



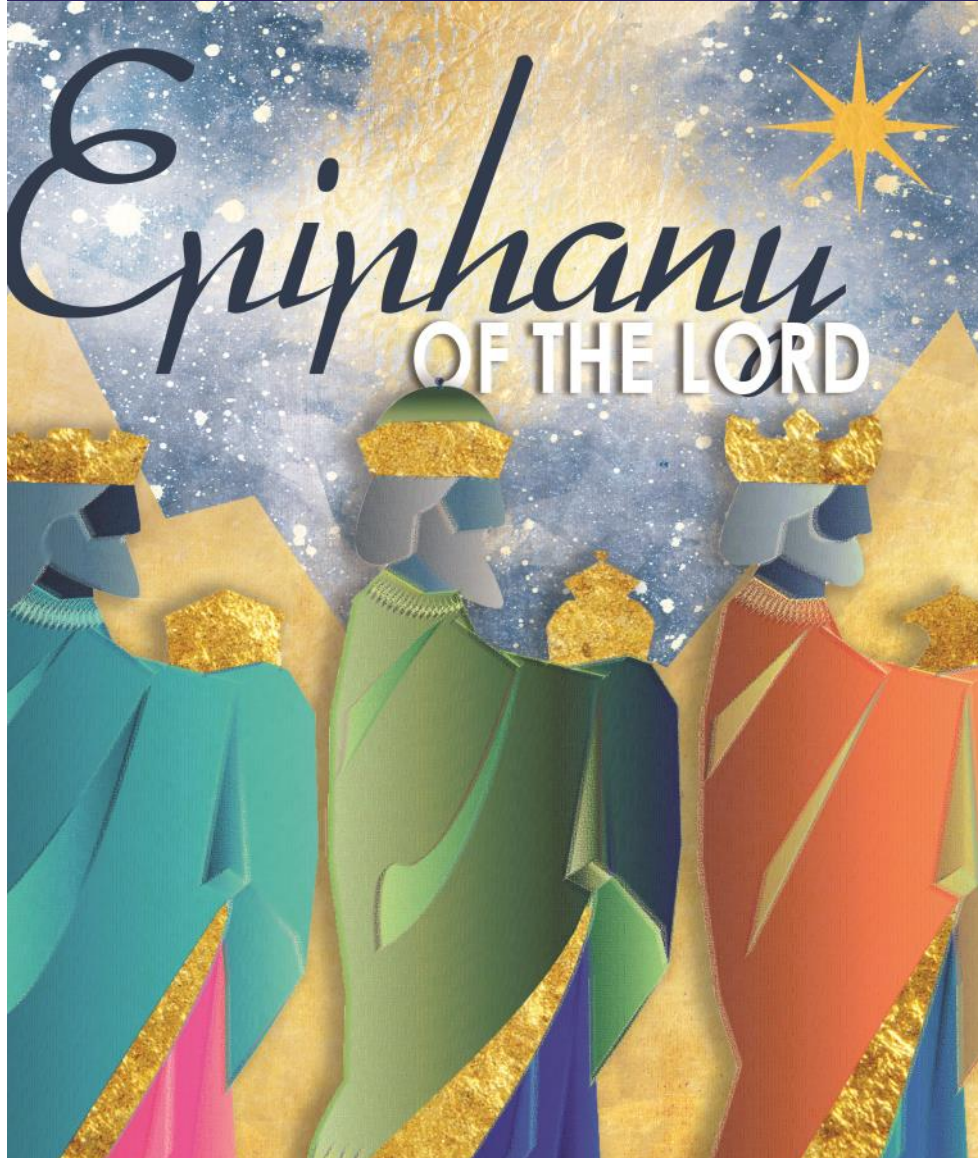
# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD •



# Epiphany

## OF THE LORD

### 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.

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

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY JANUARY 4

### TUESDAY JANUARY 5

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6

9:00 AM Mass for Carol Ann Hosmer, deceased

### THURSDAY JANUARY 7

9:00 PM Mass Intention of Bonnie Lance

### FRIDAY JANUARY 8

10:00 AM Mass for Patricia A. Smith, deceased

### SATURDAY JANUARY 9

5:30 PM Mass for Katarina Beirsdofer, deceased

### SUNDAY JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Audrey Beiro, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

**Psalm**— Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13)

**Second Reading**— Now it has revealed that the Gentlest are coheirs of the promise. (Colossians 3:12-21)

**Gospel**— We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. (Matthew 2:1-12)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** I John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

**Tuesday:** I John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** I John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday:** I John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22

**Friday:** I John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday:** I John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

## Sacristan January 9th and January 10th

5:30pm Cath Bailey; 8:00am Loretta B.;

11:00am Mary Ann Little;

2:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

## Monthly Altar Flowers

January 2nd & January 3rd

Christmas Flowers

January 9th & January 10th

Christmas Flowers

## 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 1st and 15th

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Jan. 9th	5:30 PM	Deacon	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	
Sunday Jan. 10th	8:00 AM	Deacon	Ann Hicks	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - <b>None at this time</b>	
	11:00 AM	Deacon	Leland Wallace	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

## JANUARY 3 TO JANUARY 10, 2021

### SUNDAY JANUARY 3

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 JANUARY 4

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

### TUESDAY JANUARY 5

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6

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

### THURSDAY JANUARY 7

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY JANUARY 8

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY JANUARY 9

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.

## Catholic Schools Thank You

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

## 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 12/20/20

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$9,132.00	\$368.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$11,835.00	\$4,835.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$20,967.00</b>	<b>\$4,467.00</b>

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$237,000.00	\$243,445.29	\$6,445.29
Building Fund	\$175,000.00	\$158,872.39	\$16,127.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$412,000.00</b>	<b>\$402,317.68</b>	<b>\$9,682.32</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 7/1/20.

## 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 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

## 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](mailto:mfisher8akl@gmail.com) or one of the team leaders at [ccm@stthomascatholic.com](mailto: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](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

## 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 \$10,405.00 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.

## 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.

## Faith Formation for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Altar Flowers 2020

Thank you to everyone who made contributions for the Christmas Altar Flowers. The flowers were donated in memory of the following people.

In memory of Ken Waltsgott Sr.

In memory of Bill & Doris Waltsgott

In memory of Bob & Grace Hotchkiss

In memory of Valente Rivera

In memory of Jose Puibla

In memory of Melissa Rodriguez

In memory of Sara Peralta

In memory of Jose Garay

In memory of Vicente Galvan

In memory of Frank Zagar

In memory of Arloa MacKinnon

In memory of Marion Fugate

In memory of Henry & Bianca Brock

In memory of William & Mary Brock

In memory of Umberto & Mary Caldera

In memory of Ralph & Alma Epperson

In memory of Faris & Lillian McClary

In memory of J. Patrick McClary

In memory of Bill & Ana Sheehan

In memory of Ryker McClary

In memory of V.A. & Mary Graffo

In memory of A.L. & Alyce Ingram

In memory of Elijah Martin

In memory of Ann Martin

In memory of all family Ingram & Graffo

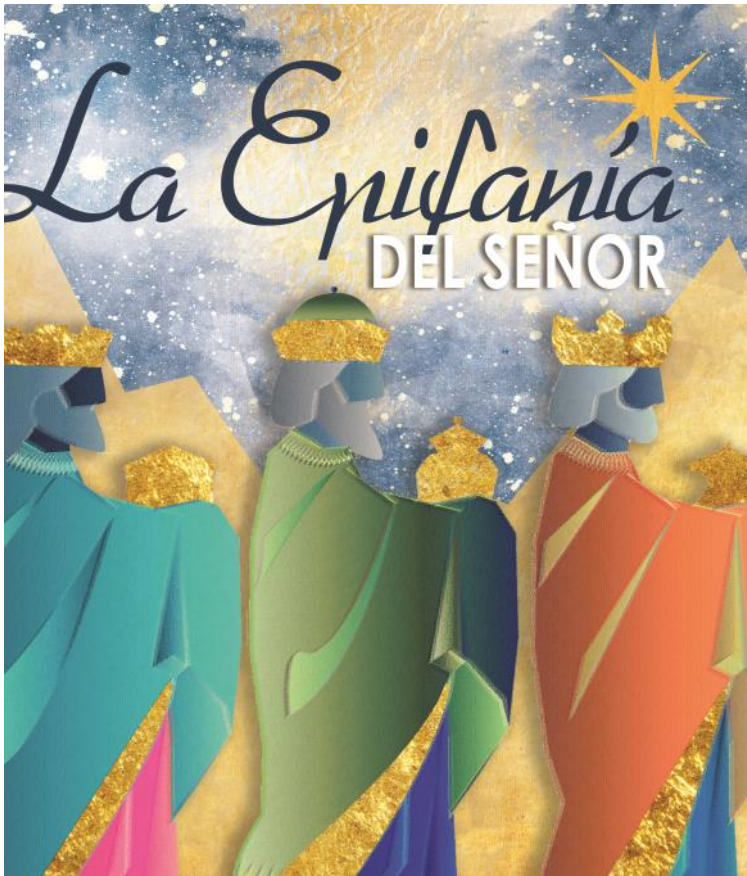
The Serio Family

The Riley Family

The Harris / Sierer

## Epiphany House Blessing

There is a beautiful tradition in the Catholic Church of the blessing of chalk and the blessing of homes for the visit of the wise men at Epiphany. There is blessed chalk in the Gathering Area, and there are sheets with an explanation of a possible blessing of your home. Please use these materials for your home blessings.



### LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

**PRIMERA LECTURA** — La gloria del Señor brilla sobre vosotros. (Isaías 60:1-6)

**SALMO**— Señor, toda nación en la tierra te adorará. (Salmos 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13)

**SEGUNDA LECTURA**— Ahora ha revelado que los más gentiles son coheirs de la promesa. (Colosenses 3:12-21)

**EVANGELIO** — Vimos su estrella en su ascenso y hemos venido a hacerle homenaje. (Mateo 2:1-12)

### LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes:	I Juan 3:22—4:6; Mateo 4:12-17,23-25
Martes:	I Juan 4:7-10; Marcos 6:34-44
Miércoles:	I Juan 4:11-18; Marcos 6:45-52
Jueves:	I Juan 4:19—5:4; Lucas 4:14-22
Viernes:	I Juan 5:5-13; Lucas 5:12-16
Sábado:	I Juan 5:14-21; Juan 3:22-30
Domingo:	Isaías 42:1-4,6-7; Hechos 10:34-38; Marcos 1:7-11

### 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.

### Bendición de la Casa De la Epifanía

Hay una bella tradición en la Iglesia Católica de la bendición de la tiza y la bendición de los hogares para la visita de los sabios a la Epifanía. Hay tiza bendita en el área de reunión, y hay sábanas con una explicación de una posible bendición de su hogar. Por favor, use estos materiales para recibir bendiciones de su hogar.

### 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](mailto:mfisher8akl@gmail.com) o con uno de los miembros del equipo de [ccm@stthomascatholic.com](mailto: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.

## 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.

