



# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME •



### 26<sup>TH</sup> 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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 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 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

### Monday Sept. 27

### Tuesday Sept. 28

### Wednesday Sept. 29

9:00 AM Robert Little, deceased

### Thursday Sept. 30

9:00 PM Nava Family, deceased

### Friday Oct. 1

9:00 AM Pro-life

### 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

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!

(Numbers 11:25-29)

**Psalm**— The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

(Psalm 19:8,10,12,13,14)

**Second Reading**— Your wealth has rotted away.

(James 5:1-6)

**Gospel**— Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand

causes you to sin, cut it off. (Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 1:47-51

**Thursday:** Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

**Friday:** Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Isaiah 66:10-14c; Matthew 18:1-4

**Sunday:** Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

## Sacristan Oct. 2nd & Oct. 3rd

5:30pm Pax; 8:00am Gloria Q.; 11:00am Jena; 12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

## Monthly Altar Flowers

Sept. 18th & Sept. 19th In memory/honor of Norma Smith

Sept. 25th & Sept. 26th

In memory/honor of John & Joyseln Schowalter

In memory/honor of Joe, Jannie Russo & Ida F. Pritchard

Oct. 2nd & Oct. 3rd

In memory/honor of

Umberto & Mary Caldora

## 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. 1st & 15th**



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

## ALTAR SERVERS

## USHERS

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Oct. 2nd	5:30 PM	Deacon Alan Cannon	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- <b>None at this time</b>	
Sunday Oct. 3rd	8:00 AM	Deacon Clay Reece	Ann Hicks	Ana and Audrey	
	11:00 AM	Deacon Jena Evanko	Angel Coyle	Peyton and Atticus	
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPT. 26, 2021 TO OCT. 3, 2021

## SUNDAY SEPT. 26

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

## MONDAY SEPT. 27

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

## TUESDAY SEPT. 28

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

## WEDNESDAY SEPT. 29

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

## THURSDAY SEPT. 30

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

## FRIDAY OCT. 1

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

## SATURDAY OCT. 2

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

## Pastoral Staff

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

## RETIRED PRIEST

Rev. Adrian L. Cook  
 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  
<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 9/19/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$5,125.00	\$4,375.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$7,089.67	\$89.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,214.67</b>	<b>\$4,285.33</b>

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$114,000.00	\$111,891.83	\$2,108.17
Building Fund	\$84,000.00	\$76,158.16	\$7,841.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,000.00</b>	<b>\$188,049.99</b>	<b>\$9,950.01</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,

Now that Fall is officially here, our new program year is well underway! It's also been wonderful to see more and more people present at Mass each weekend. We still face the challenge of the Delta variant, but as vaccination rates rise and cases go down, it feels like there's light at the end of the tunnel once again.

This weekend is our Catholic Charities and Communities Weekend, which supports many of the major ministries around our Diocese. If you didn't receive a mailing or the pledge card at Mass, you can still contribute at: <https://www.catholiccharitiesbhm.org>. Thank you for your generosity.

Traditionally, the Fall season is a time of harvest and giving thanks, when we reap the fruits of the year's work and celebrate as a community. Here in St. Thomas, throughout the month of October, we will have a special focus on stewardship, an idea which harkens back to Jesus' words in the Gospel: "Who is the faithful and prudent steward, whom the Master puts in charge of the household?" We're each called to be good *stewards*: taking care of the many gifts our Lord has entrusted to us, his servants.

This is an especially important question this year, as our numbers increase and the needs in our parish grow—each of us has an active part in the story Jesus is telling in our community. As the month begins, I invite everyone to begin a prayerful reflection on how the Lord might be calling you to be a steward. Then, each weekend of the month, we will highlight different ministries, opportunities, and needs within our parish, so that together we can be the "good stewards, whom the Master finds watching when he returns."

It is an honor and a joy to be walking this road with the people of St. Thomas parish, through the apostle's intercession and under our Lady's mantle.

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. Pick-up will be on Sunday, September 26, 2021 after all the Masses. Thank you for supporting the Hispanic Ministry.

### 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

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 next weekend in the diocese is scheduled on October 15-17, 2021, at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.

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 September, 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.

### 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!!

### 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 has been delayed until mid-late October".

### Catholic Charities Weekend 9/25-26

This weekend we are 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.

### 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](http://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.

### Welcome/Bienvenidos: New Parishioners

St. Thomas welcome, the following new parishioners': Oscar Carrillo Perez; Angel, Maria, Juan, Brandon, Jason, y Milena Ramos; Armando, Mayari, Meredith, & Nathan Muniz; Benjamin, Arpro, Ramon, Luis, Lizabeth, & Jonathan Zamora; Reynaldo, Catalina, Marifer, Abraham, Daniel, David, & Reynaldo Valencia; Dominic, Teresa, Vincent, Anthony, & Anne Ndinika; Susan Foster.

### 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).



## 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 prohíban, 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:

Ahora que el otoño está oficialmente aquí, ¡nuestro nuevo año programático es muy activo! También ha sido maravilloso ver a más y más personas presentes en la Misa cada fin de semana, especialmente en nuestra Misa en español. Todavía hay el desafío de la variante Delta, pero mientras aumentan las tasas de vacunación y disminuyen los casos, se puede ver a luz al final del túnel.

Este fin de semana es nuestro fin de semana de Caridades y Comunidades Católicas, que apoya a muchos de los ministerios de nuestra Diócesis. Si no recibió un correo o una carta de compromiso en la Misa, aún puede contribuir: <https://www.catholiccharitiesbhm.org>. Gracias por su generosidad.

Esta pregunta es especialmente importante este año, mientras nuestra comunidad y las necesidades en la parroquia crecen. Cada uno de nosotros tiene una parte activa en lo que el Señor está haciendo en nuestra comunidad. Al comienzo del mes, invito a todos a comenzar una reflexión en oración sobre cómo el Señor está llamándote a ser un buen administrador de su casa. Luego, cada fin de semana del mes, resaltaremos diferentes ministerios, oportunidades y necesidades dentro de nuestra parroquia, para que juntos podamos ser los "buenos siervos, a quienes el Maestro, al llegar, encuentra ocupado en su trabajo."

Es un honor y una alegría caminar con la gente de la parroquia Santo Tomás, por la intercesión del apóstol y bajo el manto de Nuestra Señora.

Dios los bendiga,  
P. Jantz

### LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

**Primera lectura:** ¿Estás celoso por mí? ¡Ojalá todo el pueblo del Señor fuera profeta! (Números 11, 25-29)

**Salmo:** Los preceptos del Señor alegran el corazón. (Salmo 19 8,10,12,13,14)

**Segunda lectura:** su riqueza se ha podrido. (Santiago 5 1-6)

**Evangelio—** El que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor. Si tu mano te hace pecar, córtatela. (Marcos 9 38-43,45,47-48)

### LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes Zacarías 8 1-8; Lucas 9 46-50

Martes Zacarías 8 20-23; Lucas 9 51-56 Miércoles Daniel 7 9-10,13-14; Juan 1 47-51

Jueves Nehemías 8 1-4a, 5-6,7b-12; Lucas 10 1-12

Viernes Baruc 1 15-22; Lucas 10 13-16 Sábado Isaías 66 10-14c; Mateo 18 1-4

Domingo Génesis 2 18-24; Hebreos 2 9-11; Marcos 10 2-16

### 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 9/26

Hoy es el día para recoger las ordenes de los tamales. Por favor pasen despues de misa 12:30 pm al comedor. Gracias por su cooperacion.

### 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 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 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.

### 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.

