



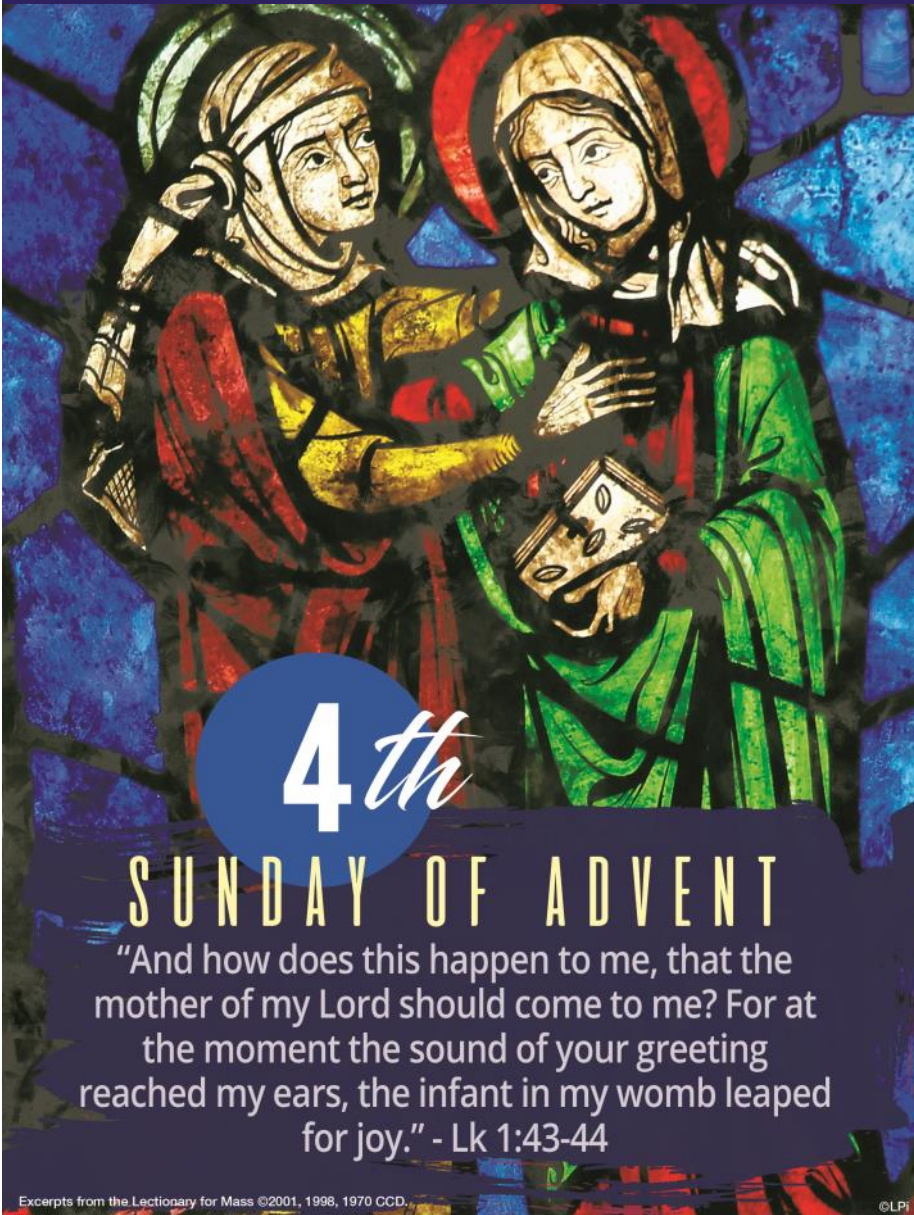
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018 • 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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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 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 Intentions of the People of the Parish

2:30 PM

MONDAY DECEMBER 24

5:00PM Children's Christmas Mass for Raymond & Madge Dunmyer, deceased

9:00PM Christmas Mass

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25

10:00AM Christmas Mass Bilingual

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26

9:00 AM Mass for James Osborne, deceased

THURSDAY DECEMBER 27

9:00 AM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

FRIDAY DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM Mass for Joey Dupriest, deceased

SATURDAY DECEMBER 29

5:30 PM Mass for Romana Callaham, deceased

Sunday December 30

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Joe Vizzina, deceased

2:30 PM

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a)

Psalm— Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (80:2-3,15-16,18-19)

Second Reading— Behold, I come to do your will. (Hebrews 10:5-10)

Gospel— And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (Luke 1:39-45)

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



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 January 4th and 18th .**

Monthly Altar Flowers

December 22nd & 23rd

In memory of Carol Serio ; In memory of John L. Wright Jr.

December 29th & 30th

In memory of Tony & Alice Schmitz

Sacristan Dec. 29 & 30

5:30 PM Cathy Bailey ; 8:00 AM Bruno Navarro ;

11:00 AM Judy Lemieux ; 2:30 PM Avalos Family

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Dec. 29	5:30 PM	Winnie Marteniz, Cheri Cannon, Alan Cannon, Esther Zagar, Bill Alexiou	Alan Cannon Freddie Ford	Kaylin Mc, Matthew Co-Mc	Paul Lorino, Don Holsomback, Keith Brown
Sunday Dec. 30	8:00 AM	Paul Tombrello, Susie Leckness, Pat Dale, Pam Ganus, David Hicks	Susan Phillips John Wright	Carson Mc, CO-MC Angelus, Brody, Mercy, Marie Ana	Greg Wanat Shannon Delcamber Javi Nava
	11:00 AM	Mike shoop, Pat Shoop, Heather Sabo, Leland Wallace, Judy Lemieux, Bill Alexiou, Mary Ann Little	Matt Pigan Pat Shoop	MC-Ledger, CO-MC London, Byron, Daniel O, David, Mercy, Brenn,	Jasper Levio Lee Travis Raul Martinez
	2:20 PM (Spanish)	Vidal Martinez Amada Martinez	Nancy Arceo Lupe Anguiano	Briana Paul	Heron y Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

DECEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 30, 2018

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 24

8:30 AM-12:00 PM Office Open
6:00 PM No Spanish Dancers
6:30 PM No Lectio Divina

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25

8:30 AM-4:00 PM Office Closed

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 27

8:30am-4:00pm Office Open

FRIDAY DECEMBER 28

8:30am-12:30pm Office Open

SATURDAY DECEMBER 29

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.



Pastoral Staff

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alcook46@outlook.com

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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

Due to the early Bulletin deadline Stewardship of Treasure will be available in next week's bulletin.

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)



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 on the corner of Highland and Moody in Montevallo. 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 be on November 28, January 9, 16, and 23 in preparation for the first retreat. Then, there will be meetings on the Wednesdays of February to prepare for the second retreat. The meetings will begin at 6:45 PM, and the college students and confirmed high school students are also invited to attend the Mass at 5:30 PM and the dinner that follows. To sign up for the team, please contact Michael Fisher at mfisher@jcchs.org, Matthew Renna at mdrenna6@gmail.com, or Michael Whitfield at daviswhitfield1995@gmail.com.

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 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!

New Year's Mass Schedule

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a Holyday of Obligation. St. Thomas will celebrate a Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM on December 31st, and a Feast Day Mass at 10:00 AM on January 1st.

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)

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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

Shebly Emergency Assistance and at Bibb County DHR and the clients that they serve are deeply appreciative of your generosity.



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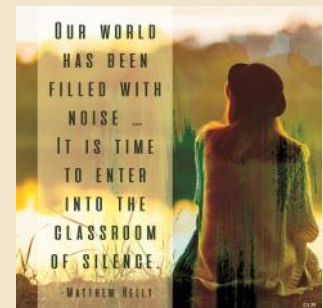
DVDs, CDs, scripture readings and

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.

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.

K of C Pancake Breakfast 1/6

The Knights of Columbus provide a pancake breakfast on the First Sunday of each month from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Please plan to join us. **Next Breakfast is January**

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.

Confirmation Date 3/12

Bishop Baker has informed the parish that Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM.

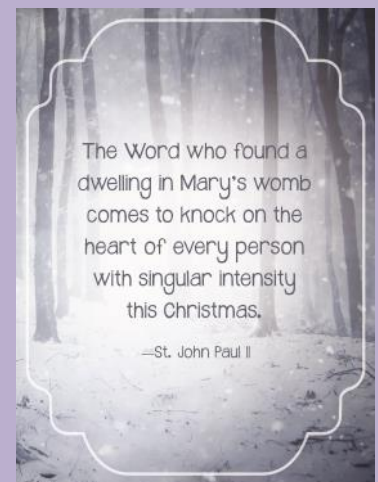
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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

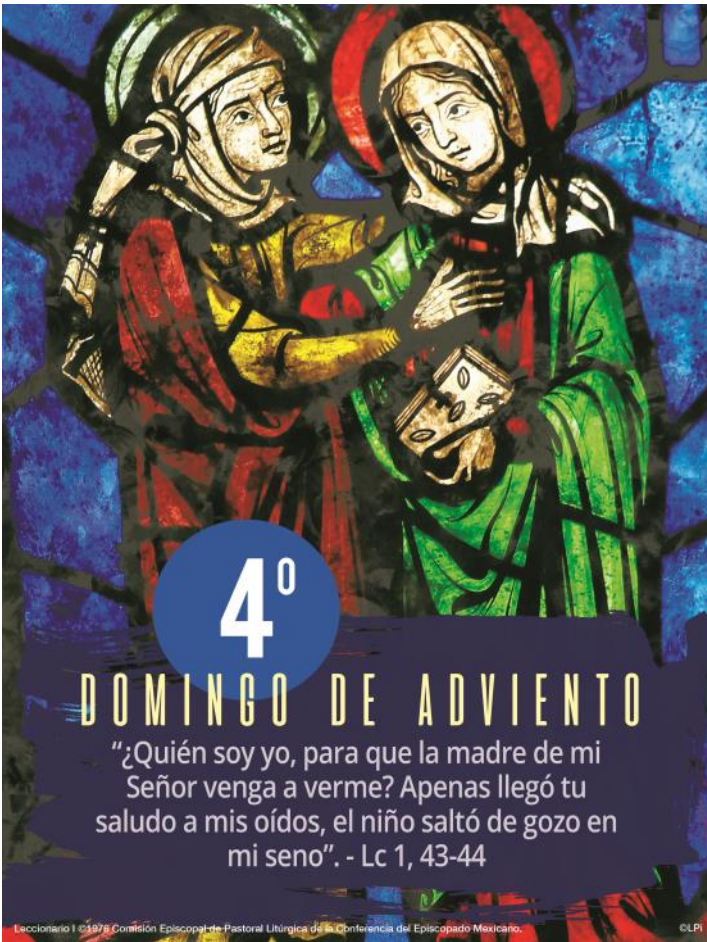
You may have been coming to Catholic Church for a long time with a family member or friend, but you had not thought about the possibility of becoming Catholic. Would you consider that possibility now? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Church to consider your decision?

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.



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.



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DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno". - Lc 1, 43-44

Beca para la Universidad 12/31

Simplemente un recordatorio de que el Consejo Local de caballeros de Colón ofrece 2 becas anuales para estudiantes HS. Son \$500 cada uno por una hembra y uno para un hombre. 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.

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.

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

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 23 de diciembre de 2018 – 12:15-12:45 en la iglesia
Por favor llame Chalane Tucker a 572-5159 para inscribirse o para más información.

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura — De ti saldrá el gobernante de Israel. (Miqueas 5:1-4a)

Salmo — Señor, nos hacen girar ver tu rostro y seremos salvos. (80:2-3,15-16,18-19)

Segunda lectura — He aquí, vengo para hacer tu voluntad. (Hebreos 10:5-10)

Evangelio— Y ¿cómo esto me sucede, que la madre de mi Señor venga a mí? (Lucas 1:39-45)

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

Confirmación

Obispo Baker ha informado a la parroquia que confirmación será celebrado en St. Thomas la iglesia del apóstol el martes, 12 de marzo a 19:00.

Clases de Bautismo 1/7

Las clases de bautismo son a las 6pm Lunes, 7, de Enero para **miembros de Santo Tomás**. Si asiste a otra parroquia y quisiera tomar clases aquí por favor traiga una carta desde el sacerdote que tiene permiso para tomar la clase. Usted es el padrino recuerde que debe estar casado en **la Iglesia Católica**.