



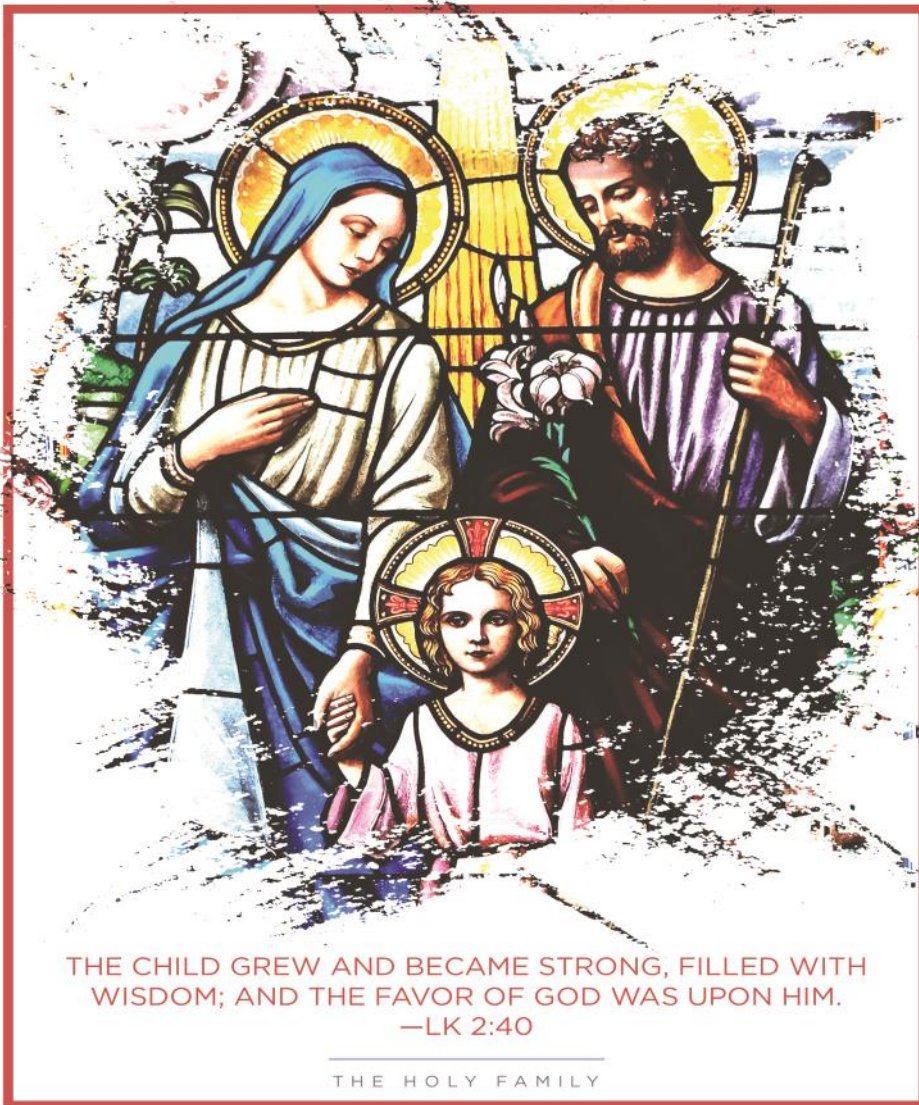
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH •



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

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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 DECEMBER 26

5:30 PM Mass Jeff Hotchkiss, deceased

Sunday DECEMBER 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 DECEMBER 28

TUESDAY DECEMBER 29

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM Mass for Gerardo Esquivel, deceased

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM Mass for Rosa Maria Pena., deceased

5:30 PM Mass for Patrick Gower, deceased

FRIDAY JANUARY 1

10:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

SATURDAY JANUARY 2

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Lita Anderson

SUNDAY JANUARY 3

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Robert Pruett, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who fear the Lord honor their parents. (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14)

Psalm— Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5)

Second Reading— Family life in the Lord. (Colossians 3:12-21)

Gospel— The child grow and become strong, filled with wisdom. (Luke 2:22-40)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday: I John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday: I John 2:12-14; Luke 1:57-66

Thursday: I John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18

Friday: Numbers;6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7

Saturday: I John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Sacristan January 2nd and January 3rd

5:30pm On'Donnell; 8:00am Bruno; 11:00am Judy Lemieux; 2:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

January 2nd & January 3rd

In memory/honor of

In memory/honor of

January 9th & January 10th

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 January 15th

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Jan. 2nd	5:30 PM	Deacon	Alan Cannon	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	
Sunday Jan. 3rd	8:00 AM	Deacon	Mike Ash	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	
	11:00 AM	Deacon	Jena Evanko	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

DECEMBER 27 TO JANUARY 3, 2021

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

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 28

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY DECEMBER 29

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN
 5:30 PM New Year Eve Mass

FRIDAY JANUARY 1

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE CLOSED
 10:00 AM New Year Day Mass
 Adoration begin at noon

SATURDAY JANUARY 2

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

PASTOR

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David Hicks.....Ext. 105

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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Marisa Roan Ext. 100

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 Alyssa Williams, & Michael Whitfield
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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 12/13/20

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$25,177.00	\$15,677.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$12,748.05	\$5,748.05
Total	\$16,500.00	\$37,925.05	\$21,425.05

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$227,500.00	\$234,313.29	\$6,813.29
Building Fund	\$168,000.00	\$147,037.39	\$20,962.61
Total	\$395,500.00	\$381,350.68	\$14,149.32

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 7/1/20.

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.

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

Angel Tree Thank You

Thank you for your wonderful generosity with our Angel Tree Ministry this year. On behalf of our parish, on behalf of our sponsoring agencies, and especially on behalf of the children and their families, we offer our gratitude.

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, we had to do things differently this year for reasons of safety. We know that it is much more satisfying to choose an angel from the tree, to purchase the gift and to bring the physical gift back to the Church. However, we had significant concerns about the safety of that process.

We set a goal of \$ 7,200.00 to provide gifts at the same level as past years. Due to your kindness, we exceeded that goal with financial gifts in the amount of \$10,285.00 for the agencies.

Thank you to our Social Concerns Committee for their work on this project, and thanks to each of you for your generosity.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Thank You

St. Thomas Parish will like to thank all those who came out to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 13th.

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.

Calendars

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

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.

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a Holyday of obligation. St. Thomas will celebrate a Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM on December 31st, and a Feast Day Mass at 10:00 AM on January 1st.

Parish Office Holiday Closure

The Parish Office will be closed December 28th, and January 1st.



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.

Equipo de Retiro de Confirmación

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás ha fijado las fechas para los Retiros de Confirmación. El Retiro de Confirmación II será del 29 al 30 de enero de 2021, y el Retiro de Confirmación I será del 26 al 27 de febrero de 2021. El retiro será presentado por un Equipo de Retiro que estará compuesto por estudiantes universitarios y de estudiantes de secundaria que ya están confirmados. El Equipo de Retiro se reunirá para planear los miércoles por la noche de enero en el Centro Estudiantil Católico. Las reuniones comenzarán a las 6:45 PM y los estudiantes universitarios y estudiantes confirmados de secundaria también están invitados a asistir a la misa a las 5:30 PM y la cena siguiente. Para inscribirse en el equipo, póngase en contacto con Michael Fisher en mfisher8akl@gmail.com o con uno de los miembros del equipo de ccm@stthomascatholic.com.

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.

Confirmación de Santo Tomás 4/17/21

El obispo Raica ha programado el calendario de confirmación. El Obispo Raica celebrará la Confirmación en Santo Tomás el sábado 17 de abril a las 10:00 AM.

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

PRIMERA LECTURA — Aquellos que temen al Señor honran a sus padres. (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14)

Salmo— Bienaventurados los que temen al Señor y caminan en sus caminos. (Salmos 128:1-2,3,4-5)

Segunda lectura: Vida familiar en el Señor. (Colosenses 3:12-21)

Evangelio— El niño crece y se hace fuerte, lleno de sabiduría. (Lucas 2:22-40)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes:	I Juan 1:5—2:2; Mateo 2:13-18
Martes:	I Juan 2:3-11; Lucas 2:22-35
Miércoles:	I Juan 2:12-14; Lucas 1:57-66
Jueves:	I Juan 2:18-21, Juan 1:1-18
Viernes:	Números;6:22-27; Gálatas 4:4-7
Sábado:	I Juan 2:22-28; Juan 1:19-28
Domingo:	Isaiah 60:1-6; Efesios 3:2-3a,5-6; Mateo 2:1-12

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 137 Promete \$299,078.00 a La Ofrenda y 124 promete \$200,297.00 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.

El horario de misa del día de Año Nuevo

el 1 de enero es la solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios. Es un Día Santo de la obligación. Santo Tomás celebrará una Misa de Vigilia a las 5:30 PM del 31 de diciembre, y una misa del Día de la Fiesta a las 10:00 AM el 1 de enero.

Oficina Parroquial cierra

La Oficina Parroquial cerrará a las 11:00 AM de Nochebuena. La Oficina Parroquial permanecerá cerrada el día de Navidad, el 28 de diciembre y el 1 de enero.

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.

