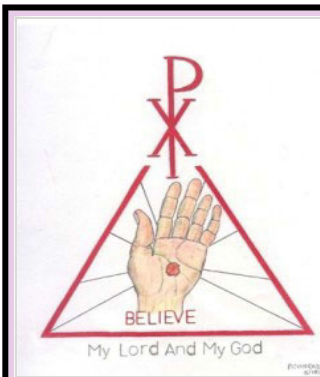




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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

April 5, 2020

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Mass Schedules

Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish
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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ZION GATE
JERUSALEM

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!

MATTHEW 21:9

APRIL 5
2020

PALM
SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION
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Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat.	04/04	5:30 pm	Helen Browning	
Sun.	04/05	7:45 am	Geno Mancuso	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Ramon Sandoval	
Mon.	04/06		NO Mass	
Tues.	04/07	7:15 am	Rosalinda Sandoval (Birthday)	
	04/08	7:15 am	Tom & Erin Degnan (Special Intention)	
Holy Thurs	04/09	7:00 pm	Joseph Tovar (Birthday)	
Good Fri	04/10		NO Mass	
Holy Sat.	04/11	8:00 pm	Parishioners	
Easter Sun.	04/12	7:45 am	Will Oliver (25th Anni. of being Catholic)	
		10:45 am		
		12:30 pm		

NEW / NUEVO

Parish Office Hours Horario de la Oficina Parroquial

Monday / lunes **11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Tuesday - Thursday / **9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
Martes - jueves

Friday / viernes **Closed / Cerrado**

THE CROSS . . . We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. —Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *The Roman Missal*

BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD

DSF Report as of March 23, 2020

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$17,120.00
Total Amount Paid	\$10,952.50
Number of Participants	61
Paid under Goal	(\$26,047.50)



Janice Andrews, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Marie Blanchard, Chelsea Brown, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Beckham Collins, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, Joe Duffy, James Elliott, Patsy Freeman, 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, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Mary Ann Moore, Martin Moreno, Patricia Morrison, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mary Novark, 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, Glenn Stewart, Kathy Stoltz, 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tue. Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33; 36-38

Wed. Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thurs. Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15

Fri. Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1—19:42

Sat. Gn 1:2—2:2; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;
Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36: 16
-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

Sun. Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



Holy Thursday/ Jueves Santo

7:00 p.m. Mass/ Misa (Bilingual)

9:00-10:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

Good Friday/ Viernes Santo

11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
Via Cruz

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)
Via Cruz (Ingles)

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy (English)
Divina Misericordia (ingles)

6:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross (Bilingual)
Veneración de la Santa Cruz

Holy Saturday/ Sabado De Gloria

NO 5:30 p.m. Mass

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m. (English)

EASTER SUNDAY/ DOMINGO DE PASCUA

7:45 a.m. Mass (English)

10:45 a.m. Mass (English)

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

NO 5:30 p.m. Mass

St Thomas Ladies preparing Easter bags for the nursery and elementary CCE students. We wish you a blessed Easter. Rejoice!



Easter Flowers will be purchased to decorate our church. You may make a donation for the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill in the information below and return to the office no later than **Monday, April 6th. Offering is \$20.**

_____ In honor of: _____ In memory of:

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Remembering Our Call to Stewardship

St. Thomas appreciates your continued support. The Archdiocese has online giving at <http://www.archgh.org/waystogive>. You will be able to choose the parish you would like to support with your monetary gift. Please choose our St. Thomas the Apostle - Huntsville. Thank you for your continued support.

Recordando nuestro llamado a la mayordomía

Santo Tomás aprecia su continuo apoyo. La Arquidiócesis tiene donaciones en línea en www.archgh.org/waystogive. Podrá elegir la parroquia que le gustaría apoyar con su donación monetaria. Elija nuestro Santo Tomás Apóstol - Huntsville. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

LA CRUZ . . . Debemos gloriarnos en la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, porque en él está nuestra salvación, nuestra vida y nuestra resurrección, y por él fuimos salvados y redimidos.

—Antífona de entrada, Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor, *Misal Romano*

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Welcome/Bienvenido

This is a list of resources aimed to keep the whole family engaged in their faith in the midst of the Coronavirus Crisis.

Esta es una lista de recursos destinados a mantener a toda la familia comprometida con su fe en medio de la crisis de coronavirus.

The Summit Movement by Lifeteen

This gift from Lifeteen helps Catholics engage in the Liturgy when we are not able to go to Mass. It has both English and Spanish Component and is with adaptations for small groups, families and in Spanish.

Find it on:

summit.lifeteen.com

Este regalo de Lifeteen ayuda a los católicos a participar en la liturgia cuando no podemos ir a misa.

Tiene componentes en inglés y español y está adaptado para grupos pequeños, familias y en español.

Ver enlace arriba

Global Life Experience by Lifeteen

Lifeteen is hosting Life Night experiences on YouTube. Beginning Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. Design for Teens, this event can be adapted for families as well. The Global Life Experience will feature speakers, musicians, and a live host to engage with the online community. The first series will be on the theological virtues –faith, hope and love. The session on the 29th will be on hope. We are working to have small group leaders for the youth to engage with after the event.

Go to YouTube and search for Lifeteen

Other Resources/Otros recursos

St. Thomas Website at <https://saintthomashuntsville.org>;

Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Thomas-Huntsville-101525034829201>

Information regarding livestreaming Mass will be sent to you via Flocknotes, Website and Facebook.

Se le enviará información sobre la transmisión en vivo de Mass a través de Flocknotes, el sitio web y Facebook.

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



We started Lent with ashes. We will journey to Pentecost flames. How will the fire grow in us, all the way to Easter and beyond?

HOLY WEEK 2020 DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Palm Sunday	As the crowd physically followed Jesus into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday, let us follow Him all this week as well. Meditate on how and where God is calling you to die to yourself and suffer for his glory.
Monday	Invite a fallen-away Catholic to Easter Mass.
Tuesday	Make intentional time to be with God today. Go to Mass, confession, adoration or spend time in prayer. https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/
Wednesday	Purchase or make cards of encouragement for those in the RCIA program. See today's bulletin for a list of RCIA candidates and elects.
Holy Thursday	Participate in a foot washing with your family. Talk about ways each member can serve others in the way that Jesus calls us to do.
Good Friday	Spend time today, particularly 12pm -3pm, in prayer or reflection. Consider 'unplugging' during this time. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uofRteUvhQ
Holy Saturday	Trust that there is more to preparing for Easter than meal preparation. Pray to encounter a new way for Jesus to raise you up and for you to celebrate that He is risen.
Easter Sunday	Ask Jesus if He is calling you to something new. Pray for courage to follow Him.

HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

¡HOSANNA!

"¡Viva el Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!" (Mateo 21:9). Con estas palabras la Iglesia entra en la semana más santa cuando conmemora la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Cristo. Cuando el pueblo de Jerusalén gritó sus "hosannas", estaba usando un antiguo grito de aclamación hebreo que significa "sálvanos ahora". El rey a quien se lo gritaban los salvaría, pero de una manera que sobrepasó sus expectativas. La salvación vendría del madero de la cruz del cual colgaba Jesús para traer liberación del pecado y vida por medio de la muerte, abriendo las puertas del cielo para todos los que ponen su fe y confianza en él. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Fire of Your Love: Sanctified & Justified

By Will Oliver

Two important words in the Catholic lexicon that tell us who we are as a God chosen people are “sanctified” and “justified.” Sanctified comes from a Greek word that means “make holy,” “set apart,” and “consecrate.” When things are sanctified they are separated from the secular and devoted to the sacred. This can include the consecration of altars, a crucifix, or the Tabernacle. When people are sanctified they are set apart to serve God. Like a priest taking Holy Orders or a nun her sacred vows, they are sanctified, consecrated to God. Under the Old Covenant, the clerical ministry was set apart from the people, and Israel was set apart from all other nations. However, under the New Covenant, believers—Christians—are set apart by Baptism. This is why St. Paul told the Corinthians, “You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor 6:11). These are the three effects of Baptism: we are washed of our sins (Acts 22:16), made holy (Rom 6:22), and adopted as heirs of eternal life (Tit 3:5-7).

So, that brings us to the word “justified,” another word derived from Greek, a verb meaning to “acquit,” “vindicate,” or “pronounce righteousness.” The word in the Bible distinguishes between two types of people: those who justify themselves (Lk 16:15) and those who are justified because they rightfully acknowledge the righteousness of God (Lk 7:29). St. Paul, more than any other, explains that acknowledging God’s righteousness is the better route, for God then recognizes those who acknowledge him. How so? By his only Son dying on the cross (Rom 5:9), He freed us from our sins (Rom 6:7) through His grace (Rom 3:24). Our grace is received by our faith (Rom 3:24), and the justifying decree of God transforms us to make us holy and righteous in his eyes (Rom 5:19; CCC 1987-1995).

Now, St. Paul also tells us in Romans 5:1 that “since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” This is where Protestants derive the concept of “once saved, always saved.” As Catholics, we agree to a degree. In Baptism, as previously mentioned, we are washed, sanctified, and justified, so, yes, we are saved. But (and you knew there had to be a but), we Catholics keep reading: “Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God” (Rom 5:2). Catholics note that in Baptism we have obtained access to His grace, but we can also lose that grace. How so? When we commit mortal sins, we fall from grace. His grace is ours to lose. We can work our way back to being in His good graces through the Sacrament of Reconciliation—Confession. Still further, note the word “hope” in that last passage—it is important. The word “hope” means that we are hoping for what we do not yet possess. It is still in the future. Why would Paul say we hope for the glory of God if it was already guaranteed to us? (“once saved, always saved”). Listen closely to Paul’s words a few chapters later, “For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience” (Rom 8:24-25). And that which we hope for is the glory of God (Rom 5:2).

Baptism opens the doors to this glory, when we were washed, sanctified, and justified. Now, the way to the glory of God is through His grace, but it is ours to lose. Should we lose it, we are not saved, but if we do not lose it, or lose it and regain it through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then we can rejoice in the hope that one day we too will share in His glory.

You were saved in Baptism, most likely by your parents; now save yourself through Confession.

LA VISITA A LAS SIETE IGLESIAS . . .

El Jueves Santo por la noche, una vez que se ha trasladado el Santísimo Sacramento al monumento y se ha expuesto para la adoración de los fieles, existe la tradición popular de visitar siete iglesias o templos. Dicha tradición se inició gracias al fervor eucarístico de san Felipe Neri (1515-1595), motivando a la gente a que al visitar los templos para la adoración al Santísimo Sacramento también meditara los siete momentos o “visitas” que Jesús realizó la noche de su juicio. La meditación comienza precisamente en el huerto de los olivos para concluir en el Calvario. El hecho de que Jesús sea llevado de un lado a otro, se recuerda en un contexto de fe y adoración su presencia real en la sagrada Eucaristía. Para las visitas no hay un ritual establecido, no obstante, la práctica popular es rezar una estación al Santísimo Sacramento (Tres Padrenuestros, incluyendo Avemaría, Gloria al Padre y la jaculatoria eucarística) y luego dejar un momento de silencio para acompañar a Jesús en su agonía. La última visita debe ser en la parroquia doméstica.

—Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. — Philipians 2:9

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.

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