



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, JULY 24 SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9

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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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23

5:30 PM Mass for Jimmy Levio, deceased

Sunday, July 24

8:00 AM Mass for Maria I Avalos, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Mary Ann Little

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, July 27

9:00 AM Mass for Melba Gent Reed, deceased

Thursday, July 28

9:00 AM Mass for Jimmy Levio, deceased

Friday, July 29

9:00 AM Mass for Oli Maleki Verki, deceased

Saturday, July 30

5:30 PM Mass for Barbara Readel, deceased

Sunday, July 31

8:00 AM Mass for Jan Martin, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Jimmy Levio, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Let not my Lord grow angry if I speak. (Genesis 18:20-32)

Psalm— Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (138:1-2,2-3,6-7,7-8)

Second Reading— God has brought you to life along with Christ, having forgiven us all our transgressions. (Colossians 2:12-14)

Gospel— Ask and you will receive. (Luke 11:1-13)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9; John 4:7-16

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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

July 23rd & July 24th

In memory/honor of Brissia Romero Mallery

In memory/honor of Joe & Carol Risico & Vincent Ranieri

July 30th & 31st



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 August 5th & 19th

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

USHERS

SACRISTANS

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday July 30th	5:30 PM	Deacon Brenda Picou (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2)	Alan Cannon		Mike Gerrells David Higdon Ron Hoff	Cathy Bailey
Sunday July 31st	8:00 AM	Deacon Sarah Burns (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2)	Susan Phillips	Asli (T) Jackson Trent GiGi	Nathan Tucker Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood	Sarah Burns
	11:00 AM	Deacon Rob Caliento (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2) (Cup 3)	Jena Evanko	Byron (T) Atticus Kim Nicole	Brenda Picou Bill Richardson Jasper Levio	Barbara Youngblood
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Aracely Aguirre Lucina Tavera	Guadalupe F., Danny, Maria Patricia, Vidal Mtz.	Camilla R. Fernando Briana Maria	Heron Patrick	Lupe y Antonio, Magda, y Marisa

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

JUNE 24, 2022 TO JULY 30, 2022

SUNDAY, JULY 24

9:30 AM—10:45 AM
 No Adult Faith Formation
 No Faith Formation
 No RCIA

MONDAY, JULY 25

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JULY 26

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, JULY 28

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY 29

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY 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.

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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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection 7/03/22 & 7/10/22

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$20,600.00	\$22,880.68	\$2,280.68
Building Fund	\$14,600.00	\$11,717.88	\$2,882.12
Total	\$35,200.00	\$34,598.56	\$601.44

Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/22—Present

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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,

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus gives us one of the great keys to prayer: persistence. Not because God wants to hear a certain number of prayers from us before he'll give us good things—we know that our Father gives us good gifts in each moment! It's just that for us, as creatures who live in time, there's a purpose to persistence in prayer.

First, we're limited. Even the greatest human beings who have ever lived can only do so much. No matter how much we think we're in control, we depend on God for so much, and we receive our daily bread only because of his blessing. Persistence in prayer teaches us to appreciate that dependence—and it also teaches us that our dependence on God is what raises us up.

Second, one of the greatest purposes of prayer is for us to shape our own hearts and minds in accordance with God's will. It's one thing to know that we should desire certain things: good things for other people, commitment to his calling. It's another thing to actually conform our will to his. Our time in prayer is one of the most important things that helps us do that.

So persistence in prayer would be my challenge for all of us this week. I know with summer being different, it's easy for our normal prayer routines to fall a bit by the wayside—but persistence is key. Through the example of Blessed Mary, who taught the Child Jesus to pray, and St. Thomas, who remained with the other apostles in prayer in the Upper Room, let's be renewed in our commitment each day to ask our heavenly Father for all that we need.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Youth Group Retreat 8/13

The Youth Group will be having a retreat on August 13th from 8:00am-4:00pm. To raise monies they are selling T-Shirts for \$20, they will be selling them till July 20th. If you have any question please contact Maria Maldonado at 205-517-0604.

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. This is a great opportunity for our young folks 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.

Faith Formation

We have finished Faith Formation classes for the year. They will pick up again in September.

Registration Date: August 7th between Masses.

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 you have any questions, contact Maria Maldonado at 205-517-0604

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

Adult Faith Forum ??

Are you looking to learn more about your faith over the summer? The Adult Faith Forum is each Wednesday this summer at 7 p.m. It will offer adults the chance to learn more and dive deeper into their faith. The Forum will be led by Fr. Jantz and our seminarian, John Paul Stepnowski.

K of C Pancake Breakfast 8/7

The Knights of Columbus provide a pancake breakfast on the First Sunday of each month from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Please plan to join us. **Next Breakfast is August 7th.**

Donations for the Families of the Robb Elementary School Shootings

If you would like to make a donation to the families of the Robb Elementary School shootings in Texas that will help lessen the financial burden placed on these families, it may be sent to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 408 Fort Clark Rd., Uvalde, TX 78801. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and notate on the check that it is for Robb Elementary School.

100 Rosaries project

Deacon Doug Moorner from Our Lady of Fatima Parish is spearheading a prayer response for Peace and an end to Youth and Gun violence in the Birmingham area. Deacon Moorner is seeking 1000 people to commit to say 100 rosaries between March 31, The Visitation of the Virgin Mary, and September 8, the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. If we have more than 1000 people, that's ok! If you are interested in participating, sheets are available in the Gathering Space that can be used to help track your progress.

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.

Lectors Needed for 11:00AM

Looking for a way to participate more fully in the Mass? How about volunteering as a Lector? We can always use Lectors at all the Masses, but the 11:00 AM Mass can really use some additional volunteers. Please Call Mary Baker 205-296-7792 or email her at marytbaker@me.com

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham 21st Annual Conference on July 29 and 30

The 21st Annual CCROB Conference will be held in the Family Life Center at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on July 29 and at 8:00 a.m. on July 30. The conference theme is "Thy Will Be Done." The main speaker will be Andi Oney along with Father Frankline Fomukong and Jackie Smoke. The registration fee for individuals is \$25 and \$65 for a family of 3 or more. Register online at www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org or mail registration to: CCROB, 1222 Hueytown Rd, Hueytown, AL 35023. For further information contact Sally Smith at 205-983-4150 or Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947. You may also register at the conference. Everyone is welcome!

RCIA Inquiry Meeting 8/14,21, & 22

A meeting for those interested in receiving the sacraments of the Church or just have questions about the Catholic faith is scheduled for **Sunday August 14, 21, & 22 in the St. Joseph Room** (located in the Admin Bldg.) from 9:30am to 10:45am.

K of Columbus Scholarship Program

The St Thomas Knights of Columbus expect to resume their scholarship program if circumstances don't prevent it. Briefly there are 2 scholarships, 1 male and 1 female, each for \$500. The student must be a graduating senior and a member of the Parish. It is a one-time nonrenewable scholarship. More information will be provided this fall.

Cantors Needed

Additional cantors are needed for all three of our English masses. If you are interested in becoming a cantor, please contact Ann Hicks at 205-767-0333 or Father Jantz at 205-663-3936.



LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Que no se enfade mi Señor, si sigo hablando. (Genesis 18:20-32)

Salmo: Cuando te invoqué, Señor, me escuchaste. (138:1-2,2-3,6-7,7-8)

Segunda lectura: Estabais muertos por vuestros pecados, porque no estabais circuncidados; pero Dios os dio vida en él, perdonando todos los pecados. (Colosenses 2:12-14)

Evangelio: Porque quien pide recibe. (Lucas 11:1-13)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	II Corintios 4:7-15; Mateo 20:20-28
Martes	Jeremias 14:17-22; Mateo 13:36-43
Miércoles	Jeremias 15:10, 16-21; Mateo 13:44-46
Jueves	Jeremias 18:1-6; Mateo 13:47-53
Viernes	Jeremias 26:1-9; Juan 4:7-16
Sábado	Jeremias 26:11-16, 24; Mateo 14:1-12
Domingo	Eclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11; Lucas 12:13-21

Preparaciones Matrimoniales

Las personas que necesitan pláticas y planear su boda necesitan hablar con el Padre Jantz **seis meses antes de su boda** y también necesitan tener las pláticas matrimoniales. Las clases de matrimonio se ofrecerán en Agosto para los feligreses de Santo Tomás Para más información comuníquese a las oficina al 205-663-3936.

Grupo de jóvenes -Retiro 8/13

El grupo juvenil tendrá un retiro el 13 de Agosto, sábado de 8:00 a.m. a 4:00pm. Todos los jóvenes están invitados. Las camisetas cuestan \$20 o cualquier donación es bienvenida. Venderán camietas hasta el 20 de Julio. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con María Maldonado al 205-517-0604.

Padre Ernesto M. Caro 8/11

Santo Tomás ha invitado a Padre Ernesto a nuestra parroquia el 11 de Agosto, Jueves a las 6:00pm– 8:00pm. El Padre compartirá un tema sobre la Eucaristía y terminaremos con Adoración. Todos están invitados a asistir. Le daremos la bienvenida con una cena a las 4:30pm. Si desea ayudar con la cena, póngase en contacto con Griselda Garcia 205-478-5110 o la oficina con Marisa o Andrea 205-663-3936. También El Padre Ernesto va esta en Annunciation-Decatur Agosto 10, y Holy Spirit-Tuscaloosa– Agosto 12.

Clases de Bautismo 8/1

Las clases de bautismo son el 1 de Agosto. 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 asistir a la clase.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En el Evangelio de este fin de semana, Jesús nos da una de las grandes claves de la oración: la persistencia. No porque Dios quiera escuchar un cierto número de oraciones nuestras antes de darnos cosas buenas, ¡sabemos que nuestro Padre nos da buenos regalos en cada momento! Es solo que, para nosotros, como criaturas que vivimos en el tiempo, hay un propósito para la perseverancia en la oración.

Primero, estamos limitados. Incluso los mejores seres humanos que jamás hayan vivido no pueden hacer todo. No importa cuánto pensemos que tenemos el control, dependemos de Dios y recibimos nuestro pan de cada día solo por su bendición. La persistencia en la oración nos enseña a apreciar esa dependencia, y también nos enseña que nuestra dependencia de Dios es lo que nos levanta.

Segundo, uno de los mayores propósitos de la oración es que moldeemos nuestros corazones y mentes de acuerdo con la voluntad de Dios. Una cosa es saber que debemos desear ciertas cosas: cosas buenas para otras personas, compromiso con el llamado divino. Otra cosa es conformar nuestra voluntad a la de Dios. Nuestro tiempo en oración es una de las cosas más importantes que nos ayuda a hacer eso.

Así que la persistencia en la oración sería mi desafío para todos nosotros esta semana. Sé que con el verano siendo diferente, es fácil que nuestras rutinas normales de oración se queden un poco en el camino, pero la persistencia es la clave. A ejemplo de María Santísima, que enseñó a orar al Niño Jesús, y de Santo Tomás, que permaneció con los demás apóstoles en oración en el Cenáculo, renovemos cada día nuestro compromiso de pedir a nuestro Padre celestial todo lo que necesitamos.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre 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. **Para las clases con Magda Guerrero al 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 Matrimoniales

Magda y Dionisio 205 643-2659;

Deyanira y Omar 205 760-2488;

Dany y Graciela 205 529-2840

Preparaciones para quinceañeras

Magda Rivera | 643-2659

RosaMaria Angel | 205-901-0470