



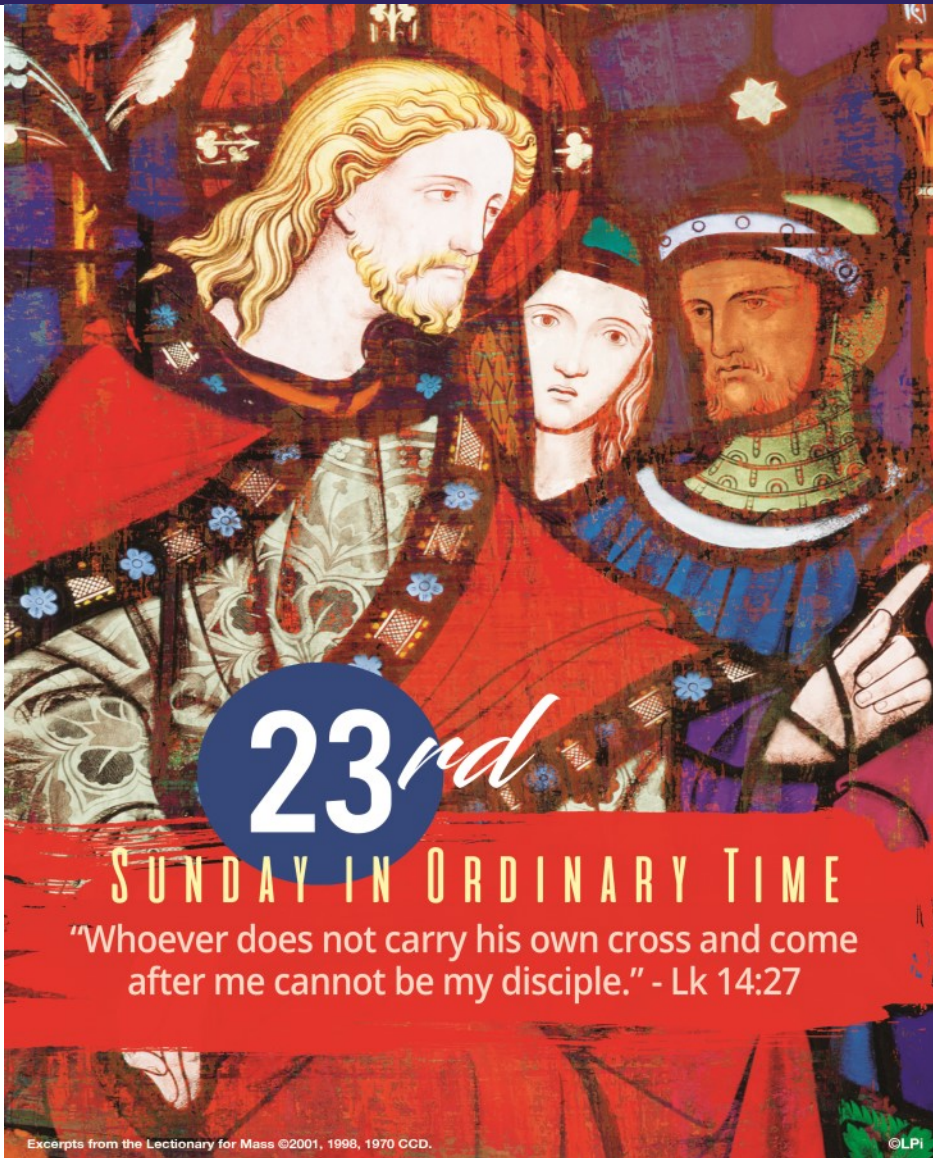
# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



**23<sup>rd</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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 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

### Monday, September 5

### Tuesday, September 6

9:00 AM Communion Service

### Wednesday, September 7

9:00 AM Mass for Sara Perkins, deceased

### Thursday, September 8

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Sam Serio

### Friday, September 9

9:00 AM Mass for Melba Orticke, deceased

### 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

## Monthly Altar Flowers

### Sept. 3rd & Sept. 4th

In memory/honor of Gerry & Ann Mason

In memory/honor of Ron Everling

### Sept. 10th & Sept 11th

In memory/honor of Carolina Risico

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— Who can conceive what the Lord intends? (Wisdom 9:13-18a)

**Psalms**— In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17)

**Second Reading**— Receive him no longer as a slave but as a beloved brother. (Philemon 9-10, 12-17)

**Gospel**— Anyone of you who does not renounce all possessions cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:25-33)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** I Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** I Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** I Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

**Friday:** I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42

**Saturday:** I Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

## 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 16th**



		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

SEPT. 4, 2022 TO SEPT. 11, 2022

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 AM—1:45 PM

No Faith Formation

No RCIA

Inquiry

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE CLOSED

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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](http://www.stthomascatholic.com). Just click "Online Giving" and follow directions.

## Pastoral Staff

PASTOR

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,200.00</b>	<b>\$33,618.32</b>	<b>\$1,581.68</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140,800.00</b>	<b>\$137,692.15</b>	<b>\$3,107.85</b>

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,

With Labor Day weekend, we're moving out of the summer season and into the swing of fall. Things are moving again, both in the world around us and at St. Thomas! Our campus ministry is back in session, Faith Formation will begin next week, and the special seasonal events are coming soon, from the parish Kermés (a traditional Mexican community festival which we'll host on September 18) to All Saints' Day.

Before we jump into the busy season, however, we have the gift of a day of rest. Our secular calendar gives us Labor Day weekend, customarily Monday off. In the Church's tradition, however, we see every Sunday as a time of rest. Or maybe to put it a bit more exactly, a time of freedom.

Here's the idea from Scripture. Our work on the other days of the week is when we share in God's own work of making and sustaining—but the rest we enjoy each Sunday is a sign that we're made for more than work. It's a time when we don't just *use* creation (through work) but instead *enjoy* creation, especially in our relationships. Part of why Sunday Mass is such an important hour of each week is precisely because it brings together our relationships with God and each other. And hopefully the holiday weekend will be a time to enjoy those relationships more fully, even for those who might have to work on Monday.

I wish everyone a restful Labor Day weekend with your family, friends, and neighbors. Let's rest from our labors, and look forward to the great work that God will do among us during the coming program year, under the powerful intercession of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and our patron St. Thomas.

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.

## Italian-American Heritage Society 9/11

The next meeting of the Italian-American Heritage Society will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall. Anyone with Italian heritage, as well as their spouses are welcome to join and celebrate our shared heritage and learn more about our ancestor's struggles.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35233

## 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](mailto: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.

### **Sympathy**

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to Bill Richardson on the death of his mother Helen Richardson. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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:** ¿Quién puede concebir lo que el Señor pretende? (Sabiduría 9 13-18a)

**Salmo:** En todas las edades, oh Señor, has sido nuestro refugio. (90 3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17)

**Segunda lectura:** No lo reciba ya como esclavo sino como un hermano amado. (Filemón 9-10, 12-17)

**Evangelio:** Cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todas las posesiones no puede ser mi discípulo. (Lucas 14 25-33)

## LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes	I Corintios 5 1-8; Lucas 6 6-11
Martes	I Corintios 6 1-11; Lucas 6 12-19
Miércoles	I Corintios 7 25-31; Lucas 6 20-26
Jueves	Micah 5 1-4a; Matthew 1 1-16, 18-23
Viernes	I Corintios 9 16-19, 22b-27; Lucas 6 39-42
Sábado	I Corintios 10 14-22; Lucas 6 43-49
Domingo	Exodus 32 7-11, 13-14; I Timothy 1 12-17; Lucas 15 1-32

## Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Con el fin de semana del Labor Day (Día del Trabajo), estamos saliendo de la temporada de verano y entrando en el otoño. ¡Las cosas se están moviendo nuevamente, tanto en el mundo como en Santo Tomás! Nuestro ministerio universitario está en sesión, la Formación de Fe comenzará la próxima semana y muchos eventos especiales llegarán pronto, desde la Kermés parroquial (18 de septiembre) hasta la celebración de Todos los Santos (1 de noviembre).

Sin embargo, antes de entrar en esta temporada, tenemos el don de un día de descanso. Nuestro calendario secular nos da Labor Day. En la tradición de la Iglesia, vemos cada domingo como un tiempo de descanso. O tal vez para decirlo un poco más exactamente, un tiempo de libertad.

Aquí está la idea de las Escrituras. Nuestro trabajo en los otros días de la semana es cuando compartimos la obra de Dios de hacer y sostener la creación, pero el descanso que disfrutamos cada domingo es una señal de que estamos hechos para más que solo trabajo. Es un momento cuando no usamos la creación (a través del trabajo), sino que disfrutamos de la creación, especialmente en nuestras relaciones. Parte de por qué la Misa de domingo es una hora tan importante de cada semana es precisamente porque une nuestras relaciones con Dios y entre nosotros. Espero que el fin de semana festivo será un momento para disfrutar más plenamente de esas relaciones, incluso para aquellos que tengan que trabajar el lunes.

Les deseo a todos un buen Labor Day con su familia, amigos y vecinos. Descansemos de nuestras labores y esperemos la gran obra que Dios hará entre nosotros durante el próximo año programático, bajo la poderosa intercesión de Santísima María, Siempre Virgen, y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás.

Dios los bendiga,  
Padre Jantz

## 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 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