



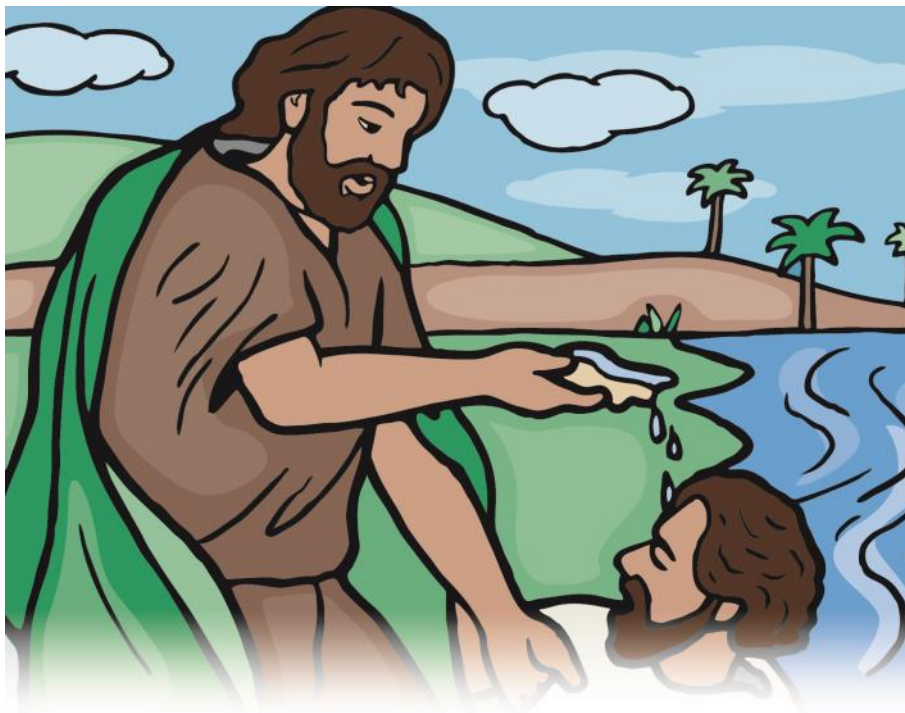
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 • 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd Sunday of Advent

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." *Lk 3:16*

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
 2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
 Main Church
 Thursday 9:00 a.m.
 Day Chapel
 Friday 9:00 a.m.
 Main Church

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY MASS

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
 Student Center Chapel
 (During school session)

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please consult bulletin or website

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
 & by appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

5:30 PM Mass for Bishop David Foley, deceased

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM Mass Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Maybelle & Alvin Navarre Jr., deceased

2:30 PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19

9:00 AM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20

9:00 AM Mass for Ken Waltsgott, deceased

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21

9:00 AM Mass for Pam Fox Casey, deceased

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22

5:30 PM Mass for Maria Gonzales, deceased

Sunday December 23

8:00 AM Mass for Rose Therese Cecil, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

2:30 PM

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zephaniah 3:14-18a)

Psalm— Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6)

Second Reading— The Lord is near. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Gospel— What should we do? (Luke 3:10-18)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday: Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Thursday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Friday: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

Saturday: I Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Sunday: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Monthly Altar Flowers

December 15th & 16th

In memory of Becca Parcels

In memory of Catherine Taylor

December 22nd & 23rd

In memory of Carol Serio

In memory of John L. Wright Jr.

December 30th

In memory of Tony & Alice

Schmitz

Sacristan Dec. 22&23

5:30 PM

JoAnn Peacock

8:00 AM

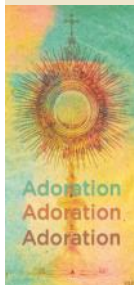
Mary B.

11:00 AM

Mary Ann Little

2:30 PM

Avalos Family



Eucharistic Adoration

Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. 1st & 3rd Friday of each month. Friday adoration begins at noon and ends on Saturday at noon. For more information or to sign-up call RoseMarie Vetrano 620-0051 or cell 370-6618. Adoration is held in the Chapel at the Student Center. **The next Adoration will be December 7th and 21st .**

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Dec. 22	5:30 PM	Bob Picou, Beverly Moore, JoAnn Peacock, Dawson Moore, Bill Alexiou	Brenda Picou Winnie Martinez	Angela Renna Mc, Hailey Johnson Co-Mc	Thomas Graye, Bill Conway, Bill Burks
Sunday Dec. 23	8:00 AM	Christy Ash, Sarah Burns, Clay Reece, Jackie Lampton, David Hicks	Pam Ganus Ann Mason	Brayden L. MC, Kevin H. Co-Mc, George, Tiffany S., Carlos E., Angel G.,	Jim DeWilds, Marty Spellicy, Squire 1
	11:00 AM	Sheila Herringdon, Alyssa Williams, Mary Lowery, Jasper Levio, Angel Coyle, Bill Alexiou, Laura Kaylor	Jena Evanko Barbara McClary	MC-Brooke, CO-MC Mia, Millie T., Evie P., Liam W., Joel M., Wes E.,	Ken Massey, Steve Schoonover, Squire 1
	2:20 PM (Spanish)	Gloria Castelan & Geraldo V.	Rosa Maria Angel & Nancy	Maria & Steven	Heron y Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

DECEMBER 16 TO DECEMBER 23, 2018

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM No Coffee & Donuts
 9:15 AM Rosary | Main Church
 9:30AM-10:45AM No Faith Formation
 No Inquiry Session
 No RCIA
 9:45 AM No Adult Faith Formation

MONDAY DECEMBER 17

8:30 AM-4:00 PM Office Open
 6:00 PM No Spanish Dancers
 6:30 PM No Lectio Divina

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18

8:30 AM-4:00 PM Office Open
 7:00pm Parish Council
 7:15 PM Christmas Choir

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19

8:30 AM-4:00 PM Office Open
 10: 00 AM Ladies Bible Study
 5:30 PM No Catholic Campus
 Ministry/Mass/Dinner/
 team #
 7:00 PM No Adult Scripture Study

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20

8:30am-4:00pm Office Open

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21

8:30am-12:30pm Office Open

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22

Altar Flowers for 2019

Altar Flower for 2019 the list is in the gathering space. Thank you for helping us have flowers on the altar. The cost is \$90 for the whole arrangement or \$45 for half.

End of the Year Gifts

St. Thomas Parish would welcome end-of-the-year gifts, to the parish in money or stock. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

Christmas Flowers

There are envelopes in the Gathering area for those people who wish to contribute to the cost of the Christmas flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please place the envelopes in the collection.

College Scholarship 12/31

Just a reminder that the Knights of Columbus Local Council provides 2 scholarships a year for graduating HS Seniors. They are \$500 each, one for a female and one for a male.

Applications are available in the church office, along with the requirements. Applications must be received in the Parish Office by December 31.



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Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, proclaim our belief in the message & mission of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to sharing our time, talent & treasure through worship, spiritual formation & outreach.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parish Telephones

Parish Ph: 663-3936 | Fx: 663-0657
 Rectory Ph: 665-0968

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Collection of 12/9/18

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$9,135.00	-\$365.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$7,136.88	+\$136.88
Total	\$16,500.00	\$16,271.88	-\$228.12

Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/18—06/30/19

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$228,500.00	\$221,447.87	-\$7,052.13
Building Fund	\$168,000.00	\$151,120.13	-\$16,879.87
Total	\$396,500.00	\$ 372,568.00	-\$23,932.00

With the advice of the Parish Finance Council, Saint Thomas Parish will do financial planning according to a fiscal year (7/1/18 to 6/30/19) rather than a calendar year. Thus, the numbers above have been adjusted to reflect the new budget which began on 7/1/18.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Ray or Deacon Bill Alexiou at 663-3936 for Baptismal Preparation.

Marriage

Parish Membership and a six month preparation period are required. For weddings, please contact Father Ray at 663-3936.

Ministry of the Sick

Please contact the office at 663-3936 if someone is in need of Holy Communion at home/hospital.

Membership in the Parish

All Catholic adults, 18 and older, who regularly participate in the Liturgy here should register in the parish. Those who enroll in Faith Formation programs or request Baptism or Marriage in our church should already belong to our community. To register, please contact the Parish Office. Those moving are asked to let us know.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve (Monday, 12/24)

5:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass

9:00 PM Christmas Mass

Christmas Day (Tuesday, 12/25)

10:00 AM Christmas Mass (Bilingual)



Thank You to All From Deacon David

THANK YOU to the parish! Ann and I received so much kindness and warmth from so many of you as you left Mass this weekend. We were overwhelmed by all of the expressions of love and joy. Thank you to everyone who helped with the reception. The food was exceptional, the cake was amazing, and the company was gracious. Thank you to Father Ray, Father Cook, and Deacon Bill for their personal mentorship along the way. Thank you again to everyone who has walked with us in this journey by praying for us and wishing us well too many times to count. St. Thomas is a wonderful parish and we are so happy to be part of this community. Deacon David and Ann

Christmas Children's Mass 12/24

Invitation for Children to Participate in Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Kindergarten through 7th grade students who are interested in performing during Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 5:00 p.m.

We will have practice on the following days:

Sunday, December 16, 2018 – 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the church

Sunday, December 23, 2018 – 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the church (after 11:00 a.m. mass)

Please bring your child to the designated location each practice day and sign him/her in and out each day. Please plan to have your child attend **ALL** practices!

Contact: Please call Chalane Tucker at 572-5159 to sign-up or for more information.

Thank you so much for being involved in our Christmas celebration!

Christmas Caroling at Shelby Ridge 12/17

Come join St. Thomas Youth Group & Families as we spread the joy of Christmas to nursing home residents. December 13, 2018 from 6:30PM-7:15PM at Shelby Ridge Nursing Home on 881 3rd St. NE, Alabaster, Al. Please bring in a gift bag (from the Dollar Tree):

Santa Hat, Body Wash, & Adult Socks, plus a small note to say "MERRY CHRISTMAS" These Gifts Bags will be given out to the residents after we sing. We will then meet at Arby's in front of Shelby Hospital for fellowship.



Faith Formation

Adult... Sun. 9:30-10:45 a.m.

1st-10th Grade ... Sun. 9:30 -10:45 a.m.

Catechumenate ... Sun. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study

Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(September - May)

Confirmation Retreat Dates

The dates have been set for the

Confirmation Retreats. The

Confirmation I Retreat will be on

January 25-26, and the Confirmation II

Retreat will be on February 22-23.

Photos Have Arrived!

Photos taken for the Parish Directory have arrived. If you were unable to pick up your photos after the masses on the weekend on Nov. 17 & 18, you may pick them up at the church office during regular business hours. Many thanks to all of you who participated!

Angel Tree

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for "The Angel Tree". Our

Social Concerns

Ministry has done their

usual wonderful job with this event. The

people at Shelby Emergency Assistance and

at Bibb County DHR and the clients that they serve are deeply appreciative of your

generosity.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation meets on

Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 in the Youth

Room in the back of Church. There are a

wide range of discussion topics that

focus on broadening our knowledge of

the Catholic faith and our spiritual

growth. The format includes videos,

DVDs, CDs, scripture readings and

handouts and there is time for open

discussion and individual participation is

encouraged. Please come and join us

and all are welcome to attend.



WELCOME!

If you attend St. Thomas on a regular basis and have not registered with the Parish, we invite you to do so. Complete the following information and drop it in the offertory basket. A parish staff member will contact you. (Please check (X) appropriate area!)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

New Parishioner _____ Change of Address _____

Moving (please remove my family) _____

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Fun with Santa Thank You

Fun with Santa was a great success. Thank you to Fr. Cook, Olivia Haught, Mary Howard, Brian O'Dea and the Squires, Belle Prosser, Jennifer Smith, The Knights of Columbus, The Ladies Auxiliary, Lobrena, of Lowe's at 2100 Valleydale Rd, The Ballet Folklore and The Epic Youth Group. We also offer a thank you to those who helped to set up and to those who stayed to clean up. We appreciate everyone's efforts and contributions.

Primetimers 1/8

For parishioners men, women and their guests who are 50 or older we get together once a month on the 2nd Tuesday. The Mass is at 11:00AM with a lunch after in the Parish Hall. Cooks provide the meal. If you would like to cook or provide something for the meal, please call JoAnn Peacock at 670-0355 or Susie Leckness at 664-3268. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019.

Parish Office Holiday Closure

The Parish Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Christmas Eve. The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 25 and Dec. 26

Ladies' Auxiliary 1/13

Calling all ladies of St. Thomas! Our next monthly meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019 at the St. Joseph room. We invite you to experience the joy that comes from parish and community outreach. Questions? Call Christy Ford at 223-0657.

K of C Monthly Meeting 1/13

The K of C Council will hold their meeting on Jan. 13, 2019. The meeting will start at 6pm in the modular building. We will be having our Assembly meetings for fourth degree Knights at 5pm.

EPIC Middle School Youth Group

We would like to welcome all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to join us for the following upcoming events:

December 17th

Join the Renna Family for Christmas Caroling 6:30-7:15 at Shelby Ridge

Our Lady of Guadalupe Thank You

St. Thomas Parish will like to thank all those who came out to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, November 11th.

Wed. Night Scripture Study

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God. Join us, as Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer, and Dr. Tim Gray show us how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms. Join us for *Psalms: The School of Prayer* Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room. For more information call Bill or Deb at 205--515-1927

New Outreach

We are starting a new outreach. Please bring the tooth brushes, floss and toothpaste your dentist gives you for our food pantry and we will give them to families who come for food. Also if you travel bring the soap, shampoo and lotion you receive from the hotel/motel you stay in and we will give those to families in need.

Candle Lighting for Advent

St. Thomas will light the candles of the Advent Wreath as part of the Entrance Procession each week. We invite families or groups of individuals to sign up in the Gathering Area for this ministry.



Advent Wreath Blessing

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

College Student Mass and Dinner

St. Thomas Parish sponsors a special Wednesday evening Mass and Dinner for college students each Wednesday while the University of Montevallo is in session. The Mass is celebrated at 5:30pm at the Campus Chapel on the corner of Highland and Moody, and a dinner prepared by teams from the parish follows immediately after Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation on 12/22 from 4-5 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with individual confessions on Saturday, December 22. Normally, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. However, on Saturday, December 22, the Sacrament will be available from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM with two priests hearing confessions.

Confirmation Retreat Team

St. Thomas Parish has set the dates for the Confirmation Retreats. The Confirmation I Retreat will be on Jan 25-26, 2019, and the Confirmation II Retreat will be on Feb. 22-23, 2019. Both retreats will be at the Catholic Student Center. The retreats will be presented by a Retreat Team that will consist of college students and of high school students who are already confirmed. The Retreat Team will meet for planning on Wednesday evenings at the Catholic Student Center. The meetings will on January 9, 16, and 23 in preparation for the first retreat. The meetings will begin at 6:45 PM. To sign up for the team, please contact Michael Fisher at mfisher@jcchs.org, Matthew Renna at mdrenna6@gmail.com, Michael Whitfield at daviswhitfield1995@gmail.com/

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

You may have been coming to Catholic Church for a long time with a family member or friend, but you had not thought about the possibility of becoming Catholic. Would you consider that possibility now? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Church to consider your decision?

If you would like to know more about the RCIA, please call Father Ray at 663-3936 or Jackie Lampton at 249-1171. Inquiry classes are meeting at 9:30am Sundays in the Modular Building.



3er Domingo de Adviento

Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: “Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego”. *Lc 3, 16*

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Bendición corona de Adviento

El Señor nuestro Dios,
le alabamos para su Hijo, Jesucristo: es Emmanuel, la esperanza de las gentes, es la sabiduría que enseña y nos indica, es el Salvador de cada nación.

El Señor Dios,
Permita que su bendición se tope con nosotros Cuando encendemos las velas de esta corona. Pueda la corona y su luz Sea un signo de la promesa de Cristo de traernos salvación. Pueda viene rápidamente y no demora Preguntamos esto por Cristo nuestro Señor. **Amén**

Misa de Navidad de los Niños 12/24

Invitación para los niños a participar en la Misa de víspera de Navidad los niños 5:00pm. Kindergarden a través del 7 grado que estén interesados en realizar durante la Misa de víspera de Navidad los niños a las 5:00pm.

Vamos a tener práctica en los días siguientes:

- Sunday, 16 de diciembre de 2018 –
- Sunday 23 de diciembre de 2018 – 12:15-12:45 en la iglesia (después de 11:00 masa)

Por favor llame Chalane Tucker a 572-5159 para inscribirse o para más información.

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura — El Señor se regocijará sobre ti con alegría. (Sofonías 3:14-18a)

Salmo — Gritar con gozo y alegría: para vosotros es el gran y Santo de Israel. (Isaías 12:2-3, 4, 5-6)

Segunda lectura — El Señor está cerca. (Filipenses 4:4-7)

Evangelio— ¿Qué debemos hacer? (Lucas 3:10-18)
(Lucas 21:25-28,34-36)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes: Génesis, 49:2, 8-10; Mateo 1:1-17

Martes: Jeremías 23:5-8; Mateo 1:18-25

Miércoles: Jueces 13:2-7,24-25a; Lucas 1:5-25

Jueves: Isaías 7:10-14; Lucas 1:26-38

Viernes: Cantar de los Cantares 2:8-14; Lucas 1:39-45

Sábado: I Samuel 1:24-28; Lucas 1:46-56

Domingo: Miqueas 5:1-4a; Hebreos 10:5-10;
Lucas 1:39-45

Final de los regalos del año

Parroquia de Santo Tomás bienvenida regalos de fin de año, a la parroquia en dinero o en acciones. Gracias por su continua generosidad para la parroquia.

Flores de altar para 2019

Flores de altar para 2019 la lista está en el atrio. Gracias por ayudarnos a tener flores en el altar. El costo es de \$90 para el arreglo entero o \$45 por la mitad.

Ballet Folklórico

Te invita a formar parte del Folklor y cultura en bailes típicas Mexicanas. Para más información llame al Megaly al 222-1958 o Griselda al 478-5110. 6pm-7pm niños 7pm-8pm adolescents y adultos. Todos los Lunes

Cambios para el nuevo año

El nuevo año me gustaría formar un grupo o Comité de personas que le gustaría ayudar en diferentes ministerios. Por favor oren sobre él y me llame al 663-3936

BIENVENIDOS!

Si usted atiende a Santo Tomas con regularidad y no ha registrado con la Parroquia, los invitamos a que se inscriban.
Pongan la forma en la cesta de ofertorio.

Nombre _____

Dirección de su casa _____

Ciudad _____ Código Postal _____

Teléfono _____

Nuevo Feligrés _____ Cambio de dirección _____

MINISTERIO HISPANO

HORARIO: OFICINA DEL MINISTRO HISPANO

LUNES- JUEVES: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Y

VIERNES: 8:00AM-12:30PM

Padre Ray Dunmyer

Misa en Español:

Padre Bruce Bumbarger **755-5498**

Horario de la Misa Español

los Domingos 2:30 p.m.

Platicas Prebautismales

Deben registrarse antes del bautismo en el libro situado en el espacio a la entrada de la Iglesia. **Comuniquese con el Padre Bruce | (205) 755-5498 o 663-3936**

Catequesis para niños

Domingos | 9:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M.

La persona es Karina Lizbeth Campos | (205) 281-9847

Hora Santa

Viernes | 6:00pm-7:00pm cada 1er y 3er

Viernes en la capilla en Montevallo

Lectio Divina

Los Lunes | 6:30pm

Promotor De Salud:

Luís M. Lopez (205) 540-8146

Teléfono de la UAB (866) 915-7676

Prematrimonial:

Gabriel Sanchez | 205-603-6294 o Edith

Sanchez | 205-299-9826

Preparaciones para los adultos

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940

Preparaciones para quinceañeras

Magda Rivera | 643-2659

Las Decoraciones para Bodas y

Quinceañeras: 663-3936

Novenas o Rosario

RosaMaria Angel | 205-901-0470

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Gracias

Santo Tomás le gustaría agradecer a todos quienes vinieron a celebrar nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el Martes, 11 de Noviembre. Muchas Gracias

Horario de Misas de año nuevo

1 de enero es la solemnidad de María, Santa Madre de Dios. Es un día de fiesta de obligación. Santo Tomás celebrará una Misa de vigilia a las 4:30 el 31 de diciembre y una Misa de día de fiesta a 10:00 1 de enero.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación en 12/22 4PM-5PM

El sábado, 22 de diciembre se celebrará el Sacramento de la reconciliación con confesiones individuales. Normalmente, el Sacramento de la reconciliación está disponible los sábados de 4:30 PM a 5:00 PM. Sin embargo, el sábado, 22 de diciembre, el Sacramento será disponible de 4:00 PM a 5:00 PM con dos Sacerdotes escuchar confesiones.

Oficina de la parroquia cerca para las vacaciones

La oficina parroquial cerrará en 12:00 mediodía el víspera de Navidad. La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el 25 de diciembre y 26 de diciembre