

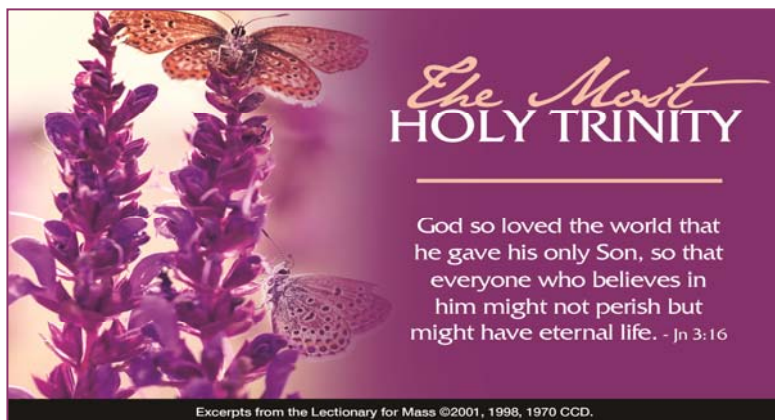
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Amarillo



Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 AM
 Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 AM
 Tuesday: 6:00 PM
 Holy Days: (to be announced)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 PM
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM
 (Other times by appointment)

REFLECTION

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." We are used to this profound idea, so used to it that we often glaze over the incredible reality: God the Father has a Son who became man and dwelt among us! Too often we blithely make the sign of the cross in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without realizing what a radical theology we are announcing.

Only Christianity proclaims a triune God. Only Christianity professes that we have one God in three divine persons. Only Christianity declares that the very nature of God is to be relational and literally "personal." Why does this matter? Because we are made in God's image, as the opening chapters of Genesis tell us. We, therefore, are made in the image of this Trinitarian God who is love. We are built to be like this God! Just as God the Father loves God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we too are called to love one another. In fact, we are not fulfilling our nature and design when we don't. And just as God loved the world (that is, us!) so too we are called to love him in return.

We don't have to embrace this image in which we were made, of course. God gave us freedom so that our love can be real, but this means our choices really matter. We can decide not to reflect God's interpersonal love in the world. We can opt not to return the love that God pours out to each of us. But this can only lead to disappointment in the end. After all, God sent his Son so that "everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Ultimately, this means spending eternity in the Trinitarian embrace of love. So why not start now?

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to schedule a date and time. Parents and sponsors must attend a Baptism class. One sponsor must be Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion

These sacraments combine into one sacramental preparation program which takes two consecutive years of religious education classes to complete. Students must be at least in first grade to begin this preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This sacrament takes two consecutive years of faith formation to complete. Students must be in at least sixth grade before beginning this preparation.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the Pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding.

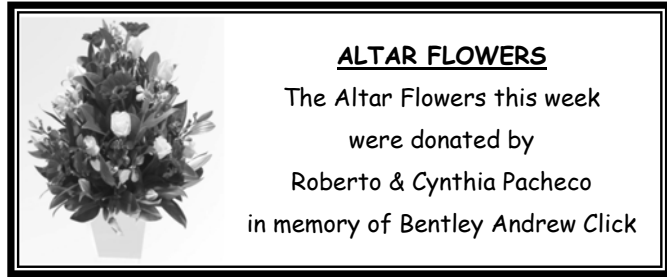
Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish secretary of any sick or elderly shut-ins and all those in the hospital.

The Rite of Christian Initiation

The program for adults (RCIA) is open to non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and to Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacraments. This process is offered on an ongoing basis.

Parish News



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week
were donated by
Roberto & Cynthia Pacheco
in memory of Bentley Andrew Click

BUILT BY GOD, MADE FOR A PURPOSE: Vacation Bible School will be held Jul. 9 - 13, 2017. Adult and Youth volunteers are needed. Please contact **Julie Jones in the Parish Life Office, 806-358-2461, Ext. 123, for details.**

PADRE'S SALSA returns for the 4th of July festivities! We are adding a limited supply of a milder version, "ALMOST MONSIGNOR'S SALSA", for those who can't take the heat of the original. Watch the bulletin for more information and please return your clean salsa jars for reuse. The St Thomas Mens Club thanks you for supporting our seminarians!

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken at all liturgies next weekend, **June 17/18 for Holy Father Peter's Pence.** Please use the envelope provided in your monthly packet.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: At this time, an **Adorer is needed for Wed., 2:00 a.m./Thurs., 3:00 a.m./Fri., 1:00 a.m./Sat., 11:00 a.m.** If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS: Please consider doing something special for Our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join Our Lady's Rosary Makers of St. Thomas Church. We make Mission Rosaries for those who or request them. There is a one time fee of \$5 for adults. Children who want to learn how to make rosaries don't need to pay a fee but must be accompanied by an adult. We will have nine sessions: Jun. 6, 13, 20, 27; Jul. 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 8, 15. You don't have to attend all of the sessions. We'll have a light refreshment to finish off each session. We'll also have water or you are welcome to bring your own drink. Please email sisneros@att.net or call 681-3185 if you have questions.

GIFT BEARERS are needed at all Masses. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the book in the Bell Tower.

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
June 4, 2017	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 32,783.01	\$ 5,952.01

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."
~JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay in order to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

~Office of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Kate Schmidt, Ben Canales, Marilyn Brzostowski, Clea Bustos, Steve Chontos, Elizabeth Stone, Terry Moenter, Carmen Oviedo, Lynn Gerken, Glenda Fassauer, Braxton Sandoval, Cheryle Wayne, Jerry Stone, Jerry Terry, Esther York, Shanna O'Gorman, Mike O'Neill, Angie Van Bakel, Mark Ortega, Bill Hughes, Jeannette Kaminski, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Frank Galitski, John (Jack) Hoben, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan, Robert Mitchell, Madeline Arrott, Lupita Randon, Carolyn Shoberg, Allen Lamb, Betty Cutting, Judy Allen, Roy Steele, Maria Arias, Jordan Barrientez, Melinda Gloe, William Ruzicka, Gilbert Ybarra, Jo Rogowski, Paul & Catherine Kiefer, Ellis Glueck, Doug Tyler, Nancy Kulman Family, Greg Shoemaker

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Cruz Rey Esparza, Sheldon Fowler, Shelby Lopez, A. J. Serafin, Lee Wingfield, Sean Callahan, Bryan Revell, John Nussbaum, Rachel Nussbaum, Matt Nussbaum, Christopher Schrock, David Oviedo Cantu, Jacob Bitonel, Jason Freeby, Brandon Owens, Jacob Tumbelson, T. J. Pevehouse, Swasey Brown, Cody Keese, Justin Spencer

ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. If you would be interested in joining this worthwhile ministry or if you have a prayer chain request, **please contact Debi Banach at 358-2461, Ext. 107.**



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you have elected to make your **contributions to St. Thomas by using the on-line payment option**, please contact the Parish Office, **358-2461**, and request that your **monthly envelopes be stopped.** Thank you.

ST. THOMAS ROSARY GROUP: If you are interested in praying the rosary with a group once a week, you are welcome to join the **St. Thomas Rosary Group each Thurs. morning at 10:00 a.m., in the Church.** Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We would like to welcome all of you who have come to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Thomas Parish and interested in **becoming a registered member, please find registration forms on the credenza next to the bell tower, come by the parish office or visit our website, at www.stthomasamarillo.org.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. THOMAS: St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo, Texas is seeking a Youth Minister. The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between 4th and 12th grades. This full-time, salary compensated position requires night and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church. All candidates should submit resumes to the Parish Office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Youth Schedule and Events

Young Adults will be meeting this Tues., June 13. We will be going out to eat and then go play Putt Putt Golf. Contact Caleb for time and place.

High School STAY. Summer STAY will be meeting this Wed., Jun. 14, in The Dwelling at 7:00 p.m.

Attention all 8th Graders about to become 9th Graders:

You are welcome to join HS STAY.

Steubenville (High School Summer Trip) – If you are going on the summer trip in Jul., please bring in your payments and release forms ASAP.

Please contact Caleb Hubbard at chubbard@stthomasamarillo.org or by phone at 358-2461, Ext. 121, if you have any questions.

Holy Cross Corner



Holy Cross Catholic Academy announced TAPPS 1A - All State Academic Awards. To be eligible, students have the following requirements: must be a junior or senior must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 90 or above

1st Team All District or State Qualifier

Junior - Anna Phillips – Volleyball, Basketball and Golf

Senior - Claudia Moreno – Volleyball and Basketball

Senior - Ryan Huseman – Basketball and Golf

Senior - Kayla Wilhelm – Basketball

Junior - Abby Rickwartz – Golf



*Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
Making me in the image and likeness to God.*

*Glory be to the son,
Who by his Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
And opened for me the gates of heaven.*

*Glory be to the Holy spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
And continues to sanctify me
By the graces I receive daily from his bounty.*

*Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
Now and forever.*

Amen.

-Prayers-Catholic Online

Around the Diocese

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT DIOCESE OF AMARILLO:

The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for an **Information Technology Manager**: The IT Manager should possess strong problem-solving, analytical and communication skills, in addition to in-depth technical knowledge of the Diocese's systems hardware and software. Must be familiar with Windows server 2012R2 and 2016 running on Dell servers. Should be very familiar with Microsoft Exchange Server specifically version 2013. Bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field is strongly preferred but not absolutely required. At least three to five years of comparable experience working with the above specific types of hardware and software systems are required. Professional certifications such as the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) or similar certification would be viewed as a plus. Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Larry Gray at lgray@dioama.org. Diocese is also seeking a The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for a **Facilities Management/Loss Prevention position**. For a complete job description and qualifications, please go to www.amarillodiocese.org/finance. Please send inquiries/resumes to pwhitson@dioama.org.

DIOCESE OF AMARILLO FAMILY LIFE OFFICE is in need of Part-Time receptionist/assistant who is proficient in Microsoft Office with some experience in social media. Strong clerical and organizational skills. Ability to multi-task. Physical ability capable of some light lifting (15lbs). Send inquiries or resume to sfrausto@dioama.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

Physical Education Teacher: St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Physical Education Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate P.E. teacher for our school who strives to teach students how to be physically active for a lifetime. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's Degree and must hold a valid teaching certificate with an EC-6 Physical Education endorsement. **Extended Day Supervisor:**

St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Extended Day Supervisor for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a creative, enthusiastic person who enjoys working with children. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience. **Minimum Requirements:** Associates Degree in Early Childhood, or Early Childhood Development Certificate, or Childcare Provider Certificate, and experience working in a childcare setting.

4th Grade Elementary Teacher:

St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Full-Time 4th Grade Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate teacher who is creative, innovative, and faith-filled committed to teaching in a Catholic School and willing to collaborate with colleagues and develop positive relations with students and parents. All teachers take part in some non-teaching duties. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree, valid state certification or the equivalent, as specified by the Texas Conference Education Department and the Diocese of Amarillo. Non-Catholic teachers are required to have knowledge of the Catholic faith and support Catholic tradition in education. Interested persons may pick up an application at the school and email the following documents Letter, Resume, and References to Principal, Linda Aranda at aranda@stmarysamarillo.com, or mail to 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo, TX 79102.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF

PastorRev. John Valdez
 DeaconBlaine Westlake
 DeaconPhillip Whitson
 Retired DeaconJim Brown
 Retired DeaconTerry Pevehouse
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner
 Assistant Music Dir.Nicole Koetting
 Youth DirectorCaleb Hubbard
 Religious Ed & Adult Faith Formation Director.....Kerry Acker
 Parish SecretaryRita Walker
 Facility AdministratorBryan Webb
 Parish BookkeeperVirginia Christian
 Religious Ed SecretaryDebi Banach
 Parish Life CoordinatorJulie Jones
 Ministry AssistantDayamin Winchester
 Music SecretaryJudith Tucker
 Music AssistantStephanie Gallegos
 Facility AssistantGlen Starcher
 Liturgical EnvironmentalistJulie Pierce

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, June 11:
 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday, June 12:
 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday, June 13:
 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 14:
 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, June 15
 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26
Friday, June 16
 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday, June 17:
 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
Sunday, June 18:
 Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	6/12		NO MASS
Tuesday	6/13	6:00 PM	+Theresa Rider Mark & Catherine Mechenbier
Wednesday	6/14	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Bart Britten Family John & Teresa Loth
Thursday	6/15	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Lois Litsch Shirley Kuriyama
Friday	6/16	7:00 AM	+Kay Kaltefleiter Pat Stich
Saturday	6/17	5:00 PM	+Pat Belcher St. Thomas Men's Club
Sunday	6/18	7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
		9:00 AM	+Mary Koetting Don & Alby Peters
		11:15 AM	+Vicente Carrizo Carrizo Family

Religious Education News

RE News

*Confirmation & 1st Communion certificates and group pictures are available for pick up in the RE office during weekly office hours. Please call Debi if you need to arrange a time to come by!

*Get pre-enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year! Please turn in your blue form and fee any time this summer! Blank forms will be available outside the RE office on the bulletin board.

*Seeking catechists for the 2017-2018 school year! Check the bulletin and the website for details on where we need help.

*Contact Debi, RE secretary, at 806.358.2461 ext. 107 for more info!

RCIA News

+Interested in Catholicism and possibly joining the Church next Easter? Start your journey in our Inquiry class! Here are the summer class offerings in the library from 10:05-11:05:
June 11, June 25, July 9

Contact Kerry Acker, DRE, at kacker@stthomasamarillo.org
or (806)358-2461 ext. 106,
or Debi, RE secretary, at ext. 107, for more info!

Adult Faith Formation

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It is often heard that today's observance is an "idea feast," and that it is somewhat difficult to grasp its meaning. Other great solemnities, such as Christmas and Easter, have an easily grasped core. Yet, even though the Trinity is at the heart of our faith, firmly declared in the Creed since the Council of Nicea in 325, we are used to having people shrug and say, "Well, it's a mystery."

Perhaps it is more helpful to think of this as a "relationship feast," since it unveils our deepest identity. Dorothy Day was a great social reformer, pacifist, and ardent lover of the Trinity. When people told her that she would certainly be canonized one day (the process is indeed underway), she protested dismissively by remarking that people were raising a fuss just because she was not afraid to talk about God. She loved the Trinity, and treasured the traditional icon for the feast, also known as "The Hospitality of Abraham," depicting the three angelic beings seated at a table tilted toward the viewer and laden with bread and wine. For her, the Trinity revealed the heart of the Catholic life, three C's if you will: community, communication, and communion. That was not an "idea" for her, but what it means to be created in the image of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Week at a Glance

MONDAY, JUNE 12

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

10:00 a.m. - VBS Safe Environment Training - Marian Room
2:00 p.m. - Rosary Makers - Marian Room
6:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room
7:00 p.m. - Summer Young Adults - The Dwelling

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:00 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library
9:00 a.m. - Community Bible Study - Parlor
10:00 a.m. - Marianist Group - Marian Room
5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Bride's Room
6:00 p.m. - VBS Safe Environment Training - Marian Room
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing
7:00 p.m. - Summer STAY - The Dwelling/Gym

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Church
7:00 p.m. - Theology on Tap - IDK Bar

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Bride's Room
4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

FATHER'S DAY



NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ST. THOMAS?
Visit our website at:
www.stthomasamarillo.org
Do you know someone who is homebound, sick & can't make it to Mass? GO to the website and check out Mass every week-end streamed **LIVE at 11:15 a.m., on Sunday mornings! Broadcast begins at 11:00 a.m.**

