



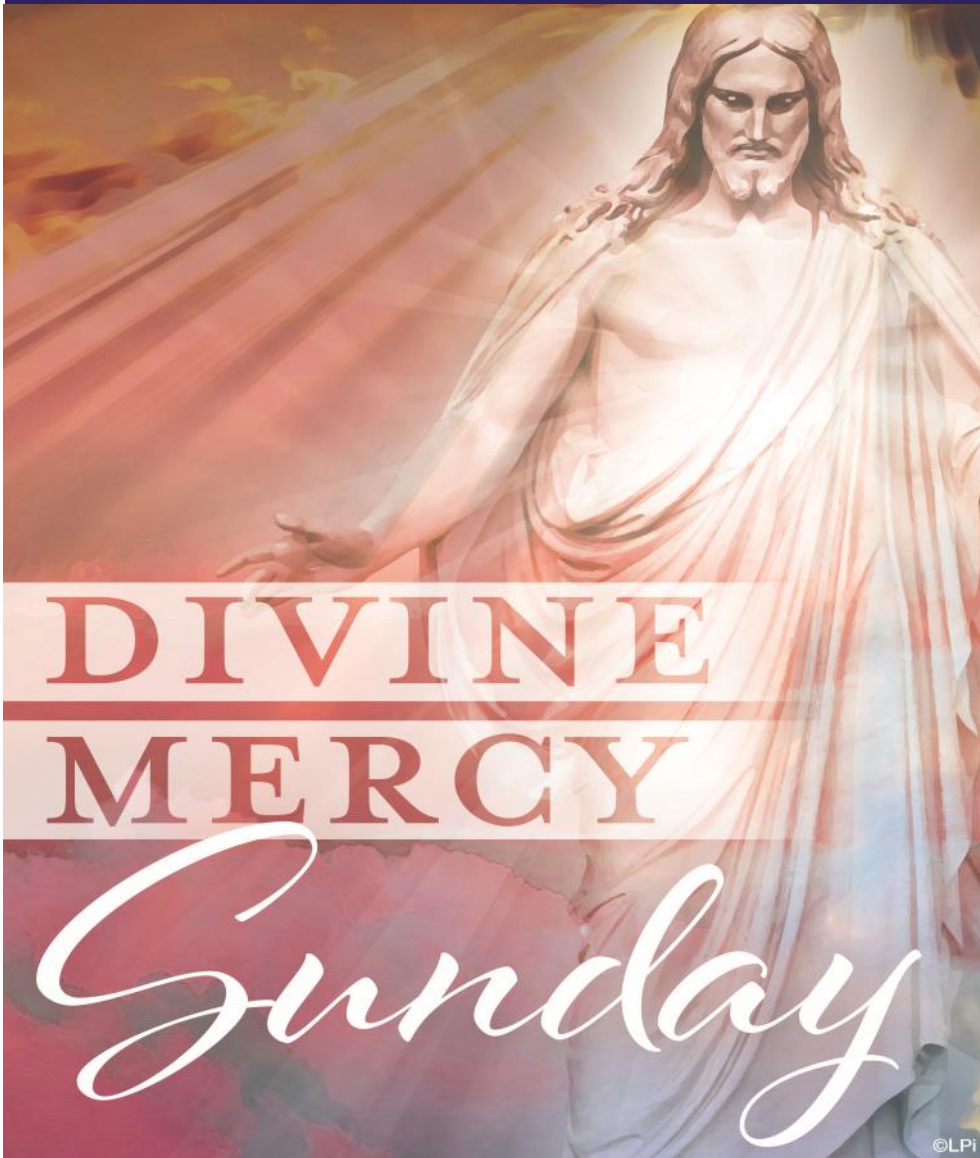
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER •



**DIVINE
MERCY**

Sunday

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

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.

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 23

8:00 PM Mass Intention of Bill Burks

Sunday April 24

8:00 AM Mass for Lucille Fandetti, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Judy Lemieux

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday April 25

Tuesday April 26

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday April 27

9:00 AM Mass for Wilson Picou, deceased

Thursday April 28

9:00 AM Mass for Mattie & Alan Picklesimer, deceased

Friday April 29

9:00 AM Mass for Cathy Adams, deceased

Saturday April 30

5:30 PM Mass for Ruth Giardina, deceased

Sunday May 1

8:00 AM Mass for Lucille Fandetti, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Maria Luisa Angel, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

April 30th & May 1st

In memory/honor of Edgar Bishop

In memory/honor of Regina Walezak

May 7th & May 8th

In memory/ honor of Louise Panos

In memory/honor of Anna Sheehan

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— More than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. (Acts 5:12-16)

Psalms— Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24)

Second Reading— I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. (Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19)

Gospel— Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst. (John 20:19-31)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32,40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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 May 6th & May 20th

		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday April 30th	5:30 PM	Deacon Winnie Martinez	Paula Blevins-Russel		David Higdon Ron Hoff	Donna & Mike
Sunday May 1st	8:00 AM	Deacon Gloria Q.	Kyle Lusk	Ana (MC) Hazel (MC) Lily Phillips Mary	Marty Spellicy Shannon Delcambre Javi Nava	Sarah Burns
	11:00 AM	Deacon Rob Caliento	Lisa Dale	Byron (MC) Nicole Elizabeth Salvador	Michael Fisher Wayne Perrin Joe Vacarella	Jena Evanko
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Aracely A. Antonio Lopez	Lupe, Xochitl, Lucero, Cristina	Elizabeth (Mc) Isabella Paul	Heron Patrick	Rivera/Roan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

APRIL 24, 2022 TO APRIL 30, 2022

SUNDAY APRIL 24

8:00 AM Hispanic Breakfast
 9:30 AM Adult Faith
 Faith Formation
 RCIA

MONDAY APRIL 25

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY APRIL 26

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY APRIL 28

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY APRIL 29

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY APRIL 30

4:00-5:00PM 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.

Thank You for your Generosity!

Easter Offering - \$2160.00
 Rice Bowl - 1,439.26

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 4/17/22

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$5,923.00	\$3,577.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$4,340.00	\$2,660.00
Total	\$16,500.00	\$10,263.00	\$6,237.00

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$398,500.00	\$419,514.60	\$21,014.60
Building Fund	\$294,000.00	\$333,700.80	\$39,700.80
Total	\$692,500.00	\$753,215.40	\$60,715.40

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,

Once again, a happy Easter to everyone! It's been a joy to enter into this festive season with our community, and it seems like each week we'll have something special. This weekend, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Sunday marks the final day of the Divine Mercy Novena, which started on Good Friday, and we'll have special devotions at 9:30am in the church to observe it publicly.

It's only recently that we've started calling this Sunday "of Divine Mercy," coming from St. John Paul II's piety, but it is a beautiful expression of this season. The title captures the ancient meaning of our faith in words that speak to us today. By considering how God's infinite mercy reached us through his Son's death and rising, we enter more deeply into the Easter spirit of joyful gratitude.

Even if you're not able to join us at the parish Divine Mercy devotions, I'd encourage everyone to add one of the great prayers of the Chaplet to your devotions this week. Here's a favorite one of mine:

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."

Through the intercession of Blessed Mary, the Mother of Mercy, and St. Thomas, our patron, may we all experience the Lord's Divine Mercy in the holy season of Easter.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Lenten Cross Thank you

St. Thomas thank you once again for your generosity, you all went above and beyond. Lenten Cross Event this year supported the Shelby Emergency Assistance and Bibb County Sav-A-Life. Thank You all so much.

Ultreya Group 4/27

The Ultreya Group will be meeting Thursday, April 27th at 7pm in the St Joseph room. For questions please call Jasper Levio at (205)-585-4867.

Vacation Bible School - Mark Your Calendar - June 27-July 1, 2022

VBS will be offered at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church the week of June 27-July 1, 2022. It will be for three-year-olds to those students who have completed fourth grade. We are in need of volunteers for our upcoming VBS program! Please give it some thought and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chalane Tucker at (205) 572-5159 or cjarvis1@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

We need the following volunteers:
Teachers for grades K3-4th grade
Music Teacher
Games/Outside Recreation Teacher
Volunteer Snack Coordinator

Director/Co-Director
Assistant Teachers
Art Teacher
Student Snack Coordinator

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.

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

Hispanic Breakfast 4/24

The Hispanic breakfast is today all are welcome. This will be our last Hispanic breakfast for this Faith Formation session please joy us when classes start up again in September.

K of C Pancake Breakfast 5/1

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 today May 1, 2022.**

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.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday 4/24

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Divine Mercy today Sunday, April 24 at 9:30am in the main church. The celebration will include Benediction and praying of the Chaplet. If any questions, please call Rose Marie Vetrano at 205-370-6618.

Faith Formation Catechist Needed

We are in need of Catechists' teachers for our Faith Formation classes. If you are interested in volunteering contact Katy or Magda at 205-287-2869.

Thank You to the Hispanic Ministry

St Thomas would like to thank our Hispanic Ministry for their contributions in assisting with the purchasing of our new Altar Server vestments. The new vestments were introduced at the Holy Thursday mass during Holy Week, and will be worn at each of our masses going forward.

Vacation Bible School - Volunteer Meeting

Vacation Bible School will be offered from June 27-July 1, 2022 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. It will be open to all three-year-old to those students who have finished fourth grade. Our theme will be Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness. We will have our first volunteer meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room. Please consider joining us and help make VBS a huge success! If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer, please contact Chalane Tucker at cjarvis1@hotmail.com.

1st Holy Communion 5/14

The practice for students who are going to make their First Holy Communion is May 14, Saturday at 10:00AM. The First Holy Communion is on May 15, the English at 11:00am and the Spanish at 12:30pm.

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 5/15

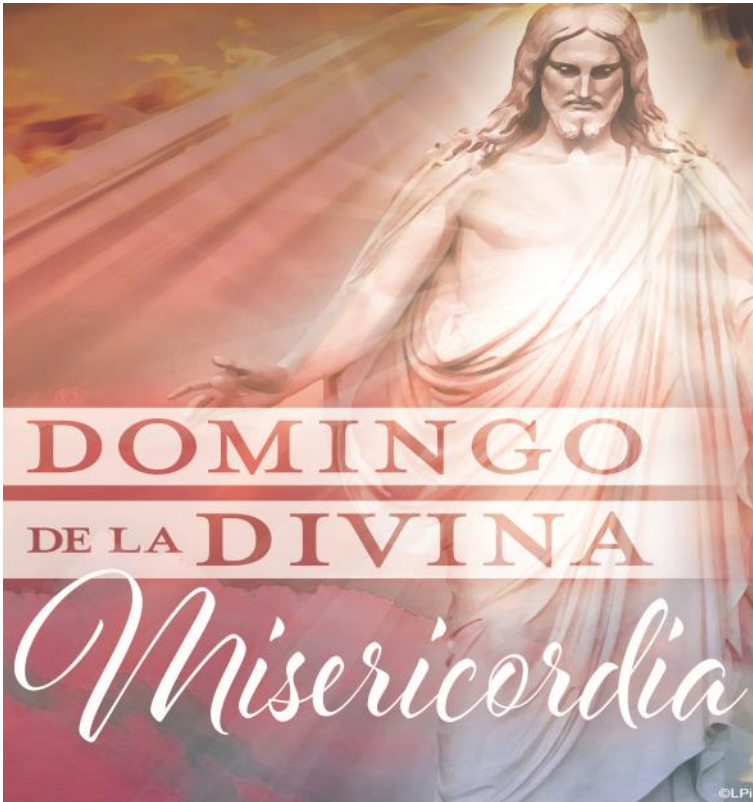
Share time in the presence of our Lord in Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This very old devotion dates back to the 1200's. The devotion includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, being incensed by the Deacon, and includes the rosary. Please celebrate this beautiful devotion May 15th at 9:30 am in the main church.

Faith Formation Registration 5/22

There will be registration for Faith Formation for 2022-2023 on May 22nd between the Sunday Masses. Please, keep in mind that you must re-register your children for the new year and you must be register as a member here at St. Thomas. If your child is receiving Sacraments make sure their baptism certificates are on file in the office of Faith Formation. If any information is needed please contact the Director Katy Rivera or the Co-Director Magda Rivera at 205-287-2869.

Confirmation 5/31

The practice for those who are making their Confirmation is May 21st at 10:00AM. The ceremony will take place on May 31st at 6:00pm.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Una vez más, ¡felices Pascuas para todos! Ha sido un placer entrar en esta temporada festiva con nuestra comunidad, y cada semana tenemos algo especial. Este fin de semana celebramos el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Marca el último día de la Novena de la Divina Misericordia, que comenzó el Viernes Santo, y hay devociones especiales a las 9:30 am en la iglesia para observarla públicamente.

Es solo recientemente que comenzamos a llamar a este domingo “de la Divina Misericordia,” proveniente de la espiritualidad de San Juan Pablo II, pero es una hermosa expresión de la temporada. Capta el significado antiguo de nuestra fe en palabras que nos hablan hoy. Al considerar cómo la infinita misericordia de Dios nos alcance a través de la muerte y resurrección de su Hijo, recibimos más profundamente el espíritu pascual de gozosa gratitud.

Incluso si no puede unirse a nosotros en las devociones parroquiales de la Divina Misericordia, animo a todos a agregar una de las grandes oraciones de la Coronilla a sus devociones de esta semana. Aquí está uno de mis favoritos:

“Oh Dios Eterno, en quien la misericordia es infinita y el tesoro de compasión inagotable, vuelve a nosotros Tu mirada bondadosa y aumenta Tu misericordia en nosotros, para que en momentos difíciles no nos desesperemos ni nos desalentamos, sino que, con gran confianza, nos sometamos a Tu santa voluntad, que es el Amor y la Misericordia Mismos. Amen.”

Por intercesión de Santísima María, la Madre de la Misericordia, y de Santo Tomás, nuestro patrón, que todos experimentemos la Divina Misericordia del Señor en la santa temporada de Pascua.

¡Dios los bendiga,
P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Más que nunca, los creyentes en el Señor, un gran número de hombres y mujeres, se les agregaron. (Hechos 5 12-16)

Salmo: Dale gracias al Señor por que él es bueno, su amor es eterno. (Salmo 118 2-4,13-15,22-24)

Segunda lectura: Estaba muerto, pero ahora estoy vivo para siempre jamás. (Apocalipsis 1 9-11a, 12-13,17-19)

Evangelio— Ocho días después, Jesús vino y se paró en medio de ellos. (Juan 20 19-31)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	1 Pedro 5 5b-14; Marcos 16 15-20
martes	Hechos 4 32-37; Juan 3 7b-15
El miércoles	Hechos 5 17-26; Juan 3 16-21
Jueves	Hechos 5 27-33; Juan 3 31-36
Friday	Hechos 5 34-42; Juan 6 1-15
Sábado	Hechos 6 1-7; Juan 6 16-21
El domingo	Hechos 5 27-32,40B-41; Apocalipsis 5 11-14; Juan 21 1-19

Desayuno del Ministro Hispano

El Desayuno Hispano es el 24 de Abril, 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.

Escuela de vacaciones (VBS) - reunión voluntaria

VBS se ofrecerá en Santo Tomás, la Iglesia católica del apóstol la semana del 27 de Junio al 1 de Julio de 2022. Será para niños de tres años a aquellos estudiantes que han completado el cuarto grado. ¡Necesitamos voluntarios para nuestro próximo programa VBS! Por favor, dale algo de pensamiento y, si está interesado en el voluntariado, comuníquese con Chalane Tucker al (205) 572-5159 o Cjarvis1@hotmail.com lo antes posible.

Primera Comunión 5/15

La práctica para los estudiantes que van a hacer su primera Comunión es el 14 de Mayo, Sábado a las 10 00 am. La Primera Comunión será el 15 de Mayo, los Ingleses a las 11:00 am y el Español a las 12:30 pm.

Registro de Formación FE 5\22

Habrà registro para la formación de fe para 2022-2023 el 22 de Mayo, entre las masas de Domingo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que debe volver a registrar a sus hijos para el Año Nuevo y También debe registrarse como miembro aquí en Santo Tomás. Si su hijo está recibiendo sacramentos, asegúrese de que sus certificados de bautismo estén archivados en la Oficina de Formación de Fe. Si se necesita alguna información, comuníquese con el director Katy Rivera o al co-director Magda Rivera al 205-287-2869.

Confirmación 5/31

La práctica para aquellos que están haciendo su Confirmación es el 21 de Mayo a las 10 00 am. La ceremonia será el 31 de Mayo, Martes a las 6 00 pm.

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 5/9

Las clases de bautismo son el 9 de Mayo. 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.