



# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME •



### 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"  
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce  
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of  
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning  
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday Oct. 2

5:30 PM Carroll Schmidt, deceased

### Sunday Oct. 3

8:00 AM To all Souls in Purgatory  
11:00 AM Kathleen DeMarco, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

### Monday Oct. 4

### Tuesday Oct. 5

### Wednesday Oct. 6

9:00 AM Bill Walsh, deceased

### Thursday Oct. 7

9:00 PM Gerardo Lamas, deceased

### Friday Oct. 8

9:00 AM Tony Champagne, deceased

### Saturday Oct. 9

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Paul & Michele Young

### Sunday Oct. 10

8:00 AM Mass Intention of Nava Family  
11:00 AM Mass Intention of JoAnn Simonetti  
12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— The two of them become one flesh. (Genesis 2:18-24)

**Psalm**—May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,6)

**Second Reading**— He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Hebrews 2:9-11)

**Gospel**— Therefore what God has joined together, Let no human being separate. (Mark 10:2-16)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jonah 1:1—2:1-2,11; Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13

**Friday:** Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

**Sunday:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

## Sacristan Oct. 9th & Oct. 10th

5:30pm Donna & Mike; 8:00am Bruno; 11:00am Judy; 12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

## Monthly Altar Flowers

Oct. 2nd & Oct. 3rd

In memory/honor of Umberto & Mary Caldora

Oct. 9th & Oct. 10th

In memory/honor of Zirn Helds, & Hawkins Family  
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 Oct. 15th**

		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Oct. 9th	5:30 PM	Deacon Carol Angelini	Beth Taylor	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	
Sunday Oct. 10th	8:00 AM	Deacon Bruno	Mike Ash	Jackson and Lilly	
	11:00 AM	Deacon Jasper Levio	Jena Evanko	David and Owen	
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

OCT. 3, 2021 TO OCT. 10, 2021

## SUNDAY OCT. 3

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

## MONDAY OCT. 4

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

## TUESDAY OCT. 5

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

## WEDNESDAY OCT. 6

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN  
 5:30PM Catholic College  
 Ministry Mass/team#6

## THURSDAY OCT. 7

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

## FRIDAY OCT. 8

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

## SATURDAY OCT. 9

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](http://www.stthomascatholic.com). Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

## Seminarian Fund

St. Thomas contributed \$1,173.00 to the Seminarian Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

## Pastoral Staff

**ADMINISTRATOR**  
 Rev. Brad Jantz .....Ext. 101

## 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 9/26/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$12,213.00	\$2,713.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$7,290.86	\$290.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$19,503.86</b>	<b>\$3,003.86</b>

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$123,500.00	\$124,104.83	\$604.83
Building Fund	\$91,000.00	\$83,449.02	\$7,550.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$214,500.00</b>	<b>\$207,553.85</b>	<b>\$6,946.15</b>

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,

As we begin our month of reflection on stewardship, the Gospel presents us with a reflection upon vocation: how everything we do should be rooted in God's call. Each of us has a fundamental calling we've received from him: as spouses, as parents, as priests, or as members of religious communities. So many people in this parish who give a beautiful testimony to faithfulness in their vocation—thank you for that witness!

This weekend, as we reflect on our callings from God, I would like to speak personally to our young folks. Have you ever prayed about what God is calling you to be? Not just your future job, but what path in life the Lord is calling you to follow him on.

It can be a bit scary to think about, since we don't know what the future will bring, but it's really important to pray to God about this regularly. God knows better than we do what will make us happy and holy.

If you would like to pray to God about his calling for you to find happiness in this life and the next, let me share a prayer with you. I invite you to pray it and see what God has in store!

"Lord, I know that you love me and have great plans for me. Send your Holy Spirit: into my mind, so I will know what path you want me to follow. Into my soul, to give me the courage to walk it. And into my heart, to help me follow you out of love. Amen."

Please pray those words this week, and the parish will join in praying for your discernment, through the intercession of St. Thomas and Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin.

God bless,  
Fr Jantz

### Fatima Rosary Rally 10/16

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Alabaster Veterans Park, 7305 Highway 119  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM at Pavilion 3. Please come and pray the rosary for America.

### Tamale Sale Thank You

The Hispanic Ministry would like to thank all those who bought tamales. There will be another opportunity to place orders for tamales in November.

### First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 10/17

There will be a meeting for the parents of First Holy Communion students on October 17, 2021 at 9:30AM in the main Church. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss preparation for First Reconciliation.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter 10/15-17

Married Couples: On your wedding day you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the gardening tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend scheduled for **October 15-17, 2021 will be VIRTUAL. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME.**

You can get more information or register online at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at [205-530-3607](tel:205-530-3607).

### 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 K of C Squires Meeting

The Squires monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

### Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings

The Ladies Auxiliary met on September 14, 2021. At that meeting, after much discussion it was decided to suspend meetings until 2022. We hope to schedule a bunco social in the Spring. It was great to reconnect with everyone at the meeting.

### 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. The Altar flowers are \$45.

### Rosary on Sunday Mornings

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

### 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 mid-late October.

### Catholic Charities Weekend Thank You

We celebrated Catholic Charities and Communities weekend on Sept. 25-26. This special appeal funds the programs of the Diocese of Birmingham. This is the main source of support for many critical ministries at the diocesan level, such as Vocations, Social Services, Black Ministry, and Hispanic Ministry. Our parish goal is \$55,000, so far we have raised \$25,165.00. Thank you so much for generosity.

### Stewardship Pledge Weekend 10/23-24

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Parish Financial Stewardship weekend on the weekend of October 23rd and 24th. Pledge materials will be mailed to all parishioners. We will offer our financial pledges during the celebration of the Eucharist all the Masses that weekend. Please be generous.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

The evening Scripture Study sessions will resume on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00pm in the St. Joseph room. We will be viewing *The Creed*, a new film series blending both documentary footage and dynamic talks by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron guides viewers through the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy. *The Creed* will help you rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual depths of Christian doctrine, and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith. All are welcome. For questions, call Debbie or Bill Drescher at 205-664-2066.

### Saint Rose Academy Second Annual Golf Tournament 10/16

**Saint Rose Academy** is pleased to announce the "Second Annual" golf tournament, *Fairway to Heaven*, on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the Highlands Park Golf Course. The proceeds from this tournament will benefit the students of Saint Rose by way of tuition assistance. The **Tournament Format** is a 4 Person Scramble - there is a max handicap - men = 20 and for women = 30. **Individual Golf Player Fee** is \$135 **OR** Foursome **Fee** of \$500 both include Green Fees, Cart, Practice Balls, 19th Hole Lunch, and Awards Presentation. It's sure to be a swinging good time!

For more information and/or "Sponsorship" opportunities, please contact Christine Salberg at (205) 933-0549 [csalberg@saintroseacademyop.com](mailto:csalberg@saintroseacademyop.com) or go to Saint Rose's website [www.strosebhm.org](http://www.strosebhm.org).

### 40 Days for Life

The **Fall 40 DAYS FOR LIFE** campaigns will take place **22 September – 31 October** in over **600 CITIES WORLDWIDE!** [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) Please help promote this incredible Effort for Life which has saved **over 19,000** precious lives since it began in 2007!! All these lives (plus their mothers) *are being lived* because of the prayers and courageous prayerful/peaceful witness of now well over ONE MILLION people of Life!!



## 27° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El les respondió: "¿Qué les prescribió Moisés?" Ellos contestaron: "Moisés nos permitió el divorcio mediante la entrega de un acta de divorcio a la esposa". Jesús les dijo: "Moisés prescribió esto, debido a la dureza del corazón de ustedes. Pero desde el principio, al crearlos, Dios los hizo hombre y mujer". - Mc 10, 3-6

### Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Al comenzar nuestro mes de reflexión sobre la corresponsabilidad, el Evangelio nos presenta una reflexión sobre la vocación: cómo nuestras vidas deben estar enraizadas en la llamada de Dios. Cada uno de nosotros tiene una llamada fundamental que hemos recibido de él: como cónyuges, como padres, como sacerdotes o como miembros de comunidades religiosas. Hay tantas personas en esta parroquia que dan un hermoso testimonio de fidelidad en su vocación, y ¡gracias por su testimonio!

Este fin de semana, mientras reflexionamos sobre nuestra llamada de Dios, me gustaría especialmente hablar personalmente a nuestros jóvenes. ¿Alguna vez has orado acerca de lo que Dios te está llamando a ser? No solo tu futuro trabajo, sino qué camino en la vida el Señor te está llamando a seguir.

Puede ser un poco aterrador pensar en ello, ya que no sabemos lo que traerá el futuro, pero es realmente importante orar a Dios sobre esto cada día. Dios sabe mejor que nosotros lo que nos hará felices y santos.

Para orar a Dios acerca de su llamado para que encuentre la felicidad en esta vida y en la próxima, permítame compartir una oración. ¡Te invito a que ores y veas los planes de Dios para ti en la vida!

"Señor, sé que me amas y tienes grandes planes para mí. Envía tu Espíritu Santo: en mi mente, para saber mi camino en la vida. En mi alma, para darme el coraje para caminarlo. Y en mi corazón, para ayudarme a seguirte por amor. Amén."

Ore esas palabras esta semana, y la parroquia se unirá a orar por su discernimiento, a través de la intercesión de Santo Tomás y Santísima María Siempre Virgen.

Dios los bendiga,  
P. Jantz

### LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

**Primera lectura:** Los dos se convierten en una sola carne. (Génesis 2 18-24)

**Salmo:** Que el Señor nos bendiga todos los días de nuestra vida. (Salmo 128 1-2,3,4-5,6)

**Segunda lectura—** El que consagra y los que se consagran todos tienen un origen. (Hebreos 2 9-11)

**Evangelio:** Por tanto, lo que Dios ha unido, ningún hombre lo separe. (Marcos 10 2-16)

### LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes Jonás 1 1—2 1-2,11; Lucas 10 25-37

Martes Jonás 3 1-10; Lucas 10 38-42

Miércoles Jonás 4 1-11; Lucas 11 1-4

Jueves Malaquías 3 13-20b; Lucas 11 5-13

Viernes Joel 1 13-15; 2 1-2; Lucas 11 15-26

Sábado Joel 4 12-21; Lucas 11 27-Hebreos 4 12-13; Marcos 10 17-30

Domingo Sabiduría 7: 7-11; Hebreos 4 12-13; Marcos 10 17-30

### 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 Gracias

El Ministerio Hispano quisiera agradecer a todos los que hicieron pedidos de tamales. Gracias de nuevo por tu apoyo.

### Fin de semana de Caridades Católicas 9 / 25-26

St. Thomas Parish celebrará el fin de semana de Caridades Católicas el 25 y 26 de septiembre. Esta Campaña de Caridades Católicas financia los programas y ministerios de la Diócesis de Birmingham. La meta para la parroquia de Santo Tomás \$ 55,00.00. hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$ 25,165.00. Por favor sea generoso con su compromiso.

### Estudio de la Biblia

Santo Tomás ha comenzado un grupo de estudio bíblico en español los Martes a las 6:00 pm. Todos son bienvenidos. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con María Pérez al 205-451-2915.

### 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.

### Grupo Carismático

Santo Tomás ha comenzado un grupo carismático los viernes a las 6 45 pm. Todos son bienvenidos. Para más información comuníquese con Vidal Martínez al 205-369-5074

## 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

**Una Reunión para los Padres 10/17**

Habrà una reunión de reconciliación para los padres a las 9:30 a. m. del 17 de Octubre de 2021 en la iglesia.

**Preparaciones Matrimoniales**

Las personas que necesitan platicas y planear su boda necesitan hablar con el Padre Bruce seis meses antes de su boda y tambien necesitan tener las platicas matrimoniales. Para más información comuniquese con Gabriel Sanches al 205-603-6294, Edith al 205-299-9826.

### 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.

