



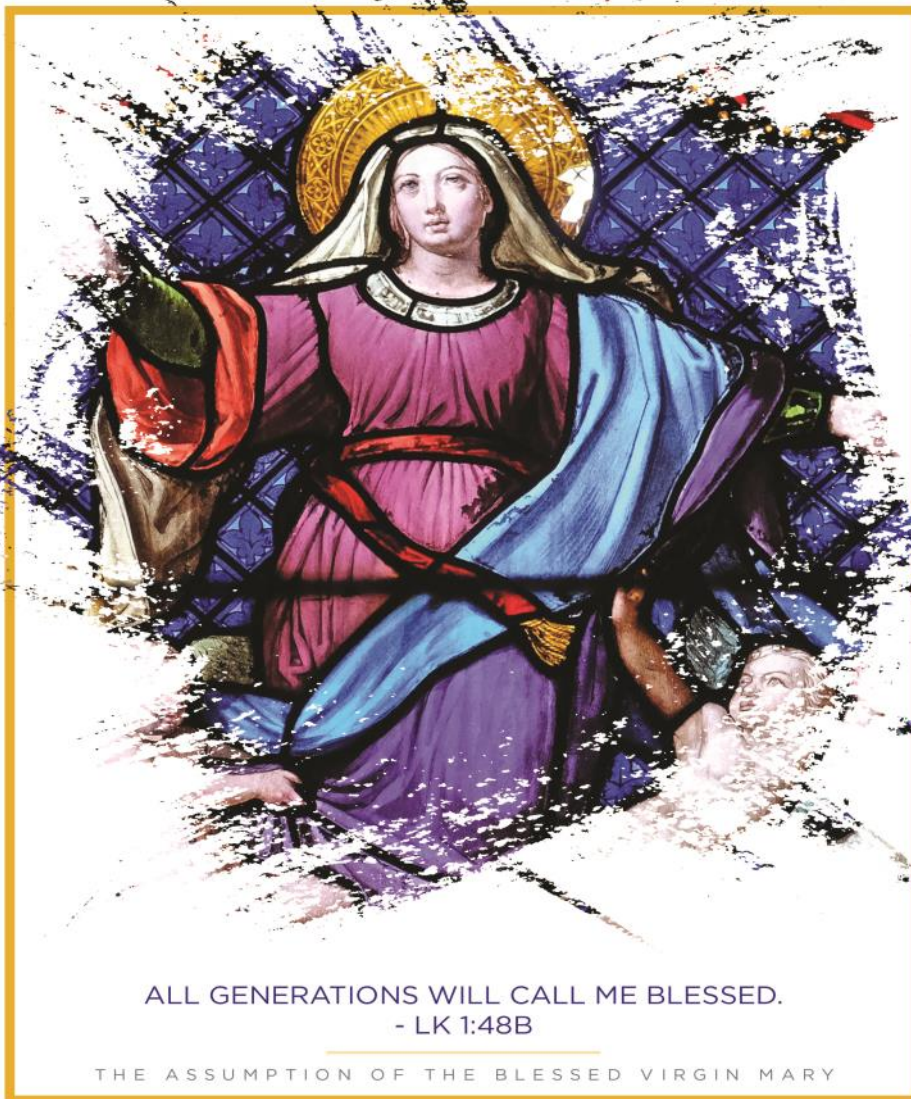
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY •



ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED.
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
12:30 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 AUG. 14

5:30 PM Mass for Ignatius Vetrano, deceased

Sunday AUG. 15

8:00 AM Mass for Anna Logan, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Dawson Moore, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

MONDAY AUG. 16

TUESDAY AUG. 17

WEDNESDAY AUG. 18

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Susie McGaughy

THURSDAY AUG. 19

9:00 PM Mass for Dawson Moore, deceased

FRIDAY AUG. 20

9:00 AM Mass for Kathleen DeMarco, deceased

SATURDAY AUG. 21

5:30 PM Mass for Tim Semm, deceased

SUNDAY AUG. 22

8:00 AM Mass for Thomas Barber, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Sherry Thompson

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet. (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab)

Psalm— The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Psalm 45:10,11,12,16)

Second Reading— Christ, the firstfruits: then those who belong to him. (I Corinthians 15:20-27)

Gospel— The Almighty has done great things for me: he has raised up the lowly. (Luke 1:39-56)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3,8, 8-11:4;13-17 Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Sacristan Aug. 21st & Aug. 22nd

5:30pm Pax; 8:00am Bruno; 11:00am MaryAnn L. ;
12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

Aug. 14th & Aug. 15th

In memory/honor of

In memory/honor of

Aug. 21st & Aug. 22nd

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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 Aug. 20th



		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Aug. 21st	5:30 PM	Deacon	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Bill Conway David Higdon Ron Hoff
Sunday Aug. 22nd	8:00 AM	Deacon	Susan Phillips	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Greg Wanat Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood
	11:00 AM	Sheila Herringdon	Leland Wallace	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Lee Travis Raul Martinez Doug Trosper
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

AUG. 15 TO AUG. 22, 2021

SUNDAY AUG. 15

8:30 AM No Coffee & Donuts
 9:15 AM Rosary in Adult
 Faith Formation Room
 No RCIA

MONDAY AUG. 16

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY AUG. 17

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY AUG. 18

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 5:30PM NO Catholic College
 Ministry Mass/dinner

THURSDAY AUG. 19

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY AUG. 20

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

SATURDAY AUG. 21

Adoration ends at noon
 4:30PM-5:00PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass

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 are currently live streaming our 5:30pm Saturday evening mass. 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. Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

Mission Coop. Collection

Thank you St. Thomas for your generosity to the Mission Coop. Collection.
 Total collected was \$1,362.00

Pastoral Staff

ADMINISTRATOR
 Rev. Brad JantzExt. 101

RETIRED PRIEST

Rev. Adrian L. Cook
 alcook46@outlook.com

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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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 8/8/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$6,306.00	\$3,194.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$4,743.00	\$2,257.00
Total	\$16,500.00	\$11,049.00	\$5,451.00

Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/21—Present

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$57,000.00	\$51,525.23	\$5,474.77
Building Fund	\$42,000.00	\$36,210.80	\$5,789.20
Total	\$99,000.00	\$87,736.03	\$11,263.97

With the advice of the Parish Finance Council, Saint Thomas Parish does financial planning according to a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. Our current fiscal year began 7/1/21.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Jantz at 663-3936 for Baptismal Preparation.

Marriage

Parish Membership and a six month preparation period are required. For weddings, please contact Father Jantz 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 Jantz or Jackie Lampton at 663-3936.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate one of the Church's great feast days: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when Jesus' Blessed Mother reached the end of her earthly life and was brought to heaven, body and soul.

As our community reflects on the meaning of discipleship, this feast day is especially important to us. The Virgin Mary was truly the model disciple: fully redeemed by Christ, from the first moment of her earthly existence to her joyful arrival in heaven. An example of what we're called to be, and a sign of our destiny to become saints in the Kingdom.

My favorite quote about Mary comes from a homily by St Bernard, from about 1140. He pictures the Blessed Mother hearing the announcement from the angel Gabriel, and then imagines saying to her: "Answer quickly, O Virgin. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word."

With Mary as an example, let's resolve this week to say "yes" to God's call. By speaking that word with her, we will embrace Jesus, the eternal Word of God, in our hearts.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

K of C Annual Golf Tournament 9/11

The Knights are resuming their annual golf tournament to benefit 2 Shelby County agencies helping citizens with mental disabilities. Please mark your calendar and come help support these agencies by sponsoring a hole or playing a round of golf or both. The tournament will be held at the Frank House Municipal Golf Course in Bessemer on Saturday, September 11. More details will be provided closer to the date, or you can contact either Jasper Levio 205-585-486, Mark Kielbasa, or Alan Cannon 205-276-6861 for additional details.

Welcome Fr. Jantz to St. Thomas 8/22

There will be a reception on Aug. 22 after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall and also after the 12:30 PM Spanish Mass. Let's come together as one parish to welcome our Priest, Fr. Brad Jantz. All are welcome.

There will be two receptions so that all will have a chance to meet and greet Fr. Jantz.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/15

Sunday, August 15th we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the weekend masses we will be using incense at the beginning of mass, for the Gospel reading, and at the offertory. We will continue to incense during special feast days.

Faith Formation

Adult... Sun. 9:30-10:45 a.m.
1st-10th Grade ... Sun. 9:30 -10:45 a.m.
Catechumenate ... Sun. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Ladies' Bible Study
Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(September - May)

K of C Monthly Meeting

The St Thomas Knights of Columbus meet in the modular building behind the church office at 7PM. The 4th degree meets on the 1st Tuesday and the Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.

No Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings

All meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary have been suspended but will resume again soon. 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.

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. Sign-up are available in the gathering space. Thank you for your assistance in having flowers for the altar.

Rosary on Sunday Mornings

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

RCIA Inquiry Meeting 8/15,22,29

A meeting for those interested in receiving the sacraments of the Church or just have questions about the Catholic faith is scheduled for **Sunday 8/15,22,29** in the **St. Joseph Room** (located in the Admin. Bldg) from **9:30 to 10:45**.

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

Faith Formation Registration 8/29

We had early registration for Faith Formation on May 30th, June 6th, & June 13th after the Sunday masses. There will be one more opportunity to register on August 29th after the Sunday masses as well. Registration will take place in the Parish Hall for the 2021-2022 school year.

*If you are new to St. Thomas, it will be necessary for you to fill out a Parish registration form at the office before registering your children to our program.

*Students receiving their sacraments will need to have a copy of their baptismal certificate on file.

Resumption of Sunday Mass Obligation

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Bishop Raica had offered a dispensation from the requirement to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for the people of the Diocese of Birmingham until May 23. On May 3, Bishop Raica promulgated a decree restoring the obligation beginning on May 24.

Every Catholic is required to attend Mass unless they are excused for a serious reason. In relation to COVID-19, serious reasons include:

- Being in a high-risk category
- Being advised by a medical doctor that it is not yet safe for you to attend
- Experiencing a significant amount of mental stress regarding returning.

It is always possible to receive a dispensation from one's Pastor. Father Jantz is happy to talk with anyone who is concerned about returning to public worship.

Altar Servers for All Masses

St Thomas has started to include altar servers for our masses. We are now recruiting for new altar servers for all of our masses. All children who wish to serve in this fruitful ministry must be starting the third grade or higher in August. "Anyone can sign up to serve in this fruitful ministry, but children who wish to participate must be starting the third grade or higher in the coming school year". Training for all altar servers will be held in late August.

Catholic Business and Professional Network to Host Luncheon with Bishop Raica

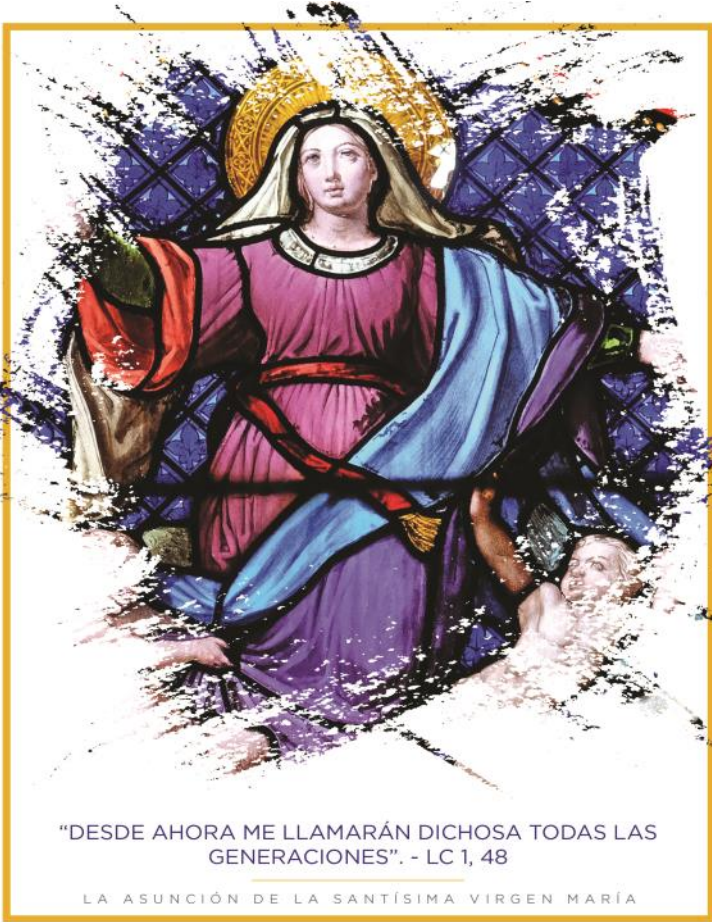
The Catholic Business and Professional Network (CBPN) will be kicking off a series of quarterly luncheons on Wednesday, August 18th, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at The Club in Birmingham. The first speaker for the series will be Bishop Steven Raica.

Anyone who holds a job, or has ever held a job (that includes those who work inside the home), is invited to join us for this opportunity to hear Bishop Raica speak and to network and fellowship with other Catholics.

Tickets for the event are \$35/person. To make your reservation for the August 18th luncheon, simply go to: www.catholicnetwork.net, click on "Event Calendar," and register. We hope to see you there.

Nazareth House Saturday Program Catholic Youth Volunteers Needed 8/21

Catholic high-school students interested in working with children and youth having intellectual and developmental disabilities, in a Saturday Morning Greater Birmingham Area city-wide program of religious education, are invited to training. Workshop on Saturday, August 21st. The training workshop will be held from 10:00AM until 12:00 Noon at St. Francis Xavier School, 2 Xavier Circle, Birmingham, AL 35213. The training workshop will take place in the School Annex Building. Please note that those who participate in the Nazareth House Saturday Program are eligible for service hours that meet the requirements for high school graduation and college scholarship applications. For further information or directions, please email Sister Mary Vernon Gentle, RSM at Mvgentle@aol.com or Father Patrick Cullen at Rathmines.Cullen@email.com or telephone (205) 907-0287.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy celebramos una de las más grandes fiestas de la Iglesia: la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, cuando la Madre de Jesús llegó al final de su vida terrena y fue llevada al cielo en cuerpo y alma.

A medida que nuestra comunidad reflexiona sobre nuestro ser discípulos de Jesús, esta fiesta es especialmente importante para nosotros. La Virgen María fue verdaderamente la discípula modelo: plenamente redimida por Cristo, desde el primer momento de su existencia terrena hasta su gozosa coronación en el cielo. Un ejemplo de lo que estamos llamados a ser y una señal de nuestro destino en el Reino.

Mi cita favorita sobre María proviene de una homilía de San Bernardo, alrededor de 1140. Él imagina a la Santísima Madre escuchando el anuncio del arcángel Gabriel, y luego se imagina diciéndole: “Responde rápido, oh Virgen. Responde con una palabra, recibe la Palabra de Dios. Habla tu propia palabra, concibe la palabra divina. Respire una palabra que pasa, abraza la Palabra eterna.”

Con María como ejemplo, resolvamos esta semana decir “sí” al llamado de Dios. Al hablar esa palabra con ella, abrazaremos a Jesús, la Palabra eterna de Dios, en nuestros corazones.

Dios los bendiga,

P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: una mujer vestida del sol, con la luna bajo los pies. (Apocalipsis 11 19a; 12 1-6a, 10ab)

Salmo: La reina está a tu diestra, vestida de oro. (Salmo 45 10,11,12,16)

Segunda lectura: Cristo, las primicias, luego los que le pertenecen. (I Corintios 15 20-27)

EVANGELIO: el Todopoderoso ha hecho grandes cosas por mí, ha levantado a los humildes. (Lucas 1 39-56)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Jueces 2 11-19; Mateo 19 16-22
Martes	Jueces 6 11-24a; Mateo 19 23-30
Miércoles	Jueces 9 6-15; Mateo 20 1-16
Jueves	Jueces 11 29-39a; Mateo 22 1-14
Viernes	Rut 1 1,3-6,14b-16,22; Mateo 22 34-40
Sábado	Rut 2 1-3,8, 8-11 4; 13-17 Mateo 23 1-12
Domingo	Josué 24 1-2a, 15-17,18b; Efesios 5 21-32; J

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 estén 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 María al 205-205-901-0470.

Clases de Bautismo 9/13

Las clases de bautismo en este momento terminaron para el verano. Las clases comenzarán de nuevo el 13 de Septiembre. Disfrute de sus vacaciones de verano. Las clases de bautismo son 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.

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María 8/15

El domingo 15 de agosto celebraremos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Durante las misas de fin de semana utilizaremos incienso al comienzo de la misa para la lectura del Evangelio y en el ofertorio. Continuaremos inciensando durante los días festivos especiales.

Bienvenido P. Jantz a St. Thomas 8/22

Habrà una recepción el 22 de Agosto después de la Misa de las 8:00 AM en el Salón Parroquial y también después de la Misa en Español de las 12:30 PM. Unámonos como una parroquia para dar la bienvenida a nuestro Sacerdote, el P. Brad Jantz. Todos son bienvenidos.

Habrà dos recepciones para que todos tengan la oportunidad de encontrarse y saludar al P. Jantz.

HORARIO: OFICINA DEL MINISTRO HISPANO

LUNES– JUEVES: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Y

VIERNES: 8:00AM-12:30PM

Padre Brad Jantz al 205-663-3936.

Horario de la Misa Español

los Domingos 12:30 p.m.

Platicas Prebautismales

Deben registrarse antes del bautismo en el libro situado en el espacio a la entrada de la Iglesia. **Comuníquese con Padre**

Jantz a (205) 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

Bienvenidos a Santo Tomas!

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás es felices dar la bienvenida a todas las personas a nuestra comunidad. Si usted vive en esta área, te invitamos a registrarse como un feligrés. Formularios de inscripción en inglés y español están disponibles en el área de reunión.

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 que comenzarán en Septiembre.

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.

