



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE •



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King of the Universe

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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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 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 Celebrant's Intention

12:30 PM Misa Intención del celebrante

Monday Nov. 22

Tuesday Nov. 23

Wednesday Nov. 24

9:00 AM Mass Intention of JoAnn Simonetti

Thursday Nov. 25

10:00 PM Mass Intention of Rivera de Leon

Friday Nov. 26

9:00 AM Mass for Joe Miranda, deceased

Saturday Nov. 27

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Kristen Ladner

Sunday Nov. 28

8:00 AM Mass for Paul Hester, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Ida Ruth Lane, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

Nov. 20th & Nov. 21st

In memory/honor of Domingo & Maria Semidey

In memory/honor of

Nov. 27th & Nov. 28th

In memory/honor of James & Elizabeth Horne

In memory/honor of

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— His dominion is an everlasting dominion. (Daniel 7:13-14)

Psalm— The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Psalm 93:1,1-2,5)

Second Reading— The ruler of the kings of the earth has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father. (Revelation 1:5-8)

Gospel— You say I am a king. (John 18:33b-37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28

Friday: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16; I Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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 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 John Paul II

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 Dec. 3rd & Dec. 17th



		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTAN
Saturday Nov. 27th	5:30 PM	Deacon Carol Angelini	Alan Cannon	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Pat Taylor Bill Drescher Ron Hoff	Cathy B.
Sunday Nov. 28th	8:00 AM	Deacon Teresa Navarro	Susan Phillips	Jackson Lilly	Jim DeWilds Marty Spellicy Shannon Delcambre	Bruno N.
	11:00 AM	Deacon Mary Lowery	Jon Thompson	Byron Nicole	Mike Shoop Lawrence Lane Marilyn Lane	Jena E.
	12:30 PM Spanish		Rosa Angel		Heron Patrick	Rivera/Roan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

NOV. 21, 2021 TO NOV. 28, 2021

SUNDAY NOV. 21

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

MONDAY NOV. 22

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY NOV. 23

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY NOV. 24

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 5:30PM No Catholic College
 Ministry Mass

THURSDAY NOV. 25

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE CLOSED
 HAPPY THANKING

FRIDAY NOV. 26

8:30am-12:30pm OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY NOV. 27

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.

Coffee & Donuts 12/12

The coffee & donuts will start up again on Sunday, Dec. 12 during Faith formation in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Pastoral Staff

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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 11/14/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$15,906.00	\$6,406.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$12,892.35	\$5,892.35
Total	\$16,500.00	\$28,798.35	\$12,298.35

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$190,000.00	\$190,328.97	\$328.97
Building Fund	\$140,000.00	\$137,831.03	\$2,168.97
Total	\$330,000.00	\$328,160.00	\$1,840.00

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,

This week, we arrive at the end of the liturgical year, with our celebration of Jesus Christ's kingship over all things. We come to this great feast with gratitude in our hearts for the Lord's protection and many blessings over the past year, and we entrust to him everything that is to come: "his dominion is an everlasting dominion."

In that same spirit of gratitude, we also celebrate Thanksgiving this week—another important opportunity to look back and see God's gracious hand in our lives. For myself, I'm especially grateful for these past months of getting to know the St. Thomas parish family. What a gift from the Lord that this community is! I'm grateful for the road we've already walked together, and I look forward to the journey to come.

For those who are able to do so, we invite you to our parish celebration of Thanksgiving this Thursday at 10am. The Mass will include the parish's tradition of blessing the bread for the Thanksgiving meal. What better way to celebrate than by joining with our parish family!

For those looking for some words for a blessing at the Thanksgiving meal, I would offer the words based on the reading from Sirach at the Thanksgiving Mass: "Bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth, who has nourished us from our mother's womb and fashioned us according to his will. May he grant us joy of heart, and may joy abide among us; may his goodness toward us endure forever." Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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.

Book of Remembrance

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 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.

Thank you St. Thomas

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

Ministry Fair 11/21

On November 21st, St. Thomas will have a Ministry Fair to seek volunteers for various Ministries. We need lectors, 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.

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 \$209,182.00 for offertory and \$141,266.00 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

St. Thomas Angel Tree event began the weekend of Nov. 13/14. Our Social Concern's Ministry has chosen to support several families supported by Shelby Emergency Assistance of Montevallo and a number of Foster Children supported by the Bibb County DHR. We are a little late starting but with your help we would need the gifts wrapped and return the weekend of Dec. 4th and 5th. The gifts are due to each location on Dec. 11th.

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/12

In celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on 12 December, St. Thomas Parish will be hosting several special events. First, there will be a Rosary in the church on Saturday night beginning at midnight with Mariachi Rio Verde, with a reception afterwards including coffee, hot chocolate, and sweet bread in the parish hall. Next, on Sunday, 12 December, we will have Mass in Spanish at 12:30pm, followed by a procession, a Rosary, and traditional dancers. There will be a reception in the Parish hall afterwards. All are welcome to come.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Esta semana llegamos al final del año litúrgico, con nuestra celebración de Jesucristo, el Rey del Universo. Venimos a esta gran fiesta con gratitud en nuestro corazón por la protección del Señor y muchas bendiciones durante el año pasado, y le confiamos todo lo que está por venir: “su poder nunca se acabará, porque es un poder eterno.”

Con el mismo espíritu de gratitud, también celebramos el Día de Acción de Gracias esta semana, otra oportunidad importante para mirar atrás y ver la mano de gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas. Estoy especialmente agradecido por estos últimos meses de conocer a la familia de la parroquia de St. Thomas. ¡Qué regalo del Señor es esta comunidad! Estoy agradecido por el camino que ya hemos recorrido juntos y espero el camino futuro.

Para aquellos que puedan venir, los invitamos a nuestra celebración parroquial del Día de Acción de Gracias este jueves a las 10 de mañana. La Misa incluirá la tradición parroquial de bendecir el pan para la comida de Acción de Gracias.

Para aquellos que buscan algunas palabras para una bendición de la comida de la celebración, les ofrezco unas palabras basadas en la lectura de Sirac en la Misa de Acción de Gracias: “Bendigan al Señor, Dios del universo, porque ha hecho maravillas en toda la tierra. Él nos dio la vida desde el seno materno y nos ha tratado con misericordia. Que el Señor nos conceda un corazón alegre, que él haga reinar su paz entre nosotros. Que el Señor nos haga confiar en su misericordia, pues él nos salvará en nuestros días.” Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amen!

Dios los bendiga,
P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Su dominio es un dominio eterno. (Daniel 7 13-14)

Salmo— El Señor es rey; está vestido de majestad. (Salmo 93 1,1-2,5)

Segunda lectura: El gobernante de los reyes de la tierra nos ha hecho un reino, sacerdotes para su Dios y Padre. (Apocalipsis 1 5-8)

Evangelio: dices que soy un rey. (Juan 18 33b-37)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Daniel 1 1-6,8-20; Lucas 21 1-4
Martes	Daniel 2 31-45; Lucas 21 5-11
Miércoles	Daniel 5 1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lucas 21 12-19
Jueves	Daniel 6 12-28; Lucas 21 20-28
Viernes	Daniel 7 2-14; Lucas 21 29-33
Sábado	Daniel 7 15-27; Lucas 21 34-36
Domingo	Jeremías 33 14-16; I Tesalonicenses 3 12—4 2; Lucas 21 25-28,34-36

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

El evento de Santo Tomás Arbol de los Angeles ha comenzado el fin de semana del 13/14 de Noviembre. Nuestro Ministerio de Preocupación Social ha optado por apoyar a varias familias apoyadas por Shelby Emergency Assistance de Montevallo y varios niños de crianza que reciben apoyo del DHR del condado de Bibb. Empezamos tarde, pero con su ayuda necesitaríamos envolver los regalos y devolverlos el fin de semana del 4 y 5 de Diciembre. Los obsequios deben entregarse en cada lugar el 11 de Diciembre.

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 Gracias.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 12/12

Santo Tomás celebrará a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de Diciembre. Habrá un Rosario de medianoche el 12 de Diciembre en la iglesia con Mariachi Rio Verde después habrá café, chocolate caliente y pan dulce en el salón parroquial. Por la tarde tendremos la primera misa a las 12 30h la procesión con el Rosario y los bailarines de danza. Habrá una recepción en el salón parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos.

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.

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.

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.

