



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..."

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 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

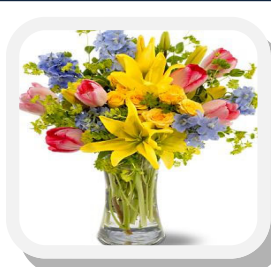
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes	7:15 am

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

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

Adoration/Adoración

Tuesday / Martes	After 7:15 am Mass until 5:30pm
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*The flowers besides the Blessed
 Sacrament are offered in loving memory
 Of
 Bob & Charles Massey
 By
 Frona Massey*

Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	01/25	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	01/26	7:45 am	
		10:45 am	Paul Jude Dufour 
		12:30 pm	Salvador & Luis Ramirez 
		5:30 pm	CSC
Mon.	01/27		NO Mass
Tues.	01/28	7:15 am	All Police Officers (For their Safety)
Wed	01/29	7:15 am	Chad Wagamon 
Thurs	01/30	7:15 am	Geno Mancuso 
Fri	01/31	7:15 am	
Sat.	02/01	5:30 pm	Dorothy Zajac 
Sun.	02/02	7:45 am	Parishioners
		10:45 am	Michael Moskal 
		12:30 pm	Isabel & Marina Soliz 
		5:30 pm	CSC

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;

Do Not Neglect to SHARE What You Have

DSF Report as of January 21, 2020

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$39,217.50
Total Amount Pledged	\$40,327.50
Number of Participants	125
Paid over Goal	\$2,217.50

Our gratefulness to God weekly offering

January 19, 2020

Regular Sunday Donations: \$8,092.85

*Thank you
for your continued support!*



Janice Andrews, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Marie Blanchard, Chelsea Brown, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Beckham Collins, Wayne Collins, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, Joe Duffy, James Elliott, Patsy Freeman, Mary Gedelian, Melba & Leroy Hall, Sallie Hodges, Edwin Laake, Dorothy Laskoskie, Corrina Lawrence, Daphne Levey, Al Losack, Katy Losack, A.J. McGee, Karen McPike, Sheri McPike, Don Marcotte, Lisa Miller, Michele Miller, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Martin Moreno, Lourdes Mosqueda, Frank O'Donnell, Dawn & Odell Rachal, Virginia Reed, Bob Riley, Kelly Robinson, Nina Rozell, Andrea Scheel, Ana Marie Santos, Jerry Seaton, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Cheryl Smith, Jerry & Dolores Stavina, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Victoria Torres, Ray & Christi Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Gordan Travis, Lois Ubanoski, Enrique Valadez, Maria Elena Valencia, Kathy Vanecek, Matthew Varnum, Kirt Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill & Gaitha Walton, Alma Williams, Nancy Winkler

Parish Office Hours Horario de la Oficina

Monday / lunes	11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday/ Martes - jueves	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday / viernes	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Our members have been very busy the last couple of months, plenty of need. Although it is overwhelming at times, it is also a rewarding ministry. Our friends frequently call or text us after we have helped them, sometimes just to talk.

One called around Thanksgiving asking if we knew of anyone who could put up her Christmas lights. One of our members and son responded to the call. The friend visited with them the entire time they were putting the lights up and was also very grateful. Later she texted again to say she had some baby items to sell if we knew of anyone who needed them. Just a couple of days later, another friend, a single mom of 3, no family nearby called to say that she needed a crib for her baby due around Christmas. We were able to buy the crib from the first friend (who used the money to pay a doctor bill) and get it to the single mom who desperately needed it.

At Thanksgiving when we delivered food to an elderly friend, she insisted her grandchildren give us adult diapers which she had been given an oversupply of. She thought someone else might be able to use them.

Another friend called to wish us a Merry Christmas and to tell us how much our help meant to her and she just wanted us to know. Another texted to say Thank You for everything. I hope you have a blessed Christmas. You and the church have blessed my family with yet another wonderful Christmas and I truly appreciate it.

We keep in touch with many of our friends and truly are a listening ear when they have no one else. We would like to do more, form support groups for single moms, etc.

We invite you to discover what we do, experience the fellowship we share. If interested, contact us at 936-662-4295 (Kathy Price) or 936-295-8159(church office).

You can also text or email me at kathleenprc@yahoo.com. **We need help in many ways.**

Save The Date
2020 Celebration Of Faith for
Catholic Youth of African Descent

Saturday, March 28, 2020
St. Mary of the Purification . . 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

What To Expect . . . Dynamic & engaging speakers, inspiring prayer and worship, fun and friendship and good food.

For more information or to register please contact Kathy at (936)520-6524 or at the parish office (936)295-8159.

Retiro Charis está basado en la espiritualidad de San Ignacio de Loyola . . . Tema: Jesus: ¿Quién dices que soy yo? Una de las cosas que este retiro tiene es que los participantes pueden experimentar que es poder tener una sesión de acompañamiento espiritual o dirección espiritual de esta forma después ellos puedan buscar un acompañante o director espiritual. Para más información: yacm@archgh.org. Fecha límite para inscribirse el 19 de febrero: www.archgh.org/yacm/pastoraljuvenilhispna



STAY Valentines Dinner

When: Saturday, February 08, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Where: Parish Hall

Cost: \$8.00

Menu: Fr. Fred's Famous Lasagna
Salad, Dessert and Tea

Proceeds help participating youth go to the Mission Trip, Confirmation Retreat and/or AYC.

*******Tickets will be sold after each Mass on January 22, 2020 and February 03, 2020**

Thank you for supporting our youth!

HEART. . In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart
—John Bunyan

STAY Youth Ministry

7th –12th grades

Kathy Boscarino, DRE/YM

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Welcome/Bienvenido

STAY Edge

When/Cuando: Sundays/ domingos

Time/Hora: 9:05-10:20

Where/Donde: Parish Hall/salón parroquial

12/29/2019 **NO** Class/Clase

01/05/2020 Class/Clase

01/12/2020 Class/Clase

01/19/2020 **NO** Class/Clase

01/26/2020 Class/Clase

STAY Lifeteen

When/Cuando: Wednesdays/Los miercoles

Time/Hora: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Where/Donde: Parish Hall/salón parroquial

01/01/2020 **NO** Class/Clase

01/08/2020 Class/Clase

01/15/2020 Class/Clase

01/22/2020 **NO** Class/Clase

01/29/2020 Class/Clase

Whats-up in STAY

Finding TRUTH

Finding JESUS

Saturday, February 22, 2020
St. Bernadette Catholic Church
10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

For youth in 7th –8th grades

Featuring: Fr. David Michael Moses

★ See Kathy for more details. ★



ARCHDIOCESAN JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLY 2020

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



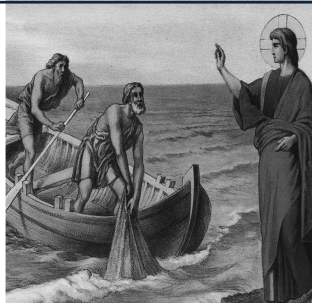
January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today the poetry of Isaiah washes over us with stunning beauty:

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

Isaiah's lines enchant us with their music as well as with their meaning. Haven't we all felt burdened by gloom and distress? Don't we all long for an end to darkness? Isaiah promises that God's majestic strength crushes our anguish, blowing away our troubles on a breeze. These words are lovely, but what do they mean for us really, when our day-to-day struggles are so real? How can it be true that darkness is dispelled, when so many of us suffer terribly?



DAILY DOSES OF LIGHT

Jesus assures us: "God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5b). But how, exactly, does God's light overcome the darkness that we still experience? Saint Paul shows us how: through the cross. Today's reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians implores Jesus' followers to get along with one another, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." We believe that two thousand years ago, Jesus saved the world and destroyed darkness; but until Jesus comes again, we must unite as the Body of Christ to continue pushing back the gloom of sin and division. As followers of Jesus, we work against these evils in simple ways. We intentionally attempt genuine conversation with a person we find irritating; we ignore gossip and refuse to talk behind someone's back; we befriend an awkward or needy individual. These daily doses of light bring hope to our world, which is both redeemed and not yet finished. Jesus wants our help. Like Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel, we are called by Christ to participate in salvation. Jesus chooses us, calls us, and invites us to accompany him—and imitate him—as we live in, and wait for, the Light of the World.

Today's Readings: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13–14; 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17; Mt 4:12–23 [12–17]

26 de enero de 2020

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy la poesía de Isaías nos lava con una belleza impresionante:

el sufrimiento se ha ido, disipado en la oscuridad:
ya no hay tristeza ahora donde hubo dolor.

Estas palabras de Isaías nos encantan con su música y también con su significado. ¿Acaso no nos hemos sentido cargados de tristeza y dolor? ¿No llegamos anhelar el fin de la oscuridad? Isaías promete que la fuerza majestuosa de Dios derrota nuestra angustia, haciendo volar nuestros problemas

en una brisa. Estas palabras son agradables, pero ¿qué significan para nosotros verdaderamente, cuando nuestras dificultades del día a día son reales? ¿Cómo puede ser verdad que la oscuridad se desvanece, cuando muchos de nosotros sufrimos terriblemente?

DOSIS DIARIAS DE LUZ

Jesús nos asegura: "Dios es luz y no hay en él oscuridad alguna" (1 Juan 1:5b). Pero cómo, exactamente, ¿la luz de Dios vence la oscuridad que todavía experimentamos? San Pablo nos muestra cómo: por medio de la cruz. La lectura de hoy de la primera carta de san Pablo a los corintios implora a los seguidores de Jesús a llevarse bien entre ellos, "conserven la armonía en el pensar y en el sentir". Creemos que hace dos mil años, Jesús salvó al mundo y destruyó la oscuridad; pero hasta que Jesús vuelva otra vez, debemos unirnos como el cuerpo de Cristo para continuar rechazar la oscuridad del pecado y la división. Como seguidores de Jesús, nos empleamos en contra de estos males en formas sencillas. Deliberadamente intentamos conversaciones genuinas con una persona que nos parece fastidiosa; ignoramos el chisme y rehusamos hablar a las espaldas de alguien; nos hacemos amigo de una persona difícil y necesitada. Estas dosis diarias de luz nos traen esperanza a nuestro mundo, el cual es tanto a la vez redimido, pero no terminado. Jesús quiere nuestra ayuda. Como Pedro, Santiago y Juan en el Evangelio de hoy, estamos llamados por Cristo a participar en la salvación. Jesús nos elige, nos llama y nos invita a acompañarlo, y a imitarlo, en donde vivamos, y esperamos por la Luz del Mundo.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13–14; 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17; Mt 4:12–23 [12–17]

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Archdiocesan Young Adult Day 2020. . . .

"Your Burning Heart is Holy Ground" Come and join hundreds of young adults (single and married) ages 18-39 years old for a day of fellowship, music, prayer and workshops. Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Presented in English and Spanish at St. Jerome Catholic Church 8825 Kempwood Dr., Houston, TX 77080. Information www.archgh.org/yacm or call 713-741-8778 or email yacm@archgh.org

Día Arquidiocesano de Jóvenes Adultos 2020

"Tu Corazón Ardiente es Tierra Sagrada" . . . Ven y acompaña a cientos de jóvenes adultos (solteros y casados) de 18 a 39 años de edad a un día de talleres, música, oración y convivencia. Sábado 21 de Marzo, 2020 de 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Presentado en Inglés y Español en la Iglesia de San Jerónimo en Houston. Información: www.archgh.org/yacm o 713-741-8778 o yacm@archgh.org .

New Life Retreat: February 21-22 The New Life Retreat is a new and updated primary marriage preparation program designed especially for couples who are widowed, are divorced/annulled, or have never been married but have children from previous relationships. For information, contact Teresita at 713-741-8776 Registration link: <https://archgh.event.com/NewLifeRetreatFeb2020>

The Fire of Your Love: Catholic Comic Books

By Will Oliver

When I was growing up, comic books were a big part of my life, so naturally, when I had kids, I wanted comics to be a big part of their life. However, looking over the modern day comics at the time, it seemed most had fallen into the modern penchant to make everything evil with varying shades of gray. Gone were the days of good versus evil – you know, basic morality. So, I ended up buying lots of old comics or new collections that reprinted old comic for my kids. We did, however, discover a bevy of Catholic comic books or, as they are so often called today: graphic novels.

Pauline Books & Media put out a good series of comics on the saints, ranging from St. Francis of Assisi to St. Joan of Arc. These comics from the 1990s were reprints of a series of French comics that were translated into English. These are no longer available from Pauline Books, but they can be found used around the web. Pauline Books, however, does still publish comics. They have a series under their “comic books” for the really young ones, about 6 to 8, and graphic novels for the 8 to 10 year olds. Among the comic books there are many about the saints, such as Mother Theresa and Saint Paul, as well as a comic on the Rosary. Under their graphic novels, they have a nicely illustrated comic on St. Joan of Arc and one on the Life of Jesus. What is helpful is that most of their comics/graphic novels have a sneak preview available on their website so you can see how they are both written and illustrated.

In the early 2000s, a company called Arcadius Press began publishing the more modern style of comic books in a series called “Stories of the Saints” and we were purchasing them on a regular basis. They were presented on slick paper, and the writing and illustrations were good. These, too, can be found used on the web, but fortunately Sophia Institute Press collected all of these comics into four volumes at a reasonable price and they are available on their website or through Amazon. The four volume series is called *The Saints Chronicle Collection*. They also offer one more collection from the same team that is titled, *The Sacraments in Action*.

Over at Tan books, they offer a really nice comic book series titled *The Catholic Comic Book Bible*, and they currently have the titles *Gospel of Luke* and *Acts of the Apostles* available. They also have two really nice comics on Mary’s visitations, one titled *Our Lady of Guadalupe* and the other *Our Lady of Fatima*. Also, they recently published a comic titled *The Ball and the Cross*, an adaptation of G.K. Chesterton’s novel by the same name that looks like it might be a lot of fun (I may have to buy that one).

Most recently, a new comic publishing company has started up by the name of Voyage Comics & Publishing. They have issued the first in a series of comics titled *The Mission of Joan of Arc* and, interestingly, one based on the Sword of St. Michael, a subject I recently wrote about in this column. That series is called, *Finnian and the Seven Mountains* and tells the tale of young Finnian’s journey to find the sword of St. Michael, starting with a visit to the island Skellig Michael. Two issues are currently available and issue three ships in April.

So, if you have children or grandchildren who like comics, or if you have the opportunity to expose them to comics for the first time, purchase them a comic book or graphic novel that keeps The Faith.

SAINT ANGELA MERICI January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela’s insightful conviction that society’s disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal “order” but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici’s spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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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

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

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.