



# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



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

### 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.

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Kristen Ladner

### Sunday DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Tony Mollica, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

### MONDAY DECEMBER 7

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM Mass Immaculate Conception

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM Mass for Emma Burns, deceased

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM Mass for Rosa Maria Peña, deceased

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM Mass for George Esquivel, deceased

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Daniela Chavez

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM Mass for Hal Phillips, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

2:30 PM Misa en Español

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Prepare the way of the Lord. (Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11)

**Psalm**— Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14)

**Second Reading**— We avail new heavens and a new earth. (II Peter 3:8-14)

**Gospel**— Make straight the paths of the Lord. (Mark 1:1-8)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

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

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday:** Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Zachariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday:** Isaiah 61:2a,10-11; II Thessalonian 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

## Sacristan December 12th & December 13th

5:30pm Bailey; 8:00am Bruno; 11:00am Mary Ann Little; 2:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

## Monthly Altar Flowers

### December 5th & December 6th

In memory/honor of Bobbie & Leon LeVing

In memory/honor of

### December 12th & December 13th

In memory/honor of Becca Parcells

In memory/honor of Hugh Taylor

## 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 December 18th**

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Dec. 12th	5:30 PM	Deacon	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	Thomas Graye Bill Conway Walter Lee
Sunday Dec. 13th	8:00 AM	Deacon	Ann Hicks	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - <b>None at this time</b>	Greg Wanat Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood
	11:00 AM	Deacon	Leland Wallace	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	Casey Fondren Leland Wallace Wayne Perrin
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

## DECEMBER 6 TO DECEMBER 13, 2020

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

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 DECEMBER 7

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN  
 9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception  
 7:00 PM Mass Immaculate Conception

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

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

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 11

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

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](mailto:bhmhoosier@bellsouth.net).

## St. Thomas Facebook

St. Thomas is excited to announce that we now have an official Church Facebook group. It can be found by searching, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church-Montevallo, AL. Our hope is to help our parish community remain connected to the Church throughout the pandemic and beyond. We will also begin live streaming the 5:30 pm Mass on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please share this information with other parishioners you know.

## Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Carol Angelini on the death of her mother Violet Parrino Norris, and Barbara Myers on the death of her husband Donald Myers. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## Pastoral Staff

### PASTOR

Rev.. Raymond A. Dunmyer .....Ext. 101  
[rdunmyer@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:rdunmyer@stthomascatholic.com)

### RETIRED PRIEST

Rev. Adrian L. Cook  
[alcook46@outlook.com](mailto:alcook46@outlook.com)

### DEACONS

Bill Alexiou ..... Ext. 102

David Hicks.....Ext. 105

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jackie Lampton .... Ext. 109

### HISPANIC COORDINATOR

Marisa Roan ..... Ext. 100

### CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Courtney Keller, Matt Rankin,  
 Alyssa Williams, & Michael Whitfield  
[ccm@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:ccm@stthomascatholic.com)

<http://stthomascatholic.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 | Fax: 663-0657  
 Rectory Ph: 665-0968

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Weekly Collection of 11/29/20

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$5,750.00	\$3,750.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$4,699.50	\$2,300.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,449.50</b>	<b>\$6,050.50</b>

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$208,500.00	\$199,583.03	\$8,916.97
Building Fund	\$154,000.00	\$123,713.34	\$30,286.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$362,500.00</b>	<b>\$323,296.37</b>	<b>\$39,203.63</b>

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.

## November 17, 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, so we have limited seating. On Sundays, we have the opportunity for overflow crowds to use the courtyard. 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 Racia has offered a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all Catholics in the diocese due to the pandemic. This dispensation is granted recognizing that those in high risk categories may have concerns and fears about returning to public worship. The dispensation extends until January 10<sup>th</sup>.

St. Thomas will live-stream Mass each Saturday at 5:30 PM on the St. Thomas Facebook Page. That Mass will be posted on the St. Thomas Website on Sunday mornings. 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. In this time of the restrictions from the Coronavirus Pandemic, the parish income is down 12.5%.

For me personally, I am very grateful for all your prayers and support. I pray that God will protect you and your family from the Coronavirus and every other illness.

Blessings,

Father Ray

## 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 honored of a loved one. Please place the envelopes in the collections.

## 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.

## No K of C Monthly Meeting

The K of C Council monthly 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 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.stthomascatholic.com](http://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

### **Advent Penance Service 12/17**

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate its annual Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM. This is a wonderful way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

### **Immaculate Conception 12/8**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on December 8. St. Thomas will celebrate Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

### **Altar Flowers 2021**

St. Thomas normally has a sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. There is a safety issue with such a sign-up sheet due to the coronavirus. Sign-ups are available by calling Jackie in the parish office. Thank you for your assistance in having flowers for the altar.

### **Angel Tree Thank You**

St. Thomas has received donations for our Angel Tree to Shelby Emergence Assistance and Bibb County in the amount of \$5,785.00. The Parish goal is \$7,200.00. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/13**

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the 2:30PM Mass. The procession will start at 2:30pm with the Rosary inside the church and the Mass will follow.

### **Calendars**

The 2021 calendars are available in the Gathering Area and in the Parish Office.

### **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.

### **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 137 Pledges \$299,078.00 to Offertory and 124 pledges \$200,297.00 to the Building Fund.

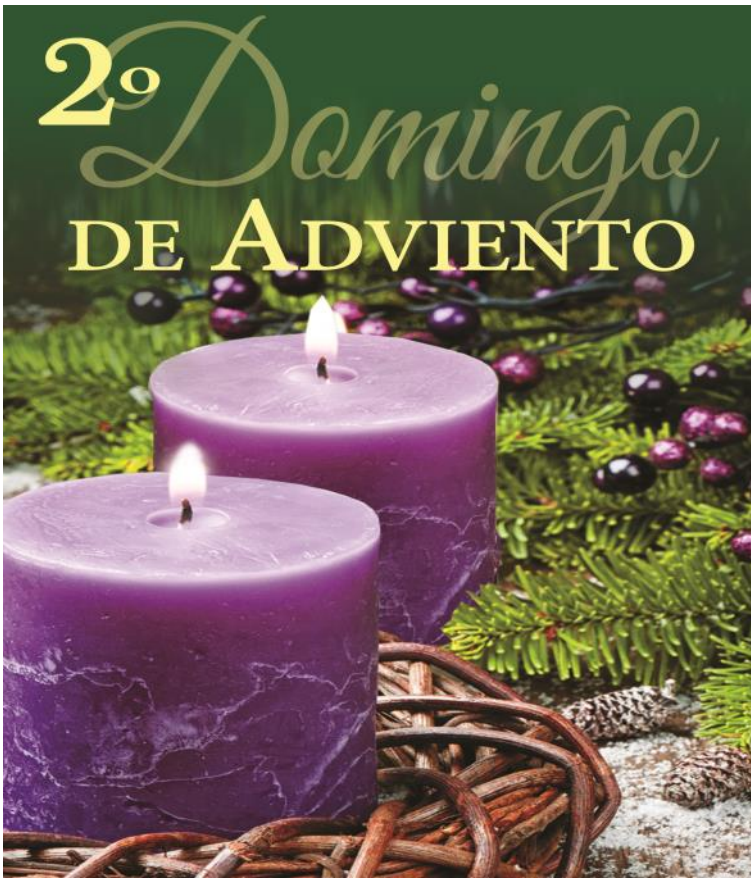
### **Angel Tree**

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.

### **Safe Environment 2020-2021**

In this time of transition, while we are adopting new safe environment training materials for minors, it has been decided that the deadline for returning report forms be moved to Monday, *February 1, 2021*. It is our hope this will be good for our students who will receive training earlier, and should help leaders to get the information turned in to our office without too many reminders. This will also help our offices collect this information earlier for the diocesan audit. The link to the safe environment information on the ORE website is <https://bhmciorg.wixsite.com/bhm-ore/safe-environment>.



# 2º Domingo DE ADVIENTO

## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 12/13

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás celebrará la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el domingo 13 de diciembre en la misa de las 2:30PM. La procesión comenzará a las 2:30 pm con el Rosario dentro de la iglesia y la Misa seguirá.

## El Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento 12/17

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás celebrará su Servicio Anual de Penitencia de Adviento el jueves 17 de diciembre a las 7:00 PM. Esta es una manera maravillosa de prepararse espiritualmente para la Navidad.

## Calendarios

Los calendarios 2021 están disponibles en el área de reunión y en la Oficina Parroquial.

## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 12/13

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás celebrará la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el domingo 13 de diciembre en la Misa de las 2:30PM. La procesión comenzará a las 2:30 pm con el Rosario dentro de la iglesia y la Misa seguirá.

## Inmaculada Concepción 12/8

La fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción se celebrará el 8 de diciembre. Santo Tomás celebrará misas a las 9:00 AM y 7:00 PM.

## Flores de Navidad

Hay sobres en el área de reunión para aquellas personas que desean contribuir al costo de las flores de Navidad en memoria de o en honor de un ser querido. Por favor, coloque los sobres en las colecciones.

## LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

**Primera lectura** — Preparar el camino del Señor. (Isaías 40:1-5,9-11)

**Salmo**— Señor, veamos tu bondad y concédenos tu salvación. (Salmos 85:9-10,11-12,13-14)

**Segunda lectura**— Hacemos uso de nuevos cielos y una tierra nueva. (II Pedro 3:8-14)

**Evangelio**— Endereza los caminos del Señor. (Marcos 1:1-8)

## LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes: Isaías 35:1-10; Lucas 5:17-26

Martes: Génesis 3:9-15,20; II Efesios 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lucas 1:26-38

Miércoles: Isaías 40:25-31; Mateo 11:28-30

Jueves: Isaías 41:13-20; Mateo 11:11-15

Viernes: Isaías 48:17-19; Mateo 11:16-19

Sábado: Zacarías 2:14-17; Lucas 1:26-38

Domingo: Isaías 61:2a,10-11; II Tesalonicense 5:16-24; Juan 1:6-8,19-28

## 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 132 Promete \$296,026.00 a La Ofrenda y 117 promete \$191,290.00 al Fondo de Construcción.

## Angel Tree

A pesar de los obstáculos presentados por COVID-19, el Proyecto St. Thomas Angel Tree continuará este año. Sin embargo, seguiremos un formato diferente al del pasado. No podremos tener nuestro árbol tradicional en el Espacio de Encuentro, debido a los riesgos de exposición al Coronavirus. Nuestro Comité de Voluntarios Sociales y el Padre Ray todavía quieren ayudar aquellos en nuestra comunidad cuyos hijos podrían perderse una visita de Santa. Como recuperado del COVID-19, el Padre Ray expresó una profunda preocupación por los muchos feligreses que podrían estar poniéndose en riesgo comprando en tiendas llenas de gente. Sólo por este año, estamos planeando un proyecto completamente financiero, y su ayuda y apoyo (y contribuciones) son muy necesarios. Planeamos ayudar a las familias de parientes con niños de Shelby Emergency Assistance y el Departamento de Recursos Humanos del Condado de Bibb. Nuestro objetivo es proporcionar a las agencias \$150 por niño (para seis 'quieres' y seis 'necesidades'). Los fondos recaudados en St. Thomas se entregarán a las agencias patrocinadoras para comprar tarjetas de regalo. Las familias pueden usar estas tarjetas para comprar regalos en las listas de sus hijos. Por favor, sean tan generosos como siempre lo han sido en el pasado. ¡Y ayudemos a estos jóvenes a tener una Feliz Navidad! Que Dios los bendiga y los mantenga sanos y salvos. Los cheques deben hacerse a St. Thomas y enviarse por correo a 80 St. Thomas Way, Montevallo, AL., 35115.

## Final del Año Regalos

St. Thomas Parish daría la bienvenida a fin de año regalos, a la parroquia en dinero o acciones. Gracias por su continua generosidad a la parroquia.

## 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 1/18**

Las clases de bautismo son a las 6pm Lunes, 18, de Enero 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.

