



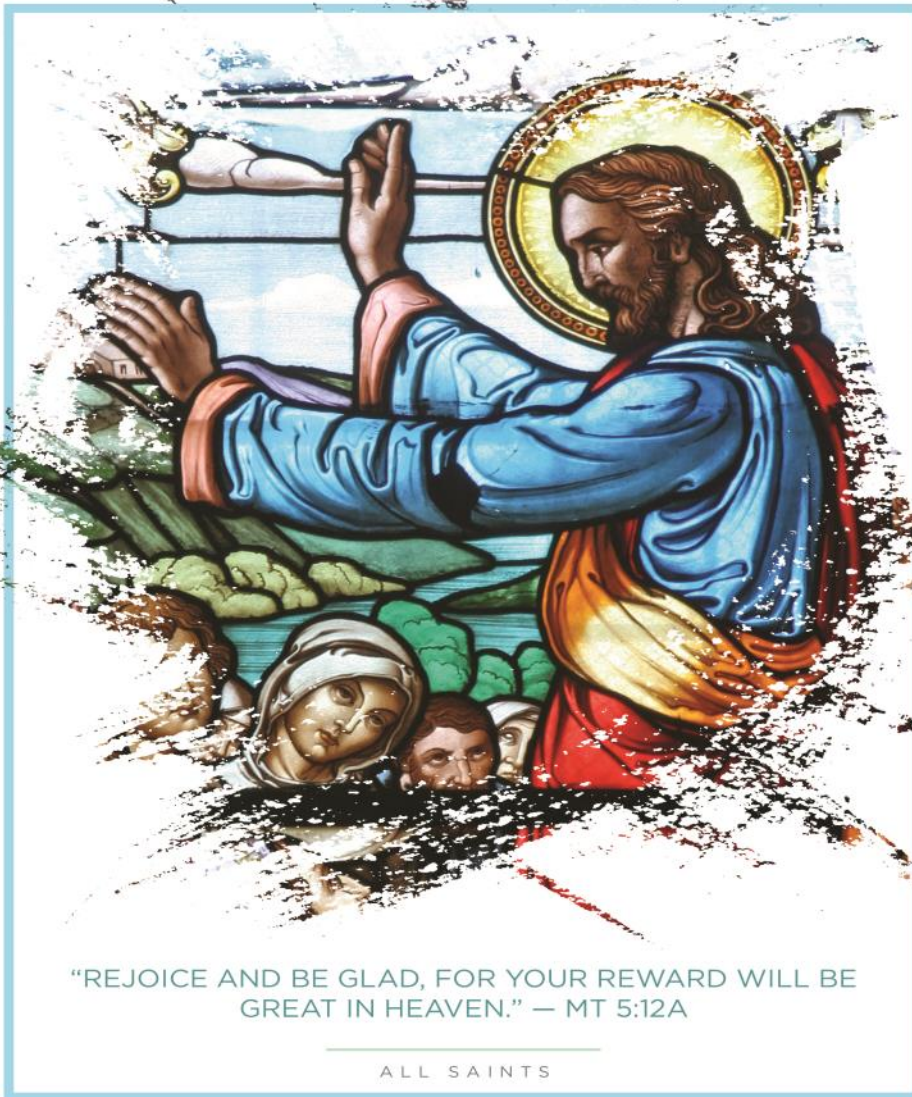
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



"REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN." — MT 5:12A

ALL SAINTS

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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.
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 OCTOBER 31

5:30 PM Mass for Carroll E. Schmidt, deceased

Sunday NOVEMBER 1

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Judi Hobbs, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2

9:00 AM Mass All Souls' Day

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM Mass for Howard Franks, deceased

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM Mass for Randy Hutto, deceased

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

9:00 AM Mass for Altemio Gallo Martinez, deceased

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

5:30 PM Mass for Josie Gombar, deceased

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Lee Maniscalco, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

Monthly Altar Flowers

October 31st & November 1st

In memory/honor of Carroll E. Schmidt

In memory/honor of

November 7th & November 8th

In memory/honor of William & Mary Brock

In memory/honor of

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I had a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. (Revelation 7:2-4,9-14)

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Psalm 24:1bc-2,3-4ab,5-6)

Second Reading — We shall see God as he is. (1 John 3:1-3)

Gospel — Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. (Matthew 5:1-2a)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40

Tuesday: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sacristan Nov. 7th & Nov. 8th

5:30 Mahon; 8:00 Gloria Q. : 11:00 Mary Ann Little; 2:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

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 November 20th

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Nov. 7th	5:30 PM	Deacon	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Sue Ellen Gerrells Mike Gerrells Ron Hoff
Sunday Nov. 8th	8:00 AM	Deacon	Ann Hicks	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Roland Burns Norma Russo Marty Spellicy
	11:00 AM	Deacon	Leland Wallace	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Joe Vacarella Zach Cruce Steve Schoonover
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2020

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 9:00 AM All Souls' Day Mass

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

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 NOVEMBER 5

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

Adoration begins at noon

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

Adoration ends at noon

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

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 Drescher 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.

Open House at St. Bernard 11/13

November 13th- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Day School and Boarding (grades 7- 12)
 One hour from Huntsville and Birmingham
 in Cullman, AL RSVP at (205) 255-5890 or
www.stbernardprep.com

Sympathy

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

Pastoral Staff

PASTOR

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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 10/25/20

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$11,583.00	\$2,083.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$7,352.00	\$352.00
Total	\$16,500.00	\$18,935.00	\$2,435.00

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$161,000.00	\$152,586.64	\$8,413.36
Building Fund	\$119,000.00	\$97,029.59	\$21,970.41
Total	\$280,000.00	\$249,616.23	\$30,383.77

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

All parishioners are urged to register to vote, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Catholic Church does not support or oppose any candidate. The Church seeks to focus attention on the moral dimensions of issues.

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

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. 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.

Faith Formation

1st-10th Grade ... At Home

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

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.

K of C Monthly Meeting 11/8

The K of C Council next meeting will be Nov. 8th in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm.

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 be in the Adult Faith Formation room 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.stthomasatholic.com. Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

World Mission Sunday Thank You

The collection for World Mission was taken up last weekend, through your generous St. Thomas collected \$794.00

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

Statement from Bishop Steven Raica 10/22

I have heard the media reports about statements allegedly made by Pope Francis in a recent documentary in Italy. I have not seen the documentary, heard the questions that were asked of the Holy Father, or been able to verify whether his responses were accurately conveyed in their proper context. In any case, it appears, as the matter comes into greater focus, that he was in no way aiming to change Church teaching about human sexuality and marriage, but instead was offering his prudential judgment on matters of public policy concerning those who seek same-sex civil unions. Furthermore, the Pope's previous statements on this issue make clear that he in no way regards civil unions as the equivalent of marriage, which ought to be privileged in society, since it is the only institution essentially ordered to the procreation and education of children.

Here in the Diocese of Birmingham, we remain committed to promoting the Church's beautiful teachings on marriage, family, and sexuality, as well as insisting that all people be shown respect and compassion. As we await possible clarification or further elucidation from the Vatican on the pronouncements attributed to the Holy Father, let us remember to keep him and his important mission in our daily prayers.

St. Thomas College and Young Adult Mass and Dinner

St. Thomas College and Young Adult Ministry sponsors Wednesday evening Mass at 5:30 PM with dinner following at the Catholic Student Center. 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.

St. Thomas College and Young Adult Bible Study

St. Thomas Catholic College Ministry offers a College Student and Young Adult Bible Study on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Catholic Student Center. The Study is led by Alyssa Williams.

Faith Formation Registration Materials

St. Thomas Parish distributed the hard copies and on-line codes of the Faith Formation Materials on Sunday, October 11. If you were not able to pick up your materials, they are available at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Stewardship Pledge Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners who have returned their pledge cards for the coming year. St. Thomas is grateful for your generosity. If you have not yet returned your pledged card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thus far, we have received 74 Pledges \$131,256.00 to Offertory and 58 pledges \$84,164.00 to the Building Fund.

All Souls' Day Mass 11/2

All Souls' Day is a special day in the Catholic calendar. St. Thomas will celebrate Mass on All Souls' Day November 2nd at 9:00 AM.

All Souls' Day Envelopes

All Souls' Day envelopes are available in the Gathering Area. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

Sister Chat: A Virtual Vocation Discernment Event 11/7

Sister Chat is for women who are actively discerning a call to religious life. Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM. A brief presentation on the principles of discernment will be followed by Benedictine Sisters sharing how they have used those principles in their own lives. There will be time for Q & A and discussion. Call Sister Magdalena Craig, (256) 615-6114 or email vocations@shmon.org to register.

Angel Tree

Despite the hurdles presented by COVID-19, the St. Thomas Angel Tree Project will carry on this year. However, we will follow a different format than in the past. We will be unable to have our traditional tree in the Gathering Space, due to the risks of exposure to the Coronavirus. Our Social Concerns Committee and Father Ray still want to help those in our community whose children might otherwise miss a visit from Santa Claus.

As a COVID-19 recoverer himself, Father Ray expressed deep concern for the many parishioners who might be putting themselves at risk by shopping in crowded stores. For this year only, we are planning a completely financial project, and your help and support--and contributions-- are greatly needed. We plan to assist client-families with children from Shelby Emergency Assistance and the Bibb County Department of Human Resources. Our goal is to provide the agencies with \$150 per child (for six "wants" and six "needs.") The funds raised at St. Thomas will be given to the sponsoring agencies to buy gift cards. The families can use these cards to buy gifts on their children's lists. Please be as generous as you have always been in the past. And let's help these youngsters have a Merry Christmas! May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy. Checks should be made out to St. Thomas and mailed to 80 St. Thomas Way, Montevallo, AL, 35115.



Rito de Iniciación Cristiana

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás ha comenzado sesiones para aquellos que están interesados en recibir sacramentos de iniciación. El proceso se llama el rito de la iniciación cristiana. 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 patrocinadores.

Servicio de Internet para Familias de bajos Ingresos

Las familias de bajos ingresos en Alabama son elegibles para el servicio de Internet gratuito para los niños en los grados K-12 que asisten a la escuela de forma remota. Esto está disponible para los estudiantes inscritos en el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con ABCforStudentsTeam@gmail.com.

40 Días de Vida 9/23-11/1

La Diócesis de Birmingham patrocinará "40 Días de Vida" del 23 de septiembre al 1 de noviembre. Los "40 Días de Vida" incluyen vigiliyas pacíficas, oración y ayuno diarios, y alcance comunitario. Para obtener más información, visite www.40daysforlife.com.

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura —Tenía una gran multitud, que nadie podía contar, de cada nación, raza, pueblo y lengua. (Apocalipsis 7:2-4,9-14)

Salmo— Señor, esta es la gente que anhela ver tu rostro. (Salmos 24:1bc-2,3-4ab,5-6)

Segunda lectura— Veremos que Dios tiene que es. (Yo Juan 3:1-3)

Evangelio— Alegraos y alegraos, porque vuestra recompensa será grande en el cielo. (Mateo 5:1-2a)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Sabiduría 3:1-9; Romanos 6:3-9; Juan 6:37-40
Martes:	Filipenses 2:5-11; Lucas 14:15-24
Miércoles:	Filipenses 2:12-18; Lucas 14:25-33
Jueves:	Filipenses 3:3-8a; Lucas 15:1-10
Viernes:	Filipenses 3:17—4:1; Lucas 16:1-8
Sábado:	Filipenses 4:10-19; Lucas 16:9-15
Domingo:	Sabiduría 6:12-16; Yo Tesalonicenses 4:13-18; Mateo 25:1-13

Materiales de Registro de Formación de Fe

Todavía puede recoger los libros de la Formación de Fe en la oficina parroquial durante el horario de oficina.

Misión Mundial Domingo Gracias

La colección para Misión Mundial fue tomada el fin de semana pasado, a través de su generoso Santo Tomás recogido \$794.00

Compromiso de Administración Gracias

Gracias a todos los feligreses que han devuelto sus tarjetas de compromiso para el próximo año. Santo Tomás está agradecido por su generosidad. Si aún no ha devuelto su tarjeta prometida, hágalo lo antes posible. Hasta ahora, hemos recibido 74 Promete \$131,256.00 a La Ofrenda y 58 promete \$84,164.00 al Fondo de Construcción.

Misa del Día de Todas las Almas 11/2

El Día de Todas las Almas es un día especial en el calendario católico. Santo Tomás celebrará la Misa el Día de Todas las Almas el 2 de noviembre a las 9:00 AM.

Sobres del día de todas las almas

Los sobres del día de todas las almas están disponibles en el área de reunión. Los sobres se colocarán en el altar durante el mes de noviembre.

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. **Comuníquese 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 11/2

Las clases de bautismo son a las 6pm Lunes, 02, de Noviembre 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

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