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We the Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle strive to live

J.E.S.U.S.

Joyful Evangelizing Stewards United in the Spirit

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020



Schedule of Masses

Vigil: 5:00 p.m. - English, 6:30 p.m. - Spanish
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. - English
Weekday: 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service: Thursday and Friday - English
Devotion: Novena to St. Anthony, Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Adoration: 3rd Friday of each month in the church 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Saturday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

English on 1st, 3rd, and 4th Saturday of the month, arrive at 9:00 a.m. in Church.



Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Being a Manager in the Kingdom of God!

A manager is the person in charge when the owner is not present at his place of business. The manager needs to know what jobs need to be done and how they are to be accomplished. She or He must oversee the work being done for its quality, that it is done in a timely manner and that the worker puts in a good day of work. The manager is not to be a harsh person but one who does call people to do their tasks well and properly and to let them know if they are not. A tyrant is not a good manager but a bully and no one likes to be bullied.

Many of us are managers in different capacities and for different jobs or reasons. Even parents are managers of their household and family so that the home is a place of peace with everyone chipping in to keep it in order.

God needs managers of His Kingdom and he relies upon the baptized to take on that responsibility. He needs managers who keep order in the kingdom and those are the men who are ordained to keep the order. He needs those who will minister and serve others in the church and beyond as Jesus did. The Lord modeled for us what a true servant is and why they are needed in the Church. He needs all of us to contribute to the spiritual welfare of the community by our participation in the sacraments especially the Eucharist. Lastly he needs us to provide the financial assistance to maintain the church and all its activities and all its churches, schools, hospitals etc. and the staffs necessary to run these places.

Jesus told us a parable about Stewardship and how we are to use the gifts that God has given us to sustain our lives, our families and His Kingdom. In the parable each of the stewards of the Masters money were given a different amount to take care of and make it work for them and therefore for their Master. So when the master returned from his trip the one with the largest amount doubled what he was given. The one with the next largest amount did the same and the last that was given the smallest amount just hid it and gave it back to his Master when he returned. The Master wasn't happy with the last steward and took the amount away from him and gave it to the one who had the most. What has God entrusted to you to care for and to make prosper? His Kingdom needs men and women to keep order and oversee the operations. Men are called to priesthood, or religious life as brothers who teach, work in hospitals and go to missions to spread the Good News. Women are called to religious life as Sisters to do a variety of service in the church and the world. There are Sisters who are nurses and doctors, teachers and professors, social workers and hospital and prison ministers, some are overseeing parishes and leading those communities spiritual life, some give retreats to parishes and at retreat houses. I have even known Sisters who are lawyers and work with the poor.

All of the baptized are expected to be involved in ministry whether in the parish, the diocese or the world. Many are liturgical ministers as ushers, servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, musicians and cantors. Married men can become ordained Deacons and serve also at the altar, baptize, marry, bury the dead, visit the sick, serve in leadership of the parish. There are ministries of catechesis which are those who help form others in their faith by teaching about what we believe. We have people who pray for the sick, for the leaders of the church and parishes, for people in government, the poor and homeless and all those in need of God's love and mercy.

There are people who serve in food pantries, serve in homeless shelters, cook for those living on the street, collect clothes for those who are in need of them. If you feel inspired to take on a particular kind of service and ministry that will help others it is the Lord who inspires. He breathes, inspires, with the power of the Holy Spirit.

He also calls all those who are members of the church to support each parish with their finances. No one can run a house without having the finances to take care of the various costs that entails. The church is the same. As the Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, I couldn't keep the place running without your financial help. God gave each of you the ability to work and provide for yourself and your family and the family of your church. We all need to see how much we are making each week and then divide it so all areas are paid for. The difference in the church is that I have to depend on the money in your pockets to pay the church bills. In the scriptures God calls His people to tithe, one tenth of their income to God. He calls us, His people, to trust that He will make sure that you will have enough. I ask you to think about the fact that Catholics on a whole give the least to their church, just about 1% of their income. Protestants give 2-3%, some denominations actually do tithe and give 10% of their earnings. I must compliment the people of our parish because you are generous in assisting the parish, the outreach to the poor and struggling of the world and others. However, we do need a few dollars more from every family so that we can continue to provide good programs of formation for all ages, maintain our parish facilities and keep a good staff of people who serve the needs of the community.

You are the managers of this church in your leadership, service, ministry, prayer life, and financial assistance. Continue to be good managers, stewards. WE need More of you to serve in ministries of all kinds. We need your hearts and bodies to work and provide for others as the Lord has taught us. Join in being a good steward with your time, your skills and talents and with the financial assistance you can give. The Lord loves a cheerful giver of all areas of stewardship.

Fr. Frank T. Dicristina
Pastor

Mass Intentions**Saturday/Sabado, February 15th**

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

5:00 p.m. † Cora De Roin

6:30 p.m. † Alan Hickock

Sunday/Domingo, February 16th

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

7:00 a.m. † Dcn. Marlon Filipek

9:00 a.m. † Ruben Luis IV & † Ruben Aguirre II

11:00 a.m. † Anthony Molchaun

5:00 p.m. † Jose Medina

Monday/Lunes, February 17th

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

8:00 a.m. † All Souls

Tuesday/Martes, February 18th

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

8:00 a.m. † Victoria DeGuzman

Wednesday/Miercoles, February 19th

Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

8:00 a.m. † Katrina Ybanez

Thursday/Jueves, February 20th

Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

8:00 a.m. † Wilfrido & † Luz Maldonado

Friday/Viernes, February 21st

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 - 9:1

8:00 a.m. † Gloria Lopez

Saturday/Sabado, February 22nd

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

5:00 p.m. † Jesse Mendiola

6:30 p.m. † Antonio Macias

Sunday/Domingo, February 23rd

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

7:00 a.m. † Marta Onido

9:00 a.m. † Daniel Pascual

11:00 a.m. † Anita Castillon

5:00 p.m. † Roy Lopez

Candles**Sanctuary** Ints. Mary Jones**Blessed Virgin** Ints. Debbie & Luther Friend**Blessed Virgin** Ints. Marie Alexander
Happy Retirement!**St. Joseph** Ints. Marisol Aceves
Happy Birthday!**St. Joseph** Ints. Norbert Lewandowski**Sunday Responsorial Psalm:**“The Lord is my light and my salvation,
of whom should I be afraid.”**Prayers for the Deceased**

We pray for all the faithful departed, especially

***Mary Rolle, Pat McCarthy, Larry Riley, Joanne Tumulty,
Deloris Lamb, Pam DeMarco, Thomas Kussin,
Fred Roybal, Rose Fournier, Virginia Zuniga,
Alfonso Navarette, Anthony Molchan, Loren Havlik,
Laurie Buswell, Claudio DiGiamberardino,
Robert Drachslin, Ernest Buckley, Kaitlin St. Croix,
Tony DeMarco, Barbara Reul, Mariano Hernandez,
Robert Kilman, Mary Merriam, and James Littler.***

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

***Debbie & Luther Friend, Jim Reed, Herminio Nieves,
Jon Jackson, Miriam Maldonado - Borjon, Mary Jones,
Herman Lee Jackson, Jax Johnson, Frank Haynes,
Luke Swierczek, Alvaro Avalos, Bob Eid, Tony Flores,
Lucille Christianson, Joseph Galante Snr., Mary Garcia,
Theresa Morris, Orest Stetkevich, Brian Flannagan,
Teresa Chamiec, Herman Jackson, Deanna Rice,
and Lupita Muñoz.***

May they feel the healing power of prayer. Amen.

This week at a glance:**Sunday, February 16th**

- Parish Office is closed in observance of President's day
- K of C Hospitality - Hall 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses
- Fr. Iacona will be celebrating all Masses
- Parish Blood Drive - Hall 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 17th

- Parish Office is closed in observance of President's Day.

Wednesday, February 19th

- Senior Luncheon - Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 20th

- Bible Study - KDC room MC 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, February 21st

- Adoration - Church 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 22nd

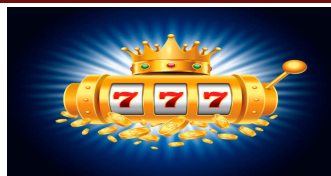
- Confession - Church 9:00 a.m.
- First Communion Retreat

Sunday, February 23rd

- Parish Office is open 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- K of C Hospitality - Hall 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses

Starting Saturday, February 29th, our Spanish Mass will
move from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle School News



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL "FUN" RAISER!!
HARRAH'S CASINO BUS TRIP Saturday, February 29th
LEAVES AT 10:00 AM RETURNS BY 7:00 PM

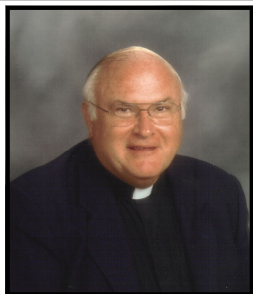
Price \$25 (includes round-trip, snack bags and 5 free raffle tickets)
Come have fun on the bus to the Casino and play bingo games & raffles.



BINGO buy in is \$10. Breakfast snacks available in the Classroom 7 (for a donation) before bus leaves. We will have breakfast burritos and more.....

If you are unable to attend but would still like to help, we are still accepting any kind of Gift cards for \$10 or more for the raffle. Thanks for your continued support for St. Thomas the Apostle School.

Please call Martha Ochoa in the school office to Reserve your seat!! (951) 689-1981



Fr. Joe's Tuition Assistance Fund

Thanks to your generous donations, we have been able bless about 20 families, nearly 30 children, with partial tuition assistance for quality Catholic school education. So far this school year your donations total nearly \$23,000. With rising costs we have had to raise tuition. We try to keep tuition as low as possible, but we also need to charge enough to keep our doors open. We help as many families as possible, but there are still those we must turn away for lack of funds, and greatly appreciate your continued donations. If you have any questions, please call the school office (951) 689-1981 or Norbert Holscher at (951) 733-5199.

Parish News

OLD MARKER DRIVE

Girl Scout Troop 493 will be **collecting old dried-out markers to recycle through "Crayola Colorcycle"**. This is part of their community project to earn their Silver Award and move up to the next rank. It will also take plastic out of our landfills and into new school supplies. Please sort through your markers at home, classroom and work to bring to put in the box in the vestibule.



Create your Formed account in 4 easy steps:

- 1 Go to signup.formed.org
- 2 Enter "92503" and select St. Thomas the Apostle
- 3 Press "Next" and enter your full name and email address, all personal information is secure!
- 4 Check your email to verify your account, click on the link to "Sign in Now"

We're looking for new People of the Cloth ministers to clean the liturgical linens once a month. Training is provided. For more information, please call Deanna in the Parish Office. (951) 689-1131



Are you interested in helping RCIA but have limited time? There are hospitality needs within the ministry based on your availability. If you are interested in being a hospitality helper for RCIA/Adult Confirmation, please call Grace Fernandez in the Parish Office: (951)689-1131 Ext. 233

It's Flu season!

If you are sick and contagious, **please stay home**. It is not a sin to miss Mass if you are sick, but it is dangerous to others. This season's flu is a deadly one. We also have more cases of the Corona virus popping up in our area.

When greeting others and making the sign of peace, there are many options other than shaking hands. You can bow, nod, make a peace sign, fist bump, wave, or simply smile and verbally say "hello" or "peace be with you".



Healing Broken Hearts-One Weekend at a Time.

If you have emotional or spiritual wounds as a result of a past abortion experience, please consider attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. There will be two retreats available in the upcoming months in English.

Friday, February 28th - Sunday, March 1st,
contact: Mary Huber, (909)475-5353

MHuber@sbdioocese.org Web Site: www.sbrlpc.org

Friday, March 13th - Sunday, March 15th,
contact: Dolores, (951)325-7702

Web Site: www.atimeformercy.org

These retreats are an opportunity for women and men to experience God's love and mercy as He touches each wound with His healing grace. Lives are restored and peace is found. Participation is strictly confidential. Let's jumpstart the New Year with a renewed sense of hope!

Youth Ministry - 7th - 12th grade

**Join us tonight,
Sunday, February 16th,
6:15 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
All teens grade 7-12 are welcome!**

We are preparing for the Passion Play on Palm Sunday.
No registration required.



For more information, contact Lisa Upattiya: lupattiya@sbdioocese.org

Faith Formation News



**First Communion Retreat
Next Saturday, February 22nd
from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**First Holy Communion
Saturday, May 2nd
at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

English - Dana Robles, Coordinator of Catechesis at (951) 689-1131, ext. 240 drobles@sbdioocese.org
Español - Bertha Muñoz (951) 689-1131 ext. 235 bamunozmarquez@sbdioocese.org



Confirmation News



Module A and C

Next sessions will be available in the Fall, please check in during the Summer to schedule your journey meeting if you are new or continuing.

Module B

Passion Experience begins Today, Sunday, February 16th, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Check your RED CONFIRMATION JOURNEY FOLDER or contact Bertha bamunozmarquez@sbdioocese.org if you have any questions about your child's schedule.



**Confirmation will be
Sunday, April 19th at
2:00 p.m. with our
new Bishop,**

**Most Reverend
Alberto Rojas.**

Ash Wednesday is February 26th

- 7:00 a.m. Prayer service
 9:00 a.m. School Mass (English)
 12:00 p.m. Prayer service
 5:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer service
 7:00 p.m. Mass (English)



Ashes will NOT be available in the office, please plan to attend one of the scheduled services for ashes.

If you are a minister to the homebound and wish to take ashes to them, please notify Deanna in the Parish Office: (951)689-1131

Feeding the Body of Christ

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink." We have teams serving dinner at the homeless shelter a few days a week between 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Each team serves once every other month. If you are interested, please leave a message for Bob Davis with the Parish Office.

"We Honor the Dead by Helping the Living". You are invited to journey with us, The Healing after Loss team, through the very difficult grieving process for five Wednesday evenings beginning March 4th and continuing through April 1st at St. Thomas' Katherine Drexel Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in meeting with this group or know of anyone who may benefit, contact Valerie Doran in the Parish Office at (951)689-1131. A one-time \$35 fee is requested to cover the cost of handout materials.

Please join us at St. Joseph's Table

Thursday, March 19th after the 8:00 a.m. Communion Service. We will have our annual breakfast potluck to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph.



Please join us every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross in the church.

Friday, February 28th - Friday, April 3rd.
 English Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.
 Spanish Stations of the Cross: 8:00 p.m.



Rev. Frank Iacona from Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish and celebrating all Masses this weekend, February 15th & 16th. He is visiting on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



Our Parish Office will be closed today, Sunday, February 16th and Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE IS TODAY, Sunday, February 16th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you are unable to donate today, you may donate blood, plasma, or platelets at any Lifestream before Sunday, February 23rd, and give them code: "RC68" then call Norbert Holscher at: (951)733-5199.

Jesus calls us to do all that he did and more, but how can we heal the sick and save the dying? Each unit of blood can save up to 3 people! Our goal is 100 units.



Morning Bible Study Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the KDC.

Join us for the Senior Luncheon on the third **Wednesday, February 19th**. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. We will be serving chicken, please bring a side to share with 6-10 people. We will have a raffle and bingo after lunch, hope to see you there!



The King of Kings invites YOU to the Blessed Sacrament!

Join us on the third Friday of the month between 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Our next Adoration will be **Friday, February 21st**. Please join us in the Presence of the Lord!

Fish Fry Friday



Knights of Columbus Council #12213

Annual Lenten Fish Fry Starts Friday, February 28th

Join the Knights in the Parish Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. every Friday from February 28th - April 3rd.

*Parish Ministries will be hosting dessert tables weekly.

*Friday, April 10th Soup & Bread Dinner

*You can also participate in the 50/50 raffle, Assorted Basket Raffles and Grand Prize raffles.

Hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!