



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish JULY 12, 2026

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Pastoral Associates

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES - CHURCH

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.,

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES - CHAPEL MONDAY - SATURDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary 7:15 a.m.

Mass 8:00 a.m.

Adoration Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED IN
PERSON OR BY PHONE OR EMAIL IF DESIRED**

**RENTAL, UTILITY OR GROCERY
ASSISTANCE**—Contact our St. Vincent de Paul
Conference 577-8780, x 171

CONFESSIONS

Tues., Thurs. before Mass; ~~Wednesday after Mass~~
Chapel

4:00 - 4:45 Saturdays Church

PARISH OFFICE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Telephone 577-0503

A complete Parish staff listing,
including phone numbers and email addresses,
can be found on the second to last page.

BAPTISMS (Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.)—Please
contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES—Please call the Parish Office at least
six months in advance to begin preparations.

FUNERALS—Please call the Parish Office, x109

We, the faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, commit ourselves to leading others to Christ by the lives we live each day. As intentional Roman Catholic Christians, our lives are centered and grounded in Christ in word, sacrament and action. We further commit ourselves to fulfill our personal call to holiness and discipleship thus reflecting the life and love of Christ in the world.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50 /Mt 10:34-11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48 /Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94 /Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102 /
 Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38 /Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10 /Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86 /
 Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

July 12, 2026

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Gratitude is an appropriate response to hearing the parable in this Sunday's gospel - Matthew 13:1-23. Jesus talks about a sower whose seed lands on the rich soil as well as seed landing on the footpath, on rocky ground, and among thorns. He explains that the word of the kingdom produces good fruit when it lands on good soil. The other ground conditions are not productive.

Yet, that is why gratitude is a good response to this parable. The farmer in the gospel is lavish with the seed, since he represents God who is always generous with his gifts. Everyone is beloved by God, even when they may not understand they are loved (seed on the path) or when they are beset by worldly anxiety (seed among the choking thorns) or when they are discouraged by tribulations (seed in the rocky ground). Thank God that he pays attention to all of us, not just those who are already "good soil."

This is where (like all analogies) the parable limps. Paths, thorns, and rocks don't possess the ability to change, but people do. With attention and effort we can dispose ourselves to receive God's grace. His word, his love can grow in us producing good fruit.

And if you are reading this, you can be the sower of God's word through the Walk With One process. Read about it at <https://statucson.org/walk-with-one> on the parish website. Briefly, the four steps are:

Identify someone in a spirit of humility.

Intercede in prayer for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit.

Connect with the person in Eucharistic friendship.

Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her (perhaps Tuesdays in Alpha in September).

The beautiful thing about this parable is that we can sow seeds lavishly like the farmer. God's grace is abundant. We do not have to worry about being successful. Grateful that we have received the Word, in simple goodness we participate in sharing God's love.

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,
 Father Pat

*Inputs for Bulletin [Email elacomb@diocesetucson.org]
 For July 26 are due July 15 ** Note Changes ***



JULY 11-JULY 19

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	- Jim Pratt † - Carlos Corona Podesta†
Sunday 7/12	7:30 a.m.	- For the People of St. Thomas
	9:30 a.m.	- Teodoro Tolentino † - Shirley Johnson †
	11:30 a.m.	- Socorro Boubion - Emerson & Therese Langham
	5:00 p.m.	- Arthur Bonu † - Barnabus Bonu †
Monday	8:00 a.m.	- Herbert Day † - Kurt Cummings †
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	- Deborah J. Higgins † - Maria Fleischmann †
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	- Francisco A. Gracia † - Ricardo Amaya Valenzuela †
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	- Josephine D'Ambra † - Onyria McElroy †
Friday	8:00 a.m.	- MaryLou Whalen † - Joan Skinker †
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	- Concepcio Quinonez † - Jesus Garcia †
	5:00 p.m.	- Frank Ott † - Babs & Marty Ronstadt †
Sunday 7/19	7:30 a.m.	- Mario Antonio Lopez † - Refugia Gutierrez †
	9:30 a.m.	- For the People of St. Thomas
	11:30 a.m.	- Bill Graney † - Matthew Powell †
	5:00 p.m.	- Jacob Guerrero † - Beatrice Figueroa †

† deceased

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

COMMUNION CHANT: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.



Saturday, July 11	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Samuel
Sunday, July 12	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
	11:30 a.m.	Fr. Pat
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pat
Monday, July 13	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pat
Tuesday, July 14	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Samuel
Wednesday, July 15	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Samuel
Thursday, July 16	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
Friday, July 17	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
Saturday, July 18	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pat
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Samuel
Sunday, July 19	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Pat
	11:30 a.m.	Fr. Pat
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Samuel

Subject to change

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest



READINGS - 970



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

Blood Drive
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Hall
5150 N. Valley View Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85718

TODAY - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

SUNDAY, JULY 12 BLOOD DRIVE /FOOD BANK SUNDAY

7:30 a.m.	-Blood Drive	Parish Hall
1:00 p.m.	-Bishop Barron's Catholicism.....	Parish Hall
1:00 p.m.	-Bible Study for Teens	Room 9
3:00 p.m.	-Life Teen Choir.....	Church
4:00 p.m.	-Outdoor Communion.....	Courtyard
6:15 p.m.	-Bible Study	Parish Hall

MONDAY, JULY 13

7:15 a.m.	- <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Daily Mass [Monday - Saturday]</i>	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	-Book Club	O'Leary Hall
6:15 p.m.	-Endow - Young Adults	Room 10

TUESDAY, JULY 14

8:30 a.m.	-Men's Discussion Series	Room 7
9:00 a.m.	-Endow	Room 6
9:00 a.m.	-"Chinese" Mahjong.....	O'Leary Hall
11:00 a.m.	-Spanish Rosary	Chapel
1:00 p.m.	-Casual Bridge.....	O'Leary Hall
6:00 p.m.	-Beatitudes.....	Room 9
6:15 p.m.	-Endow-Evening.....	Room 7

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 RE OFFICE CLOSED/PARISH OFFICE OPEN 9-4

8:30 a.m.	-Adoration	Chapel
8:30 a.m.	- NO Confessions after Mass	
10:00 a.m.	-English Grief Group	Room 7
1:30 p.m.	-"American" Mahjong.....	O'Leary Hall
6:00 p.m.	-Bishop Barron's Catholicism.....	O'Leary Hall
6:15 p.m.	-Men's Rosary	Courtyard
7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting	Parish Hall
7:00 p.m.	-Acclamation Choir Rehearsal	Church

THURSDAY, JULY 16

10:00 a.m.	-Facing Life's Challenges (English)	Room 7
6:00 p.m.	-Renewing Your Life with Christ	O'Leary Hall
6:30 p.m.	-Young Adults.....	Chapel/Parish Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:00 p.m.	-Confessions	Church
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SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:30 a.m.	-Coffee & Donuts	Parish Hall
1:00 p.m.	-Bishop Barron's Catholicism.....	Parish Hall
1:00 p.m.	-Bible Study for Teens	Room 9
3:00 p.m.	-Life Teen Choir.....	Church
4:00 p.m.	-Outdoor Communion.....	Courtyard
6:15 p.m.	-Bible Study	Parish Hall

Writing Checks?

Please if you are writing checks - **ONLY** use black or **dark** blue ink.
Thanks for checking your ink!

Our Lost and found is accumulating glasses and water bottles again.

To reunite with your lost items look on the rolling cart in the corridor off the narthex leading to the sacristy.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

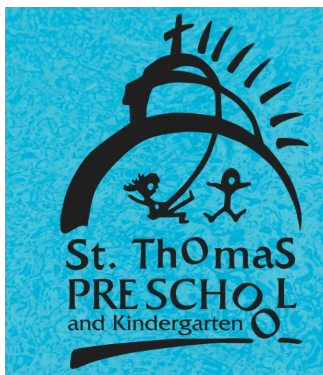
Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

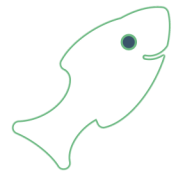
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (Rom 8:18)

Gospel: Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. (Mt 13:17)

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At St. Thomas Preschool & Kindergarten, faith and learning grow hand in hand. Serving Tucson families since 1994 with **children ages 2 through kindergarten**, we offer a nurturing, joy-filled environment where every child is cherished and encouraged to shine. Our engaging, faith-centered programs blend hands-on discovery with a strong academic foundation—preparing little learners to step into kindergarten with confidence, curiosity, and kindness.

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Schedule your personal tour today and discover why so many Tucson families call St. Thomas their second home.

WWMIN/Hands of Hope of Hope Donation Drive

Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you.

Through your amazing generosity and God's grace, St. Thomas parishioners donated to *Hands of Hope* both *online* through the Amazon baby registry and *physically brought to the church* the items noted in the image provided by *Hands of Hope*.



Thank You
Note from
Hands of Hope

This was the first ever June drive sponsored by our parish *Walking with Moms in Need* (WWMIN) group.



Ministry Needs - Do you attend the 5pm Sunday Mass ?

We are currently in need of people to help be ministers of hospitality at the 5pm Sunday Mass.

Ministers greet people, answer questions and pass the baskets. They also allow people that are new to the parish to see someone as the face of the church.



— CALLING ALL — PHYSICIANS

IN THE DIOCESE OF TUCSON



Join Us for the Annual

White Mass



Are you a physician
practicing in the
Diocese of Tucson?



ST. LUKE
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OF PHYSICIANS

The White Mass celebrates and supports those who care for the sick and suffering through the healing professions. Traditionally held near the Feast of **St. Luke the Evangelist, patron saint of physicians**, this Mass offers an opportunity to seek God's guidance, receive a blessing for your work, and gather in fellowship with other Catholic healthcare professionals.

We would be honored to recognize and pray for you at this year's White Mass, a special Catholic liturgy dedicated to healthcare professionals.

THIS MASS IS FOR:



PHYSICIANS



NURSES



PHARMACISTS



MEDICAL
STUDENTS



HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS



A dedicated time to pray for God's guidance and to bless the vital work you do to care for the sick.



IF YOU ARE A PHYSICIAN IN THE DIOCESE OF TUCSON
AND WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S WHITE MASS,
please contact:



Elizabeth Bollinger
ebollinger@diocesetucson.org



"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40



Introducing 2026 Fall Alpha
Tuesdays
September 8 - November 10
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Parish Hall

Do you feel called to accompany someone special in your life on a spiritual journey? Is it time to make a meaningful choice to do something 'extra' in your own personal spiritual journey?

Just for now, think about it. And consider **2026 Fall Alpha** may be for you and perhaps for someone you know.

For details and online registration, visit <https://statucson.org/2026-fall-alpha>

From the Pastor...

In 2024 St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners were introduced and guided through a four-stage process of accompaniment that focused on a "heart-to-heart" approach to respond to the following concerns:

*Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus?
How might I invite them forward in their faith?*

Together we learned those steps are:

Identify someone in a spirit of humility

Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit

Connect in Eucharistic friendship

Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her

As the lead-up to our next parish Alpha series continues

(this time **2026 Fall Alpha**) what remains is to do it!

And God be with you...

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Discernment

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul. I adore you.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me and console me.

Tell me what I must do. Inspire me with what I must say.

Give me your orders. I promise to submit myself to you in

all that you ask of me and to accept all that you permit to

happen to me. Let me only know Your will and do your will.

Amen.



ALTAR SERVER *Training*

Answer the call.
Serve with reverence.
Grow in faith.



TRAINING DATES



AUGUST 29TH

SATURDAY

3:00 PM

In the Church



REQUIREMENTS



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FIRST COMMUNION**

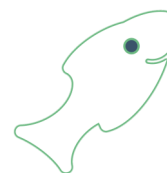


**BE IN
4TH GRADE
OR OLDER**



**A WILLING HEART
TO SERVE GOD
AND OUR PARISH**

COME, SERVE AT THE ALTAR AND BE
a light for Christ!



Core Teams - Life Teen and EDGE

Are you called to our parish Core Team Member Ministry?

Are you interested in serving on either Life Teen or EDGE Core Teams?

Consider becoming part of a Catholic movement that changes lives –

including your own.

For all details including mission, core values, responsibilities and

online registration, visit <https://www.statucson.org/core-team>.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Tucson) — September 4–6, 2026

If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion have left you feeling isolated or strained in your faith, you do not have to carry that burden alone. Sign up now for a confidential, supportive retreat open to men and women. Discover hope, healing, and renewal. Visit www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org. Call/Text: 520-743-6777.

An easy way to manage your contributions to the church is through our website: statucson.org

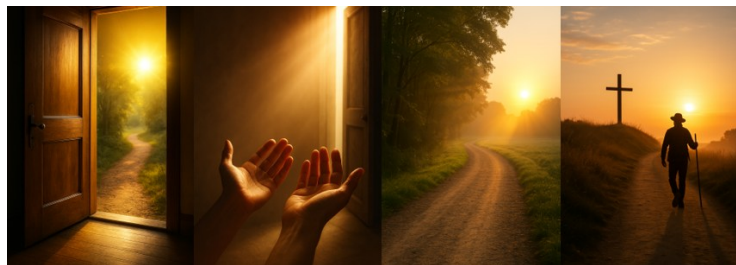
On the home page, you can click on the DONATE tab on the ribbon or you can scroll down and click on the ONLINE GIVING. Both will bring you to the Our Sunday Visitor online giving site. Once you create an account, you can set up a giving schedule. Any questions, please call the office.



2026 The Jubilee of St. Francis

*"...Where there is sadness,
Joy..."*





Renewing Your Life with Christ
First Principles for Living with Christian Purpose
Thursdays June 18 - July 16
6:00 - 7:00 PM
O'Leary Hall

The 2026 RYL series resumed June 18 with the third and final theme - **First Principles for Living with Christian Purpose**. Remember, attend session(s) when a topic resonates with you - though everyone is welcome to attend all!

- *Walking as a "person of the Way"*
 - July 16

For series detail, visit <https://www.statucson.org/2026-renewing-your-life-with-christ>

2026 - 2027 Life Teen

Life Teen is a comprehensive youth ministry program with a strong focus on the Eucharist. The goal of **Life Teen** is to create an environment to lead teens into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It speaks to teens on all levels: emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual.

Life Teen is on a four-year cycle specifically to make sure all high-schoolers can attend all four years of their high-school career without hearing the same exact topics. So, whether a teen has come before or not, have their Sacraments or not, or even if they're Catholic or not...they're welcome to join us for **Life Teen**!

For details including online registration, visit <https://www.statucson.org/life-teen>

2026 - 2027 Teen High School Confirmation Prep

Confirmation is not a crash course in Catholicism! It is not the time in life a teen is choosing to be Catholic for the rest of their life. It is not deciding or confirming one's faith. It doesn't mean a teen is becoming an adult in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church. It isn't a completion of one's religious education and formation in the faith.

For details including online registration,

visit <https://www.statucson.org/chosen-your-journey-toward-confirmation>

St. Thomas'

FAITH & FUN

1 What snack does the Pope like to eat while watching a movie?

Who is considered the first pope of the Catholic Church?

POPE-corn!

2 Can you find all 5 fish hidden throughout this bulletin?

KIDS' PLAY: Find a way out of the maze!

FINISH!

START

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

Report abuse information, diocese of Tucson website:

[Report Abuse :: Diocese of Tucson :: Tucson, AZ \(diocesetucson.org\)](http://ReportAbuse::DioceseofTucson::Tucson,AZ(diocesetucson.org))

ST. THOMAS STAFF

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Altar Guild ..Jill Kennedy990-5042
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Book Club... Katherine Maglaya.....403-0200
Boy/Girl Scouts
..... Laurene Huelsman.805-390-8481
Casual Bridge....Jean Masquelier....661-4440
Coffee & Chats....Jill Kennedy990-5042
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Evenings .. Barbara Hughes440-6240
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Food Bank.. Michelle Bratton548-0584
Grief Ministry
.....Betty Stejskal English990-1318
..Minnis Valenzuela..Spanish.....577-8780x122
Hospitality Ministry.
....Kerry & Tita Massagli443-1442
Knights of Columbus
Council .. Bart Pemberton795-3956
Assembly .Patrick McMahon.....751-1614
Lunch Bunch ..Brian Mathews299-5179
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 “Chinese”....Linda Boyea..990-5408
Marian Club ..Karen Hannon270-8995
Men's Golf .. Tom Hall.....tipsbt@comcast.net
Quilt/Toy Ministry ----**Contact Parish Office**
Seven Sisters....Sonia Hodgins867-1377
Spanish Rosary.....577-8780x122

MUSIC MINISTRY (Mid-September to May)

Matthew Holter,
.....Dir, Parish Choir Sunday 11:30 a.m.
.....music.sta.tucson@gmail.com
Julie Huerstel,
.....Dir, Acclamation Choir Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Matthew Holter,
.....Dir. Children's 1st Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Sam Jimenez,
.....Dir. Laudate Choir Sunday 5:00 p.m.
.....samxavierjimenez@gmail.com
Gregg Reynolds,
.....Organist/Pianist/Harpist

*If you are interested in joining one of the Choirs,
please contact the Parish Office.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—Herman Johannesmeyer (Chair), Hurd Baruch, Karen Hannon, Randy Hannon, Jill Kennedy, Phil Lacovara, Bernice Ochoa, Kate Skasko, Jim Susa & Steve Villaescusa (Staff: Fr. Pat Crino, Dns. Cruz & Sheffer, Erin LaComb)

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St. Vincent de Paul..Greg Natvig971-1449

Walking with Moms In Need.....

Sharon Blairsfblair@me.com

Young Adults..Samantha Leska.....496-0146

Adoration, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Vocations, Funeral Ministry, Ushers.

.....Parish Office.....577-8780

Catechists, EDGE volunteers, Altar servers, Spanish Ministry, VBS volunteers

.....Religious Ed..577-8780,x124

- 1) Call 911 to make a police report.
- 2) If the abuse happens in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- 3) Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 1-800-234-0344 and/or the office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520-623-0344 or 520-838-2513 ****NOTE CHANGES****

CONTACT US:

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Facebook: StThomastheApostleParish

*Confessions are offered: after Wednesday
and before Tues/ Thursday daily Mass
or 4:00 p.m. Saturdays.*



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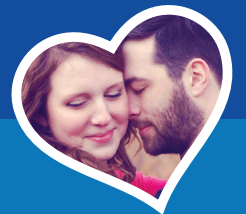
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