



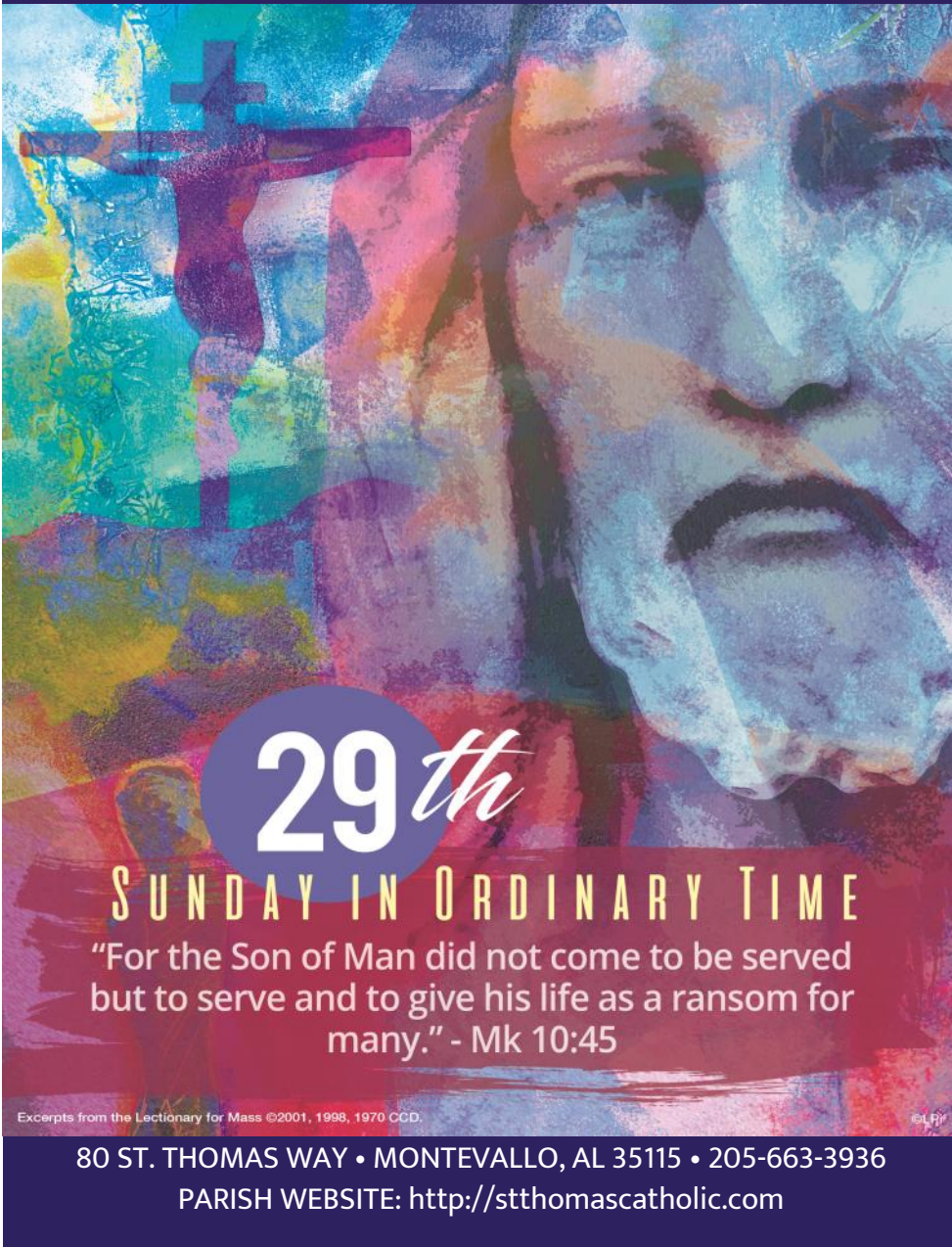
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME •



29th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:45

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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
 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 Oct. 16

5:30 PM Mass for Linda Eads, deceased

Sunday Oct. 17

8:00 AM Mass Intention of the Nava Family
 11:00 AM Mass for Tony Champagne, deceased
 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday Oct. 18

Tuesday Oct. 19

Wednesday Oct. 20

9:00 AM Mass for Claudette Dryder, deceased

Thursday Oct. 21

9:00 PM Mass Elie Richard, deceased

Friday Oct. 22

9:00 AM Mass for Patrick Smith, deceased

Saturday Oct. 23

5:30 PM Mass for Maureen Angelini, deceased

Sunday Oct. 24

8:00 AM Mass Intention of Lina Rodriguez
 11:00 AM Mass for Tony Champagne, deceased
 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life. (Isaiah 53:10-11)

Psalm—Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Psalm 33:4-5,18-19,20 & 22)

Second Reading— Let us confidently approach the throne of grace. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Gospel— The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:35-45)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
Tuesday: Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Sacristan Oct. 23rd & Oct. 24th

5:30pm ; 8:00am Jackie; 11:00am Mary Ann; 12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

Monthly Altar Flowers

Oct. 16th & Oct. 17th

In memory/honor of Katherine Heyer
 In memory/honor of Laura Ann Goggins

Oct. 23rd & Oct. 24th

In memory/honor of Maureen Angelini
 In memory/honor of Elizabeth Grace Evanko

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 Nov. 5th and 19th

		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Oct. 23rd	5:30 PM	Deacon Esther Zagar	Mary Keiser	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Sue Ellen Gerrells Mike Gerrells
Sunday Oct. 24th	8:00 AM	Deacon Christy Ash	Susan Phillips	Ana Audrey	Roland Burns Norma Russo Gerry Mason
	11:00 AM	Deacon Heather Sabo	Pat Shoop	Byron Sister	Lawrence Lane Marilyn Lane Casey Fondren
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

OCT. 17, 2021 TO OCT. 24, 2021

SUNDAY OCT. 17

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

MONDAY OCT. 18

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY OCT. 19

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY OCT. 20

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

THURSDAY OCT. 21

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY OCT. 22

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY OCT. 23

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.

Seminarian Fund

St. Thomas contributed \$1,373.00 to the Seminarian Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Collection of 10/10/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$13,587.00	\$4,087.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$6,931.25	\$68.75
Total	\$16,500.00	\$20,518.25	\$4,018.25

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$142,500.00	\$142,831.20	\$331.20
Building Fund	\$105,000.00	\$95,920.68	\$9,079.32
Total	\$247,500.00	\$238,751.88	\$8,748.12

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 a priest, one of my least favorite things to do is ask people for money. I always feel like doing it too much cheapens the things I really want to focus on: bringing people closer to Jesus' love, and helping grow the community I've been called to serve. Our following Jesus as Catholic Christians is so much bigger than just dollars and cents, and it always feels a bit gross to talk about money.

All that said, it looks like Jesus himself wasn't afraid to go there. Last week, we heard one of the most challenging passages in the whole Bible. He sets a really high bar for a young man who came to follow him: "go and sell all what you have, and give it to the poor" (Mark 10:21). It's a line that should make us pause and reflect on how serious we are about following Jesus—and I suspect most of us feel a bit uncomfortable when we think about it.

With that in mind, it's good for us to hear those words during our stewardship month. They come as a challenge for each of us as we consider our commitment to God—does that commitment include the entirety of our life, or only the parts that are convenient to give? It's uncomfortable to ask, and it's uncomfortable to consider, but we have the assurance that Jesus calls us to commit ourselves more deeply to him, so that we can experience his love more profoundly. As it says in the Gospel, "Jesus looked at him and loved him."

Thank you for your patience with us this month, as we continue the important task of making sure that our parish, our diocese, and the whole Church have the resources needed to continue our mission. Thank you for your continued good stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. And please continue to pray for the future of this parish and your important place in it, through the intercession of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and our patron, St. Thomas.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

October 16-17, 2021

Journey to the Synod Kickoff Weekend

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has convened a multi-year process focused on building up communion, participation, and mission across the whole Church.

That process begins this weekend in our diocese.

From Oct. 2021– Apr. 2022, our local Church will offer special opportunities for prayer, dialogue, and discernment to listen to the Holy Spirit and to all the People of God and to discover new opportunities for proclaiming the Gospel with joy

For more information, visit: Bhmdiocese.org/synod



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.

Our Lady of the Rosary 10/24

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Join St Thomas' Rosary Group Sunday October 24th in the main church following the 8 am Mass as we celebrate with Benediction and Exposition while we pray the Rosary. All are encouraged to pray with us in this beautiful tradition.

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 \$34,855.00. Thank you so much for generosity.

Stewardship Pledge Weekend 10/30th-31st

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Parish Financial Stewardship weekend on the weekend of October 30th and 31st. 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.

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 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!!

Seminary Live-In Weekend October 29-31, 2021

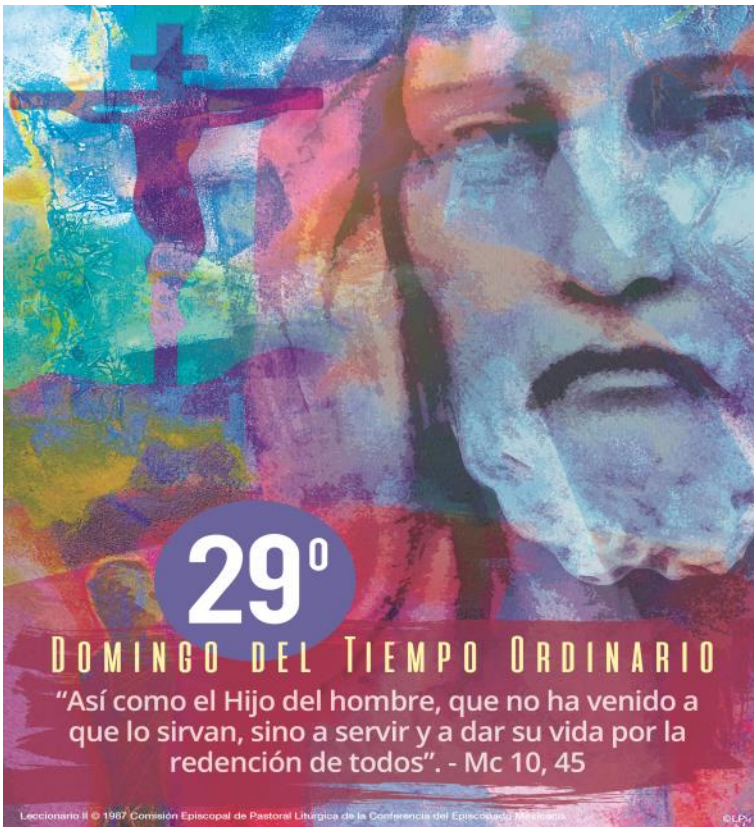
The Office of Vocations is sponsoring a Seminary Live-In Weekend October 29-31, 2021. Father Wyman Vinton, Director of Vocations, will accompany a group of men (18-45yrs) who are interested in experiencing what seminary life is like. If you would like to participate in this seminary visit, please contact Father Wyman at 205-838-2184 or vocations@bhmdiocese.org.

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.

Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Jorge Millan on the death of his mother Maura Josefa Suárez and Carl Roan on the death of his sister Wendy Green. May their souls and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



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DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Así como el Hijo del hombre, que no ha venido a que lo sirvan, sino a servir y a dar su vida por la redención de todos”. - Mc 10, 45

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Como sacerdote, una de las cosas que menos me gusta hacer es pedir dinero. Siempre siento que hacerlo demasiado abarata las cosas más importantes en la vida: ayudar a las personas a experimentar el amor de Jesús y ayudar al crecimiento de nuestra comunidad. Nuestro seguimiento de Jesús como cristianos católicos es mucho más que dólares, y siempre se siente un poco bruto hablar de dinero.

Dicho todo esto, parece que Jesús no tuvo miedo de hablar de dinero. La semana pasada, escuchamos uno de los pasajes más desafiantes de toda la Biblia. Él da un estándar muy alto para un joven rico que vino a seguirlo: “anda, cuanto tienes véndelo y dáselo a los pobres” (Marcos 10:21). Es una frase que nos hace reflexionar sobre nuestra seriedad en nuestro seguir a Jesús, y sospecho que la mayoría de nosotros nos sentimos un poco incómodos cuando pensamos en ello.

Con eso en mente, creo que es bueno para nosotros escuchar esas palabras durante nuestro mes de compromiso. Son un desafío para cada uno de nosotros al considerar nuestro compromiso con Dios. ¿Nuestra fidelidad a Él incluye la totalidad de nuestra vida o solo las partes que son convenientes? Es incómodo considerar, pero tenemos la seguridad de que Jesús nos llama a comprometernos más profundamente con Él, para que podamos experimentar su amor más profundamente. Como dice el Evangelio sobre el joven rico, “Jesús lo miró y lo amó.”

Gracias por su paciencia con nosotros este mes, mientras continuamos asegurarnos de los recursos necesarios para la futura misión de nuestra parroquia, nuestra diócesis y toda la Iglesia. Gracias por el tiempo, talento y tesoro que comparten con nosotros. Y continuemos orando por el futuro de nuestra parroquia y su importante lugar en ella, a través de la intercesión de María, Siempre Virgen, y nuestro patrón, Santo Tomás.

Dios los bendiga,

P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

PRIMERA LECTURA: Si da su vida como ofrenda por el pecado, verá a sus descendientes en una larga vida. (Isaías 53 10-11)

SALMO: Señor, que tu misericordia sea con nosotros, mientras ponemos nuestra confianza en ti. (Salmo 33 4-5,18-19,20 22)

Segunda lectura: Acerquémonos confiadamente al trono de la gracia. (Hebreos 4 14-16)

Evangelio— El Hijo del Hombre vino a dar su vida en rescate por muchos. (Marcos 10 35-45)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	II Timoteo 4 10-17b; Lucas 10 1-9
Martes	Romanos 5 12,15b, 17-19,20b-21; Lucas 12 35-38
Miércoles	Romanos 6 12-18; Lucas 12 39-48
Jueves	Romanos 6 19-23; Lucas 12 49-53
Viernes	Romanos 7 18-25a; Lucas 12 54-59
Sábado	Romanos 8 1-11; Lucas 13 1-9
Domingo	Jeremías 31 7-9; Hebreos 5 1-6; Marcos 10 46-52

Clases de Bautismo 11/8

Las clases de bautismo son el 8 de Noviembre. 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.

Nuestra Señora del Rosario

Octubre es el mes de Nuestra Señora del Rosario. Únase al Grupo del Rosario de Santo Tomás el domingo 24 de octubre en la iglesia principal después de la Misa de las 8 am mientras celebramos con Bendición y Exposición mientras rezamos el Rosario. Se anima a todos a rezar con nosotros en esta hermosa tradición.

Fin de semana de Caridades Católicas

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 \$ 34,855.00. Por favor 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.

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 Martinez al 205-369-5074

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.

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

Preparaciones Matrimoniales

Gabriel y Edith Sanches al 205-299-9826.

Una Reunión para los Padres 10/17

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

Nuestra Señora del Rosario 10/24

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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.

