



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

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

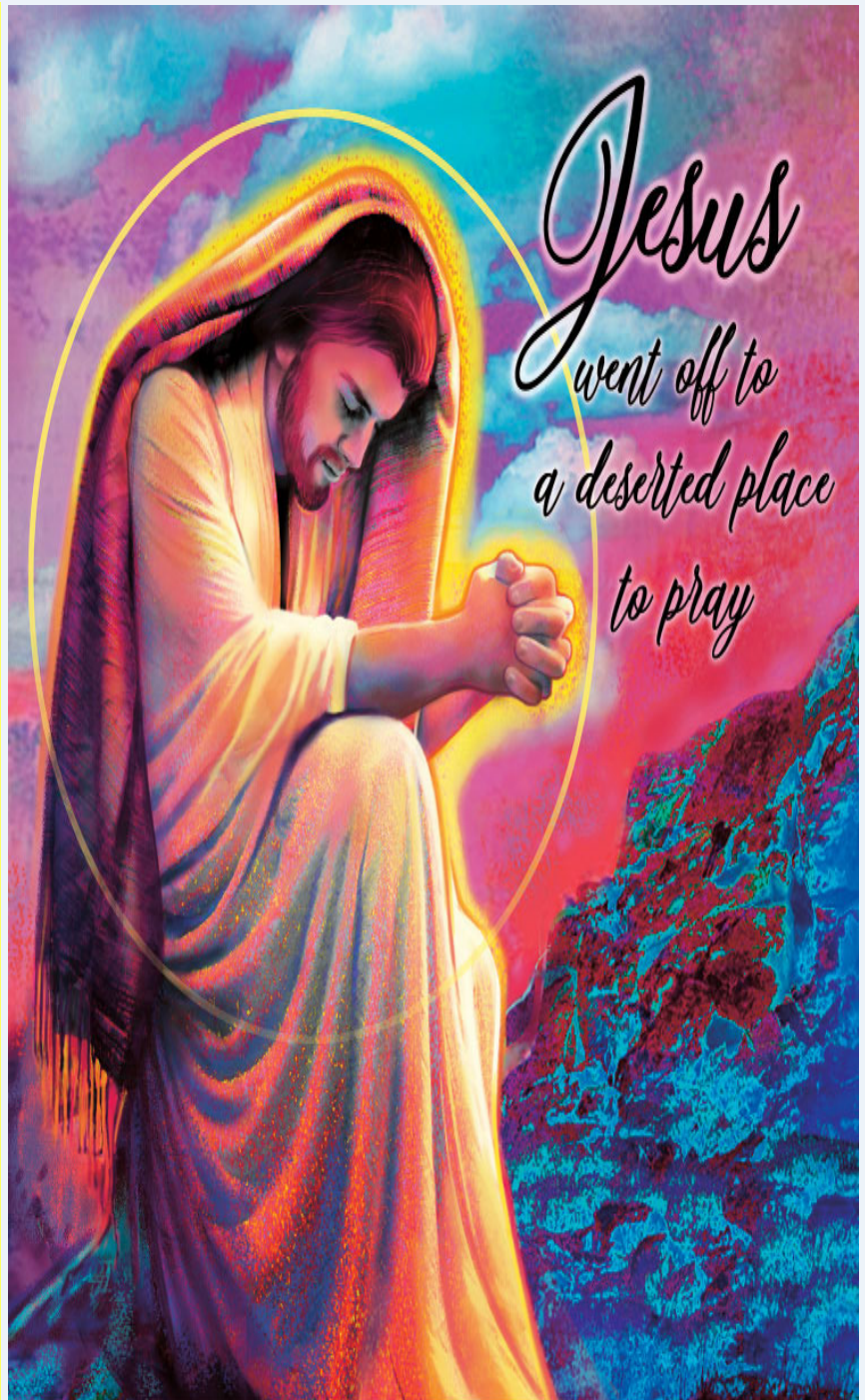
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday; Martes-Friday / Viernes	7:15 am
Friday/ Viernes	

Reconciliation Reconciliación

Tues/Martes	4:30-5:30 pm
Sat/Sabado	4:00-5:00 pm

Adoration/Adoracion

Tues/ Martes	After 7:15 mass. Until 5:30pm
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Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	02/03	5:30 pm	Kevin Smith
Sun.	02/04	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:45 am	Jan Gustafson
		12:30 pm	José Dolores Tamayo
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon.	02/05		NO Mass
Tues.	02/06	7:15 am	Frona Massey (B-Day)
Wed.	02/07	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon
Thurs.	02/08	7:15 am	Delia McGee
Fri.	02/09	7:15 am	Bobbie Stefaniak (B-Day)
Sat.	02/10	5:30 pm	Clarence Hightower (B-Day)
Sun	02/11	7:45 am	Mary (McGee) Miller
		10:45 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Linda Skains (B-Day)
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	02/05	1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13 MK 6:53-56
Tues	02/06	1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30 MK 7:1-13
Wed	02/07	1 KGS 10:1-10 MK 7:14-23
Thurs	02/08	1 KGS 11:4-13 MK 7:24-30
Fri	02/09	1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19 MK 7:31-37
Sat	02/10	1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34 MK 8:1-10
Sun	02/11	LV 13:1-2, 44-46 1 COR 10:31—11:1 MK 1:40-45



January 28th Stewardship

Regular Sunday Donations: \$5,235.96
Church in Latin America: \$1,851.08

*Thank you for your
continued parish support!*

Final 2017 Diocesan Service Fund As of January, 2018

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total amount paid	\$44,198.61
Total amount pledged	\$44,523.61
Paid over goal	\$7,198.61



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, Victor Espino, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Coby Meiner, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Nina Rozell, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kenny Sechelski, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler,



Stations of the Cross . . . 7:00 p.m. (English)
8:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry every Friday
(except Good Friday) . . . 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in
the Parish hall



ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday, February 14

7:15 a.m. Mass (English)
12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (English)
5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (English)
7:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (Spanish)
8:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word (Spanish)

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA Día Santo de Obligación Miércoles, Febrero 14

7:15 a.m. Misa en Ingles
12:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Ingles)
5:30 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Ingles)
7:15 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Español)
8:15 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra (Español)



If any parishioner interested in singing in the Triduum Choir, please contact Rick Reed in the office. This is open to any parishioner, even those not currently active in the music ministry. This will be a 6-7 week commitment, culminating with Holy Week.

Si hay algun feligrés interesado en cantar en el Coro Triduo, por favor contacte a Rick Reed en la oficina. Esto esta abierto para todos, incluso aquellos que ya participan en el ministerio de música. Esto sera un compromiso de 6-7 semanas terminando en Semana Santa.

“Instruments of God’s Mercy” 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Our 2018 Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) begins this weekend in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of the Arch-diocese of Galveston-Houston need your compassion and generosity. Your kind gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire arch-diocese through more than 60 important programs.

This week, all registered parishioners received a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting you to be *Instruments of God’s Mercy*. Pray about your DSF 2018 commitment, then complete the enclosed pledge card and return it via mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass. If you prefer, you may go online at www.archgh.org/dsf to make your donation. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services. Our parish goal for this year is \$37,000.



XLT w/ Father T.J.

When/Cuando: 2/7/2017

Time/Que Hora: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where/Donde: Church/Iglesia

Todo la escuela secundaria y adultos jóvenes están invitados a una noche de “Alabanza y Adoración.” Nuestro orador invitado es Padre T.J. Dolce. El Padre T.J. es Director de Vacaciones para el Archidiócesis de Galveston Houston.

All High School youth and young adults are invited to join Father T.J. in a evening of Praise & Worship and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

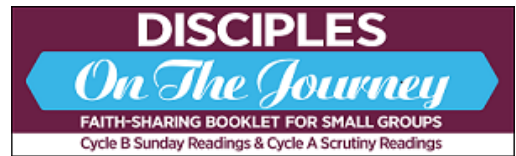
Father T.J. will share with us his story on how he was called to be a priest. We are all called to a vocation—single life, married life, priesthood or religious life.

Please Come!



What's Up in Edge—February 2018

4th(Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
8th (Thursday)	Edge Night 6:00-7:30 Youth Bldg
11th (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
14th (Wed)	Ash Wednesday
16th (Tuesday)	Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8 Youth Ctr.
18th (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
19th (Monday)	Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
24th (Saturday)	Archdiocesan Youth Rally
25th (Sunday)	Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall



Hey Parents,

Here are some Lenten ideas for your family:

- ◆ Spend time each evening, or as often as you can reading and discussing scriptures. Check out: <https://disciplesonthejourney.org/family-teen-download> For daily activities for children of various ages.
- ◆ Take your family to the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights during Lent 7:00 English 8:00 Spanish (Don't forget the Knights fish fry which starts at 5:00)
- ◆ Bring you family to Adoration on Tuesdays—ends at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Bring your family to the Lenten Reconciliation Service which is Tuesday, March 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

S.T.A.Y. Ministry

Youth 7th -12th Grade

Contact/Contacto:

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/Youth Minister
 kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org
 (936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14

Hey Parents,

hungry for a online Catholic magazine?

Check out

Parent Life by Life Teen

@ ltparentlife.com

Find articles on marriage, parenting, family, faith and videos too.

All from Life Teen, All for you, [All Free!](http://ltparentlife.com)



What's Up in Life Teen—February 2018

4th(Sunday)	STAY Confirmation 9:05-10:20
7th (Wednesday)	Lifeteen 6:30-8:30
10th (Saturday)	Valentines Day Fundraiser
11th (Sunday)	STAY homeschool 9:05-10:20
14th (Wednesday)	Ash Wednesday— No Lifeteen
21st (Wednesday)	Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall
28th (Sunday)	Homeschool meeting 9:05-10:20

AYC (Archdiocesan Youth Conference)

July 20-22, 2018

Sign Up Now! Don't Miss It!

¿Are you a high school youth?
 Eres un joven de secundaria?
 Come Join Us!
 ¡Vengan a participar!

***“Thought-provoking statements
about our faith.”***

“We rush mindlessly toward our graves. Filled with myriad desires and activities, we usually walk around in an envelope of thought. We are in the future, preoccupied with details, or captured in the past. In the process we miss the people and experiences around us until it is too late for us or them. Even when we go for a quiet walk, we are often really going out for a ‘think.’ We are so filled with resentments, desires, plans, shame, worries, and feelings of anxieties that we fail to experience the walk. We come home without having seen, smelled, or listened to anyone who crossed our paths.” R. J. Wicks, *Prayerfulness*



**Grammy Award Winning Christian
Music Legend Coming To Houston
Co- Cathedral.**

Houston TX- Christian music legend John Michael Talbot will bring his “lifetime of Music & Ministry” concert tour on Thursday February 8th, 2018 to the Co- Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX.

Tickets are:

\$30 for **General Admission**

\$50 for a **Special VIP Package** that includes preferred seating, early admission to artist's sound check and autographed cd.

The concert is supported by God's embrace ministries and tickets can be purchased online at **www.godsembrace.org**.

For questions and group rates please call the sponsor at 979-561-8883.

DISCOVER THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

**PRESENTED BY: OFFICE OF VOCATIONS,
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON**

If you are thinking about priesthood or religious life come and join priests and other young men ages 18 and up for an evening of great food, prayer, Mass, music and great talking as you discern God's call in your life.

6:30 PM | Thursday | FEB 8th

**ST. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial dr., Houston, Tx
JPII Room 3 RSVP online, Email votions@archgh.org,
www.houstonvocations.com/discover or 713-652-8239**

Stewardship Reflections

That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him. “Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38 In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Reflexiones de Mayordomía

Para que, así como Jesús se levantó temprano para orar, también nosotros podamos encontrar tiempo en nuestros días para estar con Dios y recibir fortaleza y alimento de Él. "Levantándose muy temprano antes del amanecer, salió y se fue a un lugar desierto, donde oró ... Les dijo: 'Vayamos a las aldeas cercanas para predicar allí también. Para eso he venido '" - Marcos 1:35, 38 En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, vemos un ejemplo perfecto de corresponsabilidad. Jesús da su tiempo para hacer todo lo que Dios desea: sanar a los enfermos y predicar. Pero antes que Él comience, Jesús se toma el tiempo para estar a solas con Dios en oración. Es a través de la oración, pasando tiempo con Dios, que encontramos la fuerza para hacer lo que Él desea que hagamos. Asegúrate de encontrar tiempo todos los días para estar con Dios.

Service Project with Young Adults . . Come be the “hands and feet of Christ” with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 17. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The Day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast then head out to serve in teams all over the city. Online registration required www.archgh.org/yacm or call 713-741-8778. Participants can choose from a list of available service projects. \$10 includes t-shirt/breakfast. For other information, contact 713-741-8778. Register online at www.archgh.org/yacm.

Día de Servicio con Jóvenes Adultos . . . Ven hacer "Manos y pies de Cristo" con cientos de Jóvenes Adultos de edades de 18-39 en el Día Arquidiocesano de Jóvenes Adultos día de servicio y oración el sábado, 17 de marzo. Equipos servirán ayudando a las víctimas de Harvey, al enfermo, al pobre, al que tiene hambre, prisioneros, y los inmigrantes. El día empieza a las 8:30 a.m. con la Santa Misa celebrada por el Obispo Sheltz, seguido por el desayuno y saldremos en equipos a servir alrededor de la ciudad. Inscripciones en línea requerida www.archgh.org/yacm 713-741-8778 Los participantes pueden escoger de la lista de proyectos de servicio. Cuota: \$10 incluye camiseta/desayuno.

Ministry Opportunity

Title: Techies

Group of techies needed who are computer and technology enthusiasts knowledgeable and competent in various areas of technology including computers, electronics and software.

Duties would include (based on area of expertise)

- Various projects
- Sound System

Please leave your information at the office at 936-295-8159. A general meeting of all techies is forthcoming.

Other Opportunities:

- Virtus Coordinator

Congratulations to *Jaime Becker* who will take over as Altar Server Coordinator in January

For more information on please contact Kathy at the parish office

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.
—John Henry Newman

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

DISCÍPULOS INCANSABLES

Los relatos que hemos oído estas semanas provienen del primer capítulo de san Marcos y nos muestran el ministerio público de Jesús en sus comienzos. El relato de hoy muestra parte de la tensión y los cambios de su nueva vida que consistía en predicar el Reino de Dios, curar a los enfermos y expulsar a los demonios. Observa que después del atardecer, cuando caía el sol y terminaba la jornada laboral, las personas llevaban a los enfermos y poseídos a Jesús. Al día siguiente se levantó antes del amanecer para retirarse sólo a rezar, pero no tuvo suerte. Simón Pedro y los demás no solo lo buscan, sino que lo persiguen con el fervor que su ministerio ha incitado. Con la misma entrega ejemplar que demostró hasta el final de su vida en la tierra, les dice a sus seguidores que éste es su propósito. Por medio de Marcos, también le dice a la nueva iglesia y nos dice a nosotros que éste es nuestro propósito, nuestra vocación: ser incansables en nuestra lucha por proclamar la Buena Nueva y llevar el toque curador y reconciliador de Cristo al mundo.

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Pornography: Reality in Ministry and Families

A resourceful workshop on ways we can help those we serve through our ministries and how we can equip ourselves and families to live in freedom from the newest addiction. Parish and school staff, clergy and any others interested in this topic are invited to attend. Tuesday, February 13 (9am-2pm) St. Dominic's' Chancery, 2403 Holcombe Blvd. \$30, includes lunch.. To register, call 713-741-8778 or visit www.archgh.org/yacm

The Fire of Your Love by Will Oliver

Back in the mid-1990s, while attending a national Catholic homeschool conference, I came across a t-shirt with an expressive message that has stuck with me ever since. The t-shirt read, "Justice is getting what you deserve, Mercy is not getting what you deserve, and Grace is getting what you don't deserve." I want to address each of these, but I will start backwards with **Grace: "Getting what you don't deserve."**

St. Augustine addresses the topic of grace in his writings, saying that because we as humans are weak, it is only through God's grace that we can achieve true happiness. St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, also advances this belief when he writes, "I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:9-10).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 1996-2000) explains that there are different types of grace: **Sanctifying grace** which allows us to live in a state of holiness, beginning with our baptism; **Habitual grace** which allows us to live and act in a state of grace; **Actual grace** which is God's intervention to help us in acts of faith, hope, and charity; and **Divine grace** which is a gift of God to remove our sins.

St. Paul also teaches that God gives each of us a different gift and "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness" (Romans 12: 6-8).

God's grace is a beautiful thing, but it is truly getting what we don't deserve.