



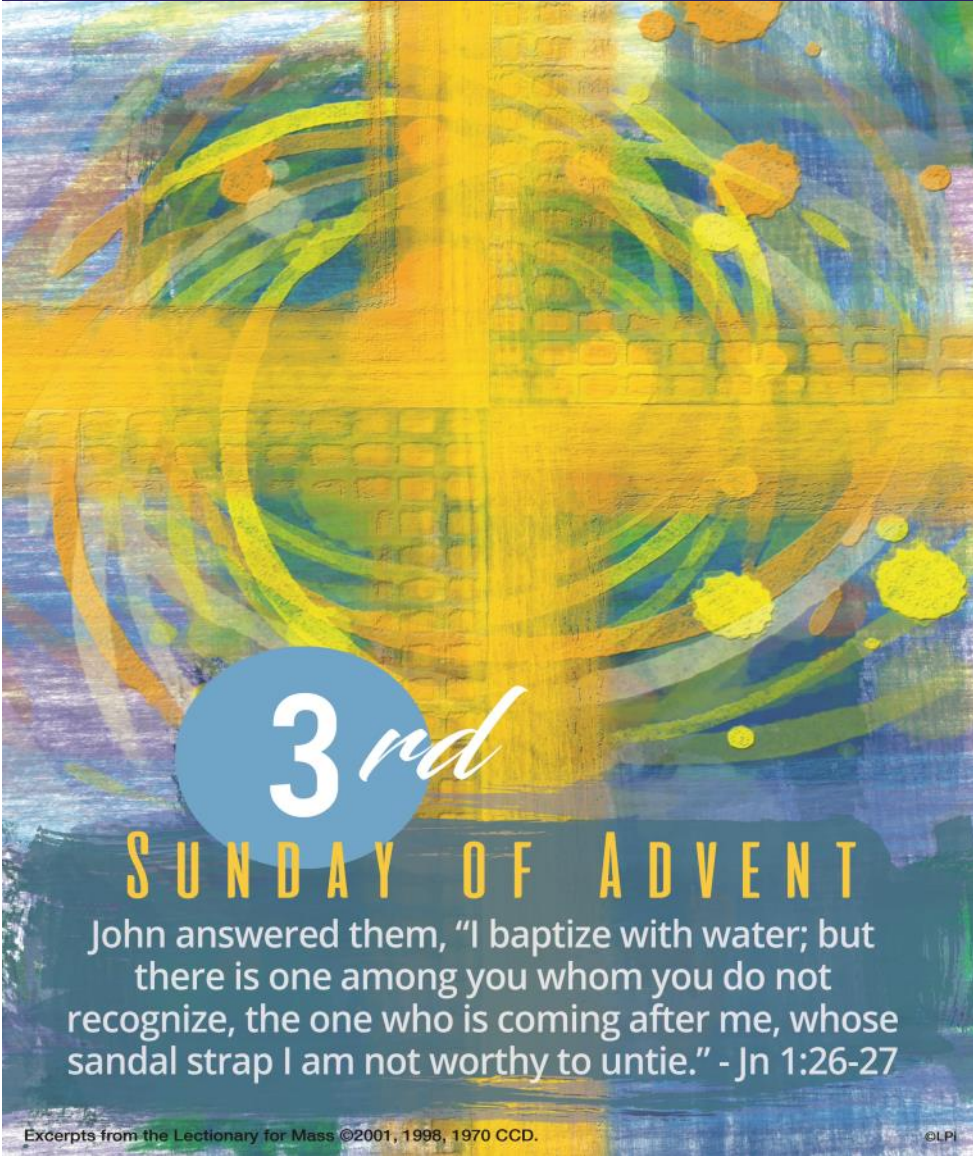
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT •



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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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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.

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PARISH WEBSITE: <http://stthomascatholic.com>

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Daniela Chavez

Sunday DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM Mass for the Hal Phillips, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

2:30 PM Misa en Español

MONDAY DECEMBER 14

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM Mass for Joseph Burn, deceased

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM Mass for Rosa Maria Peña, deceased

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18

9:00 AM Mass for Gerando Esquivel, deceased

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Mary Vacarella, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I rejoice heartily in the Lord. (Isaiah 6:1;1-2a,10-11)

Psalm— My soul rejoices in my God. (Psalm 1:46-48,49-20,53-54)

Second Reading— May you, entirely, spirit, soul, and body be prepared blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Gospel— There is one among you whom you do not recognize. (John 1:6-8,19-28)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday: Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Sunday: II Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sacristan December 19th & December 20th

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

Monthly Altar Flowers

December 12th & December 13th

In memory/honor of Becca Parcels

In memory/honor of Hugh Taylor

December 19th & December 20th

In memory/honor of Lillian Plott

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 18th

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Dec. 19th	5:30 PM	Deacon	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Bill Burks Paul Lorino David Higdon
Sunday Dec. 20th	8:00 AM	Deacon	Ann Hicks	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Roland Burns Norma Russo Gerry Mason
	11:00 AM	Deacon	Leland Wallace	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Mike Shoop Lawrence Lane Marilyn Lane
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

DECEMBER 13 TO DECEMBER 20, 2020

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

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 14

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16

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 17

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN
 7:00 PM Advent Penance
 Service

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

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.

Catholic Schools Thank You

Thank you for your generosity of your contribution for Advancement of Catholic Schools we were able to raise \$658.00.

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.

Pastoral Staff

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<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 12/6/20

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$9,553.26	\$53.26
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$10,576.00	\$3,576.00
Total	\$16,500.00	\$20,129.26	\$3,629.26

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$218,000.00	\$209,136.29	\$8,863.71
Building Fund	\$161,000.00	\$134,289.34	\$26,710.66
Total	\$379,000.00	\$343,425.63	\$35,574.37

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 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

Confirmation Retreats

St. Thomas Parish hopes to offer Confirmation Retreats for Confirmation II on January 29-30, and for Confirmation I on February 26-27. There will be more information to follow.

Confirmation Retreat Team

St. Thomas Parish has set the dates for the Confirmation Retreats. The Confirmation II Retreat will be on January 29-30, 2021, and the Confirmation I Retreat will be February 26-27, 2021. The retreat 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 in January at the Catholic Student Center. 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 mfisher8akl@gmail.com or one of the team leaders at ccm@stthomascatholic.com.

St. Thomas Confirmation 4/17/21

Bishop Raica has scheduled the Confirmation calendar. Bishop Raica will celebrate Confirmation at St. Thomas on Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 AM.

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. Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

Calendars

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

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

Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to John Wright and Maureen Spears on the death of their mother Mary Jeanne Wright. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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.

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 \$6,920.00. 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to the Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 17, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday, December 19 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and on Monday, December 21 from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

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 141 Pledges \$303,278.00 to Offertory and 129 pledges \$211,177.00 to the Building Fund.

Faith Formation for 2nd Semester

Due to the safety issues arising from the Coronavirus Pandemic, St. Thomas will again offer Faith Formation materials for at home study both by hard copies of materials and on line copies of materials. In person classes may be offered for Sacramental Preparation.

Sacramental Preparation

St. Thomas Parish hopes to offer some in person classes for Sacramental Preparation for those students whose families are comfortable with them in the second semester. For those families who are not comfortable with an in person approach, alternative preparation possibilities will be provided. The sacraments for this sacramental preparation are First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. This is still a work in progress. There will be additional information as plans develop.

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.

Christmas Plans

The Coronavirus Pandemic continues in our world. Christmas will be different this year. St. Thomas has a wonderful tradition of having one Christmas Eve Mass with a focus on children, and one Christmas Eve Mass with an Adult Choir. Unfortunately we will not be able to continue those traditions this year due to safety concerns caused by the pandemic.

You are not required to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day by virtue of the dispensation offered by Bishop Raica. For reasons of safety, many parishioners may decide to participate on line. St. Thomas will live stream Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 PM. That Mass will be put on the website that night for possible later viewing.

The Christmas Schedule for Masses will be as follows:

3:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
5 :00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass (live stream)
9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass (Bilingual)



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 141 Promete \$303,278.00 a La Ofrenda y 129 promete \$211,177.00 al Fondo de Construcción.

Formación de Fe para el 2o Semestre

Debido a los problemas de seguridad derivados de la pandemia de coronavirus, Santo Tomás volverá a ofrecer materiales de formación de fe para el estudio en casa tanto por copias impresas de materiales y materiales en línea. Las únicas clases en persona serán para la Preparación Sacramental.

Preparación sacramental

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás espera ofrecer algunas clases presenciales para la Preparación Sacramental para aquellos estudiantes cuyas familias se sientan cómodas con ellos en el segundo semestre. Para aquellas familias que no se sienten cómodas con un enfoque en persona, se proporcionarán posibilidades alternativas de preparación. Los sacramentos para esta preparación sacramental son Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Esto sigue siendo un trabajo en curso. Habrá información adicional a medida que se desarrollen los planes.

Retiros de confirmación

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás espera ofrecer Retiros de Confirmación para la Confirmación II del 29 al 30 de enero, y para la Confirmación I del 26 al 27 de febrero. Habrá más información a seguir.

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.

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.

Final del Año Regalos

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

Planes de Navidad

No está obligado a asistir a la misa en Nochebuena o el día de Navidad en virtud de la dispensa ofrecida por el obispo Raica.

Por razones de seguridad, muchos feligreses pueden decidir participar en línea. Santo Tomás transmitirá en vivo la misa de Nochebuena a las 5:00 PM. Esa misa será puesta en el sitio web esa noche para su posible visualización el día de Navidad.

El horario de Navidad de las Misas será el siguiente:

3:00 PM Navida Vípera Misa

5:00 PM Navidad Víspera Misa

9:00 PM Navidad Nochebuena Misa

10:00 AM Misa del Día de Navidad (Bilingual)

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.

