



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

1st 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
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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28

5:30 PM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

Sunday NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Mary Vacarella, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM Mass for Rosa Maria Peña, deceased

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM Mass for Jeffery Pruett, deceased

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM Mass for Katarina Beiersdoerfer, deceased

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down! (Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7)

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

Second Reading— We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 1:3-9)

Gospel— Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming. (Mark 13:33-37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

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: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;
Matthew 9:35— 10:1,5a, 6-8

Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; II Peter 3:8-14;
Mark 1:1-8

Sacristan December 5th & December 6th

5:30 O'Donnell; 8:00 Gloria; 11:00 Judy Lemieux;

2:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

November 28th & November 29th

In memory/ honor of Magdalena Plott

In memory/ honor of

December 5th & December 6th

In memory/honor of

In memory/honor of

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 4th & 18th

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Dec. 5th	5:30 PM	Deacon		MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Sue Ellen Gerrells Mike Gerrells Ron Hoff
Sunday Dec. 6th	8:00 AM	Deacon		MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Shannon Delcambre Javi Nava Keith Grown
	11:00 AM	Deacon		MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Matt Massey Ken Massey Jasper Levio
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 6, 2020

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

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 30

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2

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 3

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE CLOSED
10:00am Thanksgiving Mass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

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 Drescher at 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 14th. Please share this information with other parishioners you know.

Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Mary Scales on the death of her mother Vivian Theresa Mattson, Pat Dale on the death of her mother Patricia A. Smith and Debra Levio on the death of her father Frank Fink. 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. DunmyerExt. 101
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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

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

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 10th.

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

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 12/13

The K of C Council next meeting will be Dec. 13 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.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 \$2,560.00. 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 132 Pledges \$296,026.00 to Offertory and 117 pledges \$191,290.00 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>.



1er 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.

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.

Calendarios

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

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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.

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura — ¡Oh, que desgarrarías los cielos y baja rías! (Isaías 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7)
 Salmo— Señor, haznos volver a ti; vamos a ver su cara y seremos salvos. (Salmos 80:2-3,15-16,18-19) Segunda lectura: Esperamos la revelación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. (I Corintios 1:3-9)
 Evangelio— ¡Cuidado! No sabes cuándo viene el Señor de la casa. (Marcos 13:33-37)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Romanos 10:9-18; Mateo 4:18-22
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:	Isaías 30:19-21, 23-26; Mateo 9:35— 10:1,5a, 6-8
Domingo:	Isaías 40:1-5,9-11; II Pedro 3:8-14; Marcos 1:1-8

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.

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 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.

