

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community

Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás el Apóstol

Sunday, 20 September, 2026 / Domingo, 20 del septiembre, 2026



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 - Thursday | 8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday | 8:00am- NOON

Mission Statement

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

Declaración de 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 Fr. Dave /Carta del padre Dave





Dear Folks,

My last column ended this way: Yet many who experience sacraments in our Church feel shy about remaining, especially after celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, for all kinds of reasons… Perhaps we need to take another look at who we are. What is at the heart of Christ's expectation/invitation for us all, to find love and care in our local Church and each other?

Let me explain with this image: all these years, God has been planting seeds and trees (Sacraments) through us, hoping that they grow. When in reality, for so many, we will never know if these seeds are living. How do we stay connected to our young adults seeking marriage, or to our young families seeking baptism, or remain connected to those of any age who are seeking a deeper relationship with God? I believe in the gift of Grace with all my heart, that "we may plant and water, but God provides the growth." (St. Paul)

When we as Church celebrate Sacraments, we are inviting those who walk through the doors to enter into a deep Mystery: a deep relationship with God's Heart (Christ) in the power of the Holy Spirit, as well as with you and I at St. Thomas. It is no longer fruitful to wish these families and couples well, saying at least we did something. Yes, we never know what may happen in the future and how God's grace will bear fruit. For those who cross our threshold, we must make clear our love and care for them, and enter into a deeper relationship than we have in the past. We do not want these young people to come and then go, never to be seen again.

In my heart, I believe we are more than a venue (a beautiful building) or a drive-thru service station (Sacraments). The mystery of WHO we offer is beyond words. I/we simply want to share the richness we experience, and invite all who come to experience prayer, be fed, be comforted, be healed and welcomed all in the name of Jesus Christ. So now you are asking, "How is this possible? What do we do?" As always, the answer is right before us in the Scriptures. Stay with me. More to come…

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Dave

Queridos amigos:

Mi última columna terminaba así: «Sin embargo, muchos de los que reciben los sacramentos en nuestra Iglesia se sienten cohibidos a la hora de quedarse, sobre todo tras celebrar los sacramentos del Bautismo y del Matrimonio, por todo tipo de razones… Quizás debamos replantearnos quiénes somos.¿Qué hay en el corazón de la expectativa/ invitación de Cristo para todos nosotros, a encontrar amor y cuidado en nuestra Iglesia local y unos en otros?» Permítanme explicarlo con esta imagen: a lo largo de los años, Dios ha ido plantando semillas y árboles (los sacramentos) a través de nosotros, con la esperanza de que crezcan. Pero, en realidad, respecto a muchas personas, nunca sabremos si esas semillas están vivas. ¿Cómo mantenemos el vínculo con los jóvenes adultos que buscan contraer matrimonio, con las familias jóvenes que solicitan el bautismo o con personas de cualquier edad que buscan una relación más profunda con Dios? Creo de todo corazón en el don de la Gracia: que «nosotros podemos plantar y regar, pero es Dios quien hace crecer» (San Pablo).

Cuando nosotros, como Iglesia, celebramos los sacramentos, invitamos a quienes cruzan nuestras puertas a adentrarse en un Misterio profundo: una relación íntima con el Corazón de Dios (Cristo) mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo, así como con ustedes y conmigo aquí en St. Thomas. Ya no basta con desearles lo mejor a estas familias y parejas, conformándonos con pensar que «al menos hicimos algo». Es cierto que nunca sabemos qué ocurrirá en el futuro ni cómo dará fruto la gracia de Dios. Sin embargo, debemos manifestar claramente nuestro amor y preocupación por quienes cruzan nuestro umbral, y establecer una relación más profunda que la que hemos tenido en el pasado. No queremos que estos jóvenes vengan y se vayan para no volver jamás.

Estoy convencido de que somos mucho más que un simple lugar de celebración (un edificio hermoso) o un servicio de ventanilla rápida (para recibir sacramentos). El misterio de *A quién* ofrecemos trasciende las palabras. Nosotros simplemente queremos compartir la riqueza que experimentamos e invitar a todos los que llegan a vivir la oración, a ser alimentados, reconfortados, sanados y acogidos; todo ello en nombre de Jesucristo. Quizás se pregunten: «¿Cómo es posible? ¿Qué debemos hacer?». Como siempre, la respuesta está ante nosotros en las Escrituras. Acompáñenme. Más información próximamente…

En la paz de Cristo,
Padre Dave

Young Adult Ministry News

Want to help build community? Sign up to host our 2nd Sunday Coffee after 8am Mass — it's easy, fun, and all supplies are provided!

Questions? Contact Joyce Price, Young Adult Coordinator stthomasyaministry@gmail.com

Through the waters of Baptism, our parish welcomes...

Nathaniel James Douglas Wheeler
son of Jeremy & Cammie

May you feel God's joy fill your heart every day, and know that he is deeply in love with you. Congratulations and many blessings to you and your family on this special day.

Stewardship / Corresponsabilidad

Tithing- Envelopes	$4,556
Offertory	$939
Capital Improvement	$135
Unrestricted/Our Own Needs	$385
Unrestricted Donations	$50

Thank you and God bless you for remembering our sponsor child, Walter, from Guatemala through Common Hope. Together we collected $15.89 for Walter during the month of August.

Week of September 6, 2026 • Semana del 6 del septiembre 2026

Scrip profit $1,383.08

We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help with cleaning on Monday mornings. Please call the office if interested.



The Finance Council met on Thursday, August 27th at 6:00 PM. Marietta Johnson led us in prayer. The minutes from the June Finance Council meeting were approved as written. Bonnie Jacky reported that the May, June and July bank statements were all in good order. Fr. Dave updated the Council on the Administrative Assistant Position Description. He also reported that the top candidate for the position had accepted it and will be starting in October. Randy Wigand updated the Finance Council about Building and Grounds needs in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The concrete work will be done in 2027 as none of the contractors contacted had time to do it this year. Randy is working with Luanne to build a spreadsheet that will include future projects, anticipating when they will need to be done so that the Finance Council can plan for them. The Scrip team is running a promotion to bring at least 10 new families on board between now and the end of the year. The new users will get a free $10 Scrip card with their first $200 purchase. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 24th, at 6:00 pm.

Todos recibieron un denario cada uno

Mateo 20, 1-16. Tiempo Ordinario. Cristo necesita tus manos, tu inteligencia, tu servicio, para hacer algo por los demás.

Por: P. Clementre González | Fuente: Catholic.net



Había mucha necesidad en la viña y este señor pasó casi todo el tiempo yendo por las calles y las plazas del pueblo buscando trabajadores. Al respecto, ha invitado a pensar en los que buscó a última hora, nadie les había llamado, quién sabe cómo podían sentirse, porque al final del día no habrían llevado a casa nada para dar de comer a los hijos. Por esta razón, el Santo Padre ha dicho que esta parábola es un buen ejemplo para los responsables de la pastoral.

Otro aspecto profundizado por el Santo Padre ha sido a través de una advertencia: "no acudamos a la voz de las sirenas que llaman a hacer de la pastoral una serie convulsa de iniciativas, sin conseguir recoger lo esencial del compromiso de la evangelización.

Francisco ha señalado que a veces parece que estamos más preocupados por multiplicar las actividades más que por ser atentos con las personas a su encuentro con Dios. "Una pastoral que no tiene esta atención -ha indicado- se hace estéril poco a poco". Asimismo ha querido recordar que una pastoral sin oración y contemplación no podrá nunca alcanzar el corazón de las personas. *(Discurso de S.S. Francisco, 19 de septiembre de 2014).*

Reflexión

¿Quién dice que ya no hay trabajo? Jesucristo, en esta parábola, viene a ofrecernos uno: el trabajo por su viña, por su Iglesia. ¿Y con qué moneda nos pagará? Con la vida eterna.

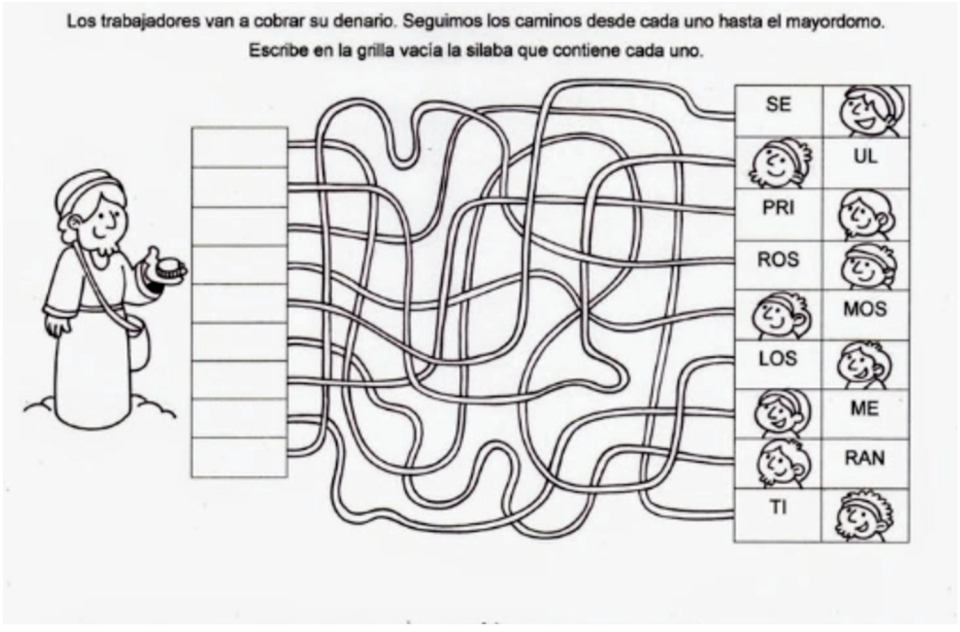
Es necesario ver cuánta necesidad hay en el mundo. No sólo en las misiones; también en nuestra ciudad, en nuestra parroquia, quizás también en nuestra propia familia. Porque a unos les falta el pan y a otros el alimento espiritual, que es la palabra de Dios. ¡Qué importa la edad o los medios que tengamos! Cada uno tiene una vocación muy concreta que Dios le ha regalado, una misión insustituible. ¿Cuál es la mía? Mi primera misión es la de ser cristiano, por algo estoy bautizado. Y un cristiano lo es en la medida que da testimonio con su vida.

¿Hay otras maneras de trabajar en la viña del Señor? Desde luego: la oración, el consejo acertado, la ayuda económica, etc. Hay que echarle un poco de imaginación, y seguro que encontraremos un apostolado que nos venga a la medida. Y si no, pregúntale a tu párroco.

Cristo te necesita. Necesita tus manos, tu inteligencia, tu servicio para hacer algo por los demás. Decídete a ser un apóstol y prepárate para el premio de la vida eterna.

Propósito

Renunciar a los sentimientos de descontento y saber agradecer diariamente a Dios, los talentos que me ha dado.



Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

Thursday, September 24
8:00am Bette & Earl Winter

Saturday, September 26
4:30pm Mark Krejcarek

Sunday, September 27
8:00am Steve Vogel
10:00am Shirley & Raphael Pankratz

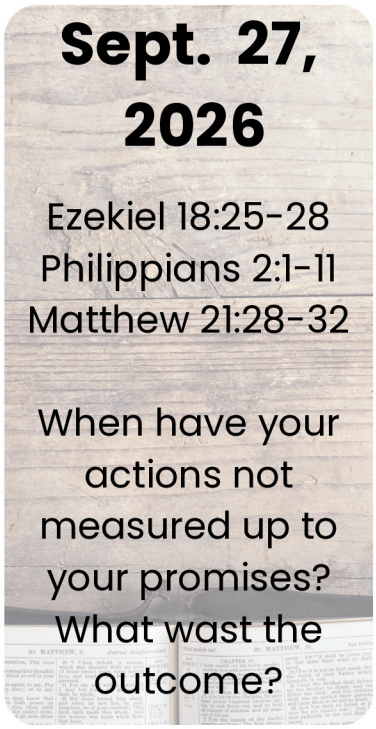
Sanctuary Light September 27-October 3
Barbara Johnson



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:

September 27-Anne Sohlden
920-901-5796



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Sept. 26/27	4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Server(s)	Ella Grotegut Olivia Grotegut	Ava Vetter Mark Stock	Ian Anzia Henry Anzia
Hospitality	Daniel Gries Therese Gries Charlie Geiser Judy Geiser	Andrew Hubbartt Jasmine Mediano Mike Miller Deb Miller	Thomas Anzia Sarah Anzia Rita Muench Isaac Herr
Cross Bearer	Daryl Wetenkamp	Charlotte Hartfield	Victor Anzia
Proclaimers	Lynn Bushman Nathan Hartman	Anne Neeb Pat Mayer	Dale Birenbaum Mary Ann Teshima
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Jonasen Barb Backus Ken Schneider	Deb Stock Bob Wallander Brandy Wallander	Peggy Neuser Michael Teshima Ann Hoban
Sacristan	Barb Backus	Ann & Mike Presto	Shelly & Tom Wery

Events / Eventos

September

20th- 9:00am OCIA
9:15am RE grades 10&11
11:30am Hispanic RE & OCIA
21st- Cleaning day
6:30pm Choir practice
23rd- 6:15pm **Mass**
7:15pm Ice Cream Social
24th- 8:00am **Mass**
7:00pm Young Women's Bible Study
25th- 10:00am **Anointing Mass**
11:00am Luncheon
27th- 9:00am OCIA
9:15am Confirmation Class
11:30am Hispanic RE
28th- Cleaning Day
6:30pm Choir practice
29th- 9:30am Small Groups

September

30th- 6:15pm Young Adult- Investigation of the Extraordinary
6:30pm OTIS
7:15pm First Communion parent meeting

October

1st- 8:00am **Mass**
6:00pm Small Groups
3rd- 1:30pm Wedding
4th- 9:15am RE Grades 10 & 11
11:30am Hispanic RE
5th- Cleaning day
2:00pm Coping with Grief
6:30pm Choir practice
6th- 9:30am Small Groups
6:30pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
7th- 6:15pm YA Investigation of Extraordinary Miracles
6:15pm RE grades 1-9
8th- 8:00am **Mass**





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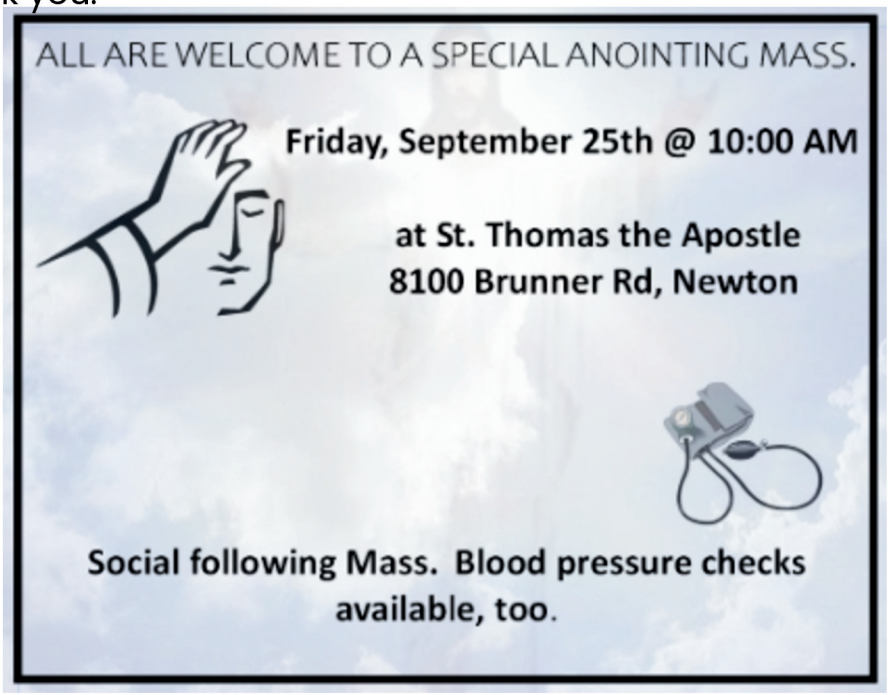
CEMETERY CLEANUP

Fall cemetery cleanup will begin shortly at all St. Thomas cemeteries which include St. Casimir, St. Fidelis, St. George, St. Isidore, St. Joseph, St. Thomas and St. Wendel. Please remove any items you would like to keep prior to October 15. **Any items that remain after October 15 will be discarded**. After November 15, you may begin placing items back in the cemeteries. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus District Pass Punt & Kick Competition

All girls and boys ages 8- 12 are encouraged to participate on Saturday, September 26 in the District PP&K contest at 9:00 a.m. at the Reedsville High School football field. Winners advance to Diocesan competition and on to State if successful. Contact Ray Berres (920-901-1363) for more information.





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