



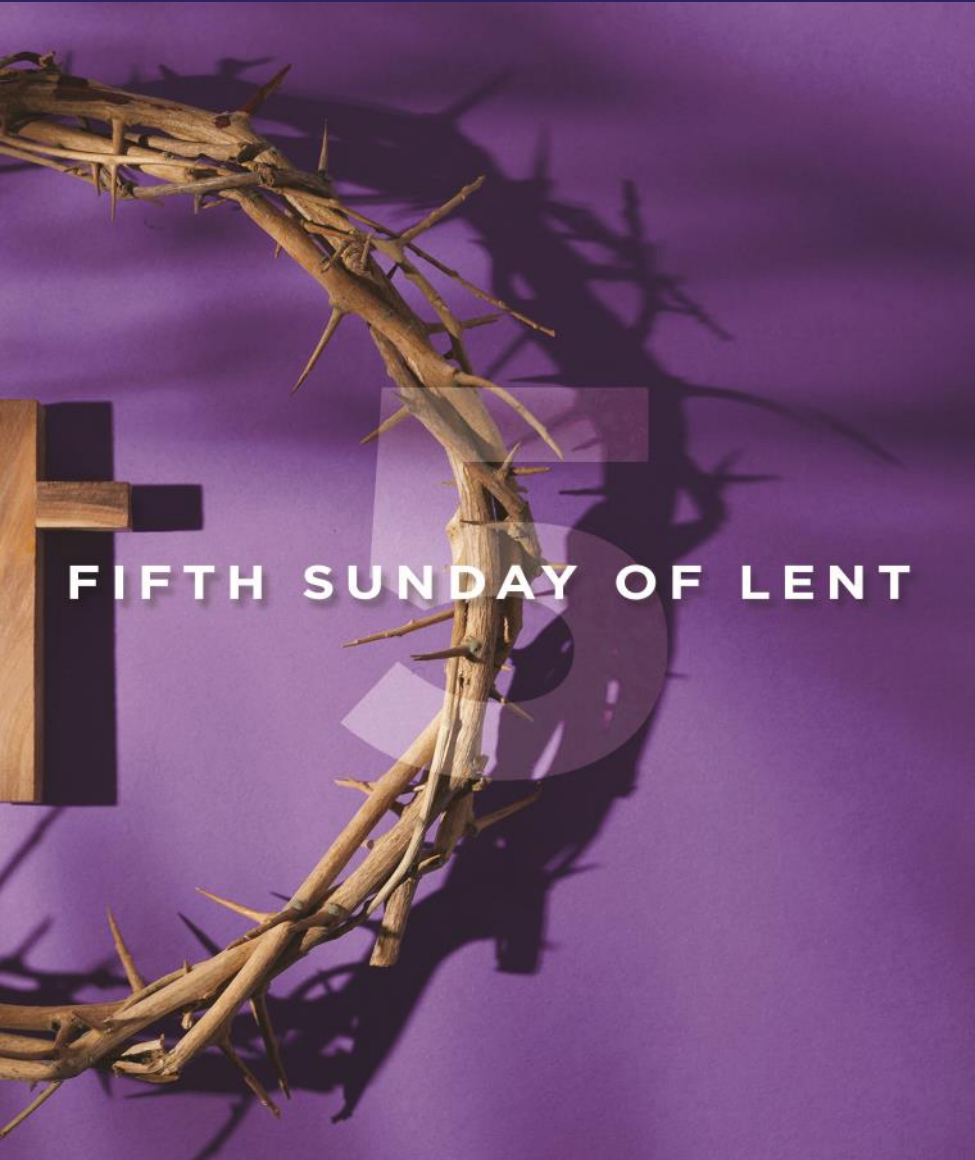
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT •



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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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 2

5:30 PM Mass for Jerry Mahon, deceased

Sunday April 3

8:00 AM Mass Intention of Confirmation RCIA
 11:00 AM Mass for Maryann McMyler, deceased
 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday April 4

Tuesday April 5

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday April 6

9:00 AM Mass for Billy & Thelma Massey, deceased

Thursday April 7

9:00 AM Mass for Pro-Life

Friday April 8

9:00 PM Mass for Patrick Scott, deceased

Saturday April 9

5:30 PM Mass for Lynn Venger, deceased

Sunday April 10

8:00 AM Mass for Jim Cocke, deceased
 11:00 AM Mass for Tony Champagne, deceased
 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— I will put my spirit in you that you may live. (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

Psalm— With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Psalm 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8)

Second Reading— The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. (Romans 8:8-11)

Gospel— I am the resurrection and the life. (John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; John 8:1-11
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95; John 8:31-42
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56

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*

Monthly Altar Flowers

April 2nd & April 3rd
 Lent No Flowers

April 9th & 10th
 Lent No Flowers



Eucharistic Adoration

Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. 2nd & 4th Friday for **April only**. 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 April 8th & 22nd

		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Easter Vigil April 9th	8:00 PM	Deacon Ed Angelini	Alan Cannon	Madison Reece Alyssa	Bill Drescher Walter Lee	Joanne Butcke
Sunday April 10th	8:00 AM	Deacon Sarah Burns	Jon Thompson	Ana Hazel Lily Mary	Marty Spellicy Shannon Delcambre Javi Nava	Sarah Burns
	11:00 AM	Deacon Shawn Howard	Leland Wallace	Byron Nicole Elizabeth Salvador	Val Crofts Brenda Picou Bill Richardson	Judy Lemieux
	12:30 PM (Spanish)		Gerardo, Cristina, Lucero, Xochitl	Camilia Justin Briana	Heron Patrick	Rivera/Roan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

APRIL 3, 2022 TO APRIL 9, 2022

SUNDAY APRIL 3

8:00 AM K of C Pancake Breakfast
 9:30 AM Faith Formation
 Adult Faith Formation
 RCIA

MONDAY APRIL 4

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY APRIL 5

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY APRIL 7

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY APRIL 8

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN
 Adoration begins a noon
 5:30PM Fish Fry
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY APRIL 9

Adoration ends at noon
 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.

Form

To get into FORM use the parish code CV4M7B or go to formed.org.

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 3/27/22

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$9,500.00	\$13,013.00	\$3,513.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00	\$8,445.25	\$1,445.25
Total	\$16,500.00	\$21,458.25	\$4,958.25

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$370,000.00	\$385,820.27	\$15,820.27
Building Fund	\$273,000.00	\$316,322.57	\$43,322.57
Total	\$643,000.00	\$702,142.84	\$59,142.84

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,

One of the most beautiful things that happens each year in the church is our renewal by those who come to us as adults in search of the sacraments: the members of our RCIA. This year, we have been blessed to have about 20 people total involved, from many different walks of life. English and Spanish speaking. Those raised in other Christian traditions, and those who were baptized Catholic but never catechized. It's been a joy for me to walk the journey with them, and in the coming weeks and months our parish will be renewed by their participation in our shared life of faith.

This weekend, we are celebrating the reception of those baptized in Protestant traditions into the full communion of the Catholic Church. If you're at the 8am Mass, you'll have a chance to see this important moment. These people are a witness to all of us of God's transformative power.

The rest of the RCIA will complete their initiations into the fullness of our faith at different times in the coming months, based on their particular circumstances. We will celebrate two baptisms at the Easter Vigil, which is always a night of grace. Around Pentecost, we will celebrate the Confirmation of those baptized Catholic who are completing their initiations as adults.

As the season of the sacraments approaches, I'd ask for your prayers for all the members of our RCIA. And as we see these great moments in their lives of faith unfold in our midst, I'd ask you to also consider if there's anyone you know that might be open to an invitation to join our Catholic journey of faith. Through the apostolic intercession of St. Thomas and the powerful prayers of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, may our parish reap a rich harvest in the coming months and years!

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Stations of the Cross / Lent Fish Fry

Our Stations of the Cross last day will be on Friday, April 8th with the Youth Group at 7:00PM. The Knights will be having their last Fish Fry from 5:30pm -6:30pm.

Lenten Cross Thank You

St. Thomas Lenten Cross, again you all went above and beyond on your generosity for supporting the Shelby Emergency Assistance and Bibb County Sav-A-Life. Thank you all so much for your blessing.

CRS Rice Bowl

St. Thomas is participating in CRS Rice Bowl Program. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space. Rice bowls are due back on Holy Thursday. Place them in the wicker baskets located in the gathering space.

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 4/10

The Hispanic breakfast will be twice a month starting in February, on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday. The Hispanic breakfast is April 10, from 8:30 AM to 10:45. AM. Please plan to join us.

K of C Pancake Breakfast 4/3

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 April 3, 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

40 Days of Life 3/2-4/10

The Diocese of Birmingham will sponsor "40 Days of Life" beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing until Palm Sunday. The "40 Days of Life" includes peaceful vigils, daily prayer and fasting, and community outreach for more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

Lenten Penance Service 4/7

The Lenten Penance Service for St. Thomas Parish will be celebrated at 6:00pm-8:00pm on Thursday, April 7th.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 4/12

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of April at 7:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room. We look forward to reconnecting with each other after such a long absence. And the best way to do that is to make plans for a night of BUNCO! Please join us as we plan for a night of fellowship and fun.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Thomas Parish usually offers Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. However, the third falls on Good Friday. Due to liturgical regulations, Eucharistic Adoration is not permitted on Good Friday. So for the month of April Adoration will be on the 2nd and 4th Friday .

Seven Sisters Apostolate Ministry

Seven Sisters Apostolate is a ministry dedicated to strengthening the Church by praying for a specific priest or bishop with a holy hour on a designated day each week with a one year commitment. St. Thomas currently has a group of women committed to this ministry and is seeking additional members. You can find out more about this ministry at www.sevensistersapostolate.org. Women interested in doing more to support the priests of our parish should contact LeAnn Rettler at 205-410-2955.

St. Thomas Easter Egg Hunt 4/9

The St. Thomas Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 9th at 10:00 am. All participants will meet in the courtyard. In the event of inclement weather, it will take place in the parish hall. Please bring your own bags/baskets.

Divine Mercy Sunday 4/24

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Divine Mercy on 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.

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.

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.



QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Una de las cosas más hermosas que sucede cada año en la Iglesia es nuestra renovación por aquellos que vienen a nosotros como adultos para recibir los sacramentos: los miembros de nuestro RICA. Este año, hemos tenido la bendición de alrededor de 20 personas en total, de diferentes ámbitos de la vida. Hablan inglés y español. Hoy los que han criado en otras tradiciones cristianas, y hay también los que fueron bautizados católicos pero nunca catequizados. Ha sido una alegría caminar con ellos, y en las próximas semanas y meses nuestra parroquia se renovará con su participación en nuestra vida de fe. Este fin de semana estamos celebrando la recepción de los bautizados en tradiciones protestantes a la plena comunión de la Iglesia Católica. Si asistas a la Misa de las 8, tendrás la oportunidad de ver este momento importante. Estas personas son testigos para todos nosotros del poder transformador de Dios.

El resto del RICA completará sus iniciaciones en la plenitud de nuestra fe en diferentes momentos en los próximos meses, según sus circunstancias particulares. Celebraremos dos bautismos en la Vigilia Pascual, que es siempre una noche de gracia. Alrededor de Pentecostés, celebraremos la Confirmación de los bautizados católicos que están completando sus iniciaciones como adultos.

A medida que se acerca la temporada de los sacramentos, les pido sus oraciones por todos los miembros de nuestro RICA. Y mientras vemos estos grandes momentos en sus vidas de fe, les pido que también consideres si hay alguien que conoces que podría estar abierto a una invitación para unirse a nuestro camino de fe católica. A través de la intercesión apostólica de Santo Tomás y las poderosas oraciones de Santísima María, Siempre Virgen, ¡que nuestra parroquia reciba una rica cosecha en los próximos meses y años!

Dios los bendiga,
P. Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Pondré mi espíritu en ti que puedes vivir. (Ezequiel 37 12-14)

Salmo: Con el Señor hay misericordia y plenitud de redención. (Salmo 130 1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8)

Segunda lectura: El espíritu del que cría a Jesús de los muertos habita en ti. (Romanos 8 8-11)

Evangelio— Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. (Juan 11 3-7,17,20-27,33B-45)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Daniel 13 1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Juan 8 1-11
Martes	Números 21 4-9; Juan 8 21-30
Miércoles	Daniel 3 14-20,91-92,95; Juan 8 31-42
Jueves	Génesis 17 3-9; Juan 8 51-59
Viernes	Jeremías 20 10-13; Juan 10 31-42
sábado	Ezequiel 37 21-28; Juan 11 45-56
Sunday	Isaías 50 4-7; Filipenses 2 6-11; Lucas 22 14-23 56

Desayuno del Ministro Hispano

El Desayuno Hispano es el 10 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.

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.

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.

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.

Estaciones de la Cruz /Pescado Frito

La última estaciones de la Cruz va se el Viernes, Abril 11, con los jovens a las 7:00 pm. Los Caballeros tendrán una cena de pescado frito a las 5:30pm-6:30 pm.

Clases de Bautismo 4/4

Las clases de bautismo son el 4 de Abril. 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.

La Cruz Ministerio de Lenteño

El evento de Santo Tomás Lenten Cross este año apoyará la asistencia de emergencia Shelby y el Condado de Bibb Sav-A-LIFE. Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad para las limosnas. Los artículos de las cruces de Cuaresma vencen el 3 de Abril.

CRS Cuencos de Arroz

Santo Tomás participará en CRS Rice Bowl. Los cuencos de arroz deben regresar el Jueves Santo. Colóquelos en las cestas de mimbre ubicadas en el espacio de reunion.

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.