



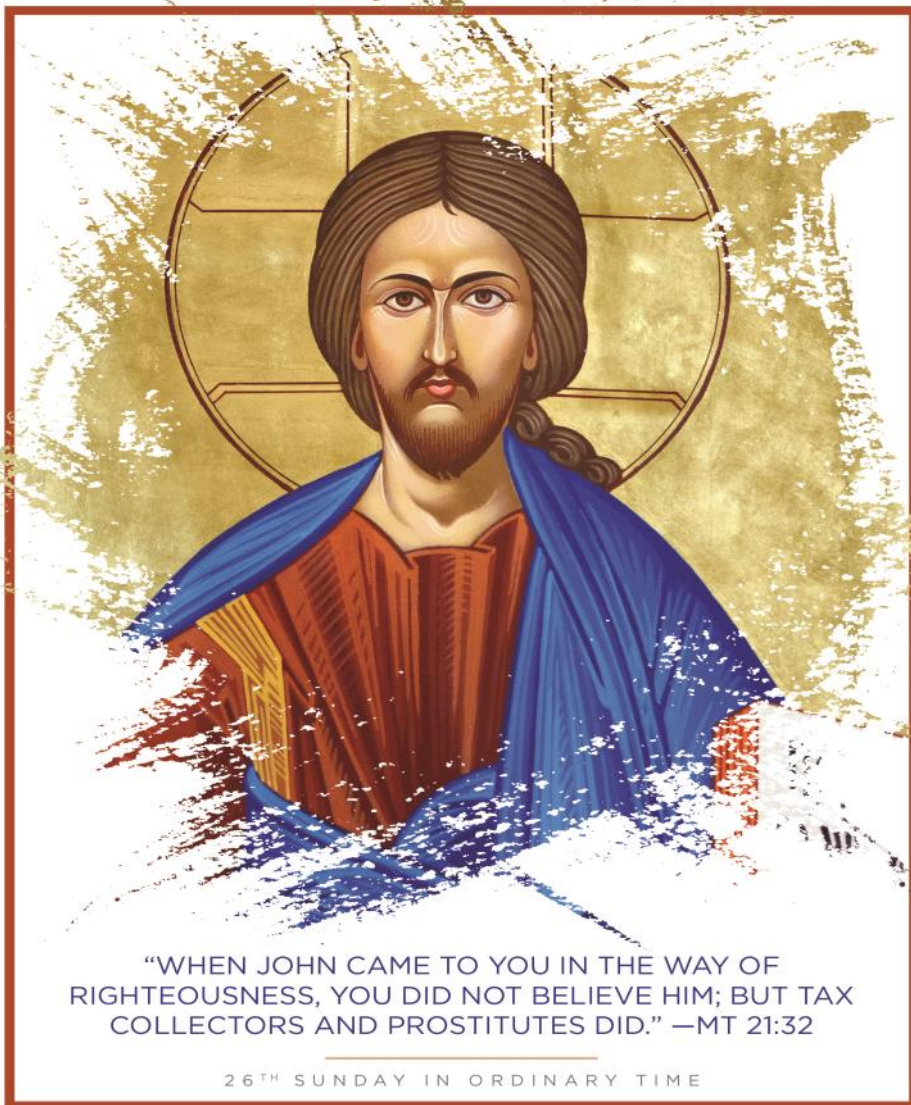
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



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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
 Thursday9:00 a.m.
 Main Church
 Friday.....9:00 a.m.
 Main Church

CATHOLIC COLLEGE MINISTRY MASS

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please consult bulletin or website
<http://stthomascatholic.com/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday..... 10:00 a.m.

80 ST. THOMAS WAY • MONTEVALLO, AL 35115 • 205-663-3936
 PARISH WEBSITE: <http://stthomascatholic.com>

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

5:30 PM Mass for Connie & Dan Standifer, deceased

Sunday SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM Mass for Lewis Maluff, deceased

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

9:00 AM Mass for Lee Maniscalco, deceased

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Deacon Bill Alexiou

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

5:30 PM Mass for Thomas J. Bracken, deceased

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM Mass for Chuck Bethea, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

2:30 PM Misa en Español

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — By turning from wickedness, a wicked person shall preserve his life. (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

Psalm— Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9)

Second Reading— Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:1-11)

Gospel— He changed his mind and went, Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of heaven before you. (Matthew 21:28-32)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 1:47-51

Wednesday: Job 9:1-12,14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Job 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5,10

Saturday: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Luke 30:17-24

Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Sacristan Oct. 3rd & Oct. 4th

5:30 Jerry & Mary Pax; 8:00 Bruno Navarro;

11:00 Barbara Youngblood; 2:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

September 26th & September 27th

In memory/honor of Bobbie LeVinge

In memory/honor of

October 3rd & October 4th

In memory/honor Ron Everling

In memory/honor Walczak 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.

Adoration will be on October 2nd & 16th

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Oct. 3rd	5:30 PM	Deacon	Alan Cannon	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Don Holsomback Marilyn Waltsgott David Higdon
Sunday Oct. 4th	8:00 AM	Deacon	Mike Ash	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Marty Spellicy Shannon Delcambre Javi Nava
	11:00 AM	Deacon	Jena Evanko	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Cassey Fondren Leland Wallace Wayne Perrin
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 4, 2020

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 AM No Coffee & Donuts
 9:15 AM Rosary in courtyard
 9:30AM-10:45AM Faith Formation at home
 RCIA Parish Hall
 RCIA Spanish St. Joseph

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 10:00AM No Ladies' Bible Study
 5:30 PM Catholic College Ministry Dinner
 7:00 PM No Adult Scripture Study

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN
 Adoration begins at noon

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Adoration ends at noon
 4:30PM-5:00PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass

Wed. Evening Scripture Study

The Wednesday Evening Scripture Study will resume by Zoom. For more information, please contact Bill Dresher at bhmhoosier@bellsouth.net.

Dispensation Extended

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass until November 22, 2020.

40 Days of Life 9/23-11/1

The Diocese of Birmingham will sponsor "40 Days of Life" from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1. The "40 Days of Life" includes peaceful vigils, daily prayer and fasting, and community outreach. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

Catholic Charities Sunday 9/27

The Catholic Charities Appeal for the Diocese of Birmingham is the weekend of September 26-27. Catholic Charities funds the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Birmingham. Those who pledged in previous years were sent materials in the mail last week. Blank pledge cards are available in the Gathering Area.

Pastoral Staff

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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 | Fax: 663-0657
 Rectory Ph: 665-0968

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Collection of 9/20/20

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$6,111.00	\$3,389.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$6,440.33	\$559.67
Total	\$16,500.00	\$12,551.33	\$3,948.67

Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/19—06/30/20

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$114,000.00	\$107,582.45	\$6,417.55
Building Fund	\$84,000.00	\$70,368.99	\$13,631.01
Total	\$198,000.00	\$177,951.44	\$20,048.56

With the advice of the Parish Finance Council, Saint Thomas Parish will do financial planning according to a fiscal year (7/1/20 to 6/30/21) rather than a calendar year. Thus, the numbers above have been adjusted to reflect the new budget which began on 7/1/19.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Ray 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/nursing home.

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 parish family. To register, please contact the Parish Office. Those moving are asked to let us know.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Interested In Becoming Catholic

You may have been coming to Catholic Church for a long time with a family member or with a friend, but you had not thought about the possibility of becoming Catholic. Are you interested in possibly 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 or Jackie Lampton at 663-3936. Inquiry classes are meeting at 9:30 am Sundays in the Parish Hall.

Catholic Guidelines for Voting

The bishops of the United States have published a document this year seeking to offer guidelines for Catholics to form their consciences for voting. The document is entitled: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States". The document is available on the Bishop's Website at www.usccb.org.

Unfortunately, there are some people who have misunderstood or misrepresented material from the document. You are encouraged to read the entire document. Two of the paragraphs that have been subject to misunderstanding are paragraphs # 34 and #35. Those two paragraphs are as follow:

34. Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote. This is why it is important to vote according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.

35. There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil.

Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults

St. Thomas Parish has begun sessions for those who are interested in receiving sacraments of initiation. The process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This RCIA process is for people who have not been baptized, people who have been baptized in another Christian tradition who wish to become Catholic, and adult Catholics who have been baptized, but who have not been confirmed.

The RCIA will offer in-person sessions. The sessions will be on Sundays from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. The sessions in English will meet in the Parish Hall, and the sessions in Spanish will meet in the St. Joseph's Room. Due to the need for social distancing, the only people who will be able to attend these sessions will be the candidates, their spouses, and their sponsors.

Respect Life Sunday 10/4

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Respect Life Sunday, October 4th. Let us continue to pray for the respect of all life.

Faith Formation

1st-10th Grade ... At Home

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

English in the Parish Hall

Spanish in the St. Joseph Room

No Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings

All meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary have been suspended until further notice. However, please consider joining us when we resume our monthly meetings. This is an excellent way to reconnect with each other after these weeks of isolation.

No K of C Monthly Meeting

The K of C Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

No K of C Squires Meeting

The Squires monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Rosary on Sunday Mornings

The Sunday Morning Rosary will resume in the courtyard with Social Distancing.

Faith Direct

Electronic Offertory Giving: Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory and building fund? Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card. If you would like an enrollment form, please call the parish Finance Office at 663-3936 x109. You can also enroll from the St. Thomas website www.stthomascatholic.com. Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

Welcome to St. Thomas!

St. Thomas Parish is happy to welcome all people to our faith community. If you live in this area, we invite you to register as a parishioner. Registration forms in both English and Español are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

September 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I remember each of you in my prayers every day during this very difficult time as we deal with the Coronavirus. Many of you are hurting in various ways due to the pandemic. I pray that God will watch over and care for each of you.

St. Thomas has begun public Masses again. We have Masses at our regularly scheduled times on the weekdays and on the weekends. We are following social distancing procedures. We have face masks available, and all who attend Mass are required to use a face mask. We are disinfecting the Church after the Masses.

You are not required to attend Mass. Bishop Raica has offered a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all Catholics in the diocese due to the pandemic until November 22nd.. This dispensation is granted recognizing that those in high risk categories may have concerns and fears about returning to public worship.

St. Thomas offers a Mass each weekend that will be available through a link on the St. Thomas website. We hope to have this posted on Saturday night, and we hope that you will use this virtual liturgy for your family worship each weekend.

.Thank you for your very generous support of our parish. Many parishioners have continued to give financially to the parish. I invite you to mail your contributions to St. Thomas. St. Thomas also offers an opportunity of electronic giving through Faith Direct, which has a link on our website.

I pray that God will protect you and your family from the Coronavirus and every other illness.

Blessings,

Father Ray

St. Thomas College and Young Adult Mass and Dinner

St. Thomas College and Young Adult Ministry will again sponsor Wednesday evening Mass at 5:30 PM with dinner following at the Catholic Student Center beginning on Wednesday, August 26th. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the dinner will not be prepared by our wonderful cook teams for the first semester.

The Mass will be celebrated with masks and social distancing. The dinner will be offered with pre-packaged food. Social distancing will be observed for the dinner. We hope to involve the cook teams during the second semester, if the issues of the coronavirus are resolved.

College and Young Adult Bible Study

St. Thomas Catholic Campus Ministry offers a College Student and Young Adult Bible Study on Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM at the Catholic Student Center. The study is led by Alyssa Williams.

Faith Formation Registration and Classes

After prayerful consideration, St. Thomas Parish has decided to offer Faith Formation for the Fall Semester as an “at home” experience. We do this with great sadness, as we believe that in-person classes offer many benefits. However, a major concern of the parish is the health and safety of our students and catechists. We hope that we will be able to offer in-person classes next semester.

St. Thomas will provide materials for home study that are grade appropriate. The materials will be from Pflaum Publishing. St. Thomas will provide hard copies of the materials as well as the opportunity to access the materials on-line.

Registration is still required. Registration is available on-line or by telephone. There will not be any in-person registration. Registration forms are available in English and in Spanish on the parish website. Telephone calls are welcome to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After completing the Registration form please mail it to the Parish Office or bring it to the Parish Office.

There will not be any fees for Faith Formation this semester.

We appreciate your understanding of this decision. The Coronavirus Pandemic is a very serious health concern, and a top priority of the parish in this regard is the safety and health of all concerned.

Blessings,

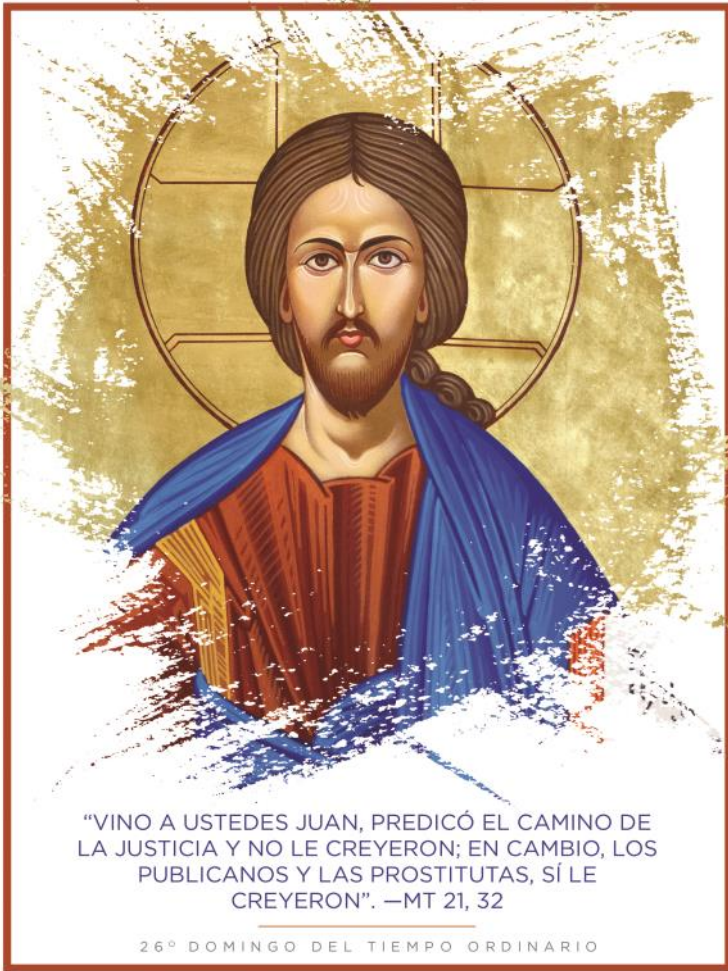
Fr. Ray

Faith Formation Materials Distribution 9/27

St. Thomas Parish plans to distribute the hard copies and on line codes of the Faith Formation Materials on Sunday, September 27. The distribution will be a drive-through at the Porte-Cochere in front of the Parish Hall. The drive-through times will be after the morning Masses from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM., and from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM, and before the 2:30 PM Mass from 1:30 PM to 2:20 PM.

Low-Income Families Free Internet Service

Low-income families in Alabama are eligible for free internet service for children in grades K-12 who are attending school remotely. This is available for students enrolled in the National School Lunch Program. For more information, please contact ABCforStudent-Team@gmail.com.



LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura — Al apartarse de la iniquidad, una persona inicua preservará su vida.

(Ezequiel 18:25-28)

Salmo— Recuerda tus misericordias, oh Señor.

(Salmos 25:4-5,6-7,8-9)

Segunda lectura— Ten en ti la misma actitud que también está en Cristo Jesús. (Filipenses 2:1-11)

Evangelio— Cambió de opinión y se fue, los recaudadores de impuestos y las prostitutas están entrando en el reino de los cielos antes que ustedes.

(Mateo 21:28-32)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes: Trabajo 1:6-22; Lucas 9:46-50

Martes: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Juan 1:47-51

Miércoles: Job 9:1-12,14-16; Lucas 9:57-62

Jueves: Job 19:21-27; Lucas 10:1-12

Viernes: Job 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5; Mateo 18:1-5,10

Sábado: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Lucas 30:17-24

Domingo: Isaías 5:1-7; Filipenses 4:6-9; Mateo 21:33-43

Directrices Católicas Para Votar

Los obispos de los Estados Unidos han publicado un documento este año que busca ofrecer pautas para que los católicos formen sus conciencias para votar. El documento se titula: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States". El documento está disponible en el sitio web del obispo en www.usccb.org.

Desafortunadamente, hay algunas personas que han malentendido o malinterpretado material del documento. Le recomendamos que lea todo el documento. Dos de los párrafos que han sido objeto de malentendidos son párrafos #34 y #35.

34. Los católicos a menudo se enfrentan a decisiones difíciles sobre cómo votar. Por eso es importante votar de acuerdo con una conciencia bien formada que perciba la relación adecuada entre los bienes morales. Un católico no puede votar por un candidato que está a favor de una política que promueve un acto intrínsecamente malo, como el aborto, la eutanasia, el suicidio asistido, someter deliberadamente a los trabajadores o a los pobres a condiciones de vida infrahumanas, redefiniendo el matrimonio de maneras que violan su significado esencial, o comportamiento racista, si la intención del elector es apoyar esa posición. En tales casos, un católico sería culpable de cooperación formal en grave maldad. Al mismo tiempo, un votante no debe utilizar la oposición de un candidato a un mal intrínseco para justificar la indiferencia o la falta de atención a otras cuestiones morales importantes que involucran la vida y la dignidad humanas.

35. Puede haber ocasiones en que un católico que rechaza la posición inaceptable de un candidato incluso sobre las políticas que promueven un acto intrínsecamente malo puede decidir razonablemente votar por ese candidato por otras razones moralmente graves. Votar de esta manera sólo sería permisible por razones morales verdaderamente graves, no para promover intereses estrechos o preferencias partidistas o ignorar un mal moral fundamental.

Registro y Clases de Formación de Fe

Después de la consideración orante, la Parroquia de Santo Tomás ha decidido ofrecer la Formación de Fe para el Semestre de Otoño como una experiencia "en casa". Hacemos esto con gran tristeza, ya que creemos que las clases presenciales ofrecen muchos beneficios. Sin embargo, una de las principales preocupaciones de la parroquia es la salud y la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y catequistas. Esperamos poder ofrecer clases presenciales el próximo semestre. Santo Tomás proporcionará materiales para el estudio en el hogar que sean apropiados para el grado. Los materiales serán de Pflaum Publishing. Santo Tomás proporcionará copias impresas de los materiales, así como la oportunidad de acceder a los materiales en línea. Los detalles de la distribución de copia impresa todavía están en curso. El registro sigue siendo obligatorio. El registro está disponible en línea o por teléfono. No habrá ningún registro en persona. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en inglés y en español en el sitio web de la parroquia. Las llamadas telefónicas son bienvenidas a la Oficina Parroquial durante el horario comercial regular. No habrá ningún cargo por la Formación de Fe este semestre. Agradecemos su comprensión de esta decisión. La pandemia de coronavirus es un problema de salud muy grave, y una prioridad de la parroquia en este sentido es la seguridad y la salud de todos los interesados. Bendiciones, Padre Ray.

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.

Hora Santa

Viernes | 6:00pm-7:00pm cada 1er y 3er en la capilla en Montevallo

Lectio Divina

Los Martes | 6:30pm

Preparaciones para los adultos

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940

Preparaciones para quinceañeras

Magda Rivera | 643-2659

Novenas o Rosario

RosaMaria Angel | 205-901-0470

Clases de Bautismo 10/5

Las clases de bautismo son a las 6pm Lunes, 05, de O para **miembros de Santo Tomás**. Por favor, si asiste a misa en otra Parroquia, reciba sus Clases de Bautismo allí. Las reglas de Santo Tomás son, usar máscara y distancia social.

Si no se registra en el libro del bautismo no puede atender la clase.

Clases de RCIA Para Adultos

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás han comenzado las clases los domingos para aquellos que estén interesados en recibir sacramentos de iniciación. El proceso se llama el rito de la iniciación cristiana. Este proceso de la RCIA es para personas que no han sido bautizadas, personas que han sido bautizadas en otra tradición cristiana que desean convertirse en católicas, y católicos adultos que han sido bautizados, pero que no han sido confirmados. La RCIA ofrecerá sesiones presenciales

Las sesiones serán los domingos de 9:30 AM a 10:45 AM. Las sesiones en inglés se reunirán en el Salón Parroquial, y las sesiones en español se reunirán en la Sala de San José. Debido a la necesidad de distanciamiento social, las únicas personas que podrán asistir a estas sesiones serán los candidatos, sus cónyuges y sus padrinos.

