



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 • SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." - Jn 14:15-16

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
 2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday.....9:00 a.m.
 Main Church
 Thursday9:00 a.m.
 Day Chapel
 Friday.....9:00 a.m.
 Main Church

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY MASS

Wednesday..... 5:30 p.m.
 Student Center Chapel
 (During school session)

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please consult bulletin or website
<http://stthomascatholic.com/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
 & by appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday..... 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MAY 16

5:30 PM Mass for Jim Cocke, deceased

Sunday MAY 17

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Bryan Daniel, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

MONDAY MAY 18

TUESDAY MAY 19

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

9:00 AM Mass for Lillian Patont Hokeman, deceased

THURSDAY MAY 21

9:00 AM Mass Intentions of Adam Ladner

FRIDAY MAY 22

9:00 AM Mass Intentions of Isabella Negron

SATURDAY MAY 23

5:30 PM Mass for Sam Giardina, deceased

SUNDAY MAY 24

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Reyna Chavez, deceased

2:30 PM Mass en Español

Monthly Altar Flowers

May 16th & May 17th

In memory/honor of Mary Elizabeth Jones

In memory/Honor of Father Joseph Underwood

May 23rd & May 24th

In memory/honor Bobbie & Leon LeVinge

In memory/honor Edgar A. Bishop & Lucy Hogues

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:5-8,14-17)

Psalm— Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Psalm 66:1-3,4-5,6-7,16,20)

Second Reading— Put to death in the flesh, Christ was raised to life in the Spirit. (I Peter 3:15-18)

Gospel— I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate. (John 14:15-21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22—18:1; John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; I Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

Sacristan May 23rd & May 24th

5:30 Jerry & Mary; 8:00 Gloria Q.; 11:00 Judy Lemieux;

2:30 PM Blanca Avalos/Magda



Eucharistic Adoration

Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. 1st & 3rd Friday of each month. Friday adoration begins at noon and ends on Saturday at noon. For more information or to sign-up call RoseMarie Vetrano 620-0051 or cell 370-6618. Adoration is held in the Chapel at the Student Center.

Adoration will resume on Friday May 15

| | | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS | USHERS |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Saturday May 23rd | 5:30 PM | Bob Picou Bob Troncate JoAnn Peacock Brenda Picou Deacon | Brenda Picou Winnie Martinez | MC– Madison Johnson MC-CO-Hailey Johnson Reece Johnson | Bill Conway Sue Ellen Gerrells Mike Gerrells |
| Sunday May 24th | 8:00 AM | Christy Ash Sarah Burns Clay Reece Jackie Lampton Deacon | Cynthia Batchelder Pam Ganus | MC– Zante Miculek CO-MC – Carson Lusco CO-MC– Alex Tucker Angelus Miculek Lily Phillips | Roland Burns Norma Russo Buddy Ganus |
| | 11:00 AM | Pat Shoop Heather Sabo Leland Wallace Michelle Wallace Judy Lemieux Mary Ann Little Mike Shoop Deacon | Mary Lowery Barbara McClary | MC– Ethan Scales CO-MC–John A McGuire Owen Daniel David R. McClary | Matt Massey Ken Massey Jasper Levio |
| | 2:30 PM (Spanish) | | | | Heron Patrick |

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

MAY 17 TO MAY 24, 2020

SUNDAY MAY 17

8:30 AM No Coffee & Donuts
 9:15 AM No Rosary | Main Church
 9:30AM-10:45AM No Faith Formation
 No Inquiry Session
 No RCIA

MONDAY MAY 18

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 6:00 PM No Spanish Dancers
 No English Classes

TUESDAY MAY 19

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 6:00 PM No Spanish classes
 No Letico Divina

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 10:00AM No Ladies' Bible Study
 5:30 PM No Catholic Campus
 Ministry Dinner/team#
 7:00 PM No Adult Scripture Study

THURSDAY MAY 21 8:30AM-4:00PM
 OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY MAY 22

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY MAY 23

4:30PM-5:00PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass

NO St. Thomas Mom's Group

The Mom's Group is suspended until further notice. For more information contact Maria O'Dea at 205-529-5368 or Lauren Drescher at 205-354-3939.

Masses for Love Ones

St. Thomas have not had weekly or Sunday Masses since March 23rd. Those who had masses scheduled for your loves ones will be reschedule later in the year. Thank you for your patients.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will resume according to the regular schedule on Friday, May 15th

No Wed. Evening Scripture Study

There will be no Wednesday Evening Scripture Study at St. Thomas due to the coronavirus.

Pastoral Staff

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Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, proclaim our belief in the message & mission of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to sharing our time, talent & treasure through worship, spiritual formation & outreach.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parish Telephones

Parish Ph: 663-3936 | Fax: 663-0657
 Rectory Ph: 665-0968

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Collection of 5/10/20

| | BUDGET | ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory | \$9,500.00 | \$10,558.60 | \$1,058.60 |
| Building Fund | \$7,000.00 | \$4,090.00 | \$2,910.00 |
| Total | \$16,500.00 | \$14,648.60 | \$1,851.40 |

Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/19—06/30/20

| | BUDGET | ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory | \$427,000.00 | \$409,972.73 | \$17,027.27 |
| Building Fund | \$315,000.00 | \$316,194.56 | \$1,194.56 |
| Total | \$742,000.00 | \$726,167.29 | \$15,832.71 |

With the advice of the Parish Finance Council, Saint Thomas Parish will do financial planning according to a fiscal year (7/1/19 to 6/30/20) rather than a calendar year. Thus, the numbers above have been adjusted to reflect the new budget which began on 7/1/19.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Ray at 663-3936 for Baptismal Preparation.

Marriage

Parish Membership and a six month preparation period are required. For weddings, please contact Father Ray at 663-3936.

Ministry of the Sick

Please contact the office at 663-3936 if someone is in need of Holy Communion at home/hospital/nursing home.

Membership in the Parish

All Catholic adults, 18 and older, who regularly participate in the Liturgy here should register in the parish. Those who enroll in Faith Formation programs or request Baptism or Marriage in our church should already belong to our parish family. To register, please contact the Parish Office. Those moving are asked to let us know.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Interested In Becoming Catholic

You may have been coming to Catholic Church for a long time with a family member or with a friend, but you had not thought about the possibility of becoming Catholic. Are you interested in possibly becoming Catholic? Would you consider that possibility now? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Church to consider your decision? If you would like to know more about the RCIA, please call Father Ray or Jackie Lampton at 663-3936. Inquiry classes are meeting at 9:30 am Sundays in the Modular Building.

May 11, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I continue to remember each of you in my prayers during this very difficult time. I pray that God will watch over each of you.

Governor Kay Ivy has given permission for public worship services as long as social distancing and other precautions are taken. Bishop Robert Baker has lifted the suspension of public Masses inside Churches effective Wednesday, May 13th.

St. Thomas will celebrate public Masses inside the Church beginning on that day. However, we must remain aware of the very serious danger of the coronavirus. This pandemic continues to plague our state and the whole world. People continue to get sick and to die from this virus. Thus, we must act prudently to protect the safety and well-being of all.

Thus, I offer the following guidelines for St. Thomas:

- No one is to attend Mass if they feel sick.
- There is a general dispensation from attending Mass to anyone with health concerns that would lead them to fear contracting the virus.
- Holy Water and Hymnals have been removed from Church.
- Aisles are one-way marked by signs.
- Social distancing will be required in the Church.
- Face Masks are required to attend Mass.
- St. Thomas will provide Face Masks for those who need them.
- Offertory baskets will not be passed person to person.
- The Sign of Peace is retained but without physical contact.
- Communicants are to observe social distancing in the Communion line.
- Holy Communion will not be offered from the chalice.
- Communicants are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand.
- Social distancing will be required entering and exiting the Church.
- Congregating will not be permitted in the Gathering Area.
- Dismissal after Mass will be by rows directed by Father Ray.
- After dismissal, no one is to remain in the Gathering Area.

People may visit using social distancing in the Parking Lot.

I would emphasize the general dispensation from attending Mass. There is still a danger of contracting this deadly illness. When in doubt, I would urge you to err on the side of caution.

Faith Formation

Adult... Sun. 9:30-10:45 a.m.

1st-10th Grade ... Sun. 9:30 -10:45 a.m.

Catechumenate ... Sun. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Ladies' Bible Study

Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(September - May)

No Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings

All meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary have been suspended until further notice. However please considering joining us when we resume our monthly meetings. This is an excellent way to reconnect with each other after these weeks of isolation.

No K of C Monthly Meeting

The K of C Council have been suspended until further notice.

No K of C Squires Meeting

The Squires Monthly Meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Taste of St. Thomas Prizes

The following individuals are door prize or penny sale winners that we were **unable** to contact . Please call the office at 205-663-3936 to make arrangements to pick up your prize. Congratulations!

Nelia Burks Alice Karanja Mary Lovine

No Rosary on Sunday Mornings

The Sunday Morning Rosary has been suspended until further notice.

Welcome to St. Thomas!

St. Thomas Parish is happy to welcome all people to our faith community. If you live in this area, we invite you to register as a parishioner. Registration forms in both English and Español are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

I would emphasize the request to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Many bishops are requiring this procedure. This is not only for your health and well-being, but also for the health and well-being of your neighbor.

St. Thomas posted an online liturgy on our website on May 3rd and May 10th. We plan to continue with online posting of the weekend liturgy for the benefit of our parishioners who are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person.

In order to observe social distancing, the Church capacity will be less than 50% of normal capacity. People who arrive after all the seats in Church have been filled will be asked to go to the courtyard. We plan to have speakers there, and people will be able to come into Church to receive Holy Communion at Communion time in the liturgy.

There will be limited seating. One parishioner who attends daily Mass suggests that those attending daily Mass might omit Sunday Mass to allow others to have the limited seating.

Since I had tested positive for the coronavirus, I felt that it was important to thoroughly clean and disinfect the Church. For that purpose, I contacted ServPro. Last month, ServPro sent a team of workers to offer a deep cleaning and a thorough disinfection of the Church. Additionally, St. Thomas will disinfect the Church after each Mass.

Thank you for your very generous support of our parish. Many parishioners have continued to give financially to the parish during this time of suspension of public Masses. However, during this crisis our parish income had decreased. I invite you to mail your contributions to St. Thomas.

St. Thomas also offers an opportunity of electronic giving through Faith Direct. You will receive a letter and an email message from me inviting you to consider using Faith Direct for your contributions to the parish. There is a Faith Direct link on the parish website. Many parishioners use Faith Direct, and their contributions have been very important to our parish finances.

For me personally, I am very grateful for all your prayers and support. I am getting better each day.

I pray that God will protect you and your family from the Coronavirus and every other illness.

Blessings,

Father Ray

Faith Direct

Electronic Offertory Giving: Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory and building fund? Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card. If you would like an enrollment form please call the parish Finance Office at 663-3936 x109. You can also enroll from the St. Thomas website www.stthomascatholic.com. Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

Vacation Bible School 2020 Cancelled

I spoke with Chalane Tucker this week about Vacation Bible School. Our Vacation Bible School had been scheduled for June 15-19. For us to celebrate VBS, preparation work would need to begin now. Chalane and I discussed how wonderful VBS is, and how much we both enjoy it. But we also discussed the impossibility of social distancing with 4 year olds. With great sadness, we have decided to cancel VBS 2020. We trust that you will understand. Father Ray

No Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation Classes

There will be no Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation Classes at St. Thomas due to the coronavirus.

No Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study

There will be no Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study at St. Thomas due to the coronavirus.



11 de Mayo, 2020

Queridos Feligreses,

Sigo recordando a cada uno de ustedes en mis oraciones durante este momento tan difícil. Ruego que Dios cuide a cada uno de ustedes. La gobernadora Kay Ivy ha dado permiso para los servicios de adoración pública siempre y cuando se tomen distanciamientos sociales y otras precauciones. El obispo Robert Baker ha levantado la suspensión de las misas públicas dentro de las Iglesias a partir del miércoles 13 de mayo.

Santo Tomás celebrará las misas públicas dentro de la Iglesia a partir de ese día. Sin embargo, debemos seguir siendo conscientes del grave peligro del coronavirus. Esta pandemia sigue plagando a nuestro estado y al mundo entero. La gente sigue enfermando y muriendo a causa de este virus. Por lo tanto, debemos actuar con prudencia para proteger la seguridad y el bienestar de todos.

Por lo tanto, ofrezco las siguientes pautas para Santo Tomás:

- Nadie debe asistir a la misa si se siente enfermo.
- Hay una dispensa general de asistir a misa a cualquier persona con problemas de salud que les llevaría a temer contraer el virus.

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura — Pedro y Juan pusieron las manos sobre ellos, y recibieron el Espíritu Santo. (Hechos 8:5-8,14-17)

Salmo— Que toda la tierra clame a Dios con gozo. (Salmos 66:1-3,4-5,6-7,16,20)

Segunda lectura: En la carne, Cristo fue resucitado a la vida en el Espíritu. (I Pedro 3:15-18)

Evangelio— Le pediré al Padre y él os dará otro Abogado. (Juan 14:15-21)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

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| Lunes: | Hechos 16:11-15; Juan 15:26—16:4a |
| Martes: | Hechos 16:22-34; Juan 16:5-11 |
| Miércoles: | Hechos 17:15,22—18:1; Juan 16:12-15 |
| Jueves: | Hechos 1:1-11; Efesios 1:17-23; Mateo 28:16-20 |
| Viernes: | Hechos 18:9-18; Juan 16:20-23 |
| Sábado: | Hechos 18:23-28; Juan 16:23b-28 |
| Domingo: | Hechos 1:12-14; I Pedro 4:13-16; Juan 17:1-11a |

El agua bendita y los himnos han sido eliminados de la Iglesia.

- Los pasillos están marcados de un solo sentido por signos.
- Se requerirá el distanciamiento social en la Iglesia.
- Las máscaras faciales deben asistir a misa.
- St. Thomas proporcionará máscaras faciales para aquellos que las necesiten.
- Las cestas de oferta no se pasarán de persona a persona.
- El Signo de Paz se conserva pero sin contacto físico.
- Los comunicadores deben observar el distanciamiento social en la línea de la Comunión.
- La Santa Comunión no se ofrecerá desde el cáliz.
- Se recomienda encarecidamente a los comunitarios que reciban la Comunión en la mano.
- Se requerirá el distanciamiento social para entrar y salir de la Iglesia. Las máscaras faciales deben asistir a misa.
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- Se recomienda encarecidamente a los comunitarios que reciban la Comunión en la mano.
- Se requerirá el distanciamiento social para entrar y salir de la Iglesia.
- No se permitirá la congregación en el área de reunión.
- El despido después de la misa será por filas dirigidas por el Padre Ray.

HORARIO: OFICINA DEL MINISTRO HISPANO

Quisiera hacer hincapié en la petición de recibir la Santa Comunión en la mano. Muchos obispos están requiriendo este procedimiento. Esto no es sólo para su salud y bienestar, sino también para la salud y el bienestar de su vecino. Santo Tomás publicó una liturgia en línea en nuestro sitio web el 3 de mayo y el 10 de mayo. Planeamos continuar con la publicación en línea de la liturgia de fin de semana para el beneficio de nuestros feligreses que aún no se sienten cómodos asistiendo a la misa en persona. Los asientos son limitados. Un feligresero que asiste a la misa diaria sugiere que los asistentes a la misa diaria podrían omitir la misa dominical para permitir que otros tengan los asientos limitados. Como había dado positivo para el coronavirus, sentí que era importante limpiar y desinfectar a fondo la Iglesia. Para ello, me puse en contacto con ServPro. El mes pasado, ServPro envió un equipo de trabajadores para ofrecer una limpieza profunda y una desinfección exhaustiva de la Iglesia. Además, Santo Tomás desinfectará la Iglesia después de cada Misa. Gracias por su generoso apoyo a nuestra parroquia. Muchos feligreses han seguido dando financieramente a la parroquia durante este tiempo de suspensión de las misas públicas. Sin embargo, durante esta crisis nuestros ingresos parroquiales habían disminuido. Los invito a enviar sus contribuciones a Santo Tomás. Para mí personalmente, estoy muy agradecido por todas sus oraciones y apoyo. Estoy mejorando cada día. Ruego que Dios los proteja a ustedes y a su familia del Coronavirus y de cualquier otra enfermedad. Bendiciones, Padre Ray

¿Estas interesado(a) en conocer la Fe Católica?

Si usted ha asistido siempre a la Iglesia y no entiende todo sobre la Fe Católica, aquí esta tu oportunidad. Nos reunimos los Domingos a partir del 8 de Septiembre, a las 9:30am en la traila que se encuentra en la parte posterior de las oficinas. El proceso para aprender sobre la Fe Católica se llama RICA - Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. Las sesiones son dirigidas por un equipo de aquí de la parroquia. Se reúnen durante el año escolar de Septiembre a Mayo.

Este proceso es para usted si usted nunca ha sido bautizados, y le gustaría ser bautizado en la iglesia católica; Si ha sido bautizados en otra tradición cristiana, y le gustaría unirse a la iglesia católica; o si ha sido bautizados en la iglesia católica, pero no ha recibido la primera comunión o confirmación. Si desea obtener más información, llame al padre Ray o Marisol Millan 205-432-8940.

