



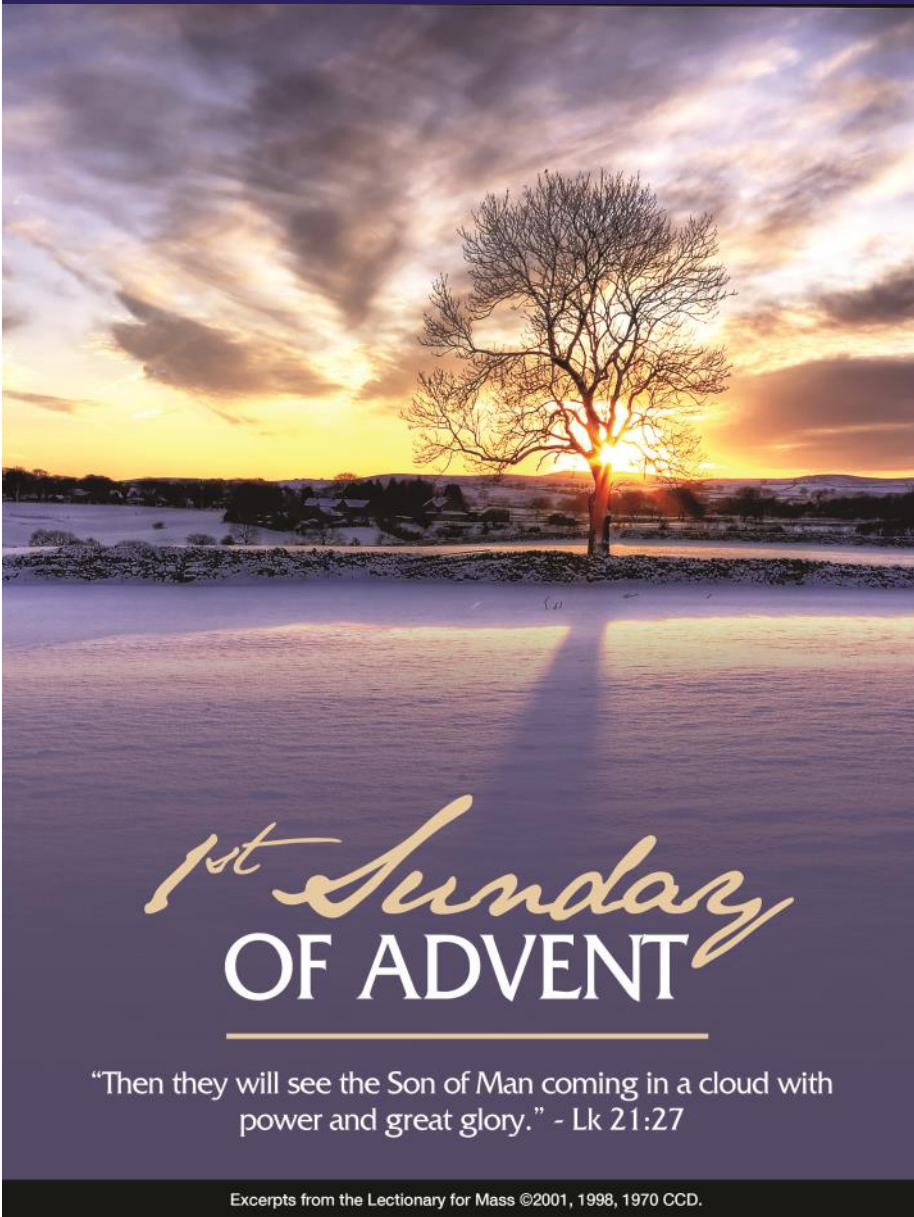
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 • 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” - Lk 21:27

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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 1

5:30 PM Mass for Christiane Solard, deceased

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

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

11:00 AM Mass for Tony Mollica Sr., deceased

2:30 PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM Mass for Catherine Taylor, deceased

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7

9:00 AM Mass for Billy & Thelma Massey, deceased

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

5:30 PM Mass for Maria Gonzales, deceased

Sunday December 9

8:00 AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas

11:00 AM Mass for Mason Baldwin, deceased

2:30 PM

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will raise up for David a just shoot. (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Psalm—To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (25:4-5,8-9,10,14)

Second Reading— May the Lord strengthen your hearts at the coming of our Lord Jesus. (I Thessalonians 3:12—4:2)

Gospel— Your redemption is at hand. (Luke 21:25-28,34-36)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24 ; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Monthly Altar Flowers

December 1st & 2nd

In memory of Leon LeVinge

In memory of Bobbie LeVinge

December 8th & 9th

In memory of

Paul & Katherine Corley

In memory of Becca Parcels

Sacristan Dec. 8 & 9

5:30 PM

Debra & Jerry Mahon

8:00 AM

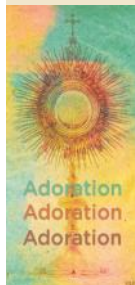
Loretta Barber

11:00 AM

Cheryl Corley

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. 8	5:30 PM	Cheri Cannon, Alan Cannon, Esther Zagar, Winnie Marteniz, Bill Alexiou	Bill Conway Beth Taylor	MC: Matthew, Co-MC Kaylin , Reece,	Keith Brown David Higdon Ron Hoff
Sunday Dec. 9	8:00 AM	Susie Leckness, Pat Dale, Pam Ganus, Paul Tombrello, David Hicks	Mary Baker Pam Ganus	MC Kevin– COMC-Carson, Fatima, Carlos, Jackson, Rachel,	Greg Wanat Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood
	11:00 AM	Pat Shoop, Heather Sabo, Leland & Michelle Wallace, Judy Lemieux, Mary Ann Little Bill Alexiou	Angel Coyle Matt Stitt	MC-Mia, CO-MC Brooke , Millie, Evie, Liam, Joel, Wes	Casey Fondren Leland Wallace Wayne Perrin
	2:20 PM (Spanish)	Maria Perez Kathryn Hirt	Eva Guerrero Magda Rivera	Danny, Amado, Alan	Heron y Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

DECEMBER 2 TO DECEMBER 9, 2018

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM K of C Pancake Breakfast
 9:15 AM Rosary | Main Church
 9:30AM-10:45AM Faith Formation
 Inquiry Session
 RCIA
 9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation

MONDAY DECEMBER 3

8:30 AM-4:00 PM Office Open
 6:00 PM Spanish Dancers
 6:30 PM Lectio Divina

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4

8:30 AM-4:00 PM Office Open
 6:00pm Danza Dancers
 7:15 PM Christmas Choir

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5

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 Adult Scripture Study
 7:00pm Liturgy Committee

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6

8:30am-4:00pm Office Open

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7

8:30am-12:30pm Office Open

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

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.

Pastoral Council Elections

Congratulations to Alan Cannon, Joanne Fondren, and Buddy Ganus who were chosen for the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you to Nathan Tucker for allowing his name to be placed in nomination.

Pastoral Staff

PASTOR

Rev.. Raymond A. DunmyerExt. 101

RETIRED PRIEST

Rev. Adrian L. Cook
 alcook46@outlook.com

DEACON

Bill Alexiou Ext. 102

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jackie Lampton Ext. 109

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Marisa Owens Ext. 100

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Caroline Krupa

ckrupa@Forum.Montevallo.edu

Matthew Renna

mdrenna6@gmail.com

Michael Whitfield

daviswhitfield1995@gmail.com

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 11/25/18

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$9,058.25	-\$441.75
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$6,418.70	-\$581.30
Total	\$16,500.00	\$15,476.95	-\$1,023.05

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$209,500.00	\$198,696.87	-\$10,803.13
Building Fund	\$154,000.00	\$130,139.15	-\$23,860.85
Total	\$362,500.00	\$328,836.02	-\$34,663.98

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 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.



Congratulations Deacon David Hicks

Congratulations to Deacon David Hicks who was ordained for service to the Diocese of Birmingham on Saturday, December 1 at St. Paul's Cathedral! Best Wishes to Deacon David in his ministry as a permanent deacon.

Reception for Deacon David Hicks 12/9

St. Thomas Parish will host a reception for newly ordained Deacon David Hicks following the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 9 in the Parish Hall. Please come to the congratulate Deacon David on his ordination.

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

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 2, 2018 – 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the church (during Faith Formation)

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the church (during Faith Formation)

Sunday, December 16, 2018 – 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the church
(during Faith Formation)

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!

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)

Rite of Welcome 12/2

The Rite of Welcome for the RCIA candidates will be celebrated on Sunday, December 2nd at the 11:00 AM Mass.

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

Christmas Choir

Getting ready for Christmas already? Yes, we are. Rehearsals for the Adult Choir that sings for the 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve are on Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm. We would love to have more people join us! Please consider coming to sing with us. We need all voice types and have a special need for additional men's voices. If you are sitting next to someone who sings well, please encourage him or her to join the choir and add to the Christmas celebration.

Rehearsals will be from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the Music Room in the church. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Primetimers 12/11

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, December 11. Dirty Santa will be played and a \$10 gift is required.

Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/11

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 11th, starting at 6pm with the procession, Rosary and Mass at 7pm. The choir will stay and sing songs till midnight. All are welcome.

EPIC Middle School 12/2

Mark your calendars for our next Encounter meeting Sunday, December 2nd from 6:00-7:30 in the fellowship hall. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are welcome! For more information contact Michelle Wallace 639-4215 or Jessica Willey 260-2561

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.

Sympathy

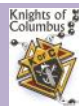
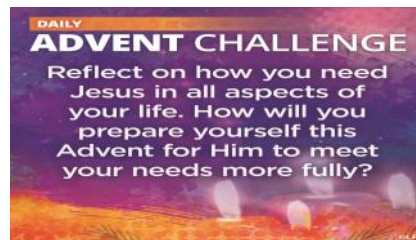
St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Suzy Dupriest on the death of her husband Joey Dupriest. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Ladies' Auxiliary 12/9

Calling all ladies of St. Thomas! Our next monthly meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 9th, 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 12/9

The K of C Council will hold their meeting on Dec. 9th. The meeting will start at 6pm in the modular building. We will be having our Assembly meetings for fourth degree Knights at 5pm.



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.

Advent Penance Service 12/13

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate its annual Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00pm. This is a wonderful way to prepare spiritually for Christmas

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 dentish 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.

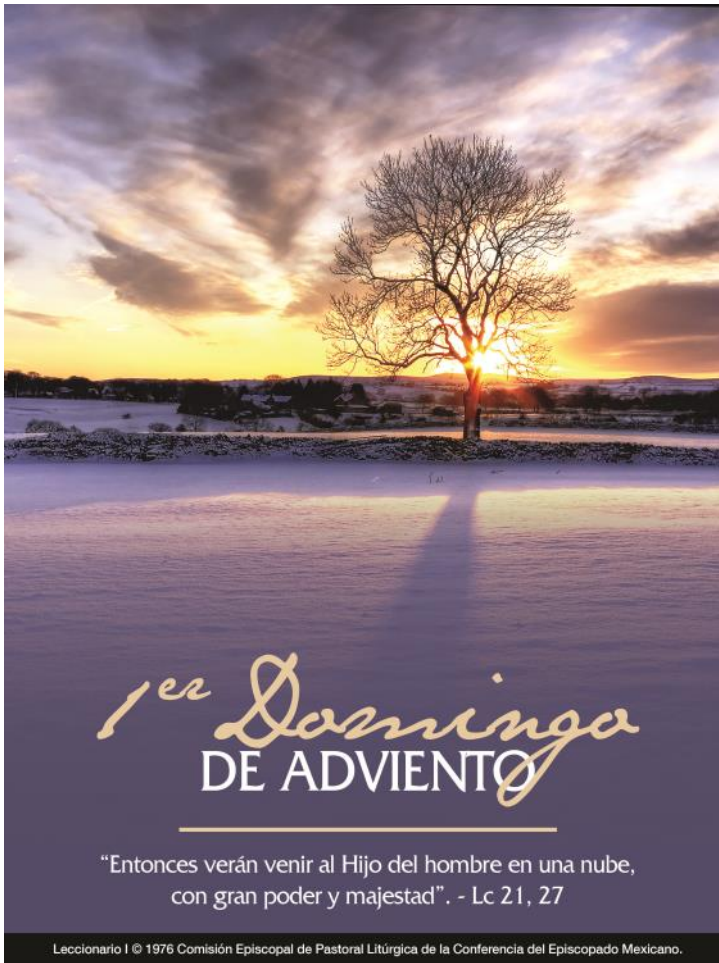


College Student Mass and Dinner

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.

The Immaculate Conception 12/8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Saturday, December 8th. The feast is a Holyday of Obligation. The Mass for that day will be celebrated at 10:00 AM. The evening Mass that day will have the readings of the Second Sunday of Advent, but attending the evening Mass will also fulfill one's obligation.



1er Domingo
DE ADVIENTO

“Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad”. - Lc 21, 27

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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, 02 de diciembre de 2018 –
- Sunday, 09 de diciembre de 2018 -
- 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 — levantaré para David un brote justo. (Jeremías 33: 14-16)

Salmo — A ti, oh Señor, levanto mi alma. (25:4-5,8-9,10,14)

Segunda lectura — Puede fortalecer el Señor su corazón a la venida de nuestro Señor Jesús. (I Thessalonians 3:12: 4:2)

Evangelio—Vuestra redención está cerca. (Lucas 21:25-28,34-36)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

- Lunes:** Isaías 2:1-5; Mateo 8:5-11
- Martes:** Isaías 11:1-10; Lucas 10:21-24
- Miércoles:** Isaías 25:6-10a; Mateo 15:29-37
- Jueves:** Isaías 26: 1-6; Mateo 7:21, 24-27
- Viernes:** Isaías 29:17-24; Mateo 9:27-31
- Sábado:** Génesis 3:9-15,20; Efesios 1:3-6.11-12; Lucas 1:26-38
- Domingo:** Baruc 5:1-9; Filipenses 1:4-6.8-11; Lucas 3:1-6

Virgen de Guadalupe 12/11

El día que celebraremos la Virgen de Guadalupe será el Martes, 11 de Diciembre. Comenzamos a las 6:00pm con la procesión y el Rosario en la iglesia principal. La Misa comenzará a las 7pm. Pondremos fin a la celebración con cantos a la Virgen de Guadalupe. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta por favor llame a la oficina al 663-3936. Todos son Bienvenidos a venir y celebrar.

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.

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

Universidad beca 12/31

apenas un recordatorio de que el Consejo Local de caballeros de Colón ofrece 2 becas anuales para estudiantes HS. Son \$500 cada uno por una señora joven y uno para un hombre joven. Aplicaciones están disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia, junto con los requisitos. Aplicaciones deben recibirse en la oficina de la parroquia el 31 de diciembre.

Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción 12/8

La fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción se celebrará el sábado 8 de diciembre. La fiesta es un día de fiesta de obligación. En 10:00 se celebrará la Misa de ese día. La noche Misa ese día tendrá las lecturas del domingo segundo de Adviento, pero asistir a la Misa de la noche también cumplirá con su obligación.

Servicio de penitencia de Adviento 12/13

Parroquia de Santo Tomás celebrará su anual servicio penitencial de Adviento el jueves, 13 de diciembre a las 19:00. Esto es una manera maravillosa para preparar espiritualmente para Navidad