



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

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• SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME •



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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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
 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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

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 for Sherry Thompson, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

MONDAY AUG. 23

TUESDAY AUG. 24

WEDNESDAY AUG. 25

9:00 AM Mass Intention of JoAnn Simonetti

THURSDAY AUG. 26

9:00 PM Mass for Dawson Moore, deceased

FRIDAY AUG. 27

9:00 AM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

SATURDAY AUG. 28

5:30 PM Mass for Dawson Moore, deceased

SUNDAY AUG. 29

8:00 AM Mass for Laura Chavez, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Bob Lemieux

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— We will serve the Lord, for he is our God. (Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b)

Psalm— Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21)

Second Reading— This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the Church. (Ephesians 5:21-32)

Gospel— To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (John 6:60-69)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Wednesday: I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: I Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: I Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Sacristan Aug. 28th & Aug. 29th

5:30pm Mahon; 8:00am Sarah; 11:00am Judy;
12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

Aug. 21st & Aug. 22nd

In memory/honor of

In memory/honor of

Aug. 28th & Aug. 29

In memory/honor of Gerry & Ann Mason

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. 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 Sept. 3rd & 17th



		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Aug. 28th	5:30 PM	Deacon	Beth Taylor	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Thomas Graye Sue Ellen Gerrells Mike Gerrells
Sunday Aug. 29th	8:00 AM	Deacon	Mike Ash	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Roland Burns Shannon Delcambre Javi Nava
	11:00 AM	Cathy Barber	Pat Shoop	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Joe Vacarella Zach Cruce Steve Schoonover
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

AUG. 22 TO AUG. 29, 2021

SUNDAY AUG. 22

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

MONDAY AUG. 23

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY AUG. 24

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY AUG. 25

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

THURSDAY AUG. 26

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY AUG. 27

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY AUG. 28

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

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RETIRED PRIEST

Rev. Adrian L. Cook
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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 8/15/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$15,948.15	\$6,448.15
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$6,865.08	\$134.92
Total	\$16,500.00	\$22,813.23	\$6,313.23

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$66,500.00	\$67,473.38	\$973.38
Building Fund	\$49,000.00	\$43,075.88	\$5,924.12
Total	\$115,500.00	\$110,549.26	\$4,950.74

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,

We're still feeling the heat of summer, but the school year is upon us!

With school fully back in swing, I wanted to take a chance this week to talk about the importance of Faith Formation. We recognize the importance of young people learning the basic skills and knowledge needed to participate in society. Similarly, our Faith Formation helps teach our students what they need to know to be active and joyful members of the Catholic Church.

Since we are living in extraordinary times, I would like to mention two important facts about Faith Formation this year. First, as much as possible, we will be keeping things in person. Personal contact is extremely important to making sure that the students receive not just *information*, but also *formation*: developing into true disciples of Jesus through relationships with teachers and their companions on the journey.

Second, we will be taking due precautions to ensure that our religious education is a safe environment for the children of the parish. We will be following the same guidance as the Catholic schools in the diocese, which have been one of the success stories of the pandemic. They were almost completely in person last school year, but with precautions that kept everyone safe. I ask your patience and support in helping our students understand and follow these precautions.

Thank you to the many parents who have already made sure that their children are registered for the upcoming Faith Formation year! For families that still need to register, we will have another opportunity on the weekend of August the 29th. I look forward to seeing how our young people learn and grow this year!

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.

K of C Labor Day Meat Sale 9/4-5

The Knights are having a smoked meat sale for Labor Day weekend and will be available after Mass to take orders. If you would like to place an order in advance, they will be under the portico in front of the Parish Hall. The prices are as follows: pork butts - \$35; whole rack of ribs - \$20; whole chickens - \$15. The orders will be available for pickup after the masses on September 4th and 5th.

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.

Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Antone Lane on the death of his mother Ida Ruth Lane. May her soul and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



21^{ER} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Entonces Jesús les dijo a los Doce: "¿También ustedes quieren dejarme?" Simón Pedro le respondió: "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna; y nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios". - Jn 6, 67-69

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GLP

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 María al 205-205-901-0470.

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.

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.

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Serviremos al Señor, porque él es nuestro Dios. (Josué 24 1-2a, 15-17,18b)

Salmo: Prueba y ve la bondad del Señor. (Salmo 34 2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21)

Segunda lectura— Este es un gran misterio, con respecto a Cristo y la Iglesia. (Efesios 5 21-32)

Evangelio: ¿a quién iremos? Tu tienes las palabras de la vida eterna. (Juan 6 60-69)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes I Tesalonicenses 1 1-5,8b-10; Mateo 23 13-22

Martes Apocalipsis 21 9b-14; Juan 1 45-51

Miércoles I Tesalonicenses 2 9-13; Mateo 23 27-32

Jueves I Tesalonicenses 3 7-13; Mateo 24 42-51

Viernes I Tesalonicenses 4 1-8; Mateo 25 1-13

Sábado I Tesalonicenses 4 9-11; Mateo 25 14-30

Domingo Deuteronomio 4 1-2,6-8; Santiago 1 17-18; Marcos 7 1-8,14-15,21-23

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Todavía sentimos el calor del verano, ¡pero el año escolar ha llegado!

Con la escuela en marcha, quería hablar sobre la importancia de la formación en la fe. Reconocemos la importancia de la educación de los jóvenes en las habilidades e informaciones necesarias para participar en la sociedad. De manera muy similar, la formación religiosa de los niños de la parroquia ayuda a enseñarles lo que necesitan saber para ser miembros activos y alegres de la Iglesia Católica.

Sabemos todos que estamos viviendo en tiempos extraordinarios. En resultado, me gustaría mencionar dos hechos importantes sobre la formación este año. Primero, mantendremos clases presenciales por todo el tiempo que sea posible. La presencia personal es importante para asegurar que los estudiantes reciban no solo *información*, sino también *formación*: convirtiéndose en verdaderos discípulos de Jesús a través de las relaciones con los maestros y sus compañeros de camino.

En segundo lugar, tomaremos las debidas precauciones para asegurarnos que nuestra educación religiosa sea un lugar seguro para los niños de la parroquia. Seguiremos la misma guía que las escuelas católicas de la diócesis, que han sido una de las historias de éxito durante la pandemia: el año escolar pasado ha sido casi completamente presencial, pero con precauciones que mantuvieron a todos a salvo. Les pido su paciencia y apoyo para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes entender y mantener estas precauciones.

¡Gracias a los muchos padres que ya hecho la registración de sus niños para el próximo año de formación! Para las familias que aún necesitan registrarse, tendrán otra oportunidad el 29 de agosto. ¡Espero ver cuánto aprenden y crecen nuestros jóvenes este año!

Dios los bendiga,

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. **Comuniquese 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.

