

# Saint Thomas the Apostle

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Diocese of Corpus Christi



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**MASSSES:**      **Sunday Vigil** Mass 5:30 pm; Sun 8:30 am, and 11:00 am  
                         **Weekdays**    Mon. & Wed., 7:00 pm  
                                            Tues., Thurs., & Fri., 7:00 am  
**HOLY DAY MASSES:**                    7:00 am & 7:00 pm

*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.  
-- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

##### 5:30 PM OPEN MASS

###### Parishioners of St. Thomas

†Ma. Luciana Paredez by Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigo Gonzalez

†Evelyn Havran by Anna Marie Kocurek

†Larry Garcia by JoAnn Dominguez

†Edward J. Marek by Martha Mussett

†Pat Mussett by Martha Mussett

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM †Souls in Purgatory by Deacon Bill

11:00 AM †Linda Trefflick by Ticia Hanisch

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7 PM -- NO MASS --

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7 AM -- NO MASS --

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7 PM -- NO MASS --

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7 AM -- NO MASS --

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7 AM -- NO MASS --

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:30 PM Eric Tajchman (Birthday) David & Susie Tajchman

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 AM †Sylvester Vo by John & Chi Bowman

##### 11 AM OPEN MASS

###### Parishioners of St. Thomas

†Ma. Luciana Paredez by Grandchildren

†Gloria White by Monica & Buddy Toepfer

### Centennial Jubilee Mass

The Diocese of Corpus Christi, erected in March of 1912 will celebrate its **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Mass** in the American Bank Center on **March 26 at 6 PM.** All the bishops of Texas as well as other church leaders, clergy from the Diocese of Corpus Christi and neighboring dioceses are invited. The Mass will begin at 6pm that evening. As the American Bank Center requires tickets for all attending any of its hosted functions, lists will soon be out in the foyer for those who wish to get tickets for this special Mass celebrating a century of tradition and a lifetime of faith.

### ALTAR SERVERS - FEBRUARY 18-19, 2012

Saturday, 5:30 PM Alexis, Victoria & TJ Wahlen, Megan Segundo

Sunday, 8:30 AM Ivan & Ivanna Alvarez, Lincoln Polask, Ben & Jessie Heard

Sunday, 11 AM Riley Rychetsky, Mitchell, Kimberly & Natalie Peters

### EUCCHARISTIC MINS. - FEBRUARY 18-19, 2012

Saturday, 5:30 PM Joanne Tiller, Dianne Oliver, Linda Segundo

Sunday, 8:30 AM Deacon Bill, Aida Deases, Fred Ramos

Sunday, 11AM Julio Rangel, Donna Peters, Barbara Rychetsky

### LECTORS - FEBRUARY 18-19, 2012

Saturday, 5:30 PM Patricia Bryant

Sunday, 8:30 AM Agnes Flores

Sunday, 11 AM Greg Knopp

### **Defend Religious Liberty Today!**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that religious employers will be required to provide health care plans that include coverage of sterilization, contraceptives, and abortifacients. Catholic schools, hospitals, and charities **are not exempt** from this mandate. This violation of religious liberty is unconscionable and unnecessary. Urge your U.S. Representative to protect religious liberty by co-sponsoring the **Respect for Rights of Conscience Act**. To contact your representative, and sign a petition to the White House opposing this mandate, visit the Texas Catholic Conference web site at [www.TXcatholic.org/HHSmandate.asp](http://www.TXcatholic.org/HHSmandate.asp) or call the Texas Catholic Conference at 512-339-9882.

***The Texas Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Bishops of Texas***

Call or email the Rectory for your 2011  
Contribution Statements, 387-1312 or [aramos@christon624.com](mailto:aramos@christon624.com)

**MSGR. RORY DEANE** has written his memoirs in his new book "**NO FLOP PAD an Irish Priest in Texas**". Msgr. Rory retired from active ministry several years ago and now lives in the small community of Lamar. He continues to help in various parishes as needed.

*The book sells for \$20 will all proceeds going to fund the building of a retirement home for the priests of the Diocese. These books are available in the church foyer. Buy one! (he has signed all of them), it's a good cause, and the material gives a real insight into the life of a priest who has served us for over fifty-seven years.*

**COLLECTION FOR:**  
**February, 4-5, 2012: \$10,397.89**

**The Diocese of the Eucharist**

Bishop Paul Nussbaum, C.P. like Pope Pius X who elevated the vicariate into a diocese actively promoted spiritual growth and devotion to the Eucharist by introducing the Holy Hour and Forty Hour Devotions throughout the diocese. The new diocese was after all the Diocese of Corpus Christi, the "Diocese of the Eucharist". He also in quick succession worked for the promotion of lay societies such as the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Corpus Christi Catholic Club for the youth, the Society of St. Ann's for married women, the Court of Isabella (Catholic Daughters), and the Holy Name Society for men and boys. (102 words)

For further information on the Centennial celebration of the Diocese of Corpus Christi--REMEMBER (past history), REJOICE (present celebrations), RENEW (future plans)—please go the website <http://acenturyoftradition.org>.

**2012 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Today we unite as one with Christ as parishioners throughout the Diocese of Corpus Christi consider their gift to the **2012 Catholic Stewardship Appeal**. This is an opportunity for us to be good stewards of God's gifts as we share with other Catholics our treasure and our blessings and show our love for one another. The 2012 Catholic Stewardship Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a family of faith and support the programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by themselves. **Your gift is important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the 2012 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. You can also give securely online or share the CSA video at [diocesec.org](http://diocesec.org).**

**ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 22ND  
7AM MASS @ 7PM MASS**

**LENTE MISSION: MARCH 19 THRU MARCH 21  
PENANCE SERVICE: THURSDAY, MARCH 22**

**Please Pray for the Sick:**

Geneva Strmiska, Robert Ceballos, Rosie Barrera, Susana Sifuentes, Raymond Malish, James Gwosdz, David Gonzalez, Jarrett Bedyneck, Caden Casarez, Charlie Chapman, Rylee Beard, Jessi Heard, Marilyn Nemeck, Raymond Bartosch, Bobbie Hatch, Alicia Carrillo, Brenda Macaione, Nora M. Prochazka, Esilla Lawley, Mary Kaye Fuller, Rhonda Price, Evelyn Just, Augustine Carpenter, Mason Tunison, Proxey Prukop, Josephine Gerhard, Mary Helpert, Maryla Peebles, Carol Sue Hipp, Evelyn Arnold, Judy Beavers, George Martinez, Ernest Kocurek, John Greenwood, Darryl Cox, Patrick Nemeck, Linda Eoff Bobo, Joyce Yaklin, Collin Bailey, Geneva Lintner, Frank Nemeck Jr., Mildred Phillip, Leonard & Leona Logue, Emma Perez, Vee Acuna, Kathleen Casey, Victor Huff, Sr., Miles & Patti Bollom, Mark, Irene & Edward Kellogg, David T. Pollard, Thomas Burgess, Everett Ahrens, Lucy Vaughan, Sue Allen, Gloria Salazar, Horacio Olivera, Cruz and Nina Sanchez, Betty Long, Pablo DeLeon, Ken Jack Shel Van Wey, Gloria Jolly, Theresa Landers, Conrad Prukop, Ben Lyssy, Kyle Tvrdik, Ava Solis, J. & S. Arnold & family, Josephine Kellner, Donna Guajardo, Roger Powe, Patrick Kotara, Christine Prukop, Denise Bernsen, Dick McClure, Taylor Berry, John Ely, Mary Acker, Jace Thompson, Jim Douglas, Grady Duff, Andy Garcia, Carol O'Leary, Bobbie DiStefano, Harry Rychetsky, Jim Massey, Edna Vela, Carol O'Leary, Trish Ivey, Mary Hall, Woody Peebles, Laura Baronette, Margaret Hooper, Lucille Kopech, Grace Schuette, Israel Rosas, Stephanie Fernandez, Mable Ginn, Paula Canales, Janet Lange, Robben Nemeck, Gigi Davis, Bob Malek, Pat McGermott, Andrew Pollok & Fam., Donny Kotzur & Fam.

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

THE BOYS SCOUT TROOP 65, ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHARTER, MEET EVERY MONDAY NIGHT FROM 6:30-7:30 PM AT THE I.C. HALL.

THE CUB SCOUT PACK 65 MEET EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6:30 -7 :30 PM.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** February 22, Masses @ 7 AM & 7 PM

**FISH FRY:** Friday, February 24, @ 5:30 PM until no fish left.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING:** Monday, February 27, Adoration @ 6 PM, Mass at 7 PM and Meeting at 7:30 PM

**Chairperson:** Aida Deases **Hostesses** Sandra Davis, Julie Morris Cindy Cleavelin, Pat Landreth

**Upcoming Sacraments ... Dates to Remember ...**

*Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend all events that pertain to your child:*

**First Communion:**

April 15, 2012 (Sunday) @ 9:30 a.m. - Parent and Candidate Meeting (in Ms. Harris/Ms. Swetish' classroom)

April 21, 2012 (Saturday) @ 6:45 pm - Rehearsal (in the church)

April 22, 2012 (Sunday) @ 8:30 am Mass - First Communion @ St. Thomas

**Confirmation:**

April 11, 2012 (Wednesday) @ 7:00 pm (in the church) - Parent, Sponsor, and Candidate Meeting

April 15, 2012 (Sunday) @ 7:00 pm (in the church) - Evening of Reflection (Candidates Only)

April 18, 2012 (Wednesday) @ 6:30 pm (at the **Corpus Christi Cathedral**) - Confirmation Mass

(\*There will most likely be a rehearsal for Confirmation, but the Bishop's office has not announced the date and time.)

**Fast And Abstinence**

**LENTE FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **Fast and Abstinence**. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

FASTING binds all over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 years. On days of Fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain

strength, may be taken in accordance with each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. ABSTINENCE binds all over the age of 14. On days of Abstinence, no meat is allowed. These communal penance practices of the Church during the season of Lent do not apply to those whose medical health would be compromised by such ascetic practices. They are encouraged to fast and abstain from other "goods" that through such self-denial and struggle against self-indulgence we all might grow in a greater spirit of self-giving (charity).

This will be the last weekend to sign-up for tickets for the **Diocesan Centennial Jubilee Mass** to be held at the American Bank Center, **Monday March 26, 6pm. The list is in the foyer.**