

# 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..."

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* *August 30, 2020*

**STAFF**

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor  
 Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon  
 Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M  
 Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE  
 Marisol Urbina.....Administrative Asst.  
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 Jill Baker.....Nursery Coordinator  
 Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper  
 Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary  
 Laura Puente.....Custodian



*Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. — Romans 12:2*

**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



**IMPORTANT OFFICE MEMO /  
 NOTA IMPORTANTE DE LA OFICINA**

Mass Schedule beginning weekend of September 5 & 6  
 Horario de Misas a partir del 5 y 6 de septiembre

Saturday as usual / sabado como de costumbre . . 5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday / domingo: 7:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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The Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass will begin on September 13  
 Misa del domingo de 5:30 p.m. comenzará el 13 de septiembre

## Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	08/29	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	08/30	8:00 am	
		10:00 am	Hayden D'Agrella ✝
		12:00 pm	José Guadalupe De Leon ✝
Mon.	08/31		NO Mass
Tues.	09/01	8:30 am	Farfan Family (Special Intention)
Wed.	09/02	8:30 am	Tom & Erin Degnan (Special Intention)
Thurs	09/03	8:30 am	For all her children & Grandchildren
Fri.	09/04	8:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	09/05	5:30 pm	Taylor Brauneis (Birthday)
Sun.	09/06	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:30 am	San Juana Alvarado ✝
		12:00 pm	Otilia Carreño Godinez ✝

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102;  
Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14;  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;  
Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21;  
Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-20

## *Our gratefulness to God weekly offering*

**August 24-30, 2020**

**Donations (Basket or office): \$7,340.00**

**Online Donations: \$513.00**

*Thank you  
for your continued support!*

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

**DSF Report as of July 16, 2020**

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

## *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 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, Shirley Strubing, Rose Stuber, 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 (September-December) please call the parish office.**

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



# ST. THOMAS FALL FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are now available and will be distributed as noted below. Parishioners are encouraged to purchase or sell \$75 - \$100 of raffle tickets. Twenty-five (25) prizes with a value of \$300 - \$500 each are available.

To accommodate those who are not attending mass, raffle tickets can be picked-up as scheduled below. No need to get out of your car! Drive by the Parish Hall doors, and a parishioner will hand the tickets to you.

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12pm (drive-through)

Weekend of August 29<sup>th</sup>: after each mass

Weekend of September 5<sup>th</sup>: after each mass

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: 5pm – 6pm (drive-through)

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>: 12pm - 1pm (drive-through)

Weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup>: after each mass

## VIRTUAL AUCTION

Donations for the virtual auction are needed and will be accepted through Monday, September 28th.

Parish organizations are encouraged to donate a basket. Suggestions include:

Homemade canned jams/jellies/salsas

Homemade decorated cakes

Group dinner/ wine tasting excursions/tours

Event/Sports tickets

Homemade woodwork

Nursery and landscape items

Gift certificates for services and/or meals

Weekend/overnight destination stays

Homemade items (quilts, baked goods, etc...)

Themed baskets (sports, children's, pet care, meals, gardening, tailgating, ice cream, etc...)

Homemade cakes, pies, desserts

Decorated themed wreaths

Spa packages

Golf packages

Signed sports memorabilia

Statues or artwork

Electronics or Appliances

Holiday items

Fire pits

Need help decorating your basket? No problem! We can help! To donate, please contact Charley Sanders (936-577-0835) or Susan Hightower (713-515-9105).

## SEPTEMBER DONATION REQUESTS

Monetary donations are being accepted for the purchase of briskets to be served with the BBQ meal. Checks can be made out to: St. Thomas. Please indicate 'brisket' in the memo line.

## BBQ MEAL & T-SHIRTS

A BBQ meal will be provided on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 3pm and will be available for drive-through pickup only. Details for presale tickets are forthcoming.

Fall Festival 2020 t-shirts will be available this year for \$10 and \$13. An order form will be available soon in the bulletin and the parish website.



# STAY Youth Ministry

7th grade—12th grade  
kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org  
(936)295-8159 office (936)520-6524 cell  
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## 2020-2021 Faith Formation Begins Sunday September 13, 2020

2020-2021 la formación en la fe comienza el domingo 1 de septiembre de 2020

All classes are online for the Fall/Todos las clases están en línea en el otoño

EDGE (7th –8th grade) Sundays 9:00-10:15

EDGE (7-8 grado) Domingos de 9:00 a 10:15

LIFETEEN (9th–12th grade) Wednesdays begins September 16th from 6:30-8:30

LIFETEEN(9-12 grados) Los miércoles comienzan el 16 de septiembre de 6:30-8:30

### REGISTER

Online at <https://saintthomashuntsville.org>

Onsite: Parish Hall: Wed. 8/26 from 11:00-1:00

Onsite: Parish Hall Thurs. 9/3 from 4:00-6:00

♥ Please call the office to reserve a time for onsite Registration. Masks and distancing required

### REGISTRARSE

En línea en: <https://saintthomashuntsville.org>

En el sitio: Salón parroquial miércoles 26 de Agosto de 11–1

En el sitio: Salón parroquial, Jueves 3 de septiembre de 4-6

♥ Llame a la oficina para reservar una hora para el registro en el sitio. Require mascararas y distanciamiento



*Encourage one another and build one another up.*  
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nians 5:11

## CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE – DONORS

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, 9/12/20

**WHERE:** First PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1801-19<sup>TH</sup> ST. (across from Gibbs)

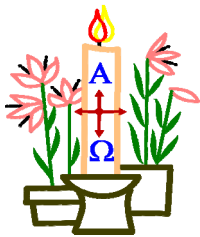
**TIME:** 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**REQUIRED:** APPOINTMENT, Face Mask,  
Distancing  
Sanitizing will be available

**PARKING and ENTRANCE** in back of Church.

Because only appointments are honored, no need to come early – NO WALK IN'S. It should NOT take more than an hour without Walk In's. At this time, open appointments begin 9:45 AM.

Cheryl Cummings 936-581-0451 &/OR Karen McPike 936-661-6540 will be glad to make an appointment for you OR YOU can make your own appointment. WILL NEED FOOD to go with the Chicken. ST Ladies will buy for Workers Lunch. SIGN-UP SHEETS OUTSIDE CHURCH



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](mailto: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](mailto:kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org) o a  
la oficina al 936-295-8159.

**THE CROSS OF JESUS . . .** The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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## The Fire of Your Love: Progressivism

By Will Oliver

Dear Students,

I wanted to take a few of these columns to wish you well in your academic pursuits this fall, and to give you a little fair warning about some of the issues you might face as a Catholic. Last week, I wrote of the one problem arising out of Multiculturalism, and this week, I want to address the issue of Progressivism.

The term Progressivism is the support and advocacy for social reform and change. More specifically, it advances the notion that we should always be moving forward, always embracing what is new, while eschewing that which is old. There is a false belief—really a snobbery—built into this, however, and that is the notion that anything new and modern is superior, more reliable, truer, or simply better than anything old. That is a fallacy. Many things that are new are inferior to things that are old. My wife and I bought a new washing machine in 2017. It was new, but it was not better. It did not clean our clothes. Many people became convinced that whole language instruction for children was better than phonics because it was the latest idea. Research overwhelmingly suggests that is not the case. And every time software gets updated, it does not mean it gets better (Remember Windows 8?).

Despite most secular rhetoric today, The Catholic Church is one of the most progressive religions in the world. It has had a long history of engaging in science, protecting human rights on the basis of sex, race, and ethnicity, and most recently, under Pope Francis, has demonstrated concern for the environment. Evidence for this progressive nature abounds. Vatican II declared that one of the important tasks of the Church is “reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel,” which is progressive. Not long after that, Pope Paul VI writing in March of 1967 in his encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Progress of the People), opened with this statement: “The progressive development of peoples is an object of deep interest and concern to the Church.”

So, if the Church is for Progressivism, how can this be a problem? It is a problem because Progressivism cannot come at the expense of our Lord’s teachings. For instance, God instructed us “You shall not kill” and Jesus reinforced this teaching during his ministry on earth. So, when modern science allowed for the practice of abortion, The Church had to read the signs of the time (pro-abortion) and interpret them in the light of the Gospel, “You shall not kill.” The Church reaffirmed the belief that all life is sacred and therefore abortion is a violation of the Fifth Commandment. That which is new, (pro-abortion) is not always better.

Academic research often touts that which is new (or that which is newly researched) is what is best, most true, and most accurate. From a moral standpoint, that has to be weighed against our faith, in order to ensure that we get to Heaven by doing what is right, not what is modern, especially when the modern thing is evil. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is pretty clear on this: “The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and Resurrection. The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from Heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world” (CCC 677).

Translation: we don’t get to Heaven by being progressive, we get to Heaven by doing God’s will and following His commandments. Go and learn and increase your knowledge, just don’t fall prey to the evils of Progressivism—and keep the faith!

**LA CRUZ DE JESÚS . . . .** La percepción de una cruz cambió dramáticamente después de la crucifixión de Jesús. Antes de ese suceso, la muerte en una cruz no era tan solo horrible, sino que era degradante. Era un castigo reservado únicamente para los más horrendos criminales. La palabra “gloria” no habría hallado su lugar en una oración que contuviera la palabra “cruz”. Mas todo esto cambió con Jesús. Con el pasar del tiempo, los creyentes comenzaron a venerar y a honrar la Cruz. La pintaron, esculpieron, y tallaron imágenes de la misma. Muchos perdieron su vida por asociarse con ella. Hoy nuestra reverencia y relación con la cruz poco recuerda el desprecio al que originalmente estuvo asociada. Con el curso de los años, es nuestra percepción de la Cruz la que determina cómo seguimos a Jesús.  
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**Dejen que una nueva manera de pensar los transforme internamente, para que sepan distinguir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, es decir, lo que es bueno, lo que le agrada, lo perfecto.**

— Romanos 12:2

### 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](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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