



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME •



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Sept. 18

5:30 PM Dawson Moore, deceased

Sunday Sept. 19

8:00 AM Jim Cocke, deceased

11:00 AM Kathleen DeMarco, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday Sept. 20

Tuesday Sept. 21

Wednesday Sept. 22

9:00 AM Intention of JoAnn Simonetti

Thursday Sept. 23

9:00 PM Mattie Picklesimer, deceased

Friday Sept. 24

9:00 AM Tony Champagne, deceased

Saturday Sept. 25

5:30 PM Intention of Jena Evanko

Sunday Sept. 26

8:00 AM Bob Shiller, deceased

11:00 AM Dan Standifer, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Let us condemn him to a shameful death. (Wisdom 2:12,17-20)

Psalm— The Lord upholds my life. (Psalm 54:3-4,5,6-8)

Second Reading— the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (James 2:14-18)

Gospel— The son of Man is to be handed over..Whoever wishes to be first will be the servant of all. (Mark 9:30-37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday: Numbers 19:8,10,12-13,14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Sacristan Sept. 25th & Sept. 26th

5:30pm Cathy; 8:00am Sarah Burns; 11:00am Barbara Y.; 12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

Sept. 18th & Sept. 19th

In memory/honor of

In memory/honor of

Sept. 25th & Sept. 26th

In memory/honor of John & Joselyn Schowalter

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

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Sept. 25th	5:30 PM	Deacon Esther Zagar	Alan Cannon	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Thomas Graye Paul Lorino
Sunday Sept. 26th	8:00 AM	Deacon Bruno N.	Susan Phillips	MC- CO-MC - CO-MC - None at this time	Roland Burns Norma Russo Gerry Mason
	11:00 AM	Deacon Mike Shoop	Pat Shoop	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Casey Fondren Leland Wallace Wayne Perrin
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPT. 19 TO SEPT. 26, 2021

SUNDAY SEPT. 19

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

MONDAY SEPT. 20

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY SEPT. 21

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 22

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

THURSDAY SEPT. 23

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY SEPT. 24

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY SEPT. 25

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 9/12/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$11,760.00	\$2,260.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$6,252.31	\$747.69
Total	\$16,500.00	\$18,012.31	\$1,512.31

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$104,500.00	\$106,766.83	\$2,266.83
Building Fund	\$77,000.00	\$69,068.49	\$7,931.51
Total	\$181,500.00	\$175,835.32	\$5,664.68

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,

There's a lot of energy in the air right now at St Thomas! It was great to see the Faith Formation program back in action last weekend, and it seems like every week brings new ways that the people of St. Thomas strive to be "the servants of all," as Jesus commanded. With that in mind, I would like to highlight two initiatives in our parish this week.

First, as we have been announcing, there is a vaccine clinic in the parish hall this weekend (9:30am to 3pm). This is an excellent opportunity to help ensure that our church and our community can stay open full time going forward. I encourage everyone who hasn't yet had a chance to be vaccinated to consider doing so. If you have questions about the Church's stance on the vaccines, please see the information on our parish website.

Secondly, next weekend is Catholic Charities and Communities Weekend. I have included a longer letter about this as a hand-out, but I would like to mention here how important this initiative is for the health of our Diocese as a whole. This collection funds many initiatives that affect us in many ways—for example, much of my own seminary education was paid for from these funds.

Thank you to everyone for the many ways that you look out for the needs of our parish, our Church, and our neighbors. Under the intercession of St. Thomas and Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, let's continue to be committed to service of the Lord and each other.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual 10/15-17

Due to the continued surge of COVID cases, and for the wellbeing of all participants, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend scheduled for **October 15-17, 2021 has been changed to 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 or by calling **Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.**

Thank You from Rosa Nava

I would like to thank all of you for the prayers and love you have shown my family and I. Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery. Thank you again and may God rain blessings over you.



26° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

En aquel tiempo, Juan le dijo a Jesús: "Hemos visto a uno que expulsaba a los demonios en tu nombre, y como no es de los nuestros, se lo prohibimos". Pero Jesús le respondió: "No se lo prohiban, porque no hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí". - Mc 9, 38-39

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Hay mucha energía ahora en St Thomas! Fue grandioso ver el programa de Formación en la Fe nuevamente en acción el fin de semana pasado, y cada semana trae nuevas formas de esforzarnos por ser "los siervos de todos," como Jesús ordenó. Con eso en mente, me gustaría mencionar dos iniciativas en nuestra parroquia esta semana. Primero, como hemos estado anunciando, hay una clínica de vacunas en el salón parroquial este fin de semana (9:30 am a 3:00 pm). Esta es una excelente oportunidad para ayudar a asegurar que nuestra iglesia y nuestra comunidad puedan permanecer abiertas. Animo a todos los que aún no han tenido la oportunidad de vacunarse a que consideren hacerlo. La Iglesia no tiene objeciones a la decisión de un católico de vacunarse.

En segundo lugar, el próximo fin de semana es el fin de semana de Caridades y Comunidades Católicas. He incluido una carta más larga sobre esto como un folleto, pero tengo que mencionar aquí la importancia de esta iniciativa para nuestra Diócesis. Esta colección financia muchas iniciativas que nos afectan, como los servicios sociales de la Diócesis y mi propia educación en el seminario.

Gracias a todos por su cuidado por las necesidades de nuestra parroquia, nuestra Iglesia y nuestros vecinos. Bajo la intercesión de Santo Tomás y Santísima María, Siempre Virgen, caminemos juntos en el servicio del Señor y de los demás.

Dios los bendiga,
P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura. Condenémoslo a una muerte vergonzosa. (Sabiduría 2 12,17-20)

Salmo: El Señor sostiene mi vida. (Salmo 54 3-4,5,6-8)

Segunda lectura: el fruto de la justicia se siembra en paz para los que cultivan la paz. (Santiago 2 14-18)

Evangelio: El hijo del hombre ha de ser entregado. El que quiera ser el primero será siervo de todos. (Marcos 9 30-37)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes Esdras 1 1-6; Lucas 8 16-18

Martes Efesios 4 1-7,11-13; Mateo 9 9-13

Miércoles Esdras 9 5-9; Lucas 9 1-6

Jueves Hageo 11 1-8; Lucas 9 7-9

Viernes Hageo 2 1-9; Lucas 9 18-22

Sábado Zacarías 2 5-9,14-15a; Lucas 9 43b-45

Domingo Números 19 8,10,12-13,14; Santiago 5 1-6; Marcos 9 38-43,45,47-48

Rosa Nava da las Gracias

Me gustaría agradecerles a todos por las oraciones y el amor que han mostrado a mi familia y a mí. Por favor, continúen orando por una pronta recuperación. Gracias de nuevo y que Dios llueva bendiciones sobre ustedes.

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 9/24

El Ministerio Hispano tendrá una venta de tamales y tomará pedidos durante las próximas tres semanas. La semana de recolección será el viernes 24 de septiembre de 2021. Podrá elegir entre pollo o cerdo. El precio de una docena será de \$ 18. Para hacer un pedido, se llevarán al salón parroquial o llamar a la oficina al 205-663-3936.

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 St. Thomas este año es \$ 000000. Sea generoso con su compromiso.

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 Maria al 205-205-901-0470.

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

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.

Clínica de Vacunas a Santo Tomás

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

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.

