



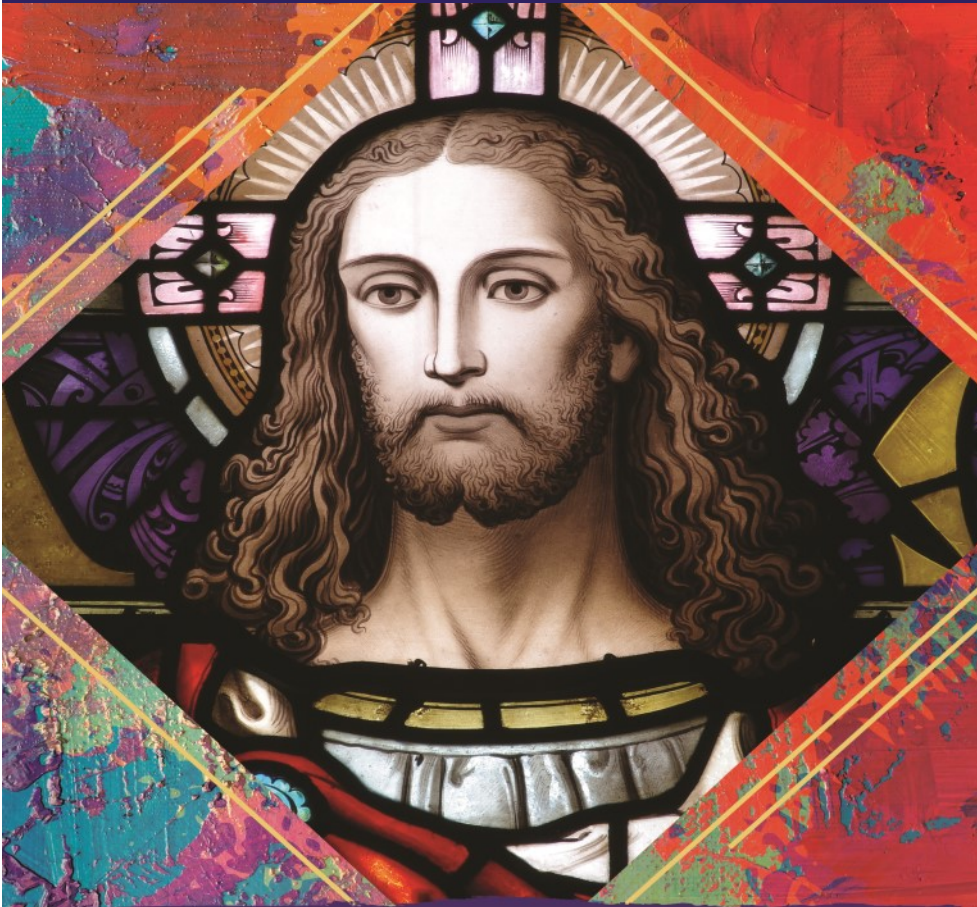
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

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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, August 20

5:30 PM Mass for Ron Everling, deceased

Sunday, August 21

8:00 AM Mass for Jim Cocke, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Melba Orticke, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday, August 22

Tuesday, August 23

9:00 AM Mass for Sara Lee Serio, deceased

Wednesday, August 24

9:00 AM Mass for Lawrence Serio, deceased

Thursday, August 25

9:00 AM Mass for Melba Orticke, deceased

Friday, August 26

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Anthony Serio

Saturday, August 27

5:30 PM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

Sunday, August 28

8:00 AM Mass for Sam Petix, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Tony Champagne, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations. (Isaiah 66:18-21)

Psalms— Go out to all the world and tell the good news. (117:1, 2)

Second Reading— Those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines. (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13)

Gospel— They will come from east and west and recline at table in the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:22-30)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 9:1-6; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: II Thessalonians 2:1-3a,14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Thursday: I Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: I Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: I Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

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 September 2nd & 16th



Monthly Altar Flowers

August 20th & August 21st

In memory/honor of Charlie Plott

August 27th & August 28th

In memory/honor of William & Mary Brock

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday August 27th	5:30 PM	Deacon Tena Whitworth (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2)	Winnie Martinez		Bill Drescher Walter Lee Paul Lorino	Cathy Bailey
Sunday August 28th	8:00 AM	Deacon Susie Leckness (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2)	Ann Mason Mary Baker	Dalton (T) Alexandra Brinley Audrey Paolo	Nathan Tucker Norma Russo Ken Radigan	Sarah Burns
	11:00 AM	Deacon Sue Caliento (B1) (Cup 1) (Cup 2) (Cup 3)	Angel Coyle	Byron (T) Atticus Kim Nicole	Brenda Picou Bill Richardson Jasper Levio	Barbara Youngblood
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Maria Pineda Graciela Pineda	Lucero, Cristina, Mirna, Xochitl	Camilla Fernando Briana Maura	Heron Patrick	Lupe y Antonio, Magda, y Andrea

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

AUGUST 21, 2022 TO AUGUST 27, 2022

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 AM—1:45 PM

No Faith Formation

No RCIA

Inquiry

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

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 7/31/22 & 08/07/22

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$20,600.00	\$19,788.84	\$811.16
Building Fund	\$14,600.00	\$11,617.47	\$2,982.53
Total	\$35,200.00	\$31,406.31	\$3,793.69

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$61,800.00	\$65,073.52	\$3,273.52
Building Fund	\$43,800.00	\$39,000.31	\$4,799.69
Total	\$105,600.00	\$104,078.83	\$1,521.17

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,

How many people will there be in heaven? I'm sure it's something we've all wondered about every so often. The Church's tradition on this point is a bit complicated: God desires the salvation of every human being, but he also respects our freedom of choice to be with him or not. That complexity is the reason why Jesus sort of brushes off a question about someone who wants to take a census of heaven's population. His basic point is that instead of getting distracted by questions that are way above our paygrade, we should focus in on two things: making sure that we ourselves get to heaven, and doing everything we can to bring as many people along with us as we can.

This principle touches many aspects of our life of faith, from our Sunday celebrations to our individual prayers to our works of charity. For this weekend, I'd like to ask everyone to think about the second part: how do we get as many people to heaven with us as possible?

We're currently in the process of starting our RCIA program for the year: the main way that we respond to the needs of people seeking unity with Christ and his Church. The team is already meeting each Sunday at 9:30am, and the formal program will begin the weekend after Labor Day. As a first step, please think and pray about anyone you know that might be interested—I'm sure we all know someone that has questions and would like to learn more about God. As a second step, please give them a personal invitation to come to St. Thomas and check out our RCIA.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Apostles, and our patron St. Thomas, may we all find the wisdom and courage to bring someone in our lives to the Lord Jesus.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

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.

Primetimers 9/13

Primetimers will began again on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 11:00AM. This group consists of parishioners over the age of 55 who meet at 11:00AM for Mass followed by a pot luck lunch the second Tuesday of each month (Sept.-May). If possible please bring a dish to share.

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 8/21, & 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 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 teachers for our Faith Formation classes. Classes will start again on Sunday, September 11th. If you are interested in volunteering contact Magda at 205-643-2659.

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.

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.

Social Concerns-Help Needed

Nancy and Bill Plott have been in charge of the Social Concern ministry and would like for someone or more to help them with this ministry in planning or organizing our Angel Tree for Christmas, food pantry, and Lent crosses. If you are interested in helping please get in contact with Nancy at 205-531-1495. Call after 3:00PM.

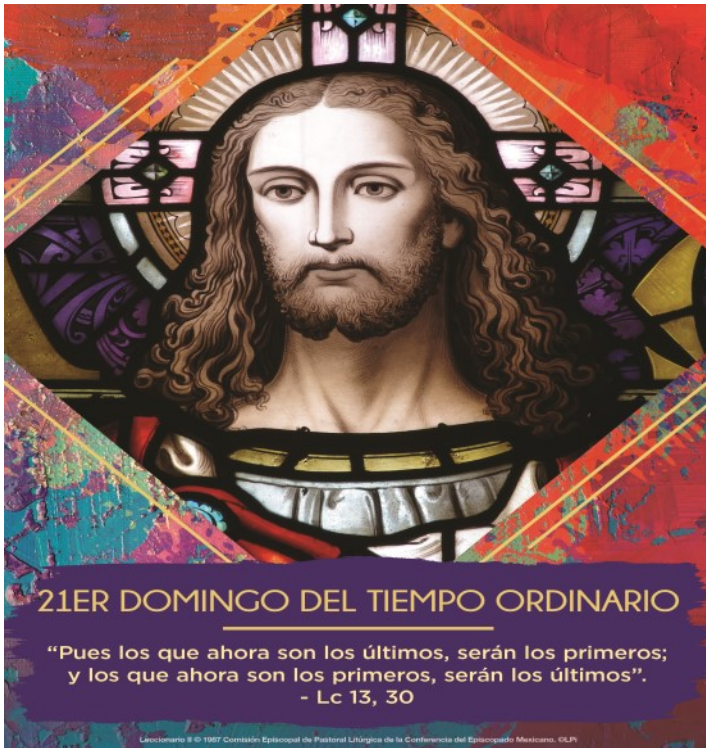
Ladies Morning Bible Study 9/21

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin on September 21st at 10:00 AM in the St. Joseph's room. We will study "James: Pearls for Wise Living". In "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.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¿Cuántas personas habrá en el cielo? Es algo que todos nos hemos preguntado de vez en cuando. La tradición de la Iglesia en este punto es un poco complicada: Dios desea la salvación de todos, pero también respeta nuestra libertad de elección de estar con él o no. Esa complejidad es la razón por la cual, en el evangelio de hoy, Jesús ignora una pregunta sobre alguien que quiere hacer un censo de la población del cielo. Su punto básico es que en lugar de distraernos con preguntas que solo Dios sabe, debemos concentrarnos en dos cosas: asegurarnos de que nosotros mismos lleguemos al cielo y hacer todo lo posible para traer a muchas personas al cielo con nosotros.

Este principio toca muchos aspectos de nuestra vida de fe, desde nuestras celebraciones dominicales hasta nuestras oraciones individuales y nuestras obras de caridad. Para este fin de semana, me gustaría pedirles a todos que piensen en la segunda parte: ¿cómo podemos llevar a tantas personas al cielo con nosotros como sea posible?

Actualmente estamos en el proceso de iniciar nuestro programa RICA (“Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para los Adultos”) para el año: nuestro programa principal para responder a las necesidades de las personas que buscan la unidad con Cristo y su Iglesia. Las clases comenzarán el fin de semana después de Labor Day. Como primer paso, piense y ore por cualquier persona que conozca que pueda estar interesada. Estoy seguro de que todos conocemos a alguien que tiene preguntas y le gustaría aprender más sobre Dios. Como segundo paso, déles una invitación personal para que vengan a Santo Tomás y experimenten nuestro RICA.

Por la intercesión de María, la Madre de los Apóstoles, y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, que todos encontremos la sabiduría y el valor para traer a alguien en nuestras vidas al Señor Jesús.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Traerán a todos tus hermanos y hermanas de todas las naciones. (Isaías 66 18-21)

Salmo: Va a todo el mundo y cuente las buenas noticias. (117 1, 2)

Segunda lectura: Aquellos a quienes el Señor ama, él disciplina. (Hebreos 12 5-7, 11-13)

Evangelio: Vendrán de este y oeste y se reclinarán en la mesa en el reino de Dios. (Lucas 13 22-30)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Isaías 9 1-6; Lucas 1 26-38
Martes	II Tesalonicenses 2 1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23 23-26
Miércoles	Apocalipsis 21 9B-14; John 1 45-51
Jueves	I Corintios 11 1-9; Matthew 24 42-51
Viernes	I Corintios 1 17-25; Mateo 25 1-13
Sábado	I Corintios 1 26-31; Mateo 25 14-30
Domingo	Sirach 3 17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebreos 12 18-19, 22-24; Lucas 14 1, 7-14

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 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 **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.

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

Las Clases Para Quinceañeras 10/1

Las clases son el Domingo 1 de Octubre at las 11:00AM. 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.

