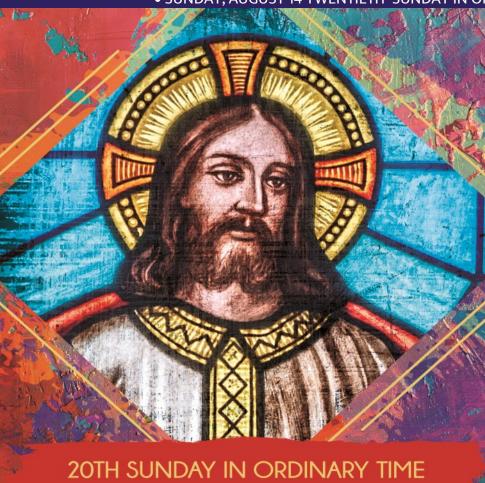
# St. Thomas Catholic Church PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME•



"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"
- Lk 12:50

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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, August 13

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Bob & Brenda Picou

Sunday, August 14

8:00 AM Mass for Toni Johnston, deceased 11:00 AM Mass for Jimmy Levio, deceased 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday, August 15

9:00 AM Mass, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM Mass (Bilingual), Assumption

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 AM Mass for Laurence Serio, deceased

Wednesday, August 17

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Kristi Serio

Thursday, August 18

9:00 AM Mass intention of Joe C. Serio

Friday, August 19

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Jason Serio

Saturday, August 20

5:30 PM Mass for Ron Everling, deceased

Sunday, August 21

Mass for, deceased 8:00 AM

Mass Melba Orticke, deceased 11:00 AM 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

#### **Monthly Altar Flowers**

August 13th & August 14th In memory/honor of Wilson & Anita Picou August 20th & August 21st

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— A man of strife and contention to all the Land. (Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10)

**Psalm**— Lord, come to my aid! (40:2,3,4,18)

Second Reading— Let us persevere in running the race that lies

before us. (12:1-4)

**Gospel**— I have come not to establish peace, but rather division. (Luke 12:49-53)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab; I Corinthians 15:20-27;

Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13; Luke 13:22-30

#### **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 August 19th

		<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday August 20th	5:30 PM	Deacon Winnie Martinez (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2)	Teresa Shirley	Mary Katherine	Pat Taylor David Higdon Ron Hoff	Jerry& Mary
Sunday August 21st	8:00 AM	Deacon Laura Kaylor (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2)	Kyle Lusk Mike Ash	Jackson Asli (T) Trent GiGi	Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood Roland Burns	Kyle Lusk
	11:00 AM	Deacon Judy Lemieux (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2) (Cup 3)	Paula Blevins- Russel	David (T) Abraham Christopher	Michael Fisher Wayne Perrin Val Crofts	Mary Ann Little
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Maria Perez Ofelia	Maria Patricia Danny Rosamaria Gregoria 2	Elizabeth Isabella Dulce	Heron Patrick	Lupe y Antonio, Magda, y Andrea

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

#### **AUGUST 14, 2022 TO AUGUST 20, 2022**

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

8:30 AM-1:45 PM

No Faith Formation

No RCIA

Inquiry

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15** 

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 19**

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN Adoration begins at noon

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**

Adoration ends at noon 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 <a href="https://www.stthomascatholic.com">www.stthomascatholic.com</a>. 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.

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 7/31/22 & 08/07/22

Total	\$35,200.00	\$21,001.97	\$14,198.03
Building Fund	\$14,600.00	\$8,949.47	\$5,650.53
Offertory	\$20,600.00	\$12,052.50	\$8,547.50
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$61,800.00	\$57,337.18	\$4,462.82
Building Fund	\$43,800.00	\$36,332.65	\$7,467.35
Total	\$105,600.00	\$93,669.83	\$11,930.17

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,

We're coming to the home stretch of the summer! It never feels quite like things are fully back in swing until Labor Day, but schools already are back in session, and even the university will be starting out its academic year soon. But we still have one major summer celebration ahead of us: the Feast of the Assumption.

This ancient feast day (dating back at least to the 400s) commemorates when Mary was taken into heaven at the end of her earthly life—a singular gift acknowledging her unique role in our salvation, as Jesus' mother. In many countries, this feast day marks the last days of summer, when people's minds start turning from the lighter schedule of summer to the work of the fall harvest.

Normally, this feast is a holy day of obligation. These are days when Catholics are normally expected to attend Mass on days other than Sunday, and they include: January the 1st (Mary, the Mother of God); November the 1st (All Saints); December the 8th (Immaculate Conception); and December the 25th (Christmas). Catholics come faithfully to Mass on these days, because they touch on major aspects of our salvation.

Here in the United States, there is a slight exception to the obligation for most of these celebrations when they fall on a Saturday or Monday. For our observances of New Year's Day, All Saints, and the Immaculate Conception, in these cases the obligation is covered by the Sunday. This is why in the case of this year's celebration of the Assumption, which falls on a Monday, there is no obligation to attend Mass.

That said, we're still observing the Assumption here at the parish, and everyone is invited to join us for this special day. We'll have a Mass in English at 9am and a bilingual Mass at 7pm. It might not be a day of obligation, but it's certainly a day of opportunity, to praise God for his mighty deeds in the life of Mary. Through the intercession of Mary, our Lady of the Assumption, and of St. Thomas, our patron, may we recognize God's loving presence in every season of our lives.

God bless,

Fr Jantz

#### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/15

Monday, August 15th we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Masses will be celebrated at 9 AM and 7 PM (Bilingual).

#### The Padre Pio Prayer Group 8/20

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, August 20th, at 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood, AL. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer/rosary/adoration and Holy Mass. Father Mark Mary Cristina, MFVA, from EWTN will be our celebrant. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at <a href="mailto:angkolar@att.net">angkolar@att.net</a> or 205-991-9554. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio, pray for us!

#### **Eucharistic Ministers 8/27-28**

There will be a Eucharistic Ministers refresher training session following each of the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 & 28. Angel Coyle will be the one to see if you have any questions or can not make it to the training. The training for the 11:00am Mass will be where the Adult Bible Study is held. You can also call Betty Ludwig at 205-665-1904 for any questions that you may have. Thank you all and many blessings for volunteering in this ministry.

#### **Faith Formation**

Faith Formation classes begin on **September 11.** 

Adult: Sun. 9:30-10:45 a.m. 1st-10th Grade 1st-10th: Sun. 9:30 -10:45 a.m.

#### 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

#### **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.

#### 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**

#### K of C Pancake Breakfast 9/4

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 September 4th.** 

#### **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

#### RCIA Inquiry Meeting 8/14, 21, & 28

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, & 28 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### Youth Group Retreat 8/13

On August 13th the youth ministry successfully concluded their summer retreat. Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thanks to the volunteers who made this project possible.

#### **Italian-American Heritage Society Meeting 8/14**

The Italian-American Heritage Society's next meeting will be held on August 14th at 2:00 in the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall. Anyone of Italian descent and their spouses are welcome to attend. There is a prorated membership fee for first time members who join. Come see your friends and celebrate your heritage with us.

#### Nazareth House Program – Catholic Youth Volunteers Invited 8/20

Catholic high-school students interested in working with children and youth having intellectual and developmental disabilities, in a Saturday Morning greater Birmingham Area city-wide program of religious education, are invited to a training workshop on Saturday, August 20th. The training workshop will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon at St. Francis Xavier School, 2 Xavier Circle, Birmingham, Al 35213. The training workshop will take place in the School Annex Building, Please note that those who participate in the Nazareth House Saturday Program are eligible for service hours that meet the requirements for high school graduation and college scholarship applications. For further information or directions, please email, text or telephone Sarah Houser LICSW (sawisely@gmail.com) 205-612-6111 or Father Patrick Cullen (Rathmines.Cullen@gmail.com) 205-907-0287.

#### Ladies Morning Bible Study 9/21

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM in the St. Joseph's room. We will study "James: Pearls for Wise Living", Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith. Meant to help a fledgling Church live out its faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel, the book of James will help you discover wisdom you can apply to the present. All are invited to attend. If you have questions, call Debbie Drescher at 205-616-0920.

#### Wednesday Night Scripture Study 9/21

The Scripture Study group will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room with "The Early Church: An Exciting Study of the Church's First Five Hundred Years"

Discover the extraordinary story of the Church's beginnings—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. Here you will get to know the people and events that shaped its first five hundred years. You will see how the Church Fathers boldly confronted early challenges to the Faith—challenges similar to the ones we face today. You will learn the stories behind the first ecumenical councils and the Roman persecutions and meet many of the men and women who gave their lives to defend the Faith. The heroic stories of the early leaders and martyrs of the Church will strengthen and affirm your own walk of faith. All are invited! Call Bill or Debbie at 205-664-2066 if you have any questions.

# MINISTERIO HISPANO



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"Tengo que recibir un bautismo ¡y cómo me angustio mientras llega! ¿Piensan acaso que he venido a traer paz a la tierra? De ningún modo. No he venido a traer la paz, sino la división. De aquí en

#### Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Estamos llegando al final del verano! Las cosas no serán completamente en marcha hasta Labor Day, pero las escuelas ya están en sesión, e incluso la universidad comenzará su año académico pronto. Pero todavía tenemos una gran celebración de verano por delante: la Fiesta de la Asunción.

Esta antigua fiesta (que se remonta al menos a los años 400) conmemora cuando María fue llevada al cielo al final de su vida terrenal, un don singular que reconoce su papel único en nuestra salvación, como madre de Jesús. En muchos países, esta fiesta marca los últimos días del verano, cuando empezamos a pasar del horario más ligero del verano al trabajo de la cosecha de otoño.

Normalmente, esta fiesta es un día santo de precepto. Estos son días cuando los católicos asistan a Misa (más allá del al domingo) e incluyen: el 1 de enero (María, la Madre de Dios); 1 de noviembre (Todos los Santos); el 8 de diciembre (Inmaculada Concepción); y el 25 de diciembre (Navidad). Los católicos asisten fielmente a Misa en estos días porque tocan aspectos importantes de nuestra salvación.

Aquí en los Estados Unidos, hay una pequeña excepción a la obligación de estas celebraciones cuando son en sábado o lunes. Para nuestras celebraciones del Día de Año Nuevo, Todos los Santos y la Inmaculada Concepción, si caen en sábado o domingo, la obligación está cubierta por el domingo. Por eso, en el caso de la celebración de la Asunción de este año, que cae en lunes, no hay obligación de asistir a Misa.

Dicho esto, todavía estamos celebrando la Asunción aquí en la parroquia, y todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros en este día especial. Tendremos una Misa en ingles a las 9am y una Misa bilingüe a las 7pm. No es un día de obligación, pero ciertamente es un día de oportunidad para alabar a Dios por sus obras poderosas en la vida de María. Por intercesión de María, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, y de Santo Tomás, nuestro patrón, reconozcamos la presencia amorosa de Dios en todos los tiempos de nuestra vida.

#### **LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO**

Primera lectura: Un hombre de lucha y contención de

toda la tierra. (Jeremías 38 4-6,8-10)

**Salmo:** Señor, ven en mi ayuda! (40 2,3,4,18)

Segunda lectura: Perseveramos en la carrera que se

encuentra ante nosotros. (12 1-4)

Evangelio: No he venido a establecer la paz, sino división.

(Lucas 12 49-53)

#### **LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA**

Lunes Apocalipsis 11 19a; 12 1-6a, 10ab; I Corintios 15 20-27; Lucas 1 39-56

Martes Ezequiel 28 1-10; Mateo 19 23-30
Miércoles Ezequiel 34 1-11; Matthew 20 1-16
Jueves Ezequiel 36 23-28; Matthew 22 1-14
Viernes Ezequiel 37 1-14; Matthew 22 34-40
Sábado Ezequiel 43 1-7ab; Mateo 23 1-12
Domingo Isaías 66 18-21; Hebreos 12 5-7,11-13;

Lucas 13 22-30

#### **Preparaciones Matrimoniales**

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

#### Grupo de jóvenes -Retiro Gracias

El pasado 13 de Agosto el ministerio juvenil exitosamente concluyó su retiro de éste verano. Gracias a todos los que asistieron y un especial agradecimiento a los voluntarios que hicieron éste proyecto posible.

#### Padre Ernesto M. Caro- Gracias

Santo Tomás acogió con gran hospitalidad al Padre Ernesto M. Caro el pasado jueves, como parte de su Misión Eucarística Parroquial. Esto fue posible gracias a la union del ministerio hispano y el resto de la comunidad de Santo Tomás. Especial agradecimiento al equipo de cocina del ministerio hispano y al coro parroquial por su valiosa participación en sus respectivas actividades. Gracias a la comunidad que asistió a éste evento y consolidó la activa participación hispana en nuestra parroquia.

#### Clases de Bautismo 9/12

Las clases de bautismo son el 12 de Septiembre. Las clases de bautismo son para <u>miembros de Santo Tomás.</u> 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 asiste la clase.

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

#### 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 registrase 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