



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME •



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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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..... 4:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 & by appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday..... 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Sept. 4

5:30 PM Dawson Moore, deceased

Sunday Sept. 5

8:00 AM Paul Hester, deceased

11:00 AM Kathleen DeMarco, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday Sept. 6

Tuesday sept. 7

Wednesday Sept. 8

9:00 AM Tony Champagne, deceased

Thursday Sept. 9

9:00 PM Intention of Sue Kimberlin

Friday Sept. 10

9:00 AM Intention of Jimmy Serio

Saturday Sept. 11

5:30 PM Intention of Margaret Ann Gillaspie

Sunday Sept. 12

8:00 AM Morgan Faulkner, deceased

11:00 AM Intention of JoAnn Simonetti

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will sing. (Isaiah 35:4-7a)

Psalm— Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146:7,8-9a,9bc-10)

Second Reading— Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom? (James 2:1-5)

Gospel— He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. (Mark 7:31-37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38

Friday: I Timothy 1:1-2,12-14; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: I Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Sacristan Sept. 11th & Sept. 12th

5:30pm Jerry & Mary Pax; 8:00am Gloria Q.;

11:00am Jena Evanko; 12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

Sept. 4th & Sept. 5th

In memory/honor of Ron Everling

In memory/honor of Walczak Family

Sept. 11th & Sept. 12

In memory/honor of William & Mary Brock

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. 17th



		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Sept. 11th	5:30 PM	Deacon Jean Graffo	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Paul Lorino David Higdon Ron Hoff
Sunday Sept. 12th	8:00 AM	Deacon Gloria Q.	Mary Baker	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Shannon Delcambre Javi Nava Keith Brown
	11:00 AM	Deacon Judy Lemieux	Jena Evanko	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Casey Fondren Leland Wallace Wayne Perrin
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPT. 5 TO SEPT. 12, 2021

SUNDAY SEPT. 5

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

MONDAY SEPT. 6

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY SEPT. 7

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 8

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 5:30PM Catholic College
 Ministry Mass/team#2

THURSDAY SEPT. 9

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY SEPT. 10

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY SEPT. 11

4:00PM-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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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
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Collection of 8/28/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$4,766.00	\$4,734.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$3,321.10	\$3,678.90
Total	\$16,500.00	\$8,087.10	\$8,412.90

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$85,500.00	\$89,990.58	\$4,490.58
Building Fund	\$63,000.00	\$56,120.27	\$6,879.73
Total	\$148,500.00	\$146,110.85	\$2,389.15

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,

A happy Labor Day Weekend to everyone! For those who are out of town, safe travels. And for all of those visiting from out of town, welcome to St Thomas Parish!

Each year, this weekend is a good moment to grow in gratitude for those who make our world and our lives work. Those whose support sustains us, and those whose hard work benefits us in so many ways we seldom recognize.

This week, I would like to highlight the work of our Faith Formation volunteers. In gratitude to them, our parish will be offering them a special blessing at the Masses next weekend. We thank them for the important work they do within our community: making sure our young people learn about their faith and develop a personal commitment to living it out.

Through the intercession of St Joseph the Worker and St Thomas our patron, may God bless all of us richly this holiday weekend. I hope everyone has the chance to enjoy some well-earned time with family and friends, and I look forward to seeing everyone back next week, as our Faith Formation year kicks off!

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.

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

The Knights are having a smoked meat sale for this Labor Day weekend. Orders are available for pickup after the masses on September 4th and 5th.

RSVP Volunteers Thank You

Thank you to the RSVP Volunteers who donated gift cards to the food pantry at St. Thomas.

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

Meetings will begin 12th of Sept. at 9:30am in the modular building. All those interested in learning catholic or learning more about the Church are invited to join us.

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

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 is now including altar servers for our masses. We are currently recruiting for new altar servers. All children who wish to serve in this fruitful ministry must be third grade or higher. Training for all altar servers will be held in late September.

Hispanic Ministry Tamale Sale 9/26

The Hispanic Ministry will be having a tamale sale this month. Orders may be placed in the parish hall after all weekend Masses on the weekends of 12 and 19 September. Pick-up will be on Sunday, September 26, 2021 after all the Masses. The cost is \$2 per tamale, or a dozen for \$20. Chicken and pork will be available.

Welcome/Bienvenidos: New Parishioners

St. Thomas welcome, the following new parishioners: Jose, Sandra, Kassandra, y Elizabeth Vera, Raymundo, Rosa, Sergio, Angel, y Kaylee Armandariz, Mario, Samuel, Lucia, Ariane, y Mario Vera, Miguel, Maria, David, Angel, Christian, Jose, y Jennifer Hernandez, Luis, Adriana, Valeria, y Maylin Franco, Eric, Francelia, Magaly, Isaac, Paola, Abigail, y Camike Jimenez, Leo, Maria, Isabel, Vanesa, y Luis Sanchez, Jose, Deicy, Lisa, Jayden, y Jerleny Jimenez, Richard, Leslie, Amelie & Richard Burke, Christopher, Kelly, Evary, & Joseph Ryan, Armando, Ericka, Fatima, Natividad, y Armando Gutierrez, Mario, Margarita, Mario, Fermin y Michael Guerrero.



23^{ER} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Le llevaron entonces a un hombre sordo y tartamudo, y le suplicaban que le impusiera las manos. El lo apartó a un lado de la gente, le metió los dedos en los oídos y le tocó la lengua con saliva. Después, mirando al cielo, suspiró y le dijo: “¡Effetá!” (que quiere decir “¡Abrete!”). - Mc 7, 32-34

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Feliz Labor Day a todos! Para aquellos que están en otras partes, viajes seguros. Y para todos aquellos de otras parroquias que están con nosotros este fin de semana, ¡bienvenidos a la parroquia de St Thomas!

Cada año, este fin de semana es un buen momento para crecer en gratitud por aquellos que hacen que nuestro mundo y nuestras vidas funcionen. Aquellos cuyo apoyo nos sostiene y cuyo duro trabajo nos beneficia de tantas maneras.

Esta semana, me gustaría dar atención al trabajo de nuestros voluntarios de Formación de Fe. En agradecimiento a nuestras catequistas, la parroquia les ofrecerá una bendición especial en las misas el próximo fin de semana. Les agradecemos el importante trabajo que hacen para nuestra comunidad: asegurar que nuestros jóvenes aprendan su fe y hacen un compromiso personal para vivirla.

Por la intercesión de San José Obrero y Santo Tomás nuestro patrón, que Dios nos bendiga abundantemente este fin de semana festivo. Espero que todos tengan la oportunidad de disfrutar de tiempo bien merecido con familiares y amigos, y espero verlos a todos la próxima semana, ¡cuando comience nuestro año de Formación de fe!

Dios los bendiga,

P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Se aclararán los oídos de los sordos; y cantará la lengua de los mudos. (Isaías 35 4-7a)

Salmo: ¡Alabado sea el Señor, alma mía!
(Salmo 146 7,8-9a, 9bc-10)

Segunda lectura— ¿No escogió Dios a los pobres como herederos del reino? (Santiago 2 1-5)

Evangelio: hace que los sordos oigan y los mudos hablen. (Marcos 7 31-37)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Colosenses 1 24-2 3; Lucas 6 6-11
Martes	Colosenses 2 6-15; Lucas 6 12-19
Miércoles	Miqueas 5 1-4a; Mateo 1 1-16,18-23
Jueves	Colosenses 3 12-17; Lucas 6 27-38
Viernes	I Timoteo 1 1-2,12-14; Lucas 6 39-42
Sábado	I Timoteo 1 15-17; Lucas 6 43-49
Domingo	Isaías 50 4c-9a; Santiago 2 14-18; Marcos 8 27-35

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 10/4

Las clases de bautismo son el 4 de Octubre. 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.

Venta de Tamales 9/26

El Ministerio Hispano tendrá una venta de tamales este mes. Los pedidos se pueden realizar en el salón parroquial después de todas las misas de fin de semana los fines de semana del 12 y 19 de Septiembre. La recogida será el Domingo 26 de Septiembre de 2021 después de todas las misas. El costo es de \$ 2 por tamal, o una docena por \$ 20. Habrá pollo y cerdo disponibles.

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.

