



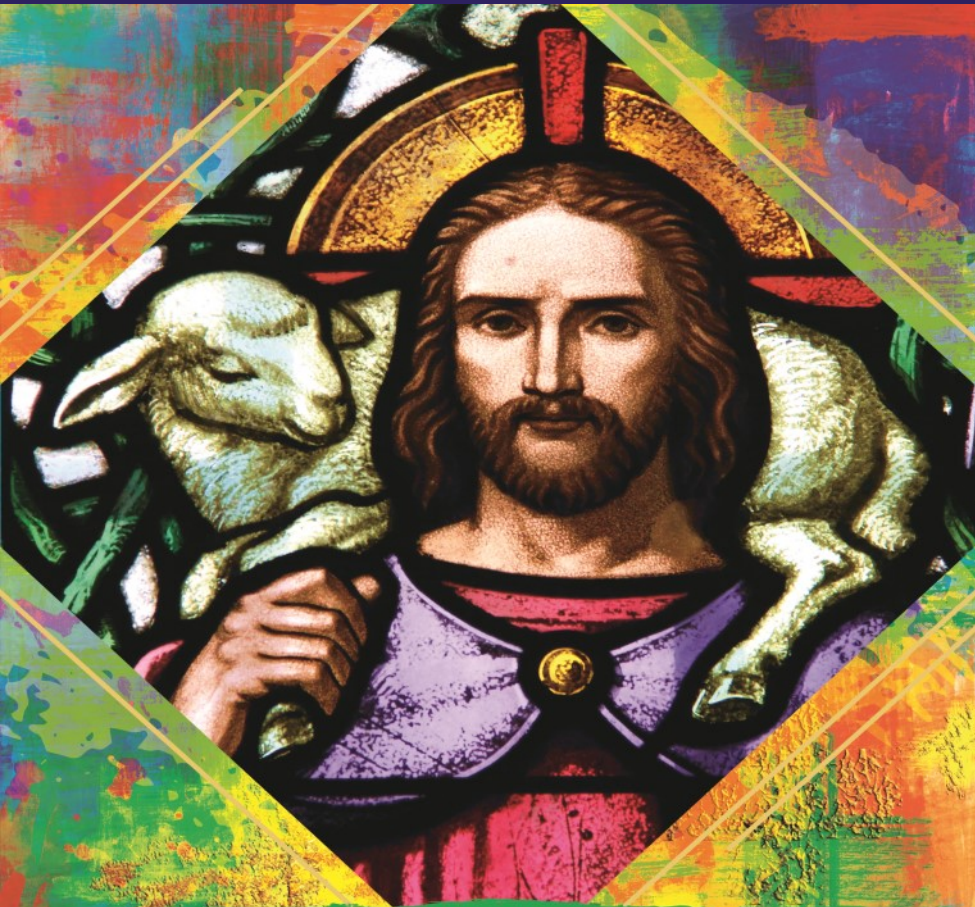
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” - Lk 15:10

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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, September 10

5:30 PM Mass for Ginger Jones, deceased

Sunday, September 11

8:00 AM Mass for Theresa Grala, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Jimmy Levio, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 AM Mass for Melba Orticke, deceased

Thursday, September 15

9:00 AM Mass for Phoebe Hurst, deceased

Friday, September 16

9:00 AM Mass for Jacob Shelton, deceased

Saturday, September 17

5:30 PM Mass for Susan Durham, deceased

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM Mass for Joseph & Catherine Grahovac, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Benny Serio

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— The Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Exodus 12:7-11, 13-14)

Psalms— I will rise and go to my father. (51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19)

Second Reading— Christ came to save sinners. (I Timothy 1:12-17)

Gospel— There will be great joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:1-32)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: I Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Thursday: I Corinthians 15:1-11; John 3:13-17

Friday: I Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: I Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday: Amos 8:4-7; I Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

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

Sept. 10th & Sept 11th

In memory/honor of Carolina Risico

Sept. 17th & Sept. 18th

In memory/honor of

In memory/honor of



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 16th

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Sept. 17th	5:30 PM	Deacon Clay Reece (B1) Tena Whitworth (Cup 1) Need Sub (Cup 2)	Mary Keiser	Mary Katherine	Walter Lee Paul Lorino Ron Hoff	Mike & Donna O'Donnell
Sunday Sept. 18th	8:00 AM	Deacon Gloria Q. (B1) Susie Leckness (Cup 1) Bruno Navarro (Cup 2)	Jon Thompson Matt Stitt	Dalton (T) Alexandra Brimley Audrey Paolo	Roland Burns Norma Russo Ken Radigan	Kyle Lusk
	11:00 AM	Deacon Heather Sabo (B1) Angel Coyle (Cup 1) Shawn Howard (Cup 2) Michelle Wallace (Cup 3)	Val Crofts	David (T) Abraham Christopher	Michael Fisher Wayne Perrin Val Crofts	Mary Ann Little
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Graciela Piñeda Juana Vazquez	Vidal, Cristina, Mirna, Rosa Maria	Elizabeth P. Isabella A. Dulce C.	Heron Patrick	Lupe y Antonio, Magda, y Marisa Andrea

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPT. 11, 2022 TO SEPT. 17, 2022

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 AM—1:45 PM

First Day of Classes

Faith Formation

RCIA

Inquiry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

Adoration begins at noon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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 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,

A warm welcome back to all of our Faith Formation students and teachers! It's an exciting time, as we start to see the life and the learning that will be happening here over the course of the academic year.

For our students, we're very excited that you're back for another year of learning about the faith and growing in your relationship with God. I'd really emphasize the idea of *growing*. Faith Formation isn't a funny sort of school where you happen to be learning about God. It's a time when you grow closer to Jesus by experiencing him in your teachers, in your friends, in the stories from the Bible, and in the Church's teaching. Our whole parish is praying for you!

For our teachers, I can't say thank you enough. Your commitment to serve our community like you do is genuinely inspiring. Your dedicated work makes sure that we accomplish one of the most important things that happens at St. Thomas: passing on the Catholic faith to another generation.

And for the whole parish, I'd encourage all of us to make a commitment to continuing our own "Faith Formation," even if we don't have a formal program on Sunday morning. In any journey, if we don't keep moving forward, we lose precious time. My invitation would especially be to find a niche in our parish, if you don't already have one, where you can take another step forward on your personal faith journey in the company of fellow parishioners. Just watch the bulletin, and you'll see plenty of opportunities. Or if something else is on your heart, feel free to chat with me, and perhaps we can start something new!

Let's say a special prayer for our students and teachers as they begin Faith Formation. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church, and St. Thomas, the patron of those who seek to grow in faith, may we all open our hearts to be more deeply shaped by Christ in the coming year.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Scholarships by the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary invites Catholic Women in Alabama to apply for one (1) of two (2) \$750 scholarships to a college or trade school. The scholarships will be awarded at the K of C Convention in April 2023. For more information call the office at 205-663-3936.

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.

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center 10/6

You are Cordially Invited! Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:00 PM, The Club • 1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209 Keynote, Attorney Eric Johnston, Author of The Alabama Human Life Protection Act. **To register or donate:** 205-447-8796 · hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org www.herchoicebirmingham.org · 2120 7th Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35233

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes today
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.

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.

Padre Pio Prayer Group 9/17

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, September 17th, 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 led by Fr. Eric Gami. We will also be having our annual Padre Pio potluck luncheon following to celebrate Padre Pio's Feast Day! For more information, contact Angela Kolar at ang-kolar@att.net or 205-410-2033. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio... pray for us!

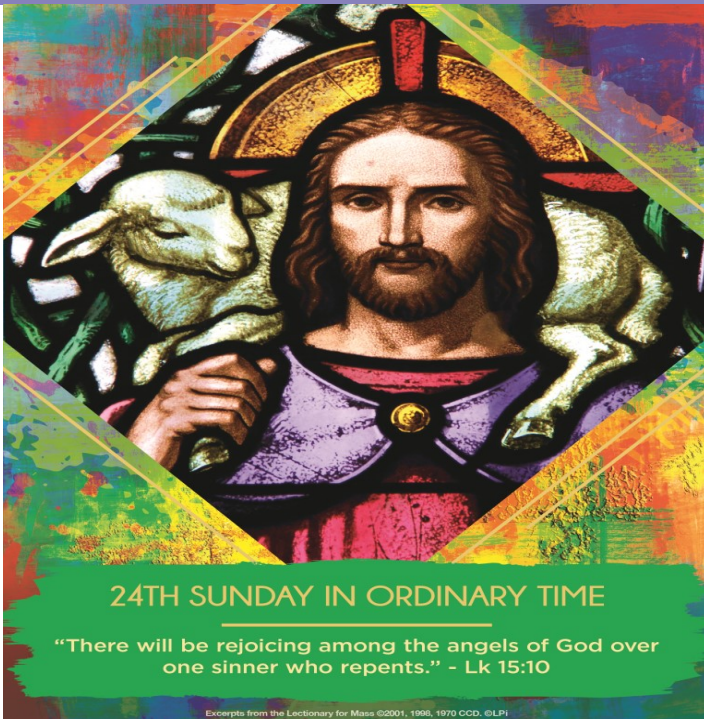
Wednesday Night Scripture Study 9/21

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!



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Una bienvenida a todos nuestros estudiantes y maestros/ maestras de Formación en la Fe! Es un momento emocionante, ya que comenzamos a ver el crecimiento que sucederá aquí durante este año académico.

Para nuestros estudiantes, estamos muy emocionados de que hayan regresado para otro año de aprender sobre la fe y crecer en su relación con Dios. Enfatizo la idea de crecer. La Formación de Fe no es una escuela donde están aprendiendo acerca de Dios. Es un tiempo cuando se acercan más a Jesús al experimentarlo en sus maestros, en sus amigos, en las historias de la Biblia y en la enseñanza de la Iglesia. ¡Toda nuestra parroquia está orando por ti!

Para nuestros catequistas, no puedo agradecerles suficientemente. Su compromiso de servir a nuestra comunidad es genuinamente inspirador. Su dedicado trabajo asegura que logremos una de las cosas más importantes que suceden en St. Thomas: transmitir la fe católica a otra generación.

Y para toda la parroquia, los animo a todos a comprometernos a continuar con nuestra propia “Formación en la fe,” incluso si no tenemos un programa formal. En cualquier viaje, si no seguimos avanzando, perdemos tiempo precioso. Mi invitación es de buscar un nicho en nuestra parroquia, si aún no tiene uno, donde puedas dar un paso más en su viaje personal de fe en compañía de otros feligreses. Solo mire el boletín y verá muchas oportunidades. O si algo más está en tu corazón, siéntete libre de platicar conmigo, ¡y tal vez podamos comenzar algo nuevo!

Digamos una oración especial por nuestros estudiantes y catequistas mientras comiencen la Formación de Fe. Por intercesión de María, la Madre de la Iglesia, y Santo Tomás, el patrono de aquellos que buscamos crecer en la fe, que todos abramos nuestros corazones para ser moldeados más profundamente por Cristo en el próximo año.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: El Señor cedió en el castigo que había amenazado con infligir a su pueblo. (Éxodo 12 7-11, 13-14)

Salmo: Me levantaré e iré a mi padre. (51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19)

Segunda lectura: Cristo vino a salvar a los pecadores. (I Timothy 1 12-17)

Evangelio: Habrá una gran alegría en el cielo por un pecador que se arrepiente. (Lucas 15 1-32)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	I Corintios 11 17-26,33; Lucas 7 1-10
Martes	I Corintios 12 12-14,27-31a; Lucas 7 11-17
Miércoles	Números 21 4B-9; Filipenses 2 6-11; John 3 13-17
Jueves	I Corintios 15 1-11; John 3 13-17
Viernes	I Corintios 15 12-20; Lucas 8 1-3
Sábado	I Corintios 15 35-37,42-49; Lucas 8 4-15
Sunday	Amos 8 4-7; I Timothy 2 1-8; Lucas 16 1-13

Preparaciones Matrimoniales

Las personas que necesitan platicas y planear su boda necesitan hablar con el Padre Jantz **seis meses antes de su boda** y también necesitan tener las platicas 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 registrarse 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.

Becas de las Damas Auxiliares

Las Damas Auxiliares les invita a las mujeres católicas de Alabama a solicitar una (1) de dos (2) becas de \$750 para una Universidad o escuela de oficios. Las becas se otorgarán en la Convención de C de C en Abril de 2023. Para más información llame a la oficina al 205-663-3936.

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