



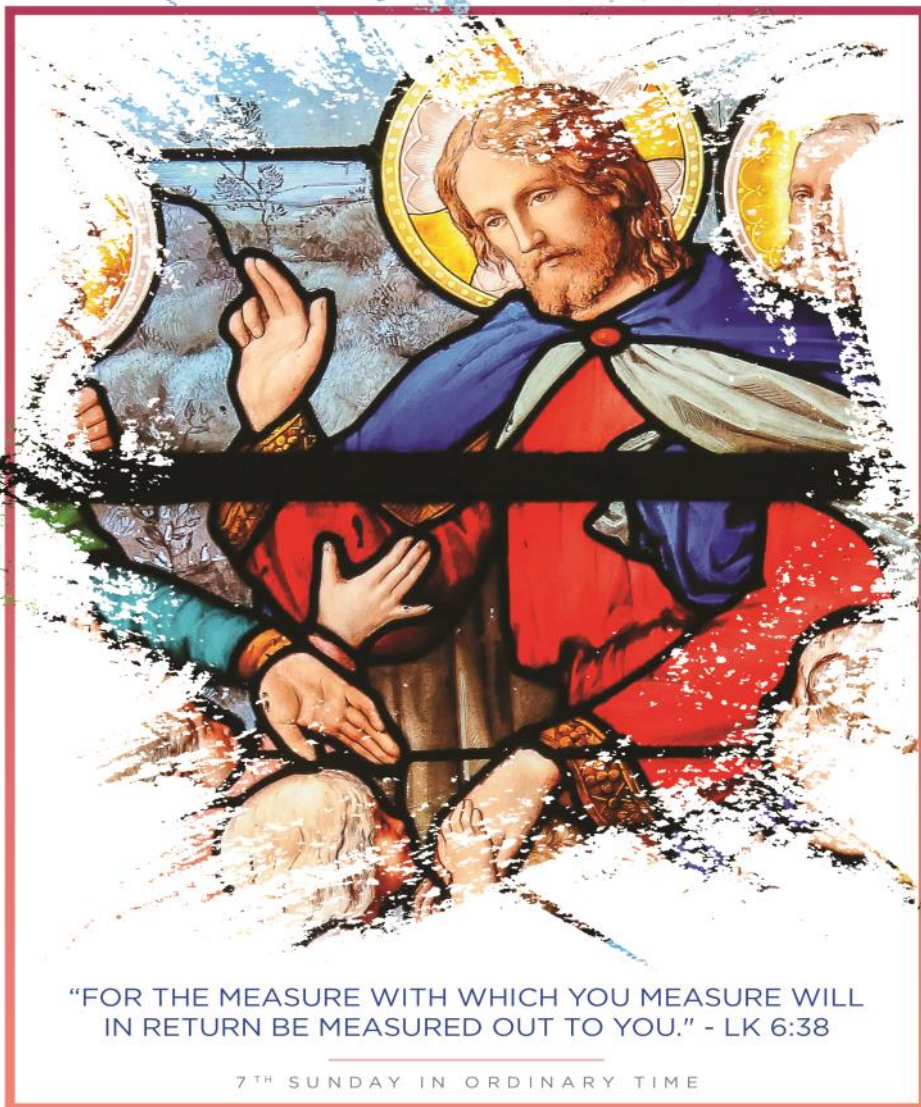
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME •



“FOR THE MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU MEASURE WILL
IN RETURN BE MEASURED OUT TO YOU.” - LK 6:38

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Tuesday (Communion Service).....9:00a.m.
 Main Church
 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

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Feb. 19

5:30 PM Mass for Maureen Angelini, deceased

Sunday Feb. 20

8:00 AM Mass for Jan Martin, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Tony Champagne, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday Feb. 21

Tuesday Feb. 22

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday Feb. 23

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Deacon Bill Alexiou

Thursday Feb. 24

9:00 AM Mass for Anita Picou, deceased

Friday Feb. 25

5:30 PM Mass for Susi Beiersdoerfer, deceased

Saturday Feb. 26

5:30 PM Mass for Vincent Ranieri, deceased

Sunday Feb. 27

8:00 AM Mass for Charles & Kristina Czerwinski,
deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Lillian Plott, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

Feb. 19th & Feb. 20th

In memory/honor of Lillian Plott

In memory/honor of

Feb. 26th & Feb. 27th

In memory/honor of Vincent Bartholomew Ranieri

In memory/honor of

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm you. (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-8,12-13,22-23)

Psalm— The Lord is kind and merciful.
(Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13)

Second Reading— Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

Gospel— Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
(Luke 9:14-29)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-23

Wednesday: James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

Friday: James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16

Sunday: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 5:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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 Rose Marie Vetrano 620-0051 or cell 370-6618.

Adoration is held in the Chapel at the Student Center.

Adoration will be on March 4th & 18th

		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Feb. 26th	5:30 PM	Deacon Brenda Picou	Bill Drescher	Madison Reece Alyssa	Pat Taylor Bill Drescher Walter Lee	Jerry & Mary
Sunday Feb. 27th	8:00 AM	Deacon Lucy Mallery	Kyle Lusk	Ana Hazel Lily Marry	Nathan Tucker Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood	Sarah Burns
	11:00 AM	Deacon Heather Sabo	Lisa Dale	Byron Wes Nicole Maylin	Casey Fondren Michael Fisher Leland Wallace	Mary Ann Little
	12:30 PM (Spanish)		Xochitl, Gerardo, Cristina y Mirna	Elizabeth & Camelia	Heron Patrick	Rivera/Roan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

FEB. 20, 2022 TO FEB. 27, 2022

SUNDAY FEB. 20

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts
 9:15 AM Adult Faith Formation
 Faith Formation
 RCIA

MONDAY FEB. 21

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY FEB. 22

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY FEB. 23

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN
 7:00 PM Youth Group

THURSDAY FEB. 24

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY FEB. 25

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY FEB. 26

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. 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 2/13/22

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$11,616.34	\$2,116.34
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$6,673.83	\$326.17
Total	\$16,500.00	\$18,290.17	\$1,790.17

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$313,000.00	\$326,081.08	\$13,081.08
Building Fund	\$231,000.00	\$273,909.24	\$42,909.24
Total	\$544,000.00	\$599,990.32	\$55,990.32

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 7/1/22.

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,

Last weekend, our first-year Confirmation students had their annual retreat at the Student Center. It was truly inspiring to see the young people of our parish taking their spiritual journey seriously, and I'm sure many graces will follow. It was also a reminder that we're just a couple months away from the "sacramental season," and that many in our parish are preparing for big milestones.

From our Confirmation students, to our First Communion class, to our RCIA members, we are surrounded by witnesses to a desire for a deeper connection with God and the Church. And even though many of them have a few months to go before their privileged moments of grace, we should be intentional about offering prayers on their behalf, that they may experience God working within them during this time of preparation.

I also think each of us should also be inspired by their example. Seeking the Lord and his will is something that we're called to do at each moment, not just when we're preparing to receive a sacrament. Through the examples and prayers of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and our patron St. Thomas, let's resolve to continue deepening and growing in our faith. What's the Lord calling you to do for him this week?

God bless,
Fr Jantz

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 or Michael Whitfield at daviswhitfield1995@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter 3/25-27

Do your New Year's Resolutions Start to Fade? Start again now with a renewed commitment to your spouse. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage? Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together.

The next weekend in the diocese of Birmingham is scheduled on March 25-27, 2022, at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.

Youth Group 8th—12th grade

The youth group meet in the modular building each Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please join us. If any questions, contact Maria Maldonado at 205-517-0604

Valentine Baskets Winners

Congratulations to Sue Caliento and Shelly Edwards for winning the Valentine baskets sponsored by the St Thomas Ladies Auxiliary!
Special thanks to Aletha Gilmore and Barbara Everling for the generous donations for the baskets.

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 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The 4th degree meeting is immediately after the Council meeting, about 8PM. There is usually food of some sort available at 6:30 before the meeting. 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.

Calendars

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

Coffee & Donuts 2/20

The coffee & donuts will be served on Feb. 20th. In parish hall during Faith formation. All are welcome.

Tuesday Communion Services

Deacon David is now conducting a communion service in the church every Tuesday morning at 9 am, giving those that are interested another opportunity during the week to receive Jesus. Please see Deacon David for more information.

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 has resumed for the new year on. Our topic is "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 March 6, 2022.**

Hispanic Breakfast 2/27

The Hispanic breakfast will be twice a month starting in February, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. The Hispanic breakfast is Feb. 27, from 8:30 AM to 10:45. AM. Please plan to join us.

Ladies Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Ladies bible study has begun 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

Stations of the Cross / Lent Fish Fry

The Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays during Lent after the 9:00AM Mass and there will be one at 7:00PM. The Knights will be having a Fish Fry on Fridays at 5:30pm –6:30pm before the Stations.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on March 2. St. Thomas will celebrate Masses with Distribution of Ashes at 9:00AM, 5:00PM, and 7:00PM.

Italian-American Heritage Society 3/20

The Italian-American Heritage Society will be sponsoring a St. Joseph's Altar on Sunday, March 20th at 1:00, at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Everyone is invited to attend, and is asked to please bring a meatless dish to share in two disposable pans, one for each serving island. There will be a basket at the door for donations and prayer requests. For questions or donations, please contact Mary Jo Fritts 205 222-3443

Exposition Sacred Relics of the Saints Treasures of the Church 3/30

Exposition of Sacred Relics Treasures of the Church St. Theresa Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

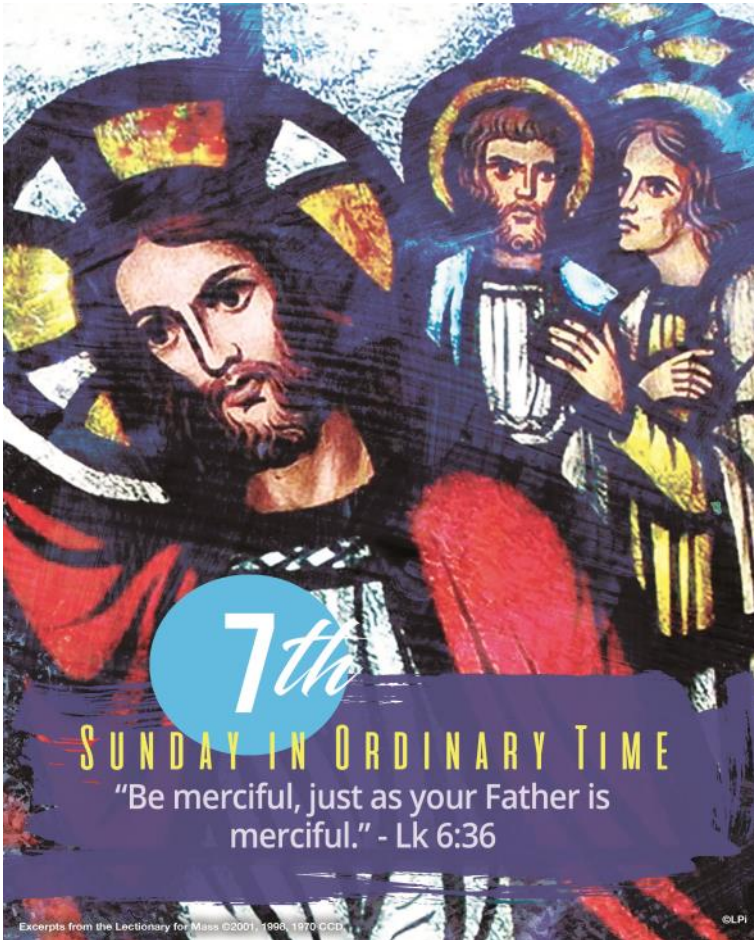
This will be held at St. Theresa Church 1394 Ashville Ct. Leeds Al. 35094 and presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 PM. For more information www.treasuresofthechurch.com.

Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to the family of a long time parishioner Lynda Morris who passed. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Confirmation Retreat II 3/4-5

The Confirmation II Retreat will be held on March 4-5 at the Catholic Student Center.



7th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

El fin de semana pasado, nuestros estudiantes en el primer año de preparación para la Confirmación tuvieron su retiro. Fue realmente inspirador ver la seriedad de los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia en su viaje espiritual, y estoy seguro de que recibirán muchas gracias. También fue un recordatorio de la proximidad de la "temporada sacramental" y el gran número de los que en nuestra parroquia se están preparando para grandes momentos en su camino con Cristo. Tenemos los estudiantes de Confirmación, la clase de Primera Comunión y los miembros de RCIA. En verdad, estamos rodeados de testigos de un deseo para una conexión más profunda con Dios y la Iglesia. Y aunque hay algunos meses antes de los momentos privilegiados de gracia en los sacramentos, debemos ser intencionales al ofrecer oraciones en el nombre de los que se están preparando, para que puedan experimentar a Dios obrando dentro de ellos durante este tiempo especial.

Creo que cada uno de nosotros podemos inspirarnos en su ejemplo. Buscar al Señor y su voluntad es algo que estamos llamados a hacer en cada momento, no solo cuando nos preparamos para recibir un sacramento. A través de los ejemplos y oraciones de Beata María, Siempre Virgen, y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, resolvámonos a profundizar y crecer en nuestra fe. ¿Qué te está llamando el Señor a hacer por él esta semana?

Dios los bendiga,
 P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Aunque el Señor te entregó a mi alcance, no te haría daño. (I Samuel 26 2, 7-8,12-13,22-23)

Salmo: El Señor es amable y misericordioso. (Salmo 103 1-2,3-4,8, 10,12-13)

Segunda lectura: Así como hemos soportado la imagen de lo terrenal, también llevaremos la imagen del celestial. (I Corintios 15 45-49)

Evangelio— Sé misericordioso, justo cuando tu padre es misericordioso. (Lucas 9 14-29)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	James 3:13-18; Marcos 9 14-29
martes	I Pedro 5:1-4; Mateo 16 13-19
miércoles	James 4:13-17; Marcos 9 38-40
Jueves	James 5:1-6; Marcos 9 41-50
Viernes	James 5:9-12; Marcos 10 1-12
Sábado	James 5:13-20; Marcos 10 13-16
Sunday	Silrach 27:4-7; I Corintios 5 54-58; Luke 6 39-45

Desayuno del Ministro Hispano 2/27

El Desayuno Hispano es el 27 de febrero, de 8:00 am a 10:45 am. Si desea hacer una donación o ayudar en el Ministerio Hispano, comuníquese con Gricelda al 205-478-5110.

Monaguillos

Se necesitan monaguillos: La misa de 12:30 pm tiene una gran necesidad de niños en edad escolar que hayan completado la primera comunión para participar en este ministerio tan importante y valioso. Padres, por favor consideren pedirles a sus hijos que participen en este maravilloso ministerio. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para aquellos cuyos hijos estarían dispuestos a servir.

Grupo de jóvenes de 8.º a 12.º grado

El grupo de jóvenes se reunirá en el edificio modular el Miércoles a las 7:00 pm. Por favor únete a nosotros. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con María Maldonado al 205-517-0604.

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 están 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 Martínez al 205-369-5074

Clases de Bautismo 3/7

Las clases de bautismo son el 7 de Marzo. 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.

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.

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.