroy Hall, Sallie Hodges, Viola Kretzschmar, 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 Williams

To schedule Mass intentions (August-December) please call the parish office.

Para programar intenciones de Misas (agosto-diciembre) por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Keeping our parishioner's safety as a priority, this year's Fall Festival will have a different format.

1. The Silent and Live Auctions will be combined and held online. Details will be provided at a later date. Donations for auction items are needed and will be accepted through Monday, September 28th. Suggestions include:

Group dinner excursions/tours	Wine tasting
Event/Sports tickets	Golf packages
Homemade woodwork	Art
Nursery and landscape items	Statues
Gift certificates for services and/or meals	Pet care packages
Weekend/overnight destination stays	Holiday items
Homemade items (quilts, baked goods, etc...)	Fire pits
Electronics	Spa packages
Signed sports memorabilia	Appliances
Themed baskets (sports, children's, meals, gardening, tailgating, ice cream, etc...)	

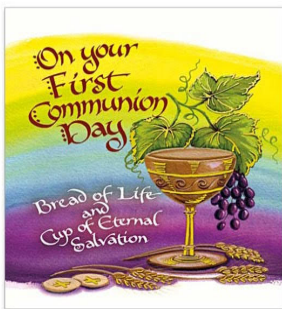
If you have an auction item to donate, please contact Charley Sanders (936-577-0835) or Susan Hightower (713-515-9105).

2. Raffle tickets will be distributed in late August/early September, and the drawing will take place on Sunday, October 18th. In recent years, parishioners were asked to purchase \$50 of raffle tickets. This year, we are requesting a purchase of \$75 - \$100.
3. A BBQ meal will be provided on Sunday, October 18th and will be available for pickup only. Details for presale tickets are forthcoming.

We are committed to remaining respectful to our local businesses who have endured financial hardship in recent months, so we will not contact them for donations this year. We are relying on our parishioners in making this year's Festival a success.

There are still details to finalize and we will keep you posted.

Thank you for supporting St. Thomas.



Saint Thomas Catholic Church Congratulates the following students on their First Holy Communion

La Iglesia Catolica Santo Tomas Felicita a los siguientes estudiantes en su Santa Primera Comunión

Catherine Decker

Estrella del Carmen Leon Garcia

Humberto Ortiz

Alan Steven Flores

Webinar: Help for those facing eviction . . Know Your Rights: Navigating Tenant Challenges during the Pandemic Join this webinar for families and individuals who are facing the threat of eviction due to loss of income resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul., Thursday, August 27, 5:30-7:00 p.m. For further information on how to join the webinar: CatholicCharities.org/tenants



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)

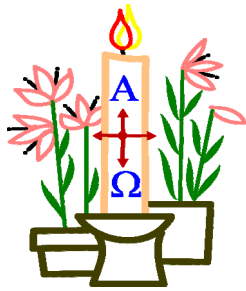
Confirmation 2021—Now Forming

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





**RCIA 2020-2021
Is now forming**

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and is for adults over the age of 18 (no longer high school age) who wish to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
This includes:
1. Those who have not Baptized
2. Those who have been Baptized in another Christian faith
3. Those who have been Baptized Catholic but have not received neither the Sacraments of Confirmation nor Eucharist.
Each inquirer should have a desire to get to know and love Christ, follow the teachings of the Church and the commitment to do so.
For more information, please contact
Kathy Boscarino at
kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org or
at the church office 936-295-8159.



**RCIA 2020-2021
Ahora se está formando**

RICA es el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos y es para adultos mayores de 18 años (que ya no están en la escuela secundaria) que desean prepararse y recibir los Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía)
Esto incluye:
1. Los que no han sido bautizados
2. Los que han sido bautizados en otra fe cristiana.
3. Los que han sido bautizados católicos pero no han recibido ni los sacramentos de la confirmación ni la Eucaristía.
Cada investigador debe tener el deseo de conocer y amar a Cristo, seguir las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y el compromiso de hacerlo.
Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Kathy Boscarino a kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org o a la oficina al 936-295-8159.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.” Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS Después del milagro en que Jesús camina sobre el agua, los discípulos exclaman: “Verdaderamente, tú eres el Hijo de Dios” (Mateo 14:33). Es probable que la mayoría de los cristianos nunca vivan un milagro tan dramático. Igual que Elías, esperamos la manifestación de Dios en otros momentos. Tal vez el más grande reto para el creyente es estar en constante sintonía con la presencia de Dios en los sucesos de la vida diaria. Es una postura que toma años desarrollar. Otros parecen encontrar al Señor con facilidad en las cosas simples. A medida que transcurre la semana, busquemos la presencia de Dios en las pequeñas cosas que nos rodean. Quizás, como a Elías, nos sorprenderá lo que encontremos. Y, como los discípulos, podemos agregar la confesión: “Verdaderamente, tú eres el Hijo de Dios”. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Fire of Your Love: The Four Crowned Martyrs

By Will Oliver

This weekend the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Four Crowned Martyrs. There are actually two sets of Four Crowned Martyrs, with the first set's feast day being August 8 and the second set's November 8 (I'll have a column on the second set that weekend). The two sets are intricately linked with each other, though oddly it was the second set that was recognized first, thus giving rise to awareness of the first set—it is a complicated story.

The second set of Four Crowned Martyrs were killed by order of the Roman Emperor Diocletian (284 – 505). The first set was martyred two years later, and, it was deemed they would be buried with the second set and so be venerated together. This first set came to be known first through Catholic oral tradition, and later recorded in such sources as *The Passion of St. Sebastian* and *The Golden Legend*.

According to *The Passion of St. Sebastian*, these four men were soldiers in the Roman Army during the reign of Emperor Diocletian (284 – 305 A.D.). They were said to be *cornicularii*, or military clerks in charge of their regiment's paperwork. Requested to make a sacrifice to the god Aesculapius, the god of medicine, they refused because they were Christians. This refusal resulted in the emperor ordering their executions.

It was *The Golden Legend* that first recorded their names when Jacobus de Varagine wrote, "The Four Crowned Martyrs were Severus, Severianus, Carpophorus, and Victorinus, who were beaten to death with leaded scourges by order of Diocletian." Their bodies were first buried in the sandpits located at "the third milestone on the Via Labicana," which starts near the Coliseum and traveled outside of the city to the area where the catacombs are located. The sandpits were where the bodies of the Christian faithful were essentially dumped for they could not receive proper Christian burials under Emperor Diocletian.

After Diocletian abdicated the throne, Constantine became emperor and the persecution of Christians ceased. Pope Miltiades (311-314 A.D.) had the remains of both sets of martyrs moved to the cemetery of Santi Marcellino e Pietro. Then, as *The Golden Legend* states, Pope Miltiades "decreed that the former four should be honored under the names of the latter five, and should be called the Four Crowned Martyrs" (the second set is actually five people, not four—I told you this was confusing).

A basilica was constructed in the fourth and fifth centuries to honor the Four Crowned Martyrs, and is located on the Caelian Hill between the Coliseum and San Giovanni in Laterano (Saint John Lateran). The latter church, being the first seat of the Holy See, was also ordered built by Pope Miltiades, who was prolific in building churches because of the changes in Rome under Emperor Constantine. The bodies of the Four Crowned Martyrs are entombed in four sarcophagi located in this church's crypt.

If their story is not confusing enough, their actual feast day faces the same problem. Originally, the two sets were venerated together on November 8. However, some dioceses began celebrating the first set on August 8 and the second set on November 8, which became a common practice throughout Christendom. Over time, many argued both sets should be venerated on the date Pope Miltiades had originally established: November 8. Still, the *Roman Martyrology* today gives the first set, the soldiers, the feast day of August 8, and the sculptors November 8. So, on this feast day of The Four Crowned Martyrs we will recognize the four soldiers who gave their lives in defense of their faith.

Stewardship Reflections

That we respond obediently to God's call and have the confidence to walk on water. "He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." Matthew 14:29 When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Reflexiones de Mayordomía

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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.

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

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

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