



# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •



# *Palm* SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it.  
And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the  
road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from  
the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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 MARCH 27

5:30 PM Mass for Mary Jeanne Wright, deceased

Sunday MARCH 28

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass for Wendall & Barbara Roan, deceased

2:30 PM Misa en Español

MONDAY MARCH 29

TUESDAY MARCH 30

WEDNESDAY MARCH 31

9:00 AM Mass Intention of JoAnn Simonetti

THURSDAY APRIL 1

9:00 PM Mass for Patrick McClary, deceased

FRIDAY APRIL 2

9:00 AM Mass for Gerardo Esquivel Pena, deceased

SATURDAY APRIL 3

5:30 PM Mass for Al Alviljar, deceased

SUNDAY APRIL 4

8:00 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mass

2:30 PM Misa en Español

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Isaiah 50:4-7)

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24)

**Second Reading** — Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him. (Philippians 2:6-11)

**Gospel** — The Passion fo our Lord Jesus Christ. (Mark 14:1—15:47)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Isaiah 61:1-3a,6a,8b-9; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21

**Friday:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Mark 16:1-7

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4;Mark 16:1-7

## No Adoration 4/2-3

There will be no adoration on April 2-3, due to the weekend falling during Holy Week. Canon Law forbids adoration during the Easter Triduum. Please join us for our services on Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil.

## 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. In need of someone from 2am-3am Saturday mornings. 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 April 16th**

## Monthly Altar Flowers

### No Flowers during Lent

#### Sacristan April 3rd and April 4th

5:30pm Bailey; 8:00am Loretta; 11:00am Barbara Y.; 2:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Easter Vigil Saturday April 3rd	7:30 PM	Deacon	Bill Dresher & Ann Mason	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	
Sunday April 4th	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Deacon	Mike Ash Jon Thompson	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - <b>None at this time</b>	
	11:00 AM	Deacon	Angel Coyle	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	
	2:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**MARCH 28 TO APRIL 4, 2021**

**SUNDAY MARCH 28**

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 St. Joseph

**MONDAY MARCH 29**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**TUESDAY MARCH 30**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 31**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN  
 5:30PM Catholic College Ministry Mass/dinner

**THURSDAY APRIL 1 HOLY THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY APRIL 2 GOOD FRIDAY**

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN  
 12:00pm Stations of the Cross  
 Adoration begins at noon  
 7:00pm Service

**SATURDAY APRIL 3**

Adoration ends at noon  
 4:30PM-5:00PM NO Reconciliation  
 7:30PM Easter Vigil

**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.

**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.

**Rosary on Sunday Mornings**

The Sunday Morning Rosary will be in the Adult Faith Formation room with Social Distancing.

**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  
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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 3/21/21**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$13,489.00	\$3,989.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$6,294.00	\$706.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$19,783.00</b>	<b>\$3,283.00</b>

**Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/20—06/30/21**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Offertory	\$360,500.00	\$376,527.79	\$16,027.79
Building Fund	\$266,000.00	\$257,307.29	\$8,692.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$626,500.00</b>	<b>\$633,835.08</b>	<b>\$7,335.08</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.

## CRS Rice Bowl

St. Thomas will participate in CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space. Rice Bowls are due back on Holy Thursday. Place them in the wicker baskets located in the gathering space.

## Letter from Father Ray

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that all of you are well. You remain in my prayers daily during this time of pandemic.

Many thanks for all the blessings that you have brought me over my years here at St. Thomas. It is a wonderful parish because of each of you. I have been blessed to serve you here.

After a time of prayerful discernment, I have met with Bishop Raica to discuss my retirement. He has given me permission to retire at the end of June. Please keep me in your prayers, as I prepare to begin this new chapter in my life.

Again, thanks for all your support and your work in the ministry of our parish.

Blessings,  
Father Ray

## Easter Flowers Envelopes

There are envelopes in the Gathering space for the those wishing to contribute to the cost of the Easter Lilies in memory/honor of a love one.

## Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Catholics, who are 14 years or older and in good health, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and **all the** Fridays of Lent. Catholics, who are in good health from ages 18 through 59, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Fasting for this discipline means only one full meal a day, with two lighter meals, but with no food between meals. Catholics are encouraged to express their interior penance in other ways also: prayer, exercises of devotion, abstinence from certain foods, or activities, with an offering to charity of the money that would have otherwise been spent for that food, drink or recreation.

## *Swieconka*\* Blessing of the Baskets

**Bishop Steven Raica** Cathedral of St. Paul Holy Saturday, April 3rd 9:00am All are welcome! *Swieconka* (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (*bukszan*), the typical Easter evergreen. This food is shared on Easter morning in a ritual breaking of the fast. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

## 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 Squires Meeting

The Squires monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

## No K of C Monthly Meeting

The K of C Council monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

## 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 Materials

St. Thomas Parish offered the Faith Formation Materials for pick-up on Sunday, March 7, 2021. If you were not able to pick them up that day, the materials are available at the parish office during regular business hours.

## 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

## Sacramental Preparation & Celebration 2/4/21

### First Reconciliation

Date – Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 AM in Church  
Attendance – Parents and Candidates  
Practice -- No  
Class In Person & Live Stream for Students– Sat. March 6, 10:00 AM in Church  
Sacrament specific materials available in hard copy  
Parent Meeting 9:30 AM on Sunday, March 21 in Church

### First Communion

Date – Saturday, May 1  
English 9:00 AM Practice // 10:00 AM Mass  
Spanish 1:00 PM Practice // 2:00 PM Mass  
Attendance – Parents, Candidates, Siblings and Godparents  
Class In Person & Live Stream for Students– Sat. March 13, 10:00 AM in Church  
Sacrament specific materials available in hard copy  
Parent Meeting 9:30 AM on Sunday, March 21 in Church  
The parish will not be able to supply a photographer for the ceremony

### Confirmation

Date – Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 AM in Church  
Attendance – Parents, Candidates and Sponsors  
Practice – Sunday, April 11 at 9:30 AM in Church  
Class In Person & Live Stream for Students– Sun. March 14, 9:30 AM in Church  
Sacrament specific materials available in hard copy  
Retreat on January 30  
Parent Meeting -- Sun. March 14 at 9:30 AM in Parish Hall  
The parish will not be able to supply a photographer for the ceremony.

## Dispensation from Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass 5/23

Due to the Covid pandemic, Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until May 23.

## College Student Bible Study

The college students offer a weekly Bible Study for college students and young adults on Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the Catholic Student Center.

## College Student Mass and Dinner

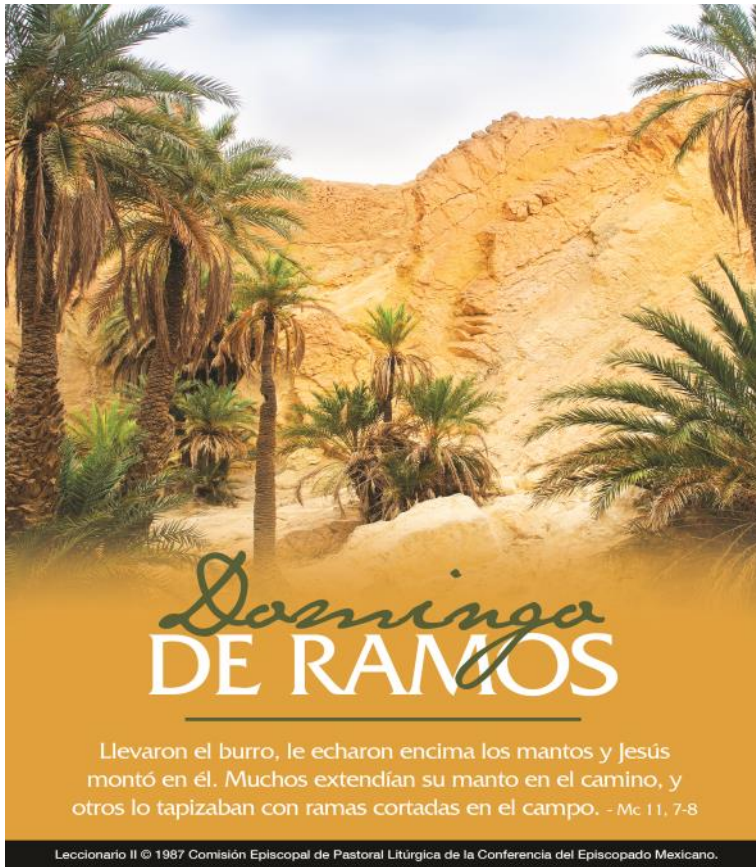
St. Thomas Parish sponsors a special Wednesday evening Mass and Dinner for college students each Wednesday while the University of Montevallo is in session. The Mass is celebrated at 5:30pm at the Campus Chapel on the corner of Highland and Moody, and a dinner prepared by teams from the parish follows immediately after Mass.

## K of C Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus at St Thomas are renewing their scholarship program for the Parish and are accepting applications through March 28. Information and applications are available in the church office and should be submitted to the church office when complete. There will be 2 scholarships available for \$500 each.

## Permanent Diaconate Program Seeks Interested Men

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is looking to identify men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate for the next formation class. It is hoped that once the current restrictions have been relaxed, and after additional review by Bishop Raica, there will be informational sessions and an opportunity for men, and their wives, to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate. Men who are interested can contact Deacon Chris Rosko via email at [crosko@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:crosko@bhmdiocese.org).



**LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO**

**Primera lectura** — Mi rostro no me protegí de los buffets y escupió sabiendo que no me avergonzarán. (Isaías 50:4-7)

**Salmo-** Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24)

**Segunda lectura:** Cristo se humilló a sí mismo. Debido a esto Dios lo exaltó enormemente. (Filipenses 2:6-11)

**Evangelio**— La Pasión por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. (Marcos 14:1—15:47)

**LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Isaías 42:1-7; Juan 12:1-11
- Martes: Isaías 49:1-6; Juan 13:21-33,36-38
- Miércoles: Isaías 50:4-9a; Mateo 26:14-25
- Jueves: Isaías 61:1-3a,6a,8b-9; Apocalipsis 1:5-8; Lucas 4:16-21
- Viernes: Isaías 52:13—53:12; Hebreos 4:14-16;5:7-9; Juan 18:1—19:42
- Sábado: Génesis 1:1—2:2; Génesis 22:1-18; Marcos 16:1-7
- Domingo: Hechos 10:34a,37-43; Colosenses 3:1-4; Marcos 16:1-7

**Estudio de Biblia**

Los Domingos se ofrecen clases bíblicas a las 1:00 PM en el cuarto de San José. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con María Pérez al 205-451-2915 o Rosa Maria Angel al 205-901-0470.

**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Rosario**

Si desea que se le diga un rosario en su casa, inscríbete en el libro sobre la mesa en la sala de reuniones frente a la iglesia. Nos gustaría que están interesados en que la Virgen de Guadalupe los visitaría en su casa. Para obtener más información, puede llamar a María al 205-451-2915 o a Rosa Maria al 205-205-901-0470.

**Estaciones de la Cruz**

Las Estaciones de la Cruz se celebrarán en Santo Tomás los viernes de Cuaresma después de las 9:00 AM misa, y a las 7:00 PM. Las estaciones de las 7:00 PM serán dirigidas por varios grupos de la parroquia. Si su grupo está dispuesto a dirigir las Estaciones, comuníquese con Jackie Lampton en la oficina parroquial.

**Materiales de formación de la fe**

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás ofreció los materiales de formación de fe para la recogida el domingo 7 de marzo de 2021. Si no pudo recogerlos ese día, los materiales están disponibles en la oficina parroquial durante el horario comercial regular.

**Celebración de la Preparación Sacramental 2/4/21**

**Primera Fecha de Reconciliación –**

Fecha- Sábado 24 de Abril a las 10:00 AM

Asistencia—Padres y Candidtos

Práctica- No

Clase en Persona y Transmisión en Vivo – Sábado 6 de Marzo, 10:00 AM en la Iglesia

Materiales sacramentales disponibles en papel.

Reunión de Padres 9:30 AM el Domingo 21 de Marzo en la Iglesia

**Primera Comunión**

Fecha – Sábado, 1 de Mayo

Inglés 9:00 AM Práctica // 10:00 AM Misa

Español 1:00 PM Práctica // 2:00 PM Misa

Asistencia-Padres, Candidatos, Hermanos y Padrinos

Clase en Persona y Transmisión en Vivo – Sábado 13,10:00 AM

Materiales sacramentales disponibles en papel.

Reunión de Padres 9:30 AM el Domingo 21 de Marzo en la Iglesia

La parroquia no podrá suministrar a un fotógrafo para la ceremonia

**Fecha de confirmación –**

Fecha- Sábado, 17 de abril a las 10:00 AM

Asistencia – Padres, de Candidatos y Patrocinadores

Práctica—Domingo 11 de abril a las 9:30 AM

Clase en Persona y Transmisión en Vivo- Domingo 14 de Marzo, 9:30 AM en la Iglesia

Materiales sacramntales dispoinibles en papel.

Retiro el 30 de Enero

Reunión de Padres -- 14 de Marzo a las 9:30 AM en el Salón Parroquial

La parroquia no podrá suministrar a un fotógrafo para la ceremonia.

## 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 **205-755-5498**

**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

RosaMaria Angel | 205-901-0470

**Sobres de Flores de Pascua**

Hay sobres en el espacio de reunión para aquellos que desean contribuir al costo de los Lilies (flores) de Pascua en la memoria / honor de un amor.

### **Clases de Bautismo 4/12**

Las clases de bautismo son a las 6pm Lunes, 12, de Abril para **miembros de Santo Tomás**. Por favor, si asiste a misa en otra Parroquia, reciba sus Clases de Bautismo allí. 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.

