



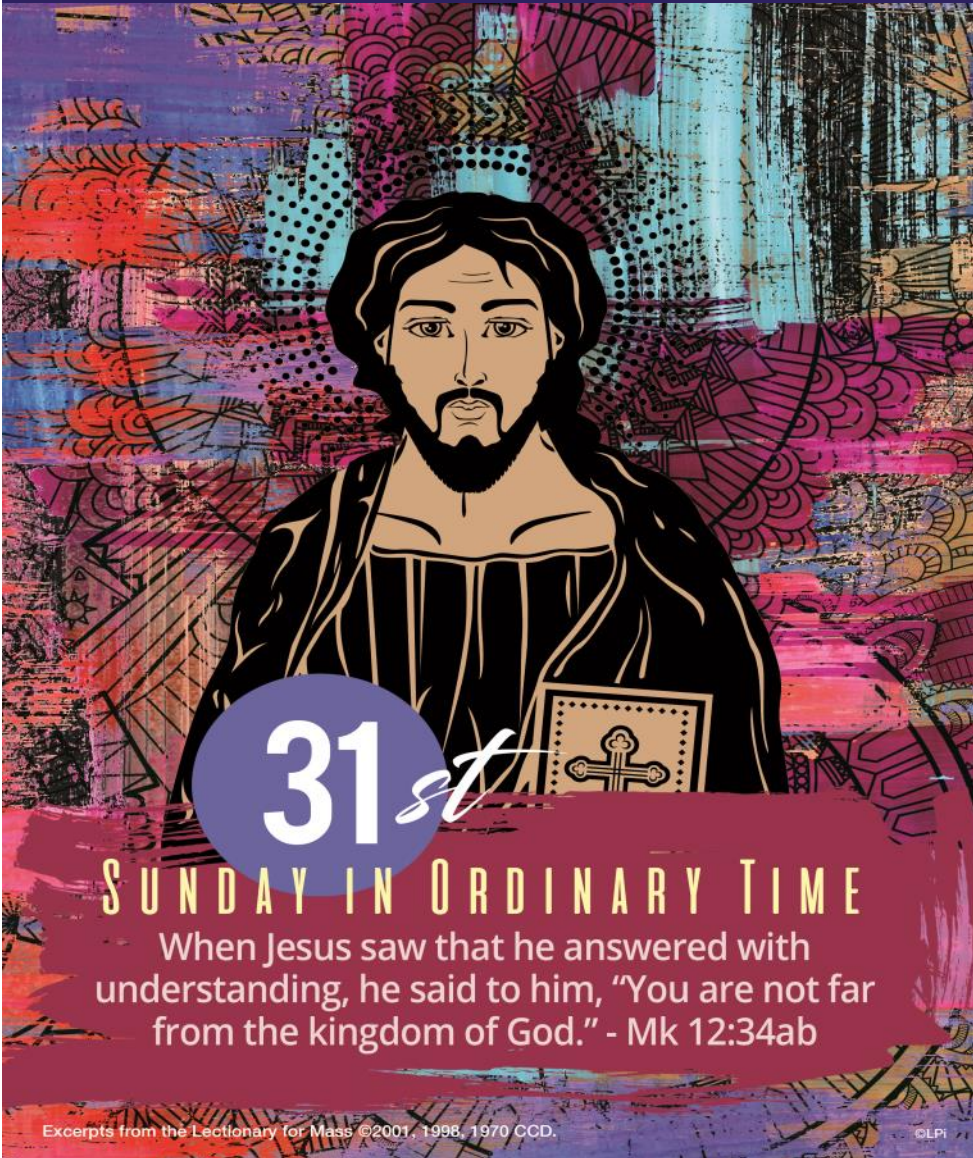
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME •



31st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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 Oct. 30

5:30 PM Mass for Carroll Schmidt, deceased

Sunday Oct. 31

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

Monday Nov. 1

All Souls
 9:00AM Mass for Estela & Jose Barber, deceased
 7:00PM Mass for

Tuesday Nov. 2

Wednesday Nov. 3

9:00 AM Mass for Gerardo Esquivel, deceased

Thursday Nov. 4

9:00 PM Mass Intention of Lina Rodriguez

Friday Nov. 5

9:00 AM Mass for Rosa Maria Pena, deceased

Saturday Nov. 6

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Wes Evanko

Sunday Nov. 7

8:00 AM Mass for Ida Ruth Lane, deceased
 11:00 AM Mass Intention of JoAnn Simonetti
 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

Oct. 30th & Oct. 31st

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

Nov. 6th & Nov. 7th

In memory/honor of Zula Bishop
 In memory/honor of Wes Evanko

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Hear, O Israel! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. (Deuteronomy 6:2-6)

Psalm— I love you, Lord, my strength. (Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,4,7,51)

Second Reading— Because he remains forever, he has a priesthood that does not pass away. (Hebrews 7:23-28)

Gospel— Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor. (Mark 12:28b-34)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40

Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday: I Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sacristan Nov. 6th & Nov. 7th

5:30pm Cathy B.; 8:00am Bruno N.; 11:00am Judy L.; 12:30 PM Rivera, Perez & Avalos

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 Nov. 6th	5:30 PM	Deacon Tena Whitworth	Alan Cannon	MC- MC-CO- None at this time	Bill Drescher Walter Lee Bill Burks
Sunday Nov. 7th	8:00 AM	Deacon Susie Leckness	Ann Hicks	Jackson Lilly	Javi Nava Keith Brown Greg Wanat
	11:00 AM	Deacon Debra Levio	Angel Coyle	Payton Atticus	Matt Massey Ken Massey Bill Richardson
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

OCT. 31, 2021 TO NOV. 7, 2021

SUNDAY OCT. 31

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

MONDAY NOV. 1

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY NOV. 2

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY NOV. 3

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

THURSDAY NOV. 4

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY NOV. 5

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

SATURDAY NOV. 6

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. Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

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 10/24/21

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$14,130.90	\$4,630.90
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$10,836.00	\$3,836.00
Total	\$16,500.00	\$24,966.90	\$8,466.90

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$161,500.00	\$162,785.10	\$1,285.10
Building Fund	\$119,000.00	\$111,900.68	\$7,099.32
Total	\$280,500.00	\$274,685.78	\$5,814.22

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 we arrive at the end of our Stewardship Month, the Gospel brings us back to the basics: love God with all our heart, and love our neighbor as ourselves. I'm glad we hear those words today, because they explain the purpose of our Stewardship Month: both what it's about, and what it's not about.

Because our involvement in supporting the Church's life and ministries isn't just about feeling generous (though generosity is truly good for the soul). It's not done out a sense of obligation (even if we have a duty to support the Kingdom). And we don't ask for money just so we can pay the bills (although we have to pay them).

At the end of the day, we do everything—including our own individual stewardship—out of love for God who saves us, and out of love for the beautiful community he has given us. As each of us presents our pledge as a special offering this weekend, let's keep love first and foremost in our minds.

Thanks to all of you, for the love you have shown to God by your faithful stewardship at this parish. Through the intercession of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and our patron, St. Thomas, I will be praying that each member of our community experiences God's love for us in a special way this week.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Holy Land Gifts – 6/7 November

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.

Christmas Parade 12/2

St. Thomas will once again be participating in the Montevallo Christmas Parade on Thursday Dec. 2nd at 6:00pm. If anyone is interested in being part of our float please call the office at 205-663-3936. 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. We are also looking for an young adults or children who would be interested in being part of the danza for the parade and Dec. 12th Our lady of Guadalupe.

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 10PM, and will consist of pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs. Juice and coffee re also included with unlimited refills.

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.

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 9:30am to 10:45am. 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 \$34,855.00. Thank you so much for generosity.

Stewardship Pledge Weekend 10/30th-31st

St. Thomas Parish is celebrating Parish Financial Stewardship weekend this 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 are being held on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the St. Joseph room. We are 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!!

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. Please donate some blood.

All Saint's Days 11/1

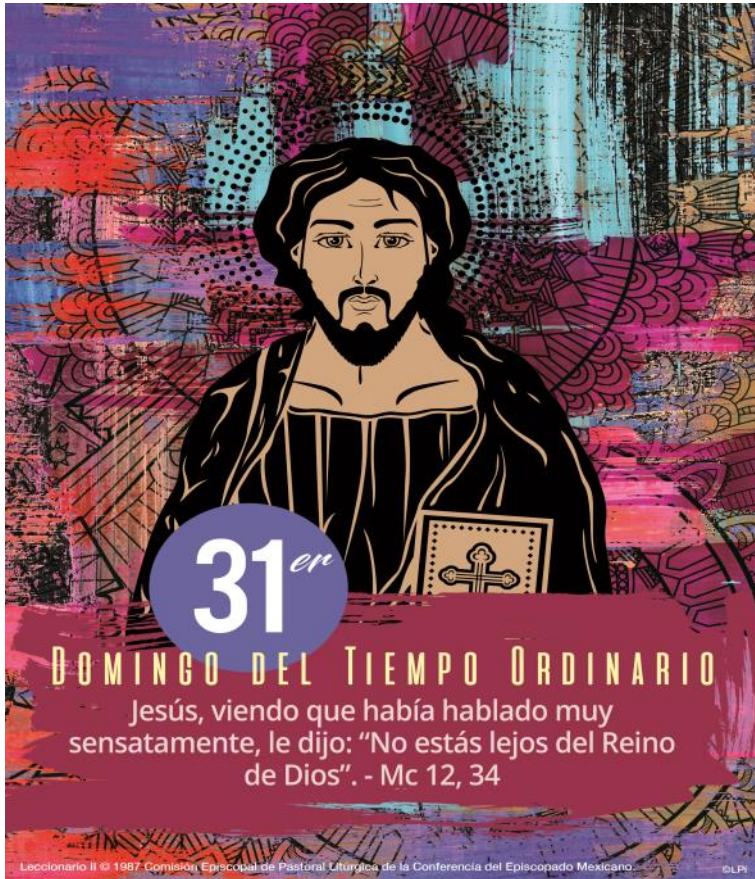
All Saints Day will be celebrated at St. Thomas Monday, Nov. 1st. There will be a morning mass at 9:00am, with a bilingual mass set for 7:00pm. This year All Saints Day is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation since it falls on the Monday after Sunday, but would like to encourage our parishioners to consider participating in one of the masses for this special day of celebration.

All Souls Day 11/2

All Souls Day will be celebrated Tuesday morning Nov. 2nd at 9:00am. The evening celebration for All Souls Day will be celebrated during the Saturday evening at the 5:30pm Mass on November 6th.

All Souls' Day Envelopes

All Soul's Day envelopes are available in the Gathering Area.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Al llegar al final de nuestro Mes de Compromiso, el Evangelio expresa los puntos básicos de la vida y nuestra fe: amar a Dios con todo el corazón y amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Me alegra que la Iglesia nos da estas palabras hoy, porque explican el propósito del Mes de Compromiso: de qué se trata, y de qué no se trata.

Porque nuestra participación en el apoyo a la vida y los ministerios de la Iglesia no es solo para sentirnos generosos (aunque la generosidad es tan buena para el alma). No se hace todo con un sentido de obligación (incluso si tenemos el deber de apoyar al Reino de Dios). Y no pedimos dinero solo para poder pagar las facturas (aunque tenemos que pagarlas).

Hay una razón positiva para todo: lo hacemos, incluida nuestro compromiso personal, por amor del Dios que nos salva y por amor de la hermosa comunidad que Él nos ha dado. Mientras presentamos nuestros compromisos como una ofrenda especial este fin de semana, mantengamos el amor ante todo en nuestras mentes.

Gracias a todos por el amor que le han mostrado a Dios en esta parroquia. A través de la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María, y de nuestro santo patrón, Santo Tomás, estaré orando para que cada miembro de nuestra comunidad experimente el amor de Dios por nosotros de una manera especial esta semana.

Dios los bendiga,
 P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: ¡Escucha, Israel! Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón. (Deuteronomio 6 2-6)

Salmo: Te amo, Señor, fortaleza mía. (Salmo 18 2-3,3-4,47,51)

Segunda lectura: Como permanece para siempre, tiene un sacerdocio que no pasa. (Hebreos 7 23-28)

EVANGELIO: ama al Señor tu Dios. Ama a tu prójimo. (Marcos 12 28b-34)

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

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.

Día de Los Santos 11/1

El Día de Todos los Santos se celebrará en Santo Tomás el Lunes 1 de Noviembre. Habrá una misa a las 9:00 a.m., con una misa bilingüe a las 7:00 p.m. Este año el Día de Todos los Santos no se considera un Día Santo de Obligación ya que cae de Lunes a Domingo, pero me gustaría alentar a nuestros feligreses a considerar participando en una de las misas de este día especial de celebración.

El Día de los Difuntos 11/2

El Día de los Difuntos se celebrará el martes 2 de Noviembre a las 9:00 a. M. La celebración vespertina del Día de los Difuntos se celebrará durante la noche del sábado en la misa de las 5:30 pm el 6 de Noviembre.

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 necesitamos que los adultos jóvenes y los niños formen parte de 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.

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.

