



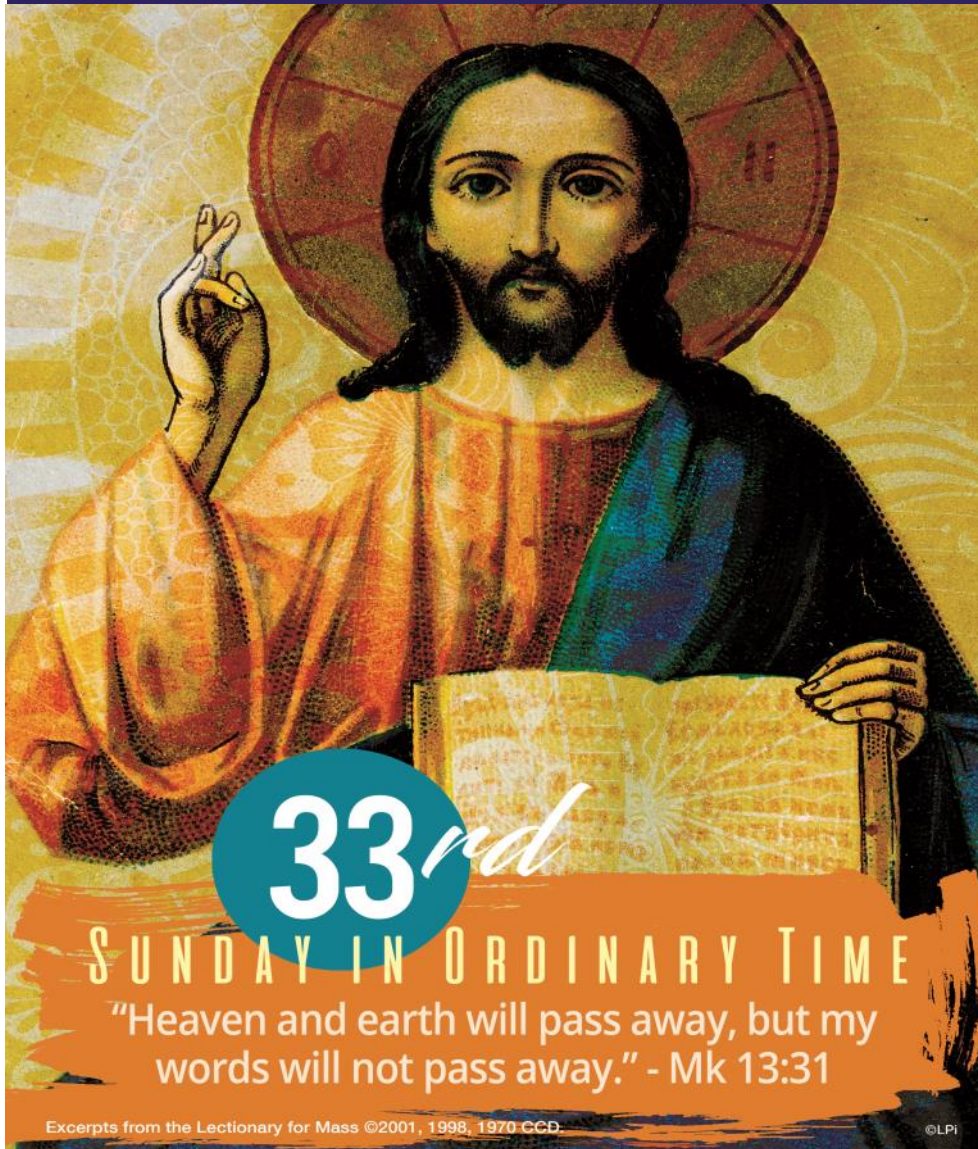
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME •



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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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.

80 ST. THOMAS WAY • MONTEVALLO, AL 35115 • 205-663-3936

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Nov. 13

5:30 PM Mass for Joe Miranda, deceased

Sunday Nov. 14

8:00 AM Mass for James & Elizabeth Horne, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Rosa Maria Peña, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday Nov. 15

Tuesday Nov. 16

Wednesday Nov. 17

9:00 AM Mass for Walter Jitner, deceased

Thursday Nov. 18

9:00 PM Mass for Mary Thornton, deceased

Friday Nov. 19

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Rivera de Leon

Saturday Nov. 20

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Jimmy Seiro

Sunday Nov. 21

8:00 AM Mass for Domingo & Maria Semidey, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Ida Ruth Lane, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

Nov. 13th & Nov. 14th

In memory/honor of Joseph & Regina Walczak

In memory/honor of Philip & Loretta Cenzano

Nov. 20th & Nov. 21st

In memory/honor of Domingo & Maria Semidey

In memory/honor of

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— At that time your people shall escape. (Daniel 12:1-3)

Psalm— You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16:5,8,9-10,11)

Second Reading— By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Hebrews 10:11-14,18)

Gospel— He will gather his elect from the four winds. (Mark 13:24-32)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: II Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: II Maccabees 7:20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: I Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Friday: I Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: I Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sunday: Daniel 7:13-14; II Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Sacristan Nov. 20th & Nov. 21st

5:30pm Need a Sub; 8:00am Gloria Q.;
11:00am Mary Ann Little; 12:30 PM Rivera

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. 19th

		EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday Nov. 20th	5:30 PM	Deacon Alan Cannon	Beth Taylor	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Mike Gerrells David Higdon
Sunday Nov. 21st	8:00 AM	Deacon Lucy Mallery	Ann Mason	Jackson Lilly	Roland Burns Norma Russo Gerry Mason
	11:00 AM	Deacon Leland Wallace	Leland Wallace	Brooke Wes	Doug Trospier Joe Vacarella Zach Cruce
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

NOV. 14, 2021 TO NOV. 21, 2021

SUNDAY NOV. 14

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

MONDAY NOV. 15

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY NOV. 16

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY NOV. 17

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 5:30PM Catholic College
 Ministry Mass/team#6

THURSDAY NOV. 18

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY NOV. 19

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

SATURDAY NOV. 20

Adoration end at end
 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.

World Mission

Thank you for your generosity. St. Thomas contributed \$793.00 to the World Mission Annual Appeal.

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 11/7/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$6,515.87	\$2,984.13
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$8,389.00	\$1,389.00
Total	\$16,500.00	\$14,904.87	1,595.13

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$180,500.00	\$174,422.97	\$6,077.03
Building Fund	\$133,000.00	\$124,938.68	\$8,061.32
Total	\$313,500.00	\$299,361.65	\$14,138.35

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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about being able to read the signs of the times: the hints that we gather from the world around us about "the big picture." Even in earthly matters, we see the leaves turn orange and red, and we know winter is coming. The same is true on a spiritual level: when we look around and see what God is doing, we're called to act accordingly.

One of the signs of our own times is the shake-up that's come with the pandemic. I think 2021 has been a time when people have decided what's important to go back to, and what's not important in their lives. It's great to see that so many people have decided that the Catholic Church is something important in their lives, as our increasing Mass numbers show, and I pray that we'll see everyone back soon.

But as we know very well, our parish is more than just a group of Catholics who happen to go to Mass in the same place. We're a community of disciples, a family, that has received a mission from the Lord to be his witnesses in the Montevallo area. With activities getting more and more back to normal, that means one of the signs of our times are some literal signs that you'll see after Mass this Sunday—ways that you can become more involved in our shared mission, even if you've been away for a while or are new to the area.

After each of our Sunday Masses, there will be a ministry sign-up in the vestibule, with representatives from key parish ministries. To be who we're called to be, we need your help! Please be open to the Lord's call. And if nothing jumps out at you on Sunday, we've included a list of parish ministries with this weekend's bulletin, for your prayerful consideration. With the guidance of our Blessed Mother and our patron St. Thomas, let's be sure to answer these signs of the times.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Christmas Parade 12/2

St. Thomas will once again be participating in the Montevallo Christmas Parade on Thursday Dec. 2nd at 6:00pm. Our float will be Mary riding a donkey and Joseph pulling and walking beside them. We will need kids dress as sheep, shepherds, and angels. If you are interested in participating please call the office at 205-663-3936.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~ *Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II*

Book Remembering the Deceased

There will be a Book Remembering the Deceased in the gathering area for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones for remembrance at the Masses during November. This book will be placed on the altar for the month of November.

Candle Lighting for Advent

St. Thomas will light the candles of the Advent Wreath as part of the Entrance Procession each week. We invite families or groups of individuals to sign up in the Gathering Area for this ministry.

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.

Altar Flowers 2021

St. Thomas has a sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one 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.

Thank you St. Thomas

Thank you all to those who donated blood on Nov. 7.

Ministry Fair 11/14-21

On November 14th and 21st, St. Thomas will have a Ministry Fair to seek volunteers for various Ministries. We need lecturers, eucharistic ministers, cantors and sacristans. Other Ministries may participate, too. Please, consider a volunteer position.

Fun with Santa 12/4

We are excited to start having group activities again. "Fun with Santa" will be celebrated Saturday, December 4th from 2pm to 4pm in the Parish Hall. We invite all to come and meet Santa. There will be crafts and prizes too. Come have fun with Santa!

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.

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 \$38,845.00. Thank you so much for generosity.

Parish Stewardship Pledge Thank you

Thank you to all the parishioners who have returned their pledge cards for the coming year. St. Thomas is grateful for your generosity. If you have not yet returned your pledged card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thus far we have raised \$198,594.00 for offertory and \$137,858.00 for the building fund.

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.

Angel Tree

After missing a year because of Covid-19, the Angel Tree is returning to St. Thomas the Apostle this year, we can't do it without some help from you. Former chairs of the Social Concerns committee, Mike and Phyllis Haught, have moved off to South Alabama, taking their computer and accounting skills with them. We have helped them for the last several years, but we need some serious volunteers now! If you are interested in helping with the Christmas Angel Tree, please email Nancy Wilstach (nkwilstach@aol.com) or Bill Plott (wjplott@aol.com). We need everyone willing to pitch in and help, especially those of you who helped in years past. We very much need computer nerds and Excel geeks. This is really important to light up the smiles of a lot of children in Bibb and Shelby counties who, otherwise, might not have a merry Christmas.

Thanksgiving Day Mass 11/24

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Mass at 10:00am on Thanksgiving Day. Please join us in offering thanks to God for his many blessings.

Thanksgiving Day Bread Blessing 11/24

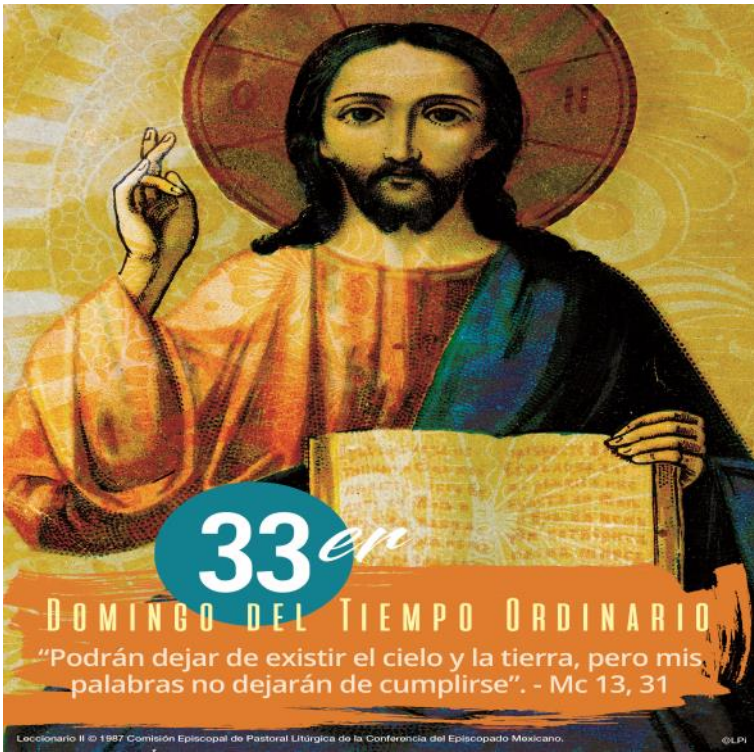
St. Thomas Parish will continue the tradition of blessing the bread to be used for the Thanksgiving meal at the end of the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Please bring the bread that you wish to be blessed to church that day.

K of C Pancake Breakfast 12/5

The Knights of Columbus will resume the Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of every month beginning December 5th. Breakfast will be served from 8AM to 10AM, and will consist of pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs. Juice and coffee are also included with unlimited refills.

Welcome/Bienvenidos: New Parishioners

St. Thomas welcome, the following new parishioners': Jerry & Penny Clay; Jose, Leticia, & Josue Garcia; Cristian, Iris, & Maria Alvarenga; Christopher & Kelli Morrow; Viridiana, America, & Camila Ayala; David, Leticia, Donna, Bryant, & Derick Smith; Michael, Jill, Steele, & Abram Smith; Jaime, Marcela, Isel, Elian, & Neymar Garcia; Carlos, Alma, Victoria, & Yanuel Pestaña;



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús habla de leer los signos de los tiempos: las pistas que vemos en el mundo que nos rodea sobre “el panorama general.” En las cosas terrenales, vemos que las hojas se vuelven anaranjadas y rojas, y sabemos que se acerca el invierno. Lo mismo ocurre al nivel espiritual: cuando miramos y vemos lo que Dios está haciendo, estamos llamados a trabajar con Él.

Uno de los signos de nuestro propio tiempo son los cambios que vienen con la pandemia. Creo que 2021 ha sido un momento de decisión sobre qué es importante y qué no es importante en la vida. Es impresionante ver que tanta gente ha decidido que la Iglesia Católica es muy importante en sus vidas, como lo muestra el crecimiento en las personas a nuestras Misas de domingo. El crecimiento en nuestra comunidad hispánica ha sido especialmente impresionante, y estoy muy feliz de ver cuántas personas han enriquecido nuestra parroquia con su presencia.

Pero como bien sabemos, nuestra parroquia es más que un grupo de católicos que van a Misa en el mismo lugar. Somos una comunidad de discípulos, una familia, que ha recibido una misión del Señor de ser sus testigos en la área de Montevallo. Para cumplir esa misión, el Señor necesita tu ayuda: tus manos, tus habilidades, tu talento. Todo lo que puedas hacer, por pequeño que sea, hará una diferencia. Si actualmente no estás involucrado en un ministerio, te invito a hablar con los líderes de la parroquia después de la Misa, sobre cómo puedes darnos el don de su servicio.

Oro para que nuestra comunidad esté abierta al llamado del Señor. Y si nada te llama la atención el domingo, hemos incluido una lista de ministerios parroquiales con el boletín de este fin de semana, para su consideración en oración. Con la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre y nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, aseguremonos de responder a los signos de los tiempos que el Señor ha puesto en medio de nosotros.

Dios los bendiga,
P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: La viuda hizo un pequeño pastel con su harina y se lo dio a Elías. (1 Reyes 17 10-16)

Salmo: ¡Alabado sea el Señor, alma mía! (Salmo 146 7,8-9,9-10)

Segunda lectura: Cristo fue ofrecido una vez para quitar los pecados de muchos. (Hebreos 9 24-28)

Evangelio— Esta pobre viuda aportó más que todas las demás. (Marcos 12 38-44)

EVANGELIO: LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Apocalipsis 7 2-4,9-14; I Juan 3 1-3; Mateo 5 1-12a
Martes	Sabiduría 3 1-9; Romanos 6 3-9; Juan 6 37-4
Miércoles	Romanos 13 8-10; Lucas 14 25-33
Jueves	Romanos 14 7-12; Lucas 15 1-10
Viernes	Romanos 15 14-21; Lucas 16 1-8
Sábado	Romanos 16 3-9,16,22-27; Lucas 16 9-15
Domingo	I Reyes 17 10-16; Hebreos 9 24-28; San Marcos 12 38-4

Compromiso de corresponsabilidad parroquial Gracias

Gracias a todos los feligreses que han devuelto sus tarjetas de compromiso para el próximo año. Santo Tomás está agradecido por su generosidad. Si aún no ha devuelto su tarjeta prometida, hágalo lo antes posible. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$ 131,018.00 para el ofertorio y \$ 87,642.00 para el fondo de construcción.

Árbol de los Angeles

Después de perderse un año debido al Covid-19, el árbol de regalos regresará a Santo Tomás este año, pero no puede hacerlo sin tu ayuda. Los hemos ayudado durante los últimos años, ¡pero ahora necesitamos algunos voluntarios serios! Si está interesado en ayudar con el árbol de regalos de ángeles de Navidad, envíe un correo electrónico a Nancy Wilstach (nkwilstach@aol.com) o Bill Plott (wjplott@aol.com). Necesitamos voluntarios que estén dispuestos a colaborar y ayudar, especialmente aquellos de ustedes que ayudaron en años anteriores. Necesitamos nerds informáticos y frikis de Excel. Esto es realmente importante para dar sonrisas a muchos niños en Bibb y Shelby que, podrían no tener una feliz Navidad.

Misa de Día de Acción de Gracias 11/24

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás celebrará Misa a las 10:00am del Día de Acción de Gracias. Por favor, únense a nosotros para dar gracias a Dios por sus muchas bendiciones.

Bendición del pan 11/24

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás continuará la tradición de bendecir el pan que se utilizará para la comida de Acción de Gracia.

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 vistieran como ovejas, pastores y ángeles.

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.

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.

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.

