

# ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of the Good Shepherd  
Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA



*“Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”*

**September 2017**

## 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**We the Catholic community of St. Thomas Parish, come together to be transformed by the Eucharist. We regularly help each other to hear the Sunday Gospel, serve those in need, and bring our lives to faith and bring faith to our lives. Parish mission Statement.**

**Father Brian P. Spencer**, Pastor, Diocesan Chancellor, Vice-Rector, Vilatte Theological Seminary

**Deacon Imani Boyd**, Associate Pastor

**MASS TIMES:** Wednesday -9:00am; Saturday - 5:00pm, Sunday -10:00am

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM

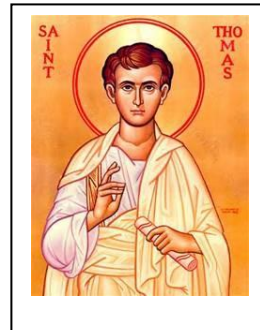
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**ALTAR GUILD:** Betty Dymek

**CHURCH SACRISTAN:** Debbie Dickinson



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING	RESPONSORIAL PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Ezekiel 33:7-9	Psalm 95 :1-2,6-7,8-9	Romans 13:8-10	Matthew 18:15-20

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Baptism class is held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00pm . Godparents are required to attend the same class . **MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Church office. It is not advisable to set a date before your first appointment with a priest. **SACREMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** For individual confession, contact Father Brian at the Church office. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Church office.

**PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:** Travis Noonan, Christine Ford Enobakhare, Amadin [AJ] Enobakhare, Regina Klein, Eileen Forbes, Mike Pagano, Bianca Kleinebreil, Sara Perdoni, Ron Humphrey, Mrs. Williams, Bishop William Wettingfeld, Lisa Hanks, Pat Gibbs, Maria Mills, Jason Koval and all who have requested prayers. **To be added to our prayer list please, contact Carol Anderson. [cmca1117@cox.net](mailto:cmca1117@cox.net)**



**HAWAIIAN LUAU\*\*\*\*\*SEPTEMBER 22, 2017\*\*\*\*\*DINNER from 6:00PM –7:30PM\*\*\*\*\***

**ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 6:30PM – 7:15PM**

## **THANK YOU**

We would like to GIVE THANKS to all of our USHERS, SERVERS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, JOHN JAROLSLAWSKI, INTERNAL AUDITOR, ALLISON SPENCER, SECRETARY, ELLEN SCHUNK, TREASURE, DEBBIE DICKINSON, CHURCH SACRISTAN, BETTY DYMEK, ALTAR GUILD, RICHIE WIENMAN, FACILITIES, our RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS and OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS; THANK YOU for all you do for your church. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

### **ONLY A FEW MORE DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**Thank you to all of our parishioners who have taken time to sell OUR RAFFLE tickets. This fundraiser would not be a success without you.**

**First Holy Communion/Confirmation classes begins Sunday, September 17th.**



## **From the Desk of the Pastor**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint Thomas,

It is hard to believe Labor Day weekend is upon us. What a fast moving summer! Labor Day reminds us not only the importance of rest, but is also an occasion for us to thank God for our jobs, and to ask God to help those who are searching for employment. We also pray for those who do not earn a just wage, such as women who often earn much less than men who perform the same job.

The Hawaiian Luau is turning out to be a great success. The enthusiasm of the many volunteers and parishioners is spreading. Please continue selling your raffle tickets. If you feel you cannot sell your tickets, please consider purchasing them as a gift for your church. Also, do not forget to purchase your dinner tickets. Remember, it will be the only chance you will ever have to see me in a grass skirt!

We are continually being blessed with new parishioners to our church family. I have decided to no longer have a monthly New Comer's Meeting. I have found it to be more convenient and enjoyable to meet one-on-one with the individual or family, than to have a set date. It is good to work around our new parishioners work schedules. It is an opportunity for the new parishioner to share their faith journey and what lead them to join our church as well.

Let us keep in prayer the victims of the hurricane in south-east Texas. We pray their faith will give them strength and hope as they endure this cross. We will be having a special collection this weekend to assist the victims. The money collected will be given to Catholic Charities of the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. Thanks.

Finally, Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Our First Communion teachers will be Jackie Rients and Araceli DeLuna. Our Confirmation teacher will be Deacon Imani. We give God thanks for sending us these wonderful teachers. Registration continues to take place.

Have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Fr. Brian

