



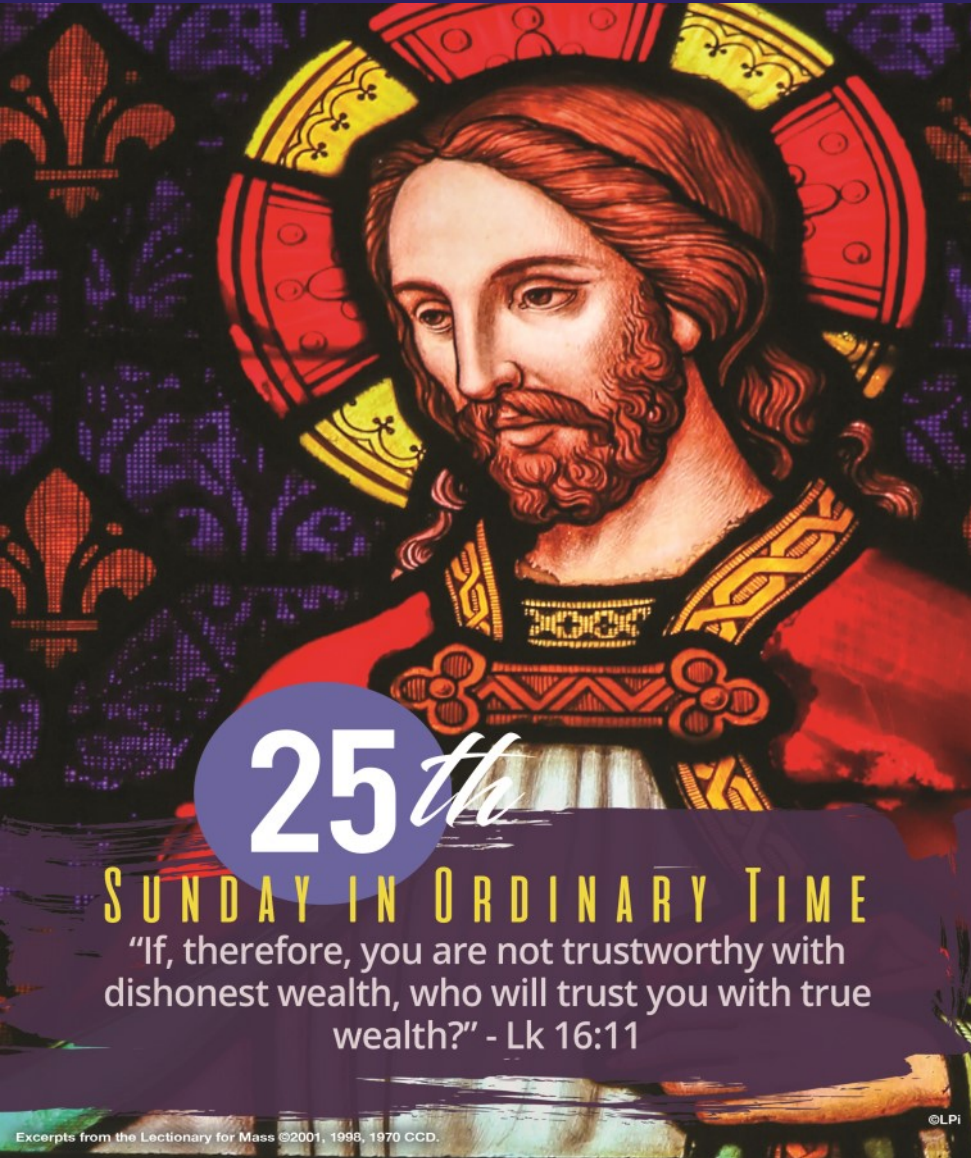
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



25th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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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, 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

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, September 21

9:00 AM Mass for Melba Orticke, deceased

Thursday, September 22

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Johnny Serio

Friday, September 23

9:00 AM Mass for Media Landry, deceased

Saturday, September 24

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Carol Holsomback

Sunday, September 25

8:00 AM Mass for Richard Sweetney, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Jena Evanko

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Against those who buy the poor for money. (Amos 8:4-7)

Psalm— Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor. (113:1-2,4-6,7-8)

Second Reading— Let prayers be offered for everyone to God who wills everyone to be saved. (I Timothy 2:1-8)

Gospel— You cannot serve both God and manna. (Luke 16:1-13)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday: Amos 6:1a,4-7; I Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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. 17th & Sept. 18th

In memory/honor of

Sept. 24th & Sept. 25th

In memory/honor of Joseph A. Russo & Jeannie Russo

In memory/honor of Ida Pritchard



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 October 7th & 21st

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Sept. 24th	5:30 PM	Deacon Alan Cannon (B1) Winnie Martinez (Cup 1) Jeanne Graffo (Cup 2)	Beth Taylor		Dennis Malcolm Mike Gerrells David Higdon	Cathy Bailey
Sunday Sept. 25th	8:00 AM	Deacon Teresa Navarro (B1) Laura Kaylor (Cup 1) Christy Ash (Cup 2)	Kim Fridy Kyle Lusk	Ana Green (T) Hazel Navarro Lily Phillips Mary Martinez Mary Mathu	Nathan Tucker Marty Spellicy Keith Brown	Sarah Burns
	11:00 AM	Deacon Jena Evanko (B1) Michelle Wallace (Cup 1) Jasper Levio (Cup 2) Judy Lemieux (Cup 3)	Jena Evanko	Wes E. (T) Elizabeth H. Salvador H. Landon White	Brenda Picou Bill Richardson Jasper Levio	Barbara Youngblood
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Lucina Tavera Socorro Gomez	Mirna, Roberto, Danny & Maria Patricia	Camilla Rivera Briana Andrade	Heron Patrick	Lupe y Antonio, Magda, y Marisa Andrea

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPT. 18, 2022 TO SEPT. 24, 2022

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 AM—1:45 PM

Coffee & Donuts

Faith Formation

RCIA

Inquiry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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,

There's a lot of energy in the air right now at St. Thomas! The Faith Formation program is back in full swing, and it's been amazing to see a record enrollment this year. God has truly blessed our community, and I'm so grateful to be with the people of this parish in this time of growth.

Our Gospel this weekend speaks about the relationship between gratitude and generosity. With that in mind, I'd like to take the chance this week to highlight two opportunities for generosity that we have right now. As you all know, I dislike talking about money too often, but these are both initiatives that directly affect many people in our community.

First, this weekend, our parish's Hispanic Ministry has organized a Kermés ("care-mess"), a traditional Mexican festival. It will take place Sunday afternoon from 1:30pm to 4pm, and all are invited. The proceeds from the festival will benefit our Faith Formation students by providing upgrades to the classroom technology. This is a great opportunity to support our parish, meet fellow parishioners of different cultures, and enjoy some great food! I look forward to seeing you there.

Second, next weekend, we will be observing Catholic Charities and Communities Weekend. For now, I'd like to highlight how this fundraiser benefits a wide variety of ministries, including poverty and disaster relief. When you hear about our Diocese helping out victims of tornados or providing food to refugees, much of the funding comes through Catholic Charities. You might have already received a letter about it from the Diocese, and I encourage everyone to spend some time praying this week about helping out with this worthy cause. Even a small amount goes a very long way here.

Thank you to everyone for the many ways that you look out for the needs of our parish, our Church, and our neighbors. Under the intercession of St. Thomas and Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, let's continue to be committed to service of the Lord and each other.

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 10/7

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 October 7th.**

Lectors Needed for 5:30PM

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 5:30 PM Mass can really use some additional volunteers. Please Call Mary Baker 205-296-7792 or email her at marytbaker@me.com

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.

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 10/9

Share time in the presence of our Lord in Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This very old devotion dates back to the 1200's. The devotion includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, being incensed by the Deacon, and includes the rosary. Please celebrate this beautiful devotion October 9th at 9:45 am in the main church.

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"

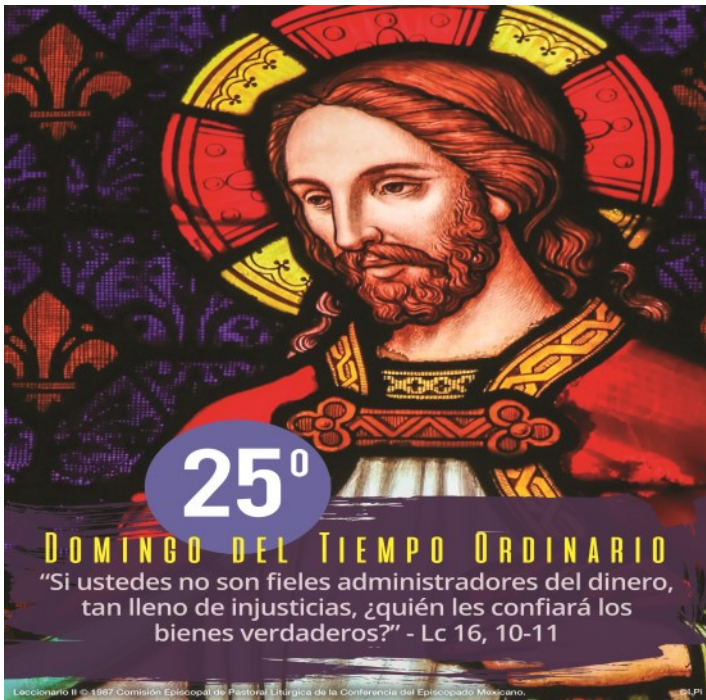
Discover the extraordinary story of the Church's beginnings—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. Here you will get to know the people and events that shaped its first five hundred years. You will see how the Church Fathers boldly 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.

Cursillo Ultreya 9/22

The Cursillo Ultreya (pronounced Ul-trey-a) is the monthly meeting for all current Cursillistas and those interested in the Cursillo. As its name implies, the Ultreya (meaning onward), is a call to move forward and to keep the flame of the Cursillo burning brightly. The Ultreya is a lively event including refreshments, music, prayer, a witness speaker, and spiritual reflection. Our next Ultreya at St. Thomas will be held on Thursday, September 22 in the St. Joseph's room at 7pm. If you are a Cursillista and not grouping, come to the Ultreya to find or start a Group Reunion. Spouses and/or potential candidates of the Cursillo are always welcome. Questions? Call Bill or Deb at 205-515-1927.

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: Contra aquellos que compran a los pobres por dinero. (Amós 8 4-7)

Salmo: Alabado al Señor, que levanta a los pobres. (113 1-2,4-6,7-8)

Segunda lectura: Deje que se ofrezcan oraciones para que todos a Dios que quieran salvarse a todos. (I Timothy 2 1-8)

Evangelio: No puedes servir tanto a Dios como a Mannon. (Lucas 16 1-13)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Proverbios 3 27-34; Lucas 8 16-18
Martes	Proverbios 21 1-6,10-13; Lucas 8 19-21
Miércoles	Efesios 4 1-7,11-13; Matthew 9 9-13
Jueves	Eclesiastés 1 2-11; Lucas 9 7-9
Viernes	Eclesiastés 3 1-11; Lucas 9 18-22
Sábado	Eclesiastés 11 9—12 8; Lucas 9 43B-45
Domingo	Amos 6 1a, 4-7; I Timothy 6 11-16; Lucas 16 19-31

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Hay mucha energía ahora en Santo Tomás! La Formación de Fe ha recommenzado y ha sido increíble ver un récord de inscripción este año. Dios verdaderamente ha bendecido a nuestra comunidad y estoy muy agradecida de estar con ustedes en este momento de crecimiento.

Nuestro Evangelio de este fin de semana habla de la relación entre gratitud y generosidad. Con eso en mente, me gustaría mencionar dos oportunidades de generosidad que tenemos en este momento. Como todos saben, no me gusta hablar de dinero, pero estas iniciativas afectan directamente a muchas personas en nuestra comunidad.

Primero, este fin de semana, el Ministerio Hispano de nuestra parroquia ha organizado una Kermés. Tendrá lugar el domingo después de la Misa en español y todos están invitados. Las ganancias de la Kermés beneficiarán a nuestros estudiantes de Formación en la Fe (actualizaciones a la tecnología en las clases). ¡Esta es una gran oportunidad para apoyar a nuestra parroquia, conocer a otros feligreses y disfrutar de excelente comida! Espero verlos allí.

Segundo, el próximo fin de semana, celebraremos el fin de semana de Caridades y Comunidades Católicas. Esta iniciativa beneficia a una amplia variedad de ministerios, incluidos ayuda a los pobres y servicios para refugiados y víctimas de desastres. Es posible que ya haya recibido una carta al respecto de la Diócesis, y animo a todos a pasar algún tiempo orando esta semana para ayudar con esta causa. Cualquier ofrenda será recibida con gratitud.

Gracias a todos por las muchas formas en que ayudan con las necesidades de nuestra parroquia, nuestra Iglesia y nuestros vecinos. Bajo la intercesión de Santo Tomás y Santísima María, Siempre Virgen, sigamos comprometidos al servicio del Señor y de los

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jantz

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 9/25

Nuestro desayuno Hispano es el 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.

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 llegar a tiempo. Las clases son a las 11 00am.

Clases de Bautismo 10/3

Las clases de bautismo son el de Octubre. 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