



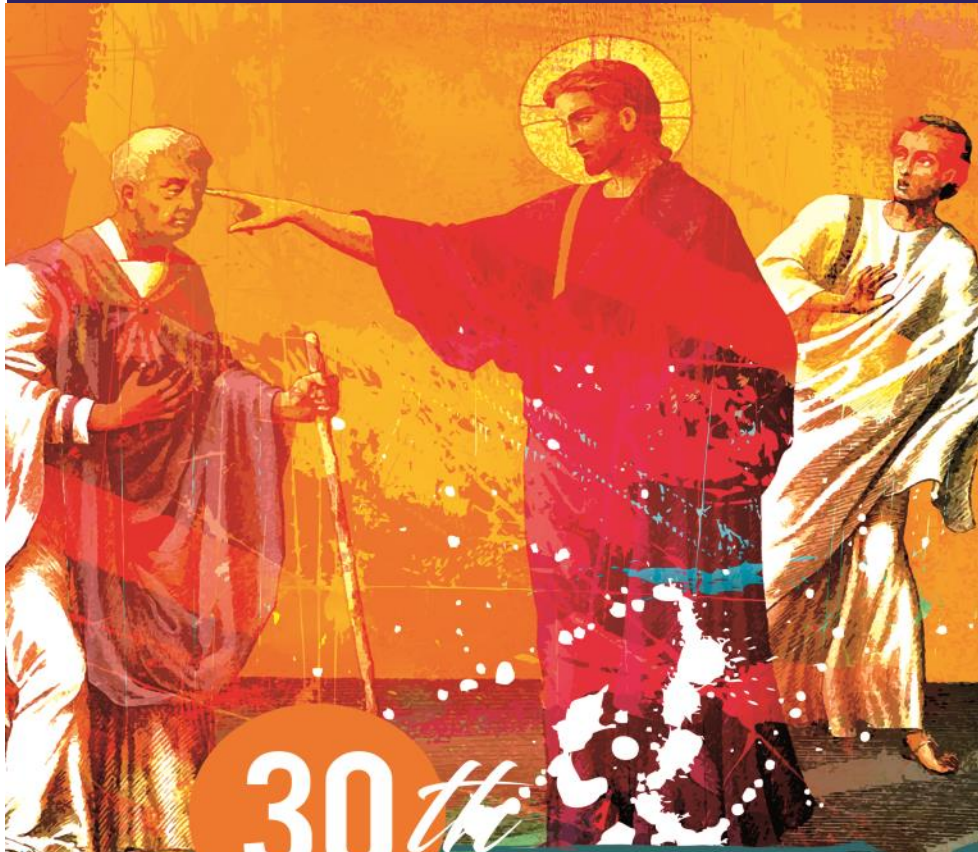
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021 THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME •



30th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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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.

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PARISH WEBSITE: <http://stthomascatholic.com>

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday Oct. 25

Tuesday Oct. 26

Wednesday Oct. 27

9:00 AM Mass Intention of JoAnn Simonetti

Thursday Oct. 28

9:00 PM Mass Ida Ruth Lane, deceased

Friday Oct. 29

9:00 AM Mass for Debbie Little Roan, deceased

Saturday Oct. 30

5:30 PM Mass for Carroll Schmidt, deceased

Sunday Oct. 31

8:00 AM Mass Lina Rodriguez
 11:00 AM Mass for Jose Chavez, deceased
 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— The blind and the lame I will bring back: I will console them. (Jeremiah 31:7-9)

Psalm—The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,6)

Second Reading— You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:1-6)

Gospel— Master, I want to see. (Mark 10:46-52)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30

Thursday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

Friday: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6

Saturday: Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29; Luke 14:1,7-11

Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

Sacristan Oct. 30th & Oct. 31st

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

Monthly Altar Flowers

Oct. 23rd & Oct. 24th

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

Oct. 30th & Oct. 31st

In memory/honor of Clarence Chism
 In memory/honor of Carroll E. Schmidt

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

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Oct. 30th	5:30 PM	Deacon Ed Angelini	Beth Taylor	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Pat Taylor David Higdon Ron Hoff
Sunday Oct. 31st	8:00 AM	Deacon Gloria Quibadieu	Jon Thompson	Jackson Lilly	Jim DeWilds Marty Spellicy Shannon Delcambre
	11:00 AM	Deacon Pat Shoop	Angel Coyle	Peyton Atticus	Michael Fisher Leland Wallace Wayne Perrin
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

OCT. 24, 2021 TO OCT. 31, 2021

SUNDAY OCT. 24

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

MONDAY OCT. 25

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY OCT. 26

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY OCT. 27

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

THURSDAY OCT. 28

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY OCT. 29

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY OCT. 30

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.

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Adrian L. Cook
 alcook46@outlook.com

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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 10/17/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$5,823.00	\$3,677.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$5,144.00	\$1,856.00
Total	\$16,500.00	\$10,967.00	\$5,533.00

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$152,000.00	\$148,654.20	\$3,345.80
Building Fund	\$112,000.00	\$101,064.68	\$10,935.32
Total	\$264,000.00	\$249,718.88	\$14,281.12

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,

We often speak about Jesus' suffering on the Cross as a sacrifice for sin, but have you ever thought about it as an offering? Our second reading this week (Hebrews 5:1-6) gives us this thought, and I think it's a good one as we continue our Stewardship Month. Let me explain.

When we say "offering," we mean a gift given to God. In the Old Testament, this was very literal, because the animal sacrifices would be burned (in part) as a fragrant aroma before the Lord. Jesus' death on the Cross involved him giving the gift of his body and his life, in obedience to the Father's will—a fulfillment of the literal offerings of the Old Testament. For Christians, giving a gift to God involves freely ourselves to his service. This is part of our calling as followers of Jesus, as we imitate him in offering everything to the

Father, in thanksgiving for what he did for us.

Our bulletin this week contains a summary of all of our offerings of treasure over this past year (it was also part of the stewardship mail-out to parishioners this past week). Thank you so much for your generosity during such a hard year. As you can see, the parish has been using those offerings in the Lord's service in many different ways. Thank you also for generously preparing to offer a renewed commitment at Mass next week-end.

Over the next week, I invite you to continue joining me in praying about what the Lord is calling us to offer him over the coming year. Through the intercession of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and our patron, St. Thomas, may the Lord pour out his blessings upon us abundantly.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Holy Land Gifts – 11/6-7

Holy Land Gifts, represented by the Rashmawi family from the Catholic Church in Bethlehem, will be visiting our Parish the weekend of November 6/7 to sell olive wood gifts in support of Christians in the Holy Land. Their traditional crafts are made in home workshops by Catholic families in the Holy Land. With the hostilities worsening in and a lack of pilgrims, the traditional workshops are in a dire situation, with unemployment around 90%. The Catholics of the Holy Land graciously ask your support through prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales will support the 600 Catholic Families in Bethlehem.

Cursillo Grand Ultreya 11/6

The annual Grand Ultreya will be held on Saturday, November 6th, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL. The event will start at 9:00 AM in the large meeting room across from the gift shop in "the Castle". All are invited to attend this inspirational event, including friends and family. Please call Bill or Debbie Drescher if you have any questions at 205-664-2066.

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.

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 Training scheduled for October 31st

Altar server training has been scheduled at St Thomas for all current and new altar servers, and for those children that are interested in serving this very important ministry. Training will be held on Sunday, October 24th from 930am to 1045am. All servers and those that want to attend the training to become altar servers will be excused from faith formation classes on the 31st. Please see Deacon David for more information.

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 \$36,560.00. 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

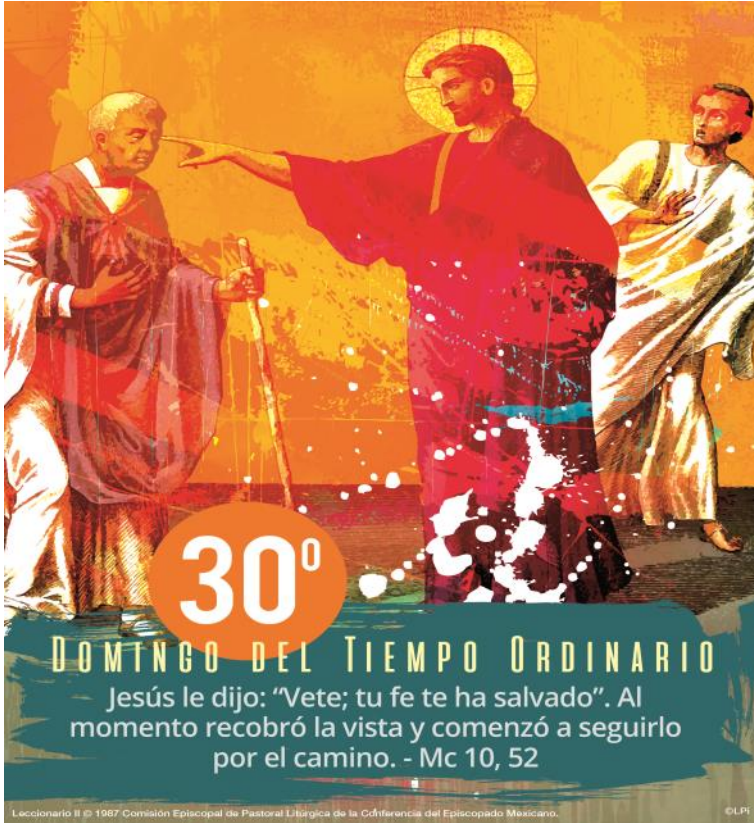
The Office of Vocations is sponsoring a Seminary Live-In Weekend October 29-31, 2021. Father Wyman Vintson, Director of Vocations, will accompany a group of men (18-45yrs) who are interested in experiencing what seminary life is like. If you would like to participate in this seminary visit, please contact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

Blood Drive 11/7

St. Thomas will be having a blood drive on Nov. 7th at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The blood drive bus will be park out in front of the parish hall parking lot. All are welcome to come save a life so donate some blood.

Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Bill Drescher on the death of his brother John Drescher. May his soul and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

A menudo hablamos del sufrimiento de Jesús en la Cruz como un sacrificio por el pecado, pero ¿alguna vez lo has pensado como una ofrenda? Nuestra segunda lectura de esta semana (Hebreos 5: 1-6) nos da esta idea, y creo que nos da un pensamiento importante durante nuestro Mes de Compromiso. Permítanme explicar.

Con la palabra “ofrenda,” nos referimos a un regalo dado a Dios. En el Antiguo Testamento, esto era muy literal, porque los sacrificios de animales se quemaban (en parte) como un aroma fragante ante el Señor. En su muerte en la Cruz, Jesús dio el regalo de su cuerpo y su vida, en obediencia a la voluntad del Padre, que cumplió las ofrendas literales del Antiguo Testamento. Para los cristianos, imitamos a Jesús dando al servicio de Dios, en acción de gracias por lo que hizo por nosotros.

Nuestro boletín de esta semana contiene un sumario de todas nuestras ofrendas de tesoro durante el año pasado (también fue parte del correo a los feligreses la semana pasada). Muchas gracias por su generosidad durante un año tan difícil. Como se puede ver, la parroquia ha usado esas ofrendas en el servicio del Señor de muchas formas diferentes. Gracias también por prepararse generosamente para ofrecer un compromiso renovado en la Misa el próximo fin de semana.

Durante la próxima semana, los invito a que continúen uniéndose a mí para orar acerca de nuestra ofrenda al Señor para el próximo año.

A través de la intercesión de la Santísima María, Siempre Virgen, y nuestro patrón, Santo Tomás, que el Señor derrame abundantemente sobre nosotros sus bendiciones.

Dios los bendiga,
P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Los ciegos y los cojos traeré de vuelta. Los consolaré. (Jeremías 31 7-9)

Salmo: El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros; estamos llenos de alegría. (Salmo 126 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,6)

Segunda lectura: Eres sacerdote para siempre según el orden de Melquisedec. (Hebreos 5 1-6)

Evangelio: Maestro, quiero ver. (Marcos 10 46-52)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Romanos 8 12-17; Lucas 13 10-17
Martes	Romanos 8 18-25; Lucas 13 18-21
Miércoles	Romanos 8 26-30; Lucas 13 22-30
Jueves	Efesios 2 19-22; Lucas 6 12-16
Viernes	Romanos 9 1-5; Lucas 14 1-6
Sábado	Romanos 11 1-2a, 11-12,25-29; Lucas 14 1,7-11
Domingo	Deuteronomio 6 2-6; Hebreos 7 23-28; Marcos 12 28b-34

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.

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 \$ 36,560.00. 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 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 Martinez al 205-369-5074

Desfile de Navidad 12/2

Santo Tomás participará una vez más en el Desfile de Navidad de Montevallo el jueves 2 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm. Si alguien está interesado en ser parte de nuestra carroza, llame a la oficina al 205-663-3936. Nuestra carroza será María montada en un burro y José tirando y caminando a su lado. Necesitaremos que los niños se vistan como ovejas, pastores y ángeles. También estamos buscando un instructor para enseñar la danza del desfile y el 12 de diciembre de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

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

Preparaciones Matrimoniales

Gabriel y Edith Sanches al 205-299-9826.

Nuestra Señora del Rosario 10/24

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.

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.

