



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.” - Lk 16:25

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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 24

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Carol Holsomback

Sunday, September 25

8:00 AM Mass for Richard Sweeney, deceased

11:00 AM Mass Intention of Jena Evanko

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 AM Mass for Melba Orticke, deceased

Thursday, September 29

9:00 AM Mass for Richard Linn, deceased

Friday, September 30

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Anita Lusk

Saturday, October 1

5:30 PM Mass for Ignatius Vetrano, deceased

Sunday, October 2

8:00 AM Mass for Richard Sweeney, deceased

11:00 AM Mass for Donna Murphy, deceased

12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Amos 6:1a, 4-7)

Psalm— Praise the Lord, my soul! (146:7, 8-9,9-10)

Second Reading— Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Timothy 6:11-16)

Gospel— You received what was good, Lazarus what was bad; now he is comforted, whereas you are tormented. (Luke 16:19-31)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Job 9:1-12,14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 1:47-51

Friday: Job 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4; II Timothy 1:6-8,13-14; Luke 17:5-10

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. 24th & Sept. 25th

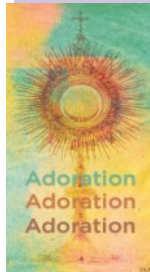
In memory/honor of Joseph A. Russo & Jannie Russo

In memory/honor of Ida Pritchard

Oct. 1st & Oct. 2nd

In memory/honor of

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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 Oct. 1st	5:30 PM	Deacon Ed Angelini (B1) Carol Schmidt (Cup 1) Brenda Picou (Cup 2)	Teresa Shirley	Mary Katherine	Pat Taylor Bill Drescher Walter Lee	Joann Butcke
Sunday Oct. 2nd	8:00 AM	Deacon Sarah Burns (B1) Pat Dale (Cup 1) Kyle Lusk (Cup 2)	Mike Ash Ann Mason	Jackson (T) Asli Trent GiGi	Mike Greenwood Norma Russo Ken Radigan	Bruno Navarro
	11:00 AM	Deacon Sheila Herringdon (B1) Cathy Barber (Cup 1) Rob Caliento (Cup 2) Need Sub (Cup 3)	Sharon Hosch Ed Dale	Byron (T) Atticus Kim Nicole	Lee Travis Kelly Scales Joe Vacarella	Judy Lemieux
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Lucina Tavera Socorro Gomez	Danny, Rosa, Cristina, Vidal	Elizabeth Isabella Dulce	Heron Patrick	Lupe y Antonio, Magda, y Marisa

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SEPT. 25, 2022 TO OCT. 1, 2022

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM—1:45 PM

Hispanic Breakfast

Faith Formation

RCIA

Inquiry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

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 08/28,9/4, 9/12,9/18 (4 weeks)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$41,200.00	\$33,871.07	\$7,328.93
Building Fund	28,000.00	\$18,484.14	\$9,515.86
Total	\$69,200.00	\$52,355.21	\$16,844.79

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$123,600.00	\$121,208.12	\$2,391.88
Building Fund	\$84,000.00	\$68,838.24	\$15,111.76
Total	\$207,600.00	\$190,046.36	\$17,503.64

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 happy Fall season to everyone! I'd especially like to greet all of our new members. God has blessed us with your presence, and it's a joy to have you with us on our journey of faith.

This weekend, we're observing Catholic Charities and Communities Weekend, which supports many of important charitable efforts and ministries around our Diocese. The pledge cards were sent out unusually early this year (back in August!), so you might have missed them in the mail, but that's okay. We'll have pledge cards available at Mass, and you can also contribute online: <https://www.catholiccharitiesbhm.org>. Thank you for your generosity to this important effort.

Traditionally, the Fall season is a time of harvest and giving thanks, when we reap the fruits of the year's work and celebrate as a community. Here in St. Thomas, we have the custom of using the month of October (more or less) as a time for us to focus on *stewardship*, our being responsible and generous with the gifts God has given us. Today's Gospel is a very direct reminder to us of the importance of this idea. As the parable shows, if we get in the habit of closing our hearts to others, it's hard for us to open our hearts to receive mercy from God.

As the month begins, I invite everyone to begin a prayerful reflection on how the Lord might be calling you to be a good steward. Then, as the month goes along, we will highlight opportunities to be involved—both personally and financially—so that together we can serve our neighbors, “without reproach, until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

It is an honor and a joy to be walking this road with the people of St. Thomas parish, through the apostle's intercession and under our Lady's mantle.

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.

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

Rosary 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.

Primetimers Mass/Luncheon 10/11

The next Primetimers will be Tuesday, Oct. 11th. This group consists of parishioners over the age of 55 and meet for 11:00AM Mass followed by a pot luck lunch.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes have begun

Adult: Sun. 9:30-10:45 a.m.

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.

Youth Group Fall Festival Meeting 9/29

For all who are interested to help prepare our fall festival we will have a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29th at 7pm. Please contact Maria Maldonado if you have any questions or concerns at 205-517-0604.

Youth Group Fall Festival 10/23

Saint Thomas the Apostle youth group is honored to invite you to our first Fall Festival! Our festival will be held on October 23rd from 2pm-5pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Maria Fernanda Maldonado at 205-517-0604.

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study is 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

The Scripture Study group are on Wednesday's 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!

College Student Mass and Dinner

St. Thomas Parish sponsors a special Wednesday evening Mass and Dinner for college students each Wednesday while the University of Montevallo is in session. The Mass is celebrated at 5:30pm at the Campus Chapel on the corner of Highland and Moody, and a dinner prepared by teams from the parish follows immediately after Mass.

St. Thomas College and Young Adult Bible Study

St. Thomas Catholic College Ministry offers a College Student and Young Adult Bible Study on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Catholic Student Center. The Study is led by Alyssa Wild.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Feliz otoño a todos! Lo hemos comenzado bien con la Kermés, y estoy muy contento de que tantas personas han participado. Es tan importante que, como comunidad, celebramos juntos, para conocer mejor a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, y para experimentar a Dios en la presencia de nuestros vecinos.

Este fin de semana, estamos observando el fin de semana de Caridades y Comunidades Católicas, que apoya muchos de los importantes esfuerzos y ministerios caritativos en Alabama. Tenemos tarjetas de compromiso disponibles en la Iglesia, y también se puede contribuir en línea: <https://www.catholiccharitiesbhm.org>. Gracias por su generosidad.

Tradicionalmente, la temporada de otoño es un tiempo de cosecha y acción de gracias, cuando cosechamos los frutos del trabajo del año y celebramos como comunidad. Aquí en Santo Tomás, tenemos la costumbre de usar el mes de octubre (más o menos) como un tiempo para enfocarnos en compromiso personal y corresponsabilidad, en ser generosos con los dones que Dios nos ha dado. El Evangelio de hoy es un recordatorio muy directo para nosotros de la importancia de esta idea. Como muestra la parábola, si cerramos nuestro corazón a los demás, es difícil abrir el corazón para recibir la misericordia de Dios.

A medida que comienza el mes, invito a todos a comenzar una reflexión en oración sobre cómo el Señor podría estar llamándonos a ser más comprometidos a él. Luego, durante el próximo mes, destacaremos las oportunidades para participar, tanto personal como financieramente, para que juntos podamos servir a nuestro prójimo, "fielmente e irreprochablemente, hasta la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo" (I Timoteo 6:14).

Es un honor y una alegría estar recorriendo este camino con la gente de la parroquia Santo Tomás, por intercesión del apóstol y bajo el manto de la Virgen.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jantz

LECTURAS: DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Su juerga desenfundada se eliminará. (Amós 6 1a, 4-7)

Salmo ¡Alabado al Señor, mi alma! (146 7, 8-9,9-10)

Segunda lectura: Mantenga el mandamiento hasta la aparición del Señor Jesucristo. (I Timothy 6 11-16)

Evangelio: Recibiste lo bueno, Lázaro lo que era malo; Ahora está reconfortado, mientras que estás atormentado. (Lucas 16 19-31)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	Job 1 6-22; Lucas 9 46-50
Martes	Job 3 1-3,11-17,20-23; Lucas 9 51-56
Miércoles	Job 9 1-12,14-16; Lucas 9 57-62
Jueves	Daniel 7 9-10,13-14; John 1 47-51
Viernes	Job 38 1,12-21; 40 3-5; Lucas 10 13-16
Sábado	Job 42 1-3,5-6,12-17; Lucas 10 17-24
Domingo	Habacuc 1 2-3; 2 2-4; IITimoteo 1 6-8,13-14; Lucas 17 5-10

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.

Reunion del Festival de Otoño del Grupo Juvenil 9/29

Para todos los que estén interesados en ayudar a preparar nuestro festival de otoño, tendremos una reunion el jueves 29 de Septiembre a las 7pm. Comuníquese con Maria Maldonado si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud. 205-517-0604.

Festival de Otoño del Grupo Juvenil 10/23

!El grupo juvenil de Santo Tomás tiene el honor de ivitarlo a nuestro primer Festival de Otoño! Nuestro festival se llevará a cabo el 23 de Octubre de 2pm-5pm. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, llame a Maria Fernanda Maldonado al 205-517-0604.

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 K 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

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.