



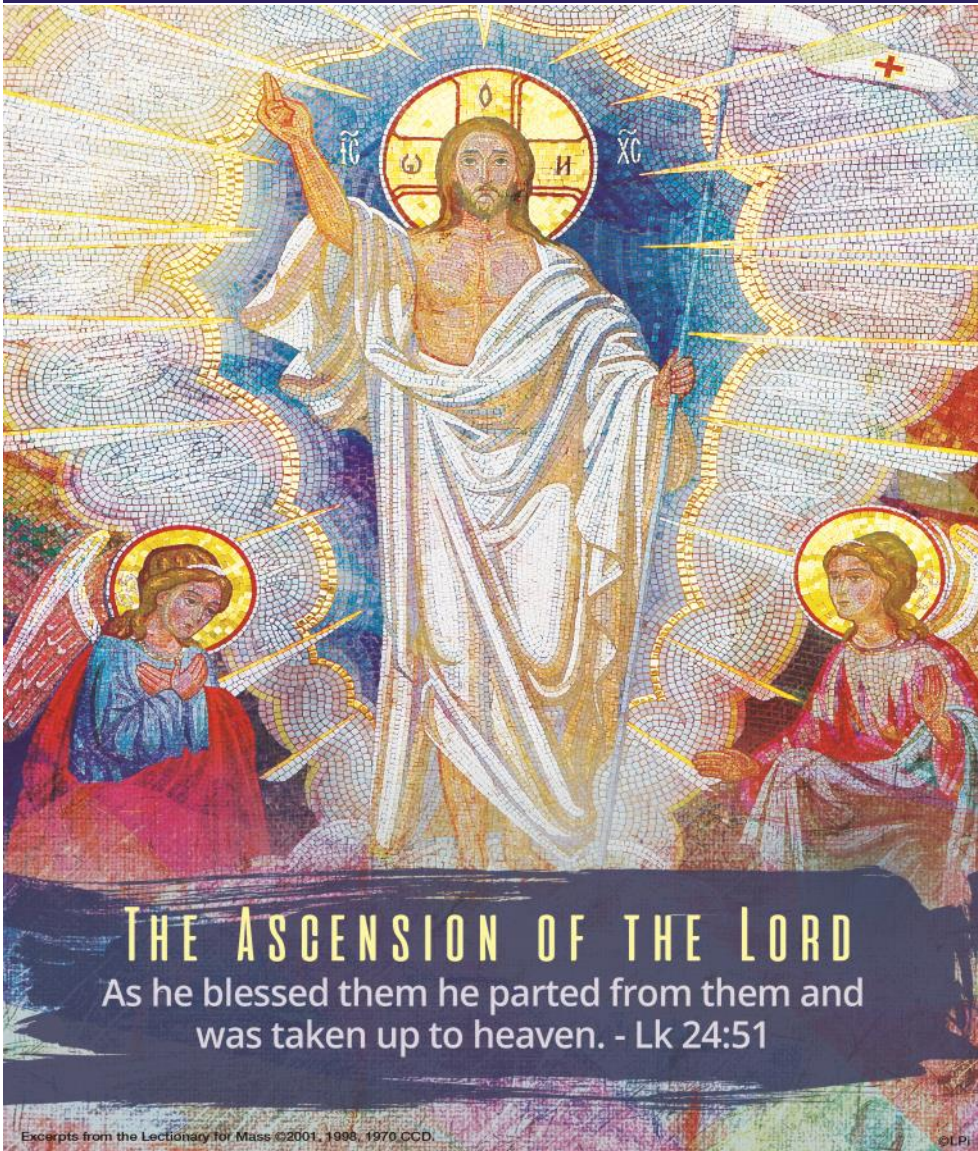
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD •



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970.CCD.

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 May 28

5:30 PM Mass for Norman Juliano, deceased

Sunday May 29

8:00 AM Mass for Lauren George, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Dawn Brady, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday May 30

Tuesday May 31

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday June 1

9:00 AM Mass for Jeff Pruett, deceased

Thursday June 2

9:00 AM Mass for Jenny Turner, deceased

Friday June 3

9:00 AM Mass for Payton Pruett, deceased

Saturday June 4

5:30 PM Mass for Aurestle Navarre, deceased

Sunday June 5

8:00 AM Mass for Mark and Mary Grahovic, 40th Wedding Anniversary

11:00 AM Mass for Judy Lemuix

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

May 28th & May 29th

In memory/honor of Walter Bishop & Lucy Hogues

In memory/honor of Florence Smeland

June 4th & June 5th

In memory/honor of Russel Dietenrider

In memory/honor of Henry & Bianca Brock

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. (Acts 7:55-60)

Psalms— The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (97:1-2, 6-7, 9)

Second Reading— Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20)

Gospel— As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up. (Acts 1:1-11)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

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 20th



| | | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS | USHERS | SACRISTANS |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Saturday June 4th | 5:30 PM | Deacon | Carol Anglini | Mary Katherine | Bill Drescher Walter Lee | Mary and Jerry |
| Sunday June 5th | 8:00 AM | Deacon | Kyle Lusk | Dalton Ash (MC) Alexandra (MC) Brinley Ash Audrey Paulo | Roland Burns Norma Russo Ken Radigan | Kyle Lusk |
| | 11:00 AM | Deacon | ? | David McClary (MC) Abraham Gallo Christopher Gallo Landon White | Val Crofts Brenda Picou Bill Richardson | ? |
| | 12:30 PM (Spanish) | See sign in sheet | See sign in sheet | Camilla (MC) Briana | Heron Patrick | Rivera/Roan |

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

MAY 29, 2022 TO JUNE 4, 2022

SUNDAY MAY 29

9:30 AM No Adult Faith
No Faith Formation
No RCIA

MONDAY MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY MAY 31

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY JUNE 2

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY JUNE 3

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY JUNE 4

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.

Pastoral Staff

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Brad JantzExt. 101

RETIRED PRIEST

Rev. Adrian L. Cook
alcook46@outlook.com

DEACONS

Bill Alexiou Ext. 102

David Hicks.....Ext. 105

dhicks@stthomascatholic.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jackie Lampton Ext. 109

HISPANIC COORDINATOR

Marisa Roan Ext. 100

CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Courtney Keeler, Matt Rankin,
Alyssa Williams, & Michael Whitfield
ccm@stthomascatholic.com

<http://stthomascatholic.com/>

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 5/22/22

| | BUDGET | ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory | \$9,500.00 | \$13,109.00 | \$3,609.00 |
| Building Fund | \$7,000.00 | \$5,560.00 | \$1,440.00 |
| Total | \$16,500.00 | \$18,669.00 | \$2,169.00 |

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

| | BUDGET | ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory | \$445,500.00 | \$479,939.52 | \$34,439.52 |
| Building Fund | \$329,000.00 | \$366,321.15 | \$37,321.15 |
| Total | \$774,500.00 | \$846,260.67 | \$71,760.67 |

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/Homebound

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,

We come this week to one of the great hinges of the Church's year: the Feast of the Ascension. With this mystery, we are reminded of the Lord's invisible but permanent presence with us, in every age and in every moment, and we await together our commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

With the Holy Spirit's coming in mind, this week, I'd ask your prayers and congratulations for our parish Confirmation candidates. The Confirmation will be on Tuesday, May 31, at 6pm, and we have about 60 candidates total—an amazing harvest! This represents three different groups: 10th grade students on the normal Faith Formation track; a special group of 11th/12th grade students on a one-year track; and several adults renewing their practice of faith through RCIA.

They'll be confirmed together, but each individual has their own amazing story about the journey to Confirmation. Our 10th graders have persisted through two years of great adversity to reach this great moment. Our 11th and 12th graders have set aside time they could have used for many other things to make sure they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as they finish high school. And the RCIA members being confirmed have reached significant moments of personal conversion to the Lord and have committed themselves anew to following him.

As we celebrate the journey of faith for each of our parishioners receiving Confirmation this week, let's seek the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Apostles, and St. Thomas our patron, that we will all receive a renewed awareness of the Holy Spirit's action in and through us.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Faith Formation Teachers Needed

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

Altar Servers Needed

We are in need of additional altar servers for our three English masses, and our Spanish mass. Those children who are interested in serving as an altar server will need to have completed their first communion in order to participate. The additional mass responsibilities we have added over the past 9 months for our altar server makes this ministry a great opportunity for our young children to become involved in an exciting ministry specifically geared towards them. If you have a child that is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Deacon David or the parish office.

Vacation Bible School– Volunteer Meeting

Please join us for a Vacation Bible School volunteer meeting on June 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room.

Homebound Ministry

Do you know of a parishioner that cannot come to mass? If so, please contact the parish office or Deacon David. Our ministry to the sick and homebound program is in full swing, and we want to make sure all of our homebound parishioners are able to receive communion on a regular basis from one of our lay ministers involved in the program.

Faith Formation

We have finished Faith Formation classes for the year. They will pick up again in September. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for registration dates!

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

K of C Pancake Breakfast 6/5

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 June 5, 2022.**

Ultreya Group 5/26

The Ultreya Group will be meeting Thursday, May 26th at 7pm in the St Joseph room. For questions please call Jasper Levio at (205)-585-4867.

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

Green County Mission Trip

This year St. Thomas will again take an active role in managing a project for the Greene County Mission Trip . The mission trip will be taking place from June 4th-10th. Bob Picou will be in the gathering area after masses on May 29th to answer questions, and he will have a sign-up sheet available for all interested. This is a great way to get involved in the community and offer service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Congratulations to First Holy Communion Class

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Paolo Acata | Julio D. Esquivel | Bryan Gonzalez | Sophia B. Johnson | Elizabet Rangel |
| Alex Calderon | Emily Fridy | Mia A. Gutierrez | Jorge A. Luna | Kevin Rodriguez |
| Angel Calderon | Angel E. Gallo | Jhovanne M. Guzman | Mark Mathu | Mary K. Shirley |
| Dulce M. Cruz | Kennia Galvan | Dara J. Hernandez | Carlos D. Nava | Halliday R. Spence |
| Angel U. Cruz | Harrison H. Goodwin | Victor G. Hernandez | Davyn J. Nieto | Camilla Tafoya |
| Danna V. Esquivel | Natalie G. Gomez | Vanessa N. Hernandez | Mario J. Rangel | Chloe Thiani |
| Alexander B. Valencia | Landon White | Adrian C. Woodward | Fatima I. Zuniga | America Michelle |
| Misty Ramirez | | | | |

Italian American Heritage Society Scholarship Announcement

If you plan to apply for the \$500 scholarship given by the Italian American Heritage Society, the due date is very near. To be accepted, your essay must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2022. This is the date the essays are due. Any essay received with a later postmark will not be accepted, but it can be submitted next year. Participate by telling what your Italian Heritage means to you and meeting the other requirements. See iahsbham.com for the guidelines.

K of C Meat Sale 5/30

The Knights are taking orders for their smoked meat sale for Memorial Day after the masses in the gathering space. Orders will be available for pickup after the masses on Memorial Day weekend. Pricing is: \$35 for butts, \$20 for ribs, \$15 for chickens, and \$35 for 5 pounds of Italian sausage.

Confirmation 5/31

The Confirmation Mass will take place on May 31st at 6:00pm. Those making their Confirmation and their sponsor are asked to arrive by 5:00pm.

Ladies Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Ladies bible study will start back up in the fall. If you have any questions please call Debbie Drescher at 205-664-2066

Sunday Mass Obligation

Part of what it means to place God first in our lives is that we need to make time to come to public worship (as required by the Third Commandment). Practically speaking, this means that Catholics are expected to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, unless they are excused for a serious reason. In light of the current circumstances, serious reasons include being at a high risk medically or experiencing COVID symptoms. If you have concerns about being present in person at our public worship, Father Jantz is happy to speak with you.



LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Veo al Hijo del Hombre de pie a la derecha de Dios. (Hechos 7:55-60)

Salmo: El Señor es el rey, el Altísimo sobre toda la tierra. (97:1-2, 6-7, 9)

Segunda lectura: ¡Ven, Señor Jesús! (Apocalipsis 22:12-14, 16-17, 20)

Evangelio: Mientras los Apóstoles miraban, Jesús fue levantado. (Hechos 1:1-11)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

| | |
|-----------|--|
| Lunes | Hechos 19:1-8; Juan 16:29-33 |
| Martes | Romanos 12:9-16; Lucas 1:39-56 |
| Miércoles | Hechos 20:28-38; Juan 17:11b-19 |
| Jueves | Hechos 22:30, 23:6-11; Juan 17:20-26 |
| Viernes | Hechos 25:13b-21; Juan 21:15-19 |
| Sábado | Hechos 28:16-20, 30-31; Juan 21:20-25 |
| Domingo | Hechos 2:1-11; 1 Corintios 12:3b-7, 12-13; Juan 20:19-23 |

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Esta semana, llegamos a una de las grandes bisagras del año de la Iglesia: la Fiesta de la Ascensión. Con este misterio, nos recordamos de la presencia invisible pero permanente del Señor con nosotros, en cada época y en cada momento, y esperamos juntos la conmemoración de la venida del Espíritu Santo.

Con la venida del Espíritu Santo en mente, les pido sus oraciones y felicitaciones por los candidatos a la Confirmación de nuestra parroquia. La Confirmación será el martes 31 de mayo a las 6 p.m., y tenemos alrededor de 60 candidatos en total, ¡una cosecha increíble! Esto representa tres grupos diferentes: estudiantes del 10° grado en el camino normal de Formación en la Fe; un grupo especial de estudiantes de los grados 11 y 12 en un programa acelerado; y varios adultos renovando su práctica de fe a través de RICA.

Recibirán la Confirmación juntos, pero cada individuo tiene su propia historia increíble sobre el camino. Nuestros alumnos del décimo grado han persistido a través de dos años de gran adversidad para llegar a este gran momento. Nuestros alumnos de 11° y 12° grado han reservado tiempo que podrían haber usado para muchas otras cosas para asegurarse de recibir el don del Espíritu Santo al terminar la High School. Y los miembros del RICA en proceso de confirmación han llegado a momentos significativos de conversión personal al Señor y se han comprometido nuevamente a seguirlo.

Mientras celebramos el camino de fe de cada uno de nuestros feligreses que reciben la Confirmación esta semana, busquemos la intercesión de María, la Madre de los Apóstoles, y de Santo Tomás nuestro patrón, para que todos recibamos una renovada conciencia de la acción del Espíritu Santo, en y a través de nosotros.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jantz

Confirmación 5/31

La ceremonia será el 31 de Mayo, Martes a las 6:00 pm. Pedimos que aquellos que hacen su confirmación y su patrocinador lleguen a las 5 pm.

Escuela de vacaciones (VBS) - Necesitamos Voluntarios

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 Andrea al 659-209-8146.

Las Clases Para Quinceañeras 6/6

Las clases son el **6 de Junio a 26 de Junio, 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 Bautismo 6/6

Las clases de bautismo son el 6 de Junio. 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.

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.