

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4100 South Coulter Street

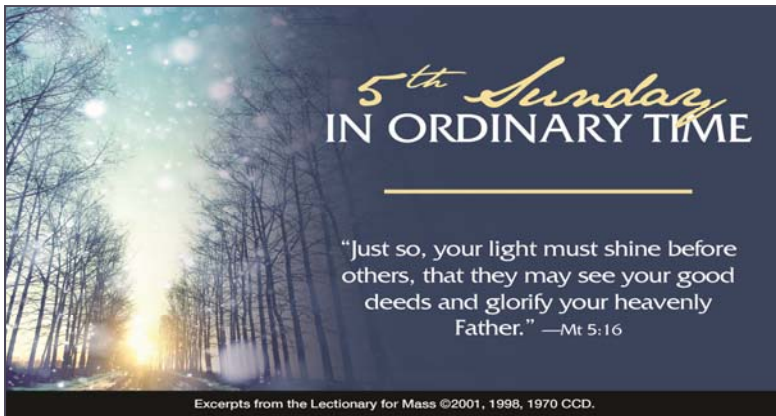


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Diocese of Amarillo



## Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)  
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 AM  
 Weekdays: 7:00 AM (Tuesday-Friday)  
 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

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

—Liturgical Publications

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

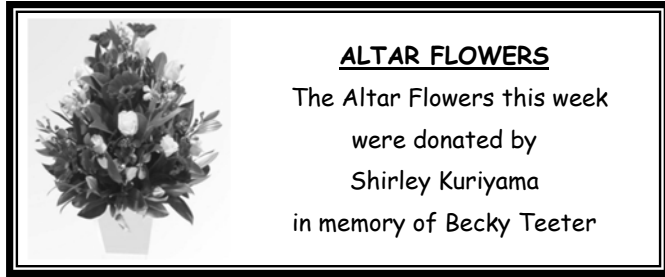
## Sacrament of the Sick

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  
Shirley Kuriyama  
in memory of Becky Teeter

**ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB** will meet **Mon., Feb. 6, at 7:00 p.m. In Msgr. Tash Hall.** All men of the parish are invited. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and service to the parish. All are welcome to pray the rosary with us beforehand at 6:30 in the chapel.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' BAGS OF HOPE:** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will participate in the Bags of Hope Project benefitting the Catholic Charities Hunger Project. **Bags will be checked out to parishioners following all Masses on Feb. 11 & 12.** Parishioners will fill the bags with much needed items from a provided list and **return bags to St. Thomas by Feb. 26.** If you don't care to check a bag out, a list of items to donate will be included in a bulletin flyer next week. All food collected will go directly into the Hunger Project food pantry store for those in need age 55+ or disabled or to the homebound. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST:** Next pancake breakfast will be held on **Sun., Feb. 12** They will be serving continuously from **8:00 a.m., to 12:30 p.m.,** in the Gym. **Adults \$7, Children 10 and under eat for \$3.** Proceeds benefit seminarians and charities.

**SAVE THE DATE: Family Movie Afternoon, Sun., Feb. 26 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.,** in the Msgr. Tash Hall featuring Disney's "Finding Dory". Bring your family, a comfy chair and a snack to enjoy the movie with our parish family.

**SAVE THE DATE: Knight of Columbus will be serving pancakes and ice cream sundaes on Feb. 28,** as we celebrate Mardi Gras. The meal will be compliments of the parish and reservations can be made by contacting Julie Jones at 358-2461, Ext 123 or [jjones@stthomasamarillo.org](mailto:jjones@stthomasamarillo.org) by **Feb. 27.** The celebration will take place in the Msgr. Tash parish hall from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Come celebrate with the parish family before the Season of Lent begins.

## Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Jan. 29, 2017	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 29,974.63	\$ 3,116.63
Month-to-Date	\$134,155.00	\$124,461.15	(\$ 9,693.85)

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

~Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

~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, Cleta 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 & Marie 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, Robert Herrera, William Ruzicka.

**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. **Please contact Debi Banach at 358-2461, Ext. 107.**

**THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COLLECTION** has been remitted to the Diocese, **Christian Campaign for the Homeless, \$7,181.00.** Thank you for your continued generosity.

**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 Chapel.** Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

**SHAWL MINISTRY:** If you know someone in need of prayers, please let the Prayer Shawl Ministry reach out to you with a Prayer Shawl. **You can pick up a shawl at the Religious Education Office Mon.-Thurs. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Monetary or yarn donations (three skeins of Lyon Brand Homespun) will be greatly appreciated. The **Prayer Shawl group meets each Wed. evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Parlor.**

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At this time, the hours needing to be filled are **Mon., 4:00 a.m./Tues., 5:00 a.m./Wed., 2:00 a.m./Thurs., 1:00 a.m./Fri., 12:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m./Sat., 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.** Substitutes are needed for early morning hours & division leaders, who will weekly call subs to fill open hours, are also needed. If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**

**BAPTISM CLASS:** If you are new parents and/or sponsors, you are required to attend a Baptism class before the reception of the sacrament. **Please call the parish office, 358-2461, to register for the next scheduled class.**

## Youth Schedule and Events

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If you are graduating from high school this May, email Caleb Hubbard your full name and the name of the high school you attend. Information is due no later than Mar. 7.

**Young Adults** will be meeting this Tues., Feb. 7, in The Dwelling at 7:00 p.m.

**High School STAY** will be meeting this Wed., Feb. 8, in The Dwelling from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**MS STAY (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)** is meeting on Sun., Feb. 12, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in The Dwelling.

**FAST (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** I meeting on Sun., Feb. 26, in The Dwelling from 5:30-7pm.

**Lunch Bunch** is back on a regular schedule, every Wed. in the St. Thomas Gym, during your school lunch. Welcome to all high school youth.

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

## Holy Cross Corner



**“Kindness” is the buzz word for the spring semester at Holy Cross Catholic Academy.**

Student leaders have embarked on a renewed focus on “kindness.” Random acts of kindness toward classmates, schoolmates, faculty and staff have been complemented by pay-it-forward activities as classes “adopt” each other. Students and teachers have discussed different ways of demonstrating kindness toward each other. Student Council’s goal in implementing the theme of kindness is to encourage respect, acceptance and love for each other as stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**Way to go Mustangs!**



## More Parish News

### ATTENTION MEMBER OF ST. THOMAS: ADVERTISE ON THE BULLETIN!

Feb. 21 through 24, John Lopez, our parish representatives from Liturgical Publications, Inc., will be working on our bulletin, and contacting advertisers for the back page. Please consider advertising in the bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. It’s a great way to get your name in front of the families in the church!

Advertisements can be purchased for a family, or a sponsorship ad for worthy organizations. However, this is especially suited for a business to promote what they do, and it provides an opportunity to connect our Parish families with trustworthy businesses, while benefitting the church at the same time.

Please do give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help!

If you are interested or just curious to check it out, **please call John Lopez: 817-983-4152, or feel free to email him anytime at: JLopez@4LPi.com**

## Around the Diocese

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND March 31 – April 2:** Married Couples, Valentines Day is only a few days away! One of the greatest gifts you can give your spouse is your time and desire to make your relationship even better than it is today. Whether you’ve been married 1 year or 65, plan to join us on the March 31 – April 2 Weekend at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo, to enhance your communication and build a lifetime of love, romance and intimacy. Contact Tung & Nanette Nguyen at (505) 400-0617, (505) 463-0261 or [nguyenswwme@outlook.com](mailto:nguyenswwme@outlook.com) for more information, or apply online at [www.meAmarillo.org](http://www.meAmarillo.org) by March 3 to receive a \$25 discount off your \$100 application fee (use Promo Code: Early Bird).

**ST. HYACINTH CHURCH, AMARILLO:** Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer, pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish, has instituted a prayerful **Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.**, and invites all to join in prayer for vocations as well as private intentions. The hour opens with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily followed with silent meditation, common prayer, concluding with Benediction. It is a very special time.

**BISHOP DEFALCO RETREAT CENTER:** Join them in the beautiful Gallery at DeFalco on the **First Wednesday of each month, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, to hear an engaging presentation on a topic relevant to our community. Invite your friends and bring your favorite beverage. Love offerings are accepted.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP):** Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, [www.nfpandmore.org](http://www.nfpandmore.org). Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that’s easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70. We are listed at the U.S Bishops’ website under NFP long distance learning: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF**

Pastor .....Rev. John Valdez  
 Deacon .....Blaine Westlake  
 Deacon ..... Phillip Whitson  
 Retired Deacon ..... Jim Brown  
 Retired Deacon .....Terry Pevehouse  
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner  
 Assistant Music Dir. ....Nicole Koetting  
 Youth Director .....Caleb Hubbard  
 Religious Ed & Adult Faith Formation Director.....Kerry Acker  
 Parish Secretary .....Rita Walker  
 Facility Administrator .....Bryan Webb  
 Parish Bookkeeper .....Virginia Christian  
 Religious Ed Secretary .....Debi Banach  
 Parish Life Coordinator .....Julie Jones  
 Ministry Assistant .....Dayamin Winchester  
 Music Secretary .....Judith Tucker  
 Music Assistant .....Stephanie Gallegos  
 Facility Assistant .....Glen Starcher  
 Facility Assistant .....Tony Derda  
 Liturgical Environmentalist .....Julie Pierce

**Daily Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, February 5:**  
 Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
**Monday, February 6:**  
 Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday, February 7:**  
 Gn 1:20\_2:4a/Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday, February 8:**  
 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday, February 9:**  
 Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday, February 10:**  
 Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday, February 11:**  
 Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10  
**Sunday, February 12:**  
 Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

**Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:**

Monday	2/6		NO MASS
Tuesday	2/7	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Cindy Doud Alan & Ann Hagemeyer
Wednesday	2/8	7:00 AM	+Olive Zimmermann Paul & Jenny Harpole
Thursday	2/9	7:00 AM	+Pete Kuehler Red Hat Club
Friday	2/10	7:00 AM	+Jennifer Schmitt Wayne & Myra Schmitt
Saturday	2/11	5:00 PM	+Dick Wilcox Ann Roach
Sunday	2/12	7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
		9:00 AM	+Ignacio Gonzalez Dr. Robert & Rose Bidwell
		11:15 AM	Spec. Int. of Zack & Jean Norrell Bart Britten Family

## Religious Education News

### RE News

*\*I need baptismal certificates for children in sacramental classes not baptized at St. Thomas. NO sacraments can be received without it.*

*\*Congrats to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat., Feb. 4!*

*\*Our next parent meeting over Confirmation will be this coming Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.*

### RCIA News

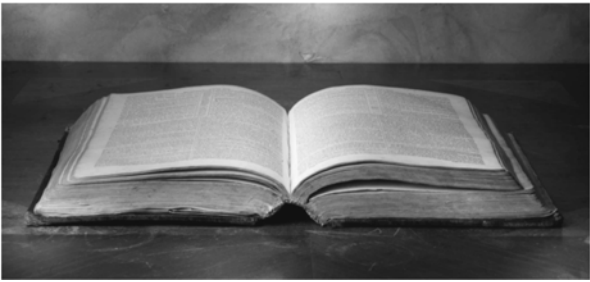
\*Not Catholic but interested in learning more? Our new Inquiry class is held in the library 10:05-11:05 a.m. Come join us on Feb. 5! Any non-Catholic is welcome at any time!

\*Are you an adult Catholic who never received Confirmation? Call Kerry to find out how to receive this sacrament this spring!

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

## Adult Faith Formation

### ADULT FORMATION CLASSES



**THE PROPHETS - Sundays at 10:05 a.m., in the Msgr. Tash Hall.**

**FOLLOW ME - Sundays at 10:05 a.m., in the Marian Room.**

**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., in the Marian Room.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. - Men's club - Chapel/Msgr. Tash Hall

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 a.m. - Bible Timeline (AFF) -Marian Room  
2:00 p.m. - Our Lady's Rosary Makers - Marian Room  
6:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room  
7:00 p.m. - Young Adults - The Dwelling  
7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Marian Room

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library  
9:00 a.m. - Community Scripture Study - Parlor  
10:00 a.m.- Marianist Group - Marian Room  
11:00 a.m.- Lunch Bunch - Gym  
5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel  
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor  
6:30 p.m. - The Mass (AFF) - Marian Room  
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing  
6:30 p.m. - K.I.D.S. Choirs - Music Wing  
7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Parents Meeting - Msgr. Tash Hall  
7:00 p.m. - High School STAY - The Dwelling/Gym  
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Music Wing

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel  
1:30 p.m. - Focolare Movement - Marian Room  
7:00 p.m. - Baptism Class - Church  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

NO SCHEDULE EVENTS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:15 a.m. - TMIY - Msgr. Tash Hall  
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel  
4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 a.m. - KC Breakfast - Gym  
9:30 a.m. - Breaking Open the Word - Library  
10:05 a.m. - Follow Me (AFF) - Marian Room  
10:05 a.m. - The Prophets (AFF) - Msgr. Tash Hall  
10:05 a.m. - RE Classes - Education Wing  
4:30 p.m. - Young in Spirit - Msgr. Tash Hall  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Orchestra - Music Wing  
5:30 p.m. - Youth Bells - Music Wing  
6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir - Music Wing  
7:00 p.m. - Middle School Stay - The Dwelling/Gym