



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community

Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás el Apóstol

**Sunday, March 8, 2026 / Domingo, 8 del Marzo, 2026**



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

Jesús le dijo: "Si conocieras el don de Dios y quién es el que te pide de beber, tú le pedirías a él, y él te daría agua viva". - Jn 4, 10

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### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am & 10:00am  
Spanish | 1:00pm

#### Weekday Masses

Thursday | 8:00am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:15pm-4:00pm  
*or by appointment*

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 4:30pm

### Mission Statement

In The Name of Jesus Christ, St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community Welcomes, Prays, Feeds, Heals, Comforts ALL!

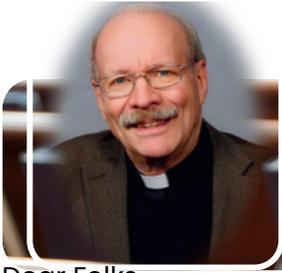
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### Misión

En el Nombre de Jesucristo, que la Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás Apóstol Acoge, Reza, Alimenta, Cura, Conforta ¡TODO!

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# Letter from Father Dave /Carta del padre Dave



Dear Folks,

We come to the Third Sunday of Lent, joining Jesus and the woman at the well. This Samaritan woman is thirsty, looking for water that will quench her thirst. She is suspicious of anyone who gets close to her. After all, she was looking for something in those six men! Jesus helps her to see him, as he helps us to find him, too. This sacred season is meant to help our two catechumens grow more deeply in love with Jesus as they anticipate the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, the Seal of Confirmation and Eucharist. I pray they have the courage to do so, falling into the loving hands of God! Here is a short passage from Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, a Trappist monk, that may quench our thirst! Here it is...

We see God begging for a drink of water from a human being, and a sinful one at that. On the cross, too, he will exclaim, I thirst, and soon after, as the surprising result of that thirst, water and blood flow from his Heart. Indeed, he is a thirsty God, a tired God, a God looking for the companionship and dialogue of one of his creatures. How could it be that God is needy?... In Christ the one who by nature has need of nothing outside himself has nonetheless voluntarily made himself needy, but only in order to communicate to us the life that is his. This action of making himself needy out of love may well be the greatest and most astounding work of his omnipotence.

What God, who is Love, needs is to give himself to us, thus obeying the deepest law of his nature as Love, and he can give himself to us only if he succeeds in kindling within us the light of faith that then provokes in us the yearning for union with him. The only thing Love wants is to be loved in turn, and, to accomplish this, Love does not hesitate to humiliate himself and make himself a beggar: Give me a drink, says the immortal Lord to his sinful creature....

We see clearly here that Jesus' human thirst is the means God uses to manifest himself to us, to communicate to us his divine desire to give himself to us, and this real, human thirst of Jesus is the condition, as it were, for God to be able to give us the divine water of his grace and life. In a magnificent phrase, Saint Gregory Nazianzen calls Jesus the thirsty fountain, that is: the Fountain of Life and Love whose very reason for being is to give itself away. God thirsts, as it were, for *our* love. Will we not satisfy this holy desire of God on the lips of Jesus?

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Dave

Queridos amigos,

Llegamos al Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma, uniéndonos a Jesús y a la mujer junto al pozo. Esta samaritana tiene sed y busca agua que la calme. Desconfía de cualquiera que se le acerque. Al fin y al cabo, ¡buscaba algo en esos seis hombres! Jesús la ayuda a verlo, como nos ayuda a nosotros también a encontrarlo. Este tiempo sagrado tiene como objetivo ayudar a nuestros dos catecúmenos a profundizar su amor por Jesús mientras esperan los sacramentos pascuales del Bautismo, el Sello de la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Ruego que tengan la valentía de hacerlo, ¡cayendo en las manos amorosas de Dios! Aquí tienen un breve pasaje de Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, monje trapense, que puede calmar nuestra sed. Aquí está...

Vemos a Dios pidiendo un trago de agua a un ser humano, y además pecador. En la cruz, también exclamó: «Tengo sed», y poco después, como resultado sorprendente de esa sed, brotarán agua y sangre de su Corazón. En efecto, es un Dios sediento, un Dios cansado, un Dios que busca la compañía y el diálogo de una de sus criaturas. ¿Cómo puede ser que Dios esté necesitado?... En Cristo, quien por naturaleza no necesita nada fuera de sí mismo, se ha hecho voluntariamente necesitado, pero solo para comunicarnos la vida que es suya. Esta acción de hacerse necesitado por amor bien puede ser la obra más grande y asombrosa de su omnipotencia.

Lo que Dios, que es Amor, necesita es entregarse a nosotros, obedeciendo así la ley más profunda de su naturaleza de Amor, y solo puede entregarse si logra encender en nosotros la luz de la fe que provoca en nosotros el anhelo de unión con él. Lo único que el Amor desea es ser amado a su vez, y, para lograrlo, el Amor no duda en humillarse y hacerse mendigo: «Dame de beber», dice el Señor inmortal a su criatura pecadora...

Vemos claramente aquí que la sed humana de Jesús es el medio que Dios usa para manifestarse a nosotros, para comunicarnos su divino deseo de entregarse a nosotros, y esta sed humana y real de Jesús es, por así decirlo, la condición para que Dios pueda darnos el agua divina de su gracia y vida. En una magnífica frase, san Gregorio Nacianceno llama a Jesús la fuente sedienta, es decir: la Fuente de Vida y Amor cuya razón de ser es entregarse. Dios tiene sed, por así decirlo, de nuestro amor. ¿No saciaremos este santo deseo de Dios en los labios de Jesús?

En la paz de Cristo,  
P. Dave

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**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Registration: 9:30am  
 ...HUNT WILL START AT 10:00am  
 Who: Children ages 0-7  
 Pre-register at St. Thomas the Apostle

The Finance Council met on Thursday, February 19 at 6:00pm. Fr. Dave led us in prayer. The minutes from January were approved as written. The January Financial Reports were reviewed by the Finance Council. Bonnie Jacky reviewed the Bank accounts and the Scrip account. We welcomed Tom Angst as a new member to the Finance Council. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19, at 6:00 pm.

## Stewardship / Corresponsabilidad Week of February 22, 2026 • Semana 22 del Febrero 2026

**Scrip profit \$670.60**

<b>Tithing- Envelopes</b>	\$6,771.50	<b>Stole Fees</b>	\$75	<b>Votive Candles</b>	\$282
<b>Offertory</b>	\$1,256	<b>Mass Stipends</b>	\$230	<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$560
<b>Capital Improvement</b>	\$100	<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	\$5	<b>Unrestricted Donations</b>	\$40
<b>Unrestricted/Our Own Needs</b>	\$320	<b>Ash Wednesday Offering</b>	\$10	<b>Grant Income</b>	\$100
		<b>Lenten Project</b>	\$611	<b>Bulletin Royalty Payment</b>	\$500
		<b>Easter Offering</b>	\$40	<b>Coins for Walter</b>	\$11.15

Our families and friends of St. Thomas are always there to help support our needs. Our second collection this weekend for Our Own Needs was \$1,202.05. God bless you and thank you for your giving hearts!

### CEMETERY CLEANUP

Spring cemetery cleanup will begin shortly at all St. Thomas cemeteries. Please remove any items you would like to keep prior to April 1st. Any items that remain after April 1st will be discarded.

After May 15th, you may begin placing items back in the cemeteries.



Thank you.

### Month January 2026 totals

Capital improvement- Envelopes, ACH and Online Giving	\$1,060.25
Our Own Needs- Envelopes and Vanco	\$1,552.57

### Yearly budget as of January 31, 2026

Tithe- Envelopes, ACH and On-line giving	\$655,494.00
Offertory	\$47,000.00
<b>Total budget amount</b>	<b>\$702,494.00</b>
Received as of January 31, 2026	\$328,604
<b>Needed by June 30, 2026</b>	<b>\$373,890</b>

Give online at [www.stthomasnewton.org](http://www.stthomasnewton.org). Thank you for your support!

## Reflexión en la cuaresma

### La dinámica Marta/María y la elección de la mejor parte

Por Clare Lazzuri



Tengo una amiga que es madre de 10 hijos. Cuando estaba en medio de la crianza de aquellos niños, cuando todavía eran pequeños, les decía a sus amigos: "Si quieren verme, vengan cuando quieran, pero si quieren ver mi casa, avísenme con 24 horas de anticipación". Sus palabras me recuerdan la respuesta de Jesús a Marta en el conocido pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas, cuando Jesús es huésped en la casa de sus amigos María, Marta y Lázaro (cuya fiesta se celebra el 29 de julio).

Marta parece un poco frustrada con su hermana, María, por sentarse a los pies de Jesús escuchándolo hablar mientras Marta atiende sola los preparativos necesarios para una casa llena de visitantes. Marta le pide a Jesús que le diga a su hermana que se levante y la ayude, pero Jesús le responde: "Marta, Marta, estás afanada y turbada por muchas cosas, pero una sola cosa es necesaria. María ha escogido la buena parte, la cual no le será quitada.

Tanto la política de mi amiga sobre las visitas como las palabras de Jesús a Marta enfatizan la necesidad de priorizar nuestro precioso tiempo con Dios y nuestro precioso tiempo con los demás, en quienes siempre debemos buscar ver a Jesús, "la única cosa".

Por supuesto, esto no quiere decir que Marta estuviera haciendo algo malo al tratar de servir y proveer para los demás. Jesús no le estaba diciendo a Marta que las tareas del hogar no eran importantes o que no debían hacerse. Todos hemos estado en situaciones en las que sentimos que llevamos una carga más pesada que la de otra persona y nos sentimos bastante justificados al quejarnos por ello. Pero, en la situación anterior, Jesús señaló que lo que María estaba haciendo –escuchar la palabra de Dios– era superior a preparar la comida y cuidar la casa. También debemos notar que Jesús conocía a Marta mejor que ella misma. Ella no le dijo que estaba «ansiosa y preocupada por muchas cosas». Pero Jesús lo sabía. Marta sólo se había quejado de un asunto en cuestión, pero él sabía que ella no estaba prestando suficiente atención a su relación con Dios. Se había dejado distraer por tareas mundanas. No sólo se había distraído de Dios, sino que también se había permitido fomentar el resentimiento hacia su hermana. ¿Te suena familiar?

Si una parte de nosotros simpatiza con Martha, es natural. La mayoría de las mamás pueden identificarse fácilmente con el escenario que describe Lucas. El hecho es que alguien tiene que estar en la cocina, preparar y servir la comida y limpiar después de que los invitados se van, pero, si el Hijo de Dios estuviera sentado en tu sala de estar, ¿realmente te quedarías en la cocina?

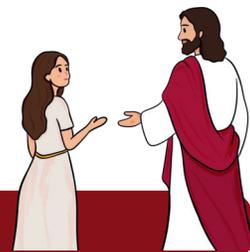
Cuando se dirige a Marta, Jesús está hablando de prioridades. Él le pide a Marta que mire su vida y examine lo que es más importante para ella. ¿Es servir a Dios o es servir una buena comida y mantener la casa limpia? ¿Estamos más preocupados por lo que nuestros invitados pensarán de nuestra casa y de nuestra comida que por los invitados mismos?

Es muy fácil caer en la trampa de intentar que nuestras casas parezcan perfectas. ¿Qué madre no ha corrido como una loca tratando de limpiar para las visitas, haciendo sonar las alarmas para que toda la familia colabore y haga que la casa parezca que no vive nadie? Cuando finalmente llegan los invitados, mamá suele estar demasiado distraída con la preparación y el servicio de la comida como para sentarse y tener una conversación significativa. Todos conocemos a esa persona (ejem) que entra en pánico ante la idea de tener invitados a cenar de último momento, consumida por el pensamiento de ser juzgada por una casa que no es perfecta.

Cuando nos distraigamos, o incluso nos obsesionemos, con las tareas cotidianas, debemos recordar las palabras de Jesús a Marta: María había elegido la "mejor parte". No necesitamos saber si María era una holgazana crónica, lo cual, según algunos, justificaría las frustraciones de su hermana. Todo lo que necesitamos saber es que María reconoció el increíble y precioso don de la presencia del Señor en su hogar.

María se aferró a las palabras de Jesús que "no le serán quitadas".

Esté atento a los momentos de Marta y María en su vida, cuando haya que elegir entre la buena parte y la mejor parte. Pasar tiempo en la presencia de Jesús, absorbiendo sus palabras y enseñanzas, siempre será la mejor parte.



# Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

## Wednesday, March 11

No Mass

## Saturday, March 14

4:30pm Francis Monigal

## Sanctuary Light March 8-14

Martin Hoffman

## Thursday, March 12

8:00am Sara Villeneuve

## Sunday, March 15

8:00am Ralphael & Shirley Pankratz

10:00am **AVAILABLE**



# March 15, 2026

Exodus 1 Samuel

16:1b,6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

What are you doing  
in you life right now  
to move toward  
light rather than  
darkness?

## Homebound, Sick, or Elderly

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office or refer to the information on the right.

Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

March 15-Dcn. Steve Zimmer  
920-889-3257

March 22-Wayne Wallander  
920-946-9002

March 29-Patti Schneider  
920-629-2729

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 14/15	4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
<b>Server(s)</b>	Marcella Vetting Carter Hochkammer	Ava Vetter Charlotte Hartfield	Bernard Holschbach Robert Neuser
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# Events / Eventos

## March

- 9th- Cleaning Day
  - 6:00pm Living Justice
  - 6:30pm Choir practice
- 10<sup>th</sup>- 9:30am Small Groups
  - 10:00am Proclaiming Christ Crucified...1 Corinthians
- 12<sup>th</sup>- 8:00am Mass
  - 8:30am Stations of the Cross
  - 6:00pm Small Groups
  - 7:00pm **Young Women's Bible Study**
- 15<sup>th</sup>- 9:15am **Religious Ed grades 10&11**
  - 11:30am **Spanish Religious Education**
- 16<sup>th</sup>- Cleaning Day
  - 6:30pm Choir practice
- 17<sup>th</sup>- 9:30am Small Groups
  - 10:00am Proclaiming Christ Crucified...1 Corinthians
  - 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
  - 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

## March

- 18<sup>th</sup>- 6:15pm **Religious Ed**
  - 6:15pm Young Adult Rooted
  - 7:45pm **OTIS**
- 19<sup>th</sup>- 8:00am Mass
  - 8:30am Stations of the Cross
  - 9:00am **Confessions**
  - 6:00pm Finance Council
  - 6:00pm Small Groups
  - 6:30pm Pastoral Council
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- 8:00am **Children's Time at Mass**
  - 11:30am **Spanish Religious Education**
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Cleaning Day
  - 6:30pm Choir practice
- 24<sup>th</sup>- 9:30am Small Groups
  - 10:00am Proclaiming Christ Crucified...1 Corinthians
  - 7:00pm **Tiaze Prayer Service**
- 26<sup>th</sup>- 8:00am Mass

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# Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop

Tuesday, April 28th

6:30 PM

in the St. Thomas the Apostle Social Hall

Do you have questions? Take advantage of this opportunity to hear from a funeral professional. Learn how to relieve a little pressure on your loved ones after you're gone. What should I do now?

What can I leave for later? Please join us and learn how you, too, can plan ahead!



## ATTENTION ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE High School Seniors!!!

The Education Community is accepting applications for The David J. Driscoll Memorial \$1000 Scholarship. The applications have been emailed out to Seniors. If you have not received one, view requirements at [www.stthomasnewton.org](http://www.stthomasnewton.org) under the Religious Education tab.



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## Lent seems different than other seasons. Why?

We find ourselves in the season of Lent (a word meaning "spring"). Having begun on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a time for penance and preparation for the solemn and joyful feast of Easter. Lent lasts for six Sundays and forty weekdays and concludes on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Lord's Last Supper. Many people use springtime as an opportunity to do thorough house cleaning. While Christians are encouraged to pray, fast, and give alms all year long, Lent is a time to really get back to the basics and, in a sense, clean up our faith lives.

Oftentimes, for special family occasions, there is a buildup of excitement until we reach the peak of those celebrations. Lent, in comparison, is kind of like that, too. It is a time of preparation for catechumens before Baptism and initiation into the Church. During Lent, not only are the elect called to reflect on their lives, but *all* baptized Christians are called to do the same, to renew through penance and prayer our own baptismal commitment. This commitment to our baptismal call, the acknowledgement that we are God's children and heirs to God's promise of eternal salvation, reminds us of our need to walk the way of the Cross to the glory of the Lord's Resurrection. We walk the way of the Cross through our own trials, maybe by denying ourselves of things we enjoy or maybe by not over-indulging in guilty pleasures, testing our spiritual discipline. It is through this testing that we might suffer a bit and come to understand our own weaknesses. So we offer those sufferings and weaknesses to God along with those of Jesus, together, united as one.

Many of us enjoy music, and during this season of Lent, we at St. Thomas are denying ourselves of some music during our Liturgical celebrations and would like to encourage using that quiet time for reflection. Especially during communion, our time of sharing Eucharist, take the opportunity to truly reflect on what you hear in place of the music. May it be, "**the body of Christ**" followed up by many "**Amens.**" Each time a Eucharistic minister speaks "the body of Christ," may it remind us all that we are truly **all** united as **ONE family, ONE BODY of Christ**, together with the Communion of Saints, both in heaven and on earth. And may each "Amen" remind you that each who receives Eucharist is affirming with their whole heart that "**AMEN! YES, I BELIEVE** Christ is present. I believe in the Catholic faith and am part of this royal priesthood. I place my faith and trust in God.

Receiving Eucharist is the very source and summit of our lives. May these weeks of silence put our hearts into perspective as we together reflect upon our lives, and as our catechumens eagerly await the celebration of sacraments, to receive communion together with our entire community of faith at the summit.

## 2nd Grade Families

Faith-Filled Sundays as the children journey to the Sacrament of First Communion (11:15 am - 12:30 pm)



Alina DeWitt

March 29<sup>th</sup>  
The Bread of Life

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community