



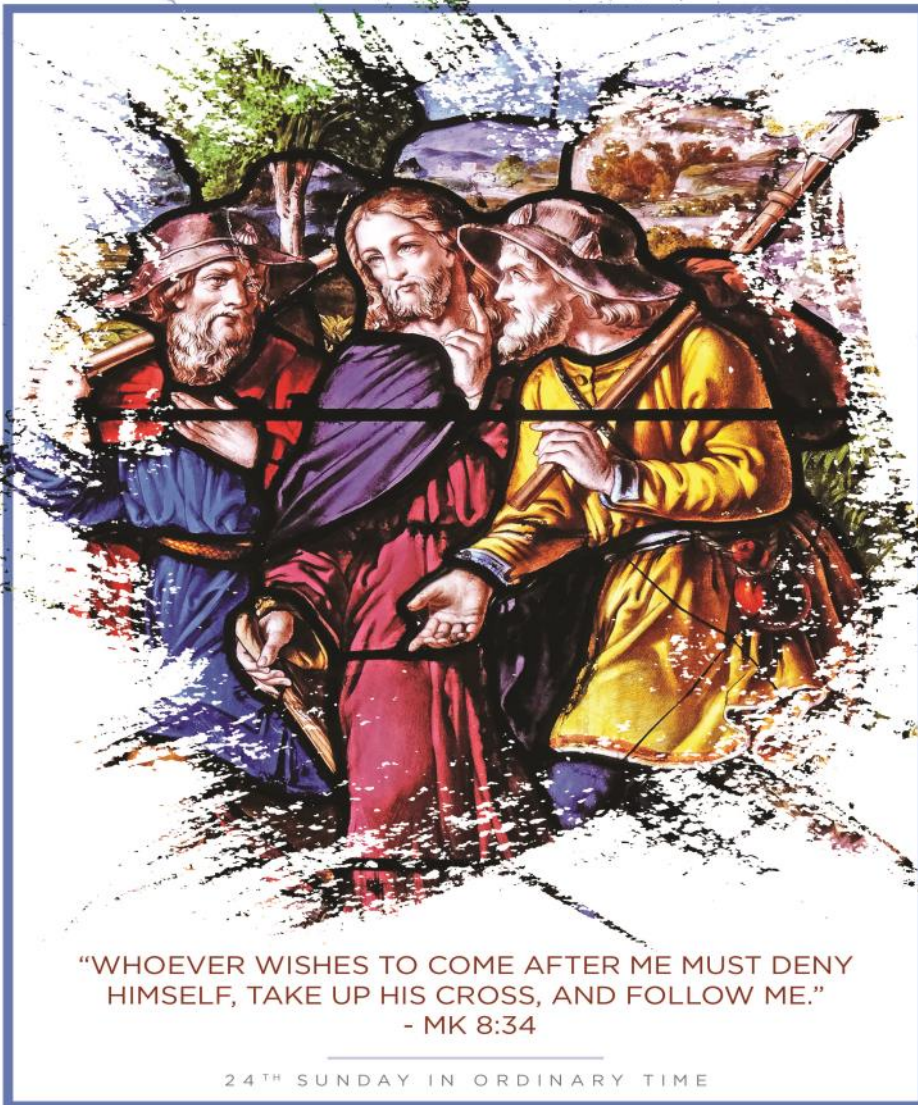
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME •



"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."
- MK 8:34

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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..... 4:00pm - 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 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

Monday Sept. 13

Tuesday Sept. 14

Wednesday Sept. 15

9:00 AM Tony Champagne, deceased

Thursday Sept. 16

9:00 PM Bill Walsh, deceased

Friday Sept. 17

9:00 AM Pablo E. Hernandez V., deceased

Saturday Sept. 18

5:30 PM Dawson Moore, deceased

Sunday Sept. 19

8:00 AM Jim Cocks, deceased

11:00 AM Kathleen DeMarco, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— I gave my back to those who beat me. (Isaiah 50:4c-9a)

Psalm— I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Psalm 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9)

Second Reading— Faith, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-18)

Gospel— You are the Christ...the Son of Man must suffer greatly. (Mark 8:27-35)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Wednesday: I Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 2:33-35

Thursday: I Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50

Friday: I Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: I Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Sacristan Sept. 18th & Sept. 19th

5:30pm Mike & Donna; 8:00am Bruno;

11:00am Judy L.; 12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

Sept. 11th & Sept. 12

In memory/honor of William & Mary Brock

In memory/honor of

Sept. 18th & Sept. 19th

In memory/honor of

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. 18th | 5:30 PM | Deacon Clay Reece | Beth Taylor | MC- MC-CO- None at this time | Walter Lee Sue Ellen Gerrells Mike Gerrells |
| Sunday Sept. 19th | 8:00 AM | Deacon Teresa N. | Jon Thompson | MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time | Greg Wanat Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood |
| | 11:00 AM | Deacon Michael Fisher | Leland Wallace | MC- MC-CO- None at this time | Mike Shoop Lawrence Lane Marilyn Lane |
| | 12:30 PM (Spanish) | | | | Heron Patrick |

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPT. 12 TO SEPT. 19, 2021

SUNDAY SEPT. 12

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

MONDAY SEPT. 13

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY SEPT. 14

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 15

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
5:30PM Catholic College
Ministry Mass/team#3

THURSDAY SEPT. 16

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY SEPT. 17

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

SATURDAY SEPT. 18

Adoration ends at noon
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
Rectory Ph: 665-0968

Due to the early Bulletin deadline Stewardship of Treasure will be available in next week's bulletin.

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,

Our new program year is in full swing here at St Thomas! A special welcome back in particular to our Faith Formation students, who begin their year of learning this week. It's great to have you all back in person.

As this year of Christian education begins, we give thanks in particular for our catechists (Faith Formation teachers), as well as the parents who are committed to making sure their children learn about God. Thank you for all you do.

I would add, however, that Faith Formation doesn't stop at the doors of the parish. It is truly an effort where each of us has a part to play. Family members who pray with their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Friends who provide their good example and encouragement.

Under our apostolic patronage, let's resolve to follow the good example of Peter in this weekend's Gospel: always testifying to Jesus Christ, especially to the youngest members of our community.

God bless,

Fr Jantz

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.

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.

RSVP Volunteers Thank You

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

Vaccine Clinic at St Thomas

On Sunday, September 19, St Thomas will be hosting a vaccine clinic in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is the Pfizer vaccine, which is approved for anyone 12 years and older. No reservation necessary!

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.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary will resume meeting again in the St. Joseph room at 7 pm. Our meetings are at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the months of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. Masks and social distancing are recommended. Please join us as we reconnect with one another.

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. The cost is \$45 for half and full page is \$95.

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 late September.

Catholic Charities Weekend 9/25-26

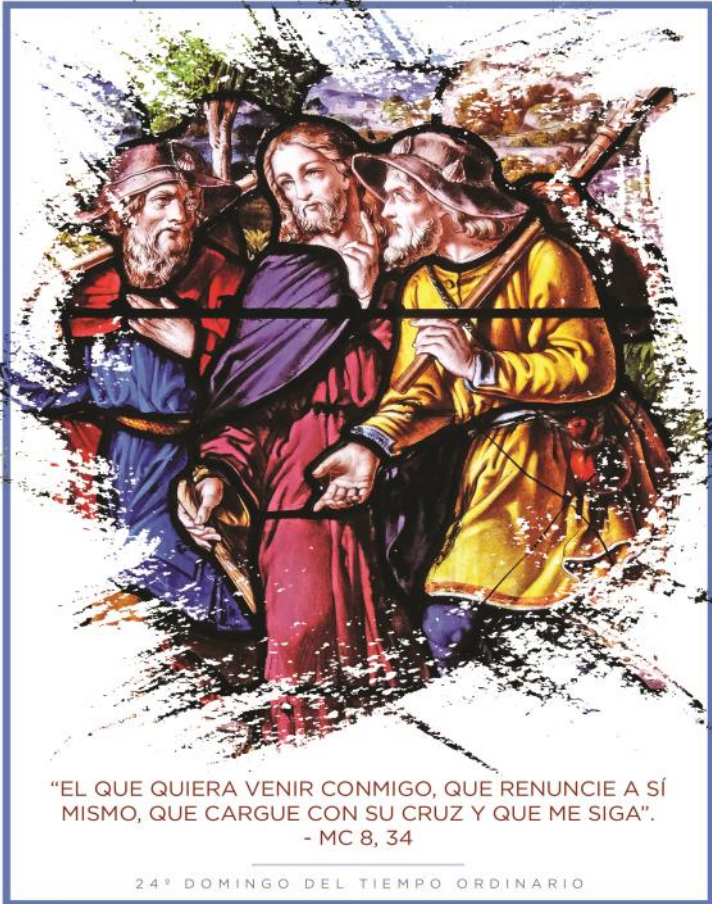
On the weekend of September 25th and 26th, we will be celebrating Catholic Charities and Communities weekend. This special appeal funds the programs of the Diocese of Birmingham. This is the main source of support for many critical ministries at the diocesan level, such as Vocations, Social Services, Black Ministry, and Hispanic Ministry. Our parish goal is \$55,000. Many have already received pledge cards, and additional cards will be available in the vestibule over the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity in pledging to support these critical ministries.

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.

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.



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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡El nuevo año de programa está en marcha aquí en Santo Tomás! Ofrezco una bienvenida especial a nuestros estudiantes de Formación de Fe, que comienzan su año de educación esta semana. Es una bendición de Dios que podemos encontrarnos en manera presencial este año.

En este momento importante, damos gracias en particular por nuestros catequistas (los maestros y maestras), así como por los padres que están comprometidos a asegurarse de que sus hijos aprendan los elementos de la fe. Gracias por todo lo que hacen.

Sin embargo, la formación en la fe no es limitada a dentro las puertas de la parroquia. Es un esfuerzo en que cada uno de nosotros tiene una parte. Miembros de la familia que oran con sus hijos y nietos. Amigos que den su buen ejemplo y aliento.

Bajo nuestro patrocinio apostólico, tomemos la determinación de seguir el buen ejemplo de Simón Pedro en el Evangelio de hoy: testificando siempre de Jesucristo, especialmente a los miembros más jóvenes de nuestra comunidad.

Dios los bendiga,
P. Jantz

Clínica de Vacunas a Santo Tomás

El Domingo 19 de Septiembre, la vacuna COVID estará disponible en el Salón Parroquial de 9:30am a 3:00 pm. Es la vacuna Pfizer, que está aprobada para cualquier persona de 12 años. ¡No se necesita una reservación!

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura. Le di la espalda a los que me golpeaban. (Isaías 50 4c-9a)

Salmo: Andaré delante del Señor en la tierra de los vivientes. (Salmo 116 1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9)

Segunda lectura— La fe, si no tiene obras, está muerta. (Santiago 2 14-18)

Evangelio— Tú eres el Cristo ... el Hijo del Hombre debe sufrir mucho. (Marcos 8 27-35)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes I Timoteo 2 1-8; Lucas 7 1-10

Martes Números 21 4b-9; Filipenses 2 6-11; Juan 3 13-17

Miércoles I Timoteo 3 14-16; Lucas 2 33-35

Jueves I Timoteo 4 12-16; Lucas 7 36-50

Viernes I Timoteo 6 2c-12; Lucas 8 1-3

Sábado I Timoteo 6 13-16; Lucas 8 4-15

Domingo Sabiduría 2 12, 17-20; Santiago 3 16—4 3; Marcos 9 30-37

Studio De Biblico 9/14

Estudio Biblico empieza el 14 de Septiembre a las 6pm. Nos enfocaremos en que enseñe la Iglesia. Cada semana tocaremos un tema diferente.

Venta de Tamales 9/24

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.

Reunión de padres de la Primera Comunión 10/17

Habrà una reunión para los padres de los estudiantes de la Primera Comunión el 17 de octubre de 2021 a las 9 30 AM en la Iglesia principal. El propósito de la reunión es discutir la preparación para la Primera Reconciliación.

Fin de semana de Caridades Católicas 9 / 25-26

El fin de semana del 25 y 26 de septiembre, celebraremos el fin de semana de Caridades y Comunidades Católicas. Este ofertorio especial sostiene los programas de la Diócesis de Birmingham. Es el principal apoyo para muchos ministerios críticos a nivel diocesano, como Vocaciones, Servicios Sociales, Ministerio Black y Ministerio Hispano. Nuestra meta parroquial es \$55,000. Muchos ya han recibido tarjetas de compromiso y habrá tarjetas adicionales disponibles en el vestíbulo durante las próximas semanas. Gracias por su generosidad a apoyar estos ministerios críticos.

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

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.

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.

