



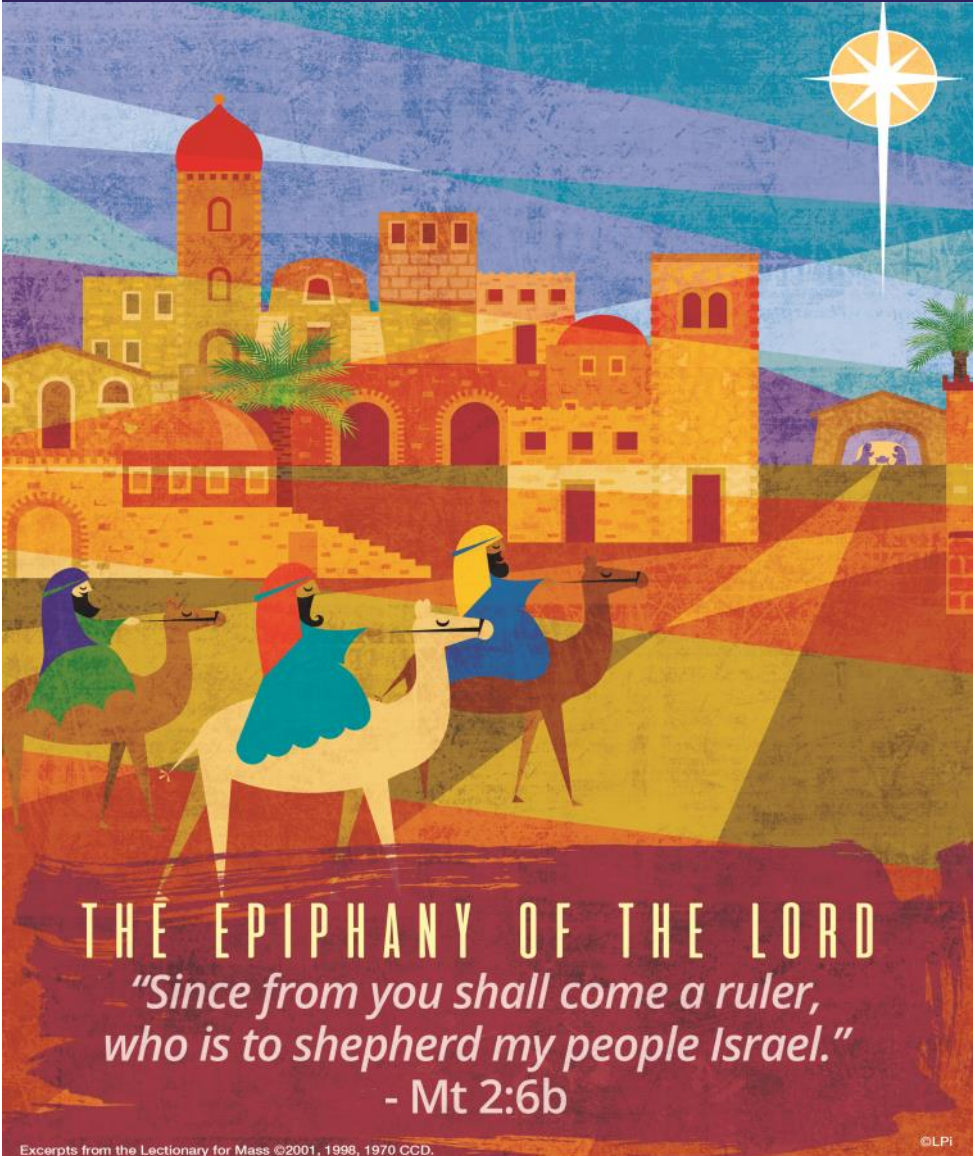
# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD •



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
 who is to shepherd my people Israel."*  
 - Mt 2:6b

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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.

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

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday Saturday Jan. 1

5:30 PM Mass for Susan Ragsdale , deceased

### Sunday Jan. 2

8:00 AM Mass for Media Landry, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Robert Carr, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

### Monday Jan. 3

### Tuesday Jan. 4

### Wednesday Jan. 5

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Ann Clutter

### Thursday Jan. 6

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Teresa Rugusa

### Friday Jan. 7

5:30 PM Mass for Susi Beiersdoerfer, deceased

### Saturday Jan. 8

5:30 PM Mass for Joseph Lloyd Yound, deceased

### Sunday Jan. 9

8:00 AM Mass for Media Landry, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Robert Carr, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

## Monthly Altar Flowers

Jan. 1st & Jan 2nd

Christmas Flowers

Positas

Jan. 8th & Jan. 9th

In memory/honor of

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— The glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

**Psalm**— Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13)

**Second Reading**— Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise. (Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6)

**Gospel**— We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. (Matthew 2:1-12)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** I John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17,23-35

**Tuesday:** I John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** I John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday:** I John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22

**Friday:** I John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-19

**Saturday:** I John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16,21-22

## 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*

## 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. 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 January 7th & 21st**

		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Jan. 8th	10:00 AM	Deacon Brenda Picou	Winnie Martinez			Cathy Bailey
Sunday Jan. 9th	8:00 AM	Deacon Lucy Mallery	Matt Stitt	Dalton Ash Brinley Ash Audrey		Gloria Q.
	11:00 AM	Deacon Shawn Howard	Angel Coyle	David McClary Owen Daniel Kim Abraham		Jena Evanko
	12:30 PM (Spanish)				Heron Patrick	Rivera/Roan

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**JAN. 2, 2021 TO JAN. 8, 2021**

**SUNDAY JAN. 2**

8:30 AM K of C Breakfast  
 9:15 AM No Rosary in Adult  
 No FF  
 No RCIA

**MONDAY JAN. 3**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**TUESDAY JAN. 4**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY JAN. 5**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**THURSDAY JAN. 6**

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY JAN. 7**

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY JAN. 8**

4:00PM-5:00PM Reconciliation  
 5:30PM Vigil 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](http://www.stthomascatholic.com). Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

**Coffee & Donuts 1/9**

The coffee & donuts will start up again on Sunday, Jan. 9 during Faith formation in the parish hall. All are welcome.

**Pastoral Staff**

**ADMINISTRATOR**  
 Rev. Brad Jantz .....Ext. 101

**RETIRED PRIEST**  
 Rev. Adrian L. Cook  
[alcook46@outlook.com](mailto:alcook46@outlook.com)

**DEACONS**  
 Bill Alexiou ..... Ext. 102  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
 Jackie Lampton .... Ext. 109

**HISPANIC COORDINATOR**  
 Marisa Roan ..... Ext. 100

**CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

Courtney Keller, Matt Rankin,  
 Alyssa Williams, & Michael Whitfield  
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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 12/19/21**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$4,241.00	\$5,259.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$17,694.00	\$10,694.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$21,935.00</b>	<b>\$5,435.00</b>

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

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Offertory	\$237,500.00	\$234,657.80	\$2,842.20
Building Fund	\$175,000.00	\$190,110.13	\$15,110.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$412,500.00</b>	<b>\$424,767.93</b>	<b>\$12,267.93</b>

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,

Happy New Year, Happy Epiphany, and Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas! In this special time of year, there is always so much to celebrate. Another year of life, another year full of promise and opportunity, and another year to enjoy God's gifts.

As we welcome the New Year, many people have the tradition of New Year's resolutions, where we take stock of our lives and resolve to make changes for the better. That's a great custom—but I'd add that it's important to keep God as part of it! Beyond just getting back to the gym or cutting back on sweets, we should take the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling us to improve.

Here are a few faith-based New Year's resolutions for us to pray about:

- Daily commitment to prayer
- Start a habit of spiritual reading (the Bible, books about saints, devotional books)
- Give daily Mass a try
- Speaking positively at all times
- Look for humble ways to do good (pick up trash when we see it, choose to park in the back of the parking lot)
- Becoming involved in a new ministry or form of community service

May the Lord pour out his abundant blessings upon us in 2022, through the intercession of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin and our patron St. Thomas.

God bless,  
Fr Jantz

## Calendars

The 2022 calendars are bilingual this year and are available in the Gathering Area or Parish office.

## Epiphany House Blessing

There is a beautiful tradition in the Catholic Church of the blessing of chalk and the blessing of homes for the visit of the wise men at Epiphany. There are blessed chalk in the Gathering Area, and there are sheets with an explanation of a possible blessing of your home. Please use these materials for your home blessings.

## Parish Office Closed 1/17

St. Thomas Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

## Confirmation Retreats

St. Thomas Parish has set the dates for the Confirmation Retreats. The Confirmation I retreat will be on February 11th and 12th. The Confirmation II retreat will be on March 4th and 5th. The retreats will be presented by a Retreat Team that will consist of college students and of high school students who are already confirmed. To sign up for the team please contact Michael Fisher at [mfisher@jcchs.org](mailto:mfisher@jcchs.org) or Michael Whitfield at [daviswhitfield1995@gmail.com](mailto:daviswhitfield1995@gmail.com).

## 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 2022

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.

## Parish Office Holiday Closure

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, Dec. 12/24 and New Years Eve Friday, Dec. 31.

## Christmas Flowers

There are envelopes in the Gathering area for the those people who wish to contribute to the cost of the Christmas flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please place the envelopes in the collection.

## 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.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday Adult Scripture Study will resume on January 12th. Our topic will be "The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy". In this study learn how their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to Jesus, and show us how to share Him with others. Includes sessions on Hosea, Jonah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Haggai and Malachi, and New Testament and Modern Prophets. All are welcome! We meet in the St. Joseph room at 7:00 PM. Call Bill or Debbie at 205-664-2066 if questions.

## K of C Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus provide a pancake breakfast on the First Sunday of each month from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Our prices have changed for Adults \$5 and children \$3. Please plan to join us. **Our Breakfast is today January 2, 2022.**

## Hispanic Breakfast 1/16, 2022

The Hispanic breakfast will start up again every third Sunday of each month. Our first one will be on January 16 from 8:30 AM to 10:45 AM. Please plan to join us.

## Ladies Bible Study

On January 12th, 2022 the Wednesday morning Ladies bible study will begin a new study on Lectio: Mary with Dr. Brant Petri. We will explore the Old Testament and New Testament, the life of Christ, and the early church fathers about the life and identity of Mary. We meet in the St. Joseph's room from 10:00 -11:30 am. If you have any questions please call Debbie Drescher at 205-664-2066

## K of C Smoked Meat 2/12-13

The Knights of Columbus are firing up the smoker for butts, rib, and chickens for the Superbowl on February 13th. Orders are being taken weekends after masses now through February 3rd. You can pick up your order on Feb. 12th after the 5:30pm mass and Sunday Feb. 13th between masses. Prices are: Butts \$35, Ribs \$20, and Chickens \$15. All are freshly smoked by the Knights right here at St. Thomas. Please order in advance and pay when you pick up your order. Thank You!

## Youth Group 8th-12th Grade 1/26

Saint Thomas is excited to invite you to our weekly youth group meeting. From grades 8th to 12th grade. Beginning on January 26, 2022 at 6:30-8PM. We will have registrations on January 16, 2022 after each mass. This will be a wonderful opportunity for worship, Bible study, games, food and much more. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Parish at 205-663-3936 or Maria Maldonado at 205-517-0604.

## Youth Group Volunteers Needed

We are looking for amazing people that can help serve with our Youth Ministry. Whatever talent is appreciated. Our first youth group meeting will be held on January 26, 2022. We plan on having a brief meeting a week or two before. Registrations will be held on January 16, 2022 after each mass. If you have any questions contact Maria Maldonado at 205-517-0604 or the Parish at 205-663-3936. Thank you may God Bless.



## LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

**Primera lectura:** La gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti. (Isaías 60 1-6)

**Salmo:** Señor, todas las naciones de la tierra te adorarán. (Salmo 72 1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13)

**Segunda lectura:** Ahora se ha revelado que los gentiles son coherederos de la promesa. (Efesios 3 2-3a, 5-6)

**Evangelio—** Vimos su estrella salir y hemos venido a rendirle homenaje. (Mateo 2 1-12)

## LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes | Juan 3 22—4 6; Mateo 4 12-17,23-35

Martes | Juan 4 7-10; Marcos 6 34-44

Miércoles | Juan 4 11-18; Marcos 6 45-52

Jueves | Juan 4 19-5 4; Lucas 4 14-22

Viernes | Juan 5 5-13; Lucas 5 12-19

Sábado | Juan 5 14-21; Juan 3 22-30

Domingo | Isaías 42 1-4,6-7; Hechos 10 34-38; Lucas 3 15-16,21-22

## Desayuno del Ministro Hispano 1/16/2022

El Desayuno Hispano comenzará nuevamente el 16 de Enero de 2022. Si desea hacer una donación o ayudar en el Ministerio Hispano, comuníquese con Gricelda al 205-478-5110.

## Grupo de jóvenes de 8.º a 12.º grado 1/26

Santo Tomás se complace en invitarlo a nuestra reunión semanal de pastoral juvenil. De 8 a 12 grado. A partir del 26 de enero de 2022 de 6: 30-8PM. Tendremos inscripciones el 16 de enero de 2022 después de cada misa. Esta será una maravillosa oportunidad para adorar, estudiar la Biblia, jugar, comer y mucho más. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en comunicarse con la parroquia al 205-663-3936 o con María Maldonado al 205-517-0604.

## Se necesitan voluntarios para grupos de jóvenes

Buscamos personas maravillosas que puedan ayudar a servir con nuestro Ministerio Juvenil. Se agradece cualquier talento. Nuestra primera reunión del ministerio de jóvenes se llevará a cabo el 26 de enero de 2022. Planeamos tener una reunión breve una o dos semanas antes. Las inscripciones se llevarán a cabo el 16 de enero de 2022 después de cada misa. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con María Maldonado al 205-517-0604 o con la Parroquia al 205-663-3936. Gracias Dios los bendiga.

## 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 Martínez al 205-369-5074

## Clases de Bautismo 1/6

Las clases de bautismo son el 6 de Enero. 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.

## Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Feliz año nuevo, feliz Epifanía y feliz temporada de Navidad! En esta parte especial del año, siempre hay mucho que celebrar. Otro año de vida, otro año lleno de promesas y oportunidades, y otro año para disfrutar de los dones de Dios.

Al dar la bienvenida al Año Nuevo, muchas personas tienen la tradición de los propósitos de Año Nuevo. Examinamos nuestras vidas y decidimos hacer cambios para mejorarnos. Esa es una buena costumbre, ¡pero tengo que decir que es importante pensar también de Dios cuando hacemos propósitos! Más allá de hacer ejercicio o comer menos dulces, debemos aprovechar la oportunidad para reflexionar sobre cómo Dios nos está llamando en el Año Nuevo.

Aquí hay algunas resoluciones de Año Nuevo basadas en la fe por las que podemos orar:

- Compromiso diario con la oración
- Iniciar un hábito de lectura espiritual (la Biblia, vidas de santos, libros devocionales)
- Prueba la misa diaria
- Hablar positivamente en todo momento
- Busque maneras humildes de hacer el bien (recoger basura cuando la veamos, elegir estacionarse en la parte trasera del estacionamiento)
- Involucrarse en un nuevo ministerio o forma de servicio comunitario

Que el Señor derrame sus abundantes bendiciones sobre nosotros en 2022, por la intercesión de Santa María Siempre Virgen y nuestro patrón Santo Tomás.

Dios los bendiga,  
P. Jantz

## 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.

**Las Clases Para Quinceañeras 2/27**

Las clases comenzarán el **27 de Febrero a 27 de Marzo, 2022**. Por favor llame a Madga 205-643-0326 o Rosa Maria al 205-901-0470. Por favor recuerden señoritas si desean tener una Quinceañera deben haber sido **bautizadas, Primera Comunión y Confirmación o al menos estar en las clases de Confirmation.**

### 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.