



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc

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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

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 27

5:30 PM Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased

Sunday, August 28

8:00 AM Mass for Sam Petix, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Tony Champagne, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30

9:00 AM NO Communion Mass

Wednesday, August 31

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Donna Serio

Thursday, September 1

9:00 AM Mass for Jimmy Serio, deceased

Friday, September 2

9:00 AM Mass for Alfonso Alvillar, deceased

Saturday, September 3

5:30 PM Mass for Becca Parcels, deceased

Sunday, September 4

8:00 AM Mass for Paul Hester, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Theresa Russel

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

August 27th & August 28th

In memory/honor of William & Mary Brock

Sept. 3rd & Sept. 4th

In memory/honor of Gerry & Ann Mason

In memory/honor of Ron Everling

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29)

Psalms— God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (68: 4-5,6-7,10-11)

Second Reading— You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a)

Gospel— Everyone who exalts himself if will be humbled, everyone who humbles himself if will be exalted. (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday: I Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: I Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: I Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

Friday: I Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: I Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 14:6

Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18a; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

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



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

USHERS

SACRISTANS

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Sept. 3rd	5:30 PM	Deacon Jeanne Graffo (B1) Alan Cannon (Cup 1) Winnie Martinez (Cup 2)	Bill Drescher	Mary Katherine	Dennis Malcolm Mike Gerrells Ron Hoff	Jerry & Mary
Sunday Sept. 4th	8:00 AM	Deacon Lucy Mallery (B1) Christy Ash (Cup 1) Laura Kaylor (Cup 2)	Susan Lumkin Susan Leckness	Anna (T) Hazel Lily Mary Mark	Marty Spellicy Javi Nava Keith Brown	Gloria Q.
	11:00 AM	Deacon Cathy Barber (B1) Rob Caliento (Cup 1) Sheila Herringdon (Cup 2) Need Sub (Cup 3)	Jennifer Goodwin	Wes (T) Elizabeth Salvador Landon	Lee Travis Kelly Scales Joe Vacarella	Judy Lemieux
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Aracely Aguirre Antonio Lopez	Jorge, Gregoria, Danny Xochiti	Elizabeth Isabella Dulce	Heron Patrick	Lupe y Antonio, Magda, y Marisa Andrea

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

AUGUST 28, 2022 TO SEPT. 3, 2022

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 AM—1:45 PM

No Faith Formation

No RCIA

Inquiry

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

Adoration will begin at noon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Adoration will end 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 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 08/14/22 & 08/21/22

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$20,600.00	\$22,263.53	\$1,663.53
Building Fund	\$14,600.00	\$11,354.79	\$3,245.21
Total	\$35,200.00	\$33,618.32	\$1,581.68

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$82,400.00	\$87,337.05	\$4,937.05
Building Fund	\$58,400.00	\$50,355.10	\$8,044.90
Total	\$140,800.00	\$137,692.15	\$3,107.85

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,

Our first reading this week gives us all a reminder about what is probably the most underappreciated of all the virtues: humility. We live in a culture that pushes us towards the opposites of this important character trait. Our fascination with celebrities (Hollywood or YouTube, business or politics) has made us come to expect boasting and extravagance. Our economic system requires everyone to engage in marketing or self-promotion—and humility would certainly undercut those efforts. Even in education, it's hard to stay humble, when high school students are asked to put together a resume of accomplishments to apply for college or a first job.

So it's a bit counter-intuitive how humility is so important, when the world teaches us that humility is more likely to lead to failure than success. But think about the people you know whom you truly, deeply admire. Not just a model of success in your life, but someone you wish you could be like. Someone who's able to endure difficulty or suffering with grace and joy. Someone who's always there for others, with a helpful word and a kind smile.

That's the kind of person we can become, if we practice humility. Obviously, it's not easy, because it involves dying to our culturally-ingrained instincts toward pride and boasting, but it's worth making the effort to be this kind of person. To get there, I'd suggest this week that we spend some time looking to the example of Mary, who has the title of Our Lady of Humility. Mary received the single greatest honors from God that anyone (other than Jesus himself) received: the privileges of her Immaculate Conception and Divine Motherhood and the Assumption. But she called herself God's humble servant, and her role in the Church is one of quiet intercession, not loud action.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Humility and our patron St. Thomas, may we all commit to growing in humility, this week and always.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Lou Grala and his sister Debbie Grala on the death of their mother Theresa Grala. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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 8/28

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 28 in the St. Joseph Room** (located in the Admin Bldg.) from 9:30am to 10:45am.

Knights 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 start on Sunday, September 11th. If you are interested in volunteering contact 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.

Social Concerns-Help Needed

Nancy Wilstach 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.

Faith Formation/RCIA 9/11

Faith Formation and RCIA will start up again on the 11th of September at 9:30AM to 10:45AM. Please be on time for your classes. If you need to call please call 205-663-3639 ext. 107 for Magda Rivera or Jackie Lampton for RCIA 205-663-3936 ext. 109.

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.

Consolata Sisters in Eutaw 11/6

Collections for the Consolata Sisters in Eutaw. The St Thomas Knights of Columbus are collecting new or clean gently used coats for children from toddler to teens, and non-perishable food, from now through November 6. These items will be delivered to the Sisters in time for them to distribute for Thanksgiving. Boxes are provided in the Gathering Space for your donations. If you prefer to give cash or check, please put it in a sealed envelope marked "Coats for Kids" or "Food for Families" and give it to the church office or place it in the offering basket. Thank you for your generous support!



LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Humírate y encontrarás el favor de Dios. (Sirach 3 17-18, 20, 28-29)

Salmo: Dios, en tu bondad, has hecho un hogar para los pobres. (68 4-5,6-7,10-11)

Segunda lectura: Te has acercado al Monte Zion y la Ciudad del Dios Viviente. (Hebreos 12 18-19, 22-24a)

Evangelio: Todos los que se exaltan si serán humillados, todos los que se humillan si serán exaltados.

(Lucas 14 1, 7-14)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Jeremías: 1 17-19; Marcos 6 17-29
Martes	I Corintios: 2 10b-16; Lucas 4 31-37
Miércoles	I Corintios: 3 1-9; Lucas 4 38-44
Jueves	I Corintios: 3 18-23; Lucas 5 1-11
Viernes	I Corintios: 4 1-5; Lucas 5 33-39
Sábado	I Corintios: 4 6B-15; Lucas 14 6
Domingo	Sabiduría: 9 13-18a; Filemón 9-10, 12-17; Lucas 14 25-33

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.

Desayuno del Ministro Hispano 9/11-25

Nuestro desayuno Hispano son el 9 y 25 de Septiembre. Esperamos nuevamente contar con su apoyo en todos los eventos. Si desea hacer una donación o ayudar en el Ministerio Hispano, comuníquese con Gricelda al 205-478-5110.

Formación de fe 9/11

Las clases de Formación de Fe y clase para Adultos comenzarán el 11 de Septiembre a las 9 30 a.m. a 10 45am. El primer día siempre es difícil porque encontrar su salón de clases, así que sea paciente y diviértémonos este año. Por favor llegue a tiempo para su clase. Para más información comuníquese a las oficina al 205-663-3936.

Clases de Bautismo 9/12

Las clases de bautismo son el 12 de Septiembre. Estas clases 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 para bautismo no puede asistir a la clase.

Las Clases Para Quinceañeras 10/2

Esta será la última clase que se ofrece para este año. Si planea tener una quinceañera en la primera parte del año, asegúrese de asistir a las clases el 2 de Octubre. Solo hay seis clases cada Domingo, así que haga un esfuerzo para registrarse a tiempo. Las clases son a las 11 00am.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Nuestra primera lectura de esta semana nos recuerda de la virtud que probablemente es la menos apreciada de todas: la humildad. Vivimos en una cultura que nos empuja hacia sus opuestos. Nuestra fascinación por las celebridades (Hollywood o YouTube, en campos políticos o económicos) nos ha hecho esperar ostentación y extravagancia. Nuestro sistema económico requiere que todos participen en el marketing y la autopromoción, y la humildad sin duda socavaría esos esfuerzos. Incluso en la educación, es difícil mantenerse humilde, cuando a los estudiantes se les pide que elaboren un currículum de logros para entrar en la universidad o su primer trabajo.

Así que es un poco contrario a la intuición cuán importante es la humildad, cuando el mundo nos enseña que es más probable que la humildad nos llevará al fracaso que al éxito. Pero piensa en las personas que conoces: las que son realmente admirables, a quienes desearías imitar. Las que son capaz de soportar la dificultad o el sufrimiento con gracia y alegría. Las que siempre están disponibles para los demás, con una palabra de ayuda y una sonrisa amable.

Ese es el tipo de persona en la que podemos convertirnos, si practicamos la humildad. Obviamente, no es fácil, porque implica morir a nuestros instintos hacia el orgullo y la ostentación, pero vale la pena hacer el esfuerzo de ser este tipo de persona.

Para llegar allí, sugiero que esta semana dediquemos un tiempo a mirar el ejemplo de María, quien tiene el título de Nuestra Señora de la Humildad. María recibió los mayores honores de Dios que nadie (aparte de Jesús) recibió: los privilegios de su Inmaculada Concepción y la Maternidad Divina y la Asunción. Pero ella se llamó a sí misma la humilde sierva de Dios, y su papel en la Iglesia es de intercesión silenciosa, no de acción ruidosa.

Por intercesión de Nuestra Señora de la Humildad y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, que todos nos comprometamos a crecer en humildad, esta semana y siempre.

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;

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Preparaciones para quinceañeras

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