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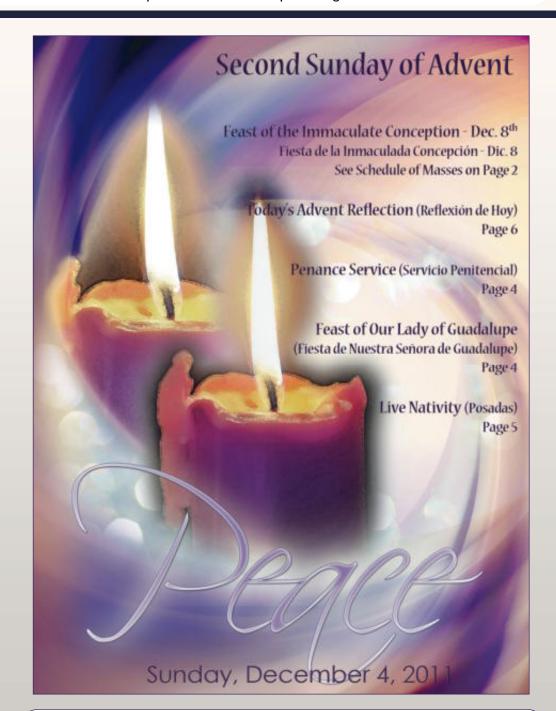
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> Office Hours Tuesday—Thursday 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Engli	sh Mass
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Monday:	12 Noon
Tuesday:	12 Noon
Wednesday:	6:30 AM &
	7:00 PM
Thursday:	7:00 PM
Friday:	12 Noon
Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	7:30 AM,
·	9:30 AM
	11:30 AM &
	5:00 PM
Confession:	
Saturdays:	3:30 PM

#### Horario de Misas en Español Lunes: 7:30 PM Jueves: 8:00 PM Sábado: 7:30 PM Domingo: 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM &

7:30 PM **Confesión:** Sábados: 6:30 PM Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM





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# December 4, 2011



Stewardship is... what we DO after we say we Believe

#### FY 2012 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real

To Date Budget / Proyección	\$719,605.00
To Date Actual / Real	
To Date Shortfall /Pérdida	\$113,914.00

# Thanks for your generosity! ¡Gracias por su generosidadl

Offertory/Ofertorio Noven	nber 26-27, 2011
Budgeted (Presupuesto)	\$32,692.00
Offertory (Ofrenda)	\$24,359.00
Shortfall (Pérdida)	\$8,333.00

#### Update on our Capital Campaign Moving Forward In Hope Campaña Caminando en Esperanza

Goal (Meta)	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged (Compromisos)	
Paid to date (Pagos)	

#### Archbishop Annual Appeal Llamado del Arzobispo

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#### What our children at St. Thomas gave to God... El regalo de nuestros niños a Dios...

♥ November 19-20, 2011 ♥

▼ Treasure (Tesoro): \$447.86♥

Time & Talent (Tiempo & Talento): ♥ Help people with their work (Ayudar a trabajar) ♥ I am going to read to my sister (Le leeré a mi hermana) v I broomed the house (Barrí la casa) • I cleaned my room (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥ I helped Mom (Ayudé a Mamá) ♥ Walking the dog (Saqué al perro) ♥ I like to pray when it is night and in the morning (Me gusta orar de noche y de día) ♥ To donate money (Donar dinero) ♥ Do homework (Hacer la tarea) ♥ Not to yell (No gritar) ♥ I brought an offering (Traje ofrenda) ♥ Being nice to my teacher (Fui bueno con mi maestra) ♥ I got all A's in my report card (Saqué 100 en mis notas) V Cleaned the backyard (Limpié el patio) V I did all my make-up work for school (Hice todas mis tareas) ♥ Learnt reading (Aprendí a leer) ♥ To help my family and if I tell my Mom anything she should say yes. Please Lord let her say Yes! ♥ I feed my dog (Le doy de comer a mi perrito) ♥ Prayed the Rosary (Recé el Rosario) ¥

Children's Stewardship Envelopes are available on the Commons Table.

#### To Request Prayers From St. Thomas the Apostle **Prayer Chain** contact Valerie Panditaratne at 770-438-9078 or email: vpandit@emory.edu

Egdar Alvarado Brandi Dabney Gil Campos Ricky Carreño Bonnie Caruso Bob Contino Michael Chastain Doris Cushing Ed Fitzgerald Ashley Guadalupe Frausto Andrea Galvan Paula García Patiño Lauren Garger

**UR PRAYERS - EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES** 

Justin Patrick Gooden Sandy Haynes Linda Hudson Cordelia Kelly Gloria Kincer Alan Knieter Linda Laurens Shirley Loggins Frank Madden Dorothy Madson Ian Martin Carol J. Mohring Franz Mohring Leona Morales Frank Perez Kathy O'Hara-Rosa Rodolfo Proaño Emmanuel Poblete D. Diane Ray Mary Ellen Rizzuto Steve Scheneman John Schroeder Lenna Spencer Bess Sprinkle Chuck Sykes David Troughton, Sr.

We ask the friends and families of those for whom we are praying on this bulletin sick list to please take a moment to call the Parish Office and tell us how they are doing. They are always in our prayers.

#### **Pray For Our Troops**

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially:

CPT Donald Carducci, USA Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrell, USA Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC SFC Charles Granke, USA PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA

CPT Bobby Hall, USA Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN PFC Brian Harris, USA Maj. Marise James, USAF HMC Damian J. Lovello LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA CPT Michael McDonald, USMC HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN 2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA Specialist Brian Saunder, USA CPT Anna Smith, ARNG MSG Donald Smith, USA S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA CW4 Anthony Veney, USA Sgt. Richard Whelan, USMC

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to add a family member who is serving in the military.

# Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

On December 8th we celebrate Mary's unique role in human experience, that she "was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 491). Later, as an adult, when Mary first heard the angel's news (recounted in the Gospel according to Luke), she was troubled and afraid. Yet she trusted God, who has always been faithful. Place a statue or picture of Mary in your prayer space, and sing a Marian hymn.

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Jueves, 8 de diciembre ...... 8:30 p.m.

# Second Sunday of Advent / II Domingo de Adviento

#### Parish School of religion (PSR) students respond to the needs of our community.

This year, during the Advent PSR classes, we are asking our families to donate the following items:

Dec. 5, 7 — children's card games, story books Dec. 14, 15, 18, 19 — paper towels, dishwashing liquid, toilet paper

These gifts will be lovingly given to those in need through our St. Vincent de Paul Society. For each gift received, a star with your child's name will be hung in the PSR hallways. These stars will be a reminder to our children of the light their generous gifts will bring to the homes of those less fortunate in our community.

#### Los niños de Catecismo ayudan a los necesitados esta Navidad

Durante las próximas dos semanas, los niños de Catecismo están recolectando juegos de cartas para niños y libros de cuentos así como toallas de papel, jabón lavaplatos y papel higiénico.

Todas las donaciones serán entregadas a nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl. Por cada artículo recibido, colocaremos una estrella en los pasillos de Catecismo con el nombre del niño que dio la donación. Así recordaremos la luz que sus donaciones han llevado a los hogares de las personas más desafortunadas en nuestra comunidad.



The Welcome Ministry is hosting a continental breakfast for New St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners for the 2011 year. If you are a new parishioner, please join us on December 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Please contact Yeyme Reyes at (678) 925-6786 (text or call) or John at jcasey553@aol.com

El Ministerio de Bienvenida invita a todos los nuevos feligreses de nuestra parroquia Santo Tomás durante el 2011, **a un desayuno continental el** domingo 11 de diciembre, entre las 10:00 a.m. y 11:30 a.m. en el Salón Social. Por favor contactar a Yeyme Reyes al (678) 925-6786 (texto ó llamada)

Get enriched in your faith!! RCIA Classes are on: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (English)

Adult Faith Formation Building

Considering "a refresher course" in your Catholic Faith? Join the following presentations when R.C.I.A resumes:

Marriage	January 8
No Class	January 15
Holy Orders	January 22
Penance/Anointing	of the Sick
	January 29

For more information please contact Michael Okuto at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org



## Sacramentos para Adultos

Domingos a las 12:30 p.m. Vieja Rectoría

Contacta a Miguel Mendoza al 404-543-9166 para más información.

# A Note of Gratitude

Thank you from The Wade Family: The family of Don and Bonnie Wade thank the priests and all our friends at St. Thomas for the prayers and kindness shown to Bonnie during her most recent cancer illness. Our prayers have been answered as we learned recently the cancer is again in remission and she is beginning to eat solid foods. Don and Bonnie Wade

Thank You from The Troughtons:

Thank you to our St. Thomas Family for the outpouring of love and compassion for us during the past several months. Your cards, phone calls and visits have been comforting and uplifting to both of us. We are now on the road to recovery and hope to be back at St. Thomas soon. **Ellen & Dave Troughton** 

# **Christmas Flower Envelopes**

are available in the Commons Area.

If you would like to contribute to the Poinsettia Fund for the Christmas season, please use the envelope provided and deposit it in the collection basket (or bring it in person to the Parish office) by December 22.

# Sobres de Ofrenda Floral disponibles en el Área Común

Por favor dejar tus donaciones en la canasta de la colecta o entregar tu sobre en la oficina parroquial antes del 22 de diciembre. Tu ofrenda floral se usará para comprar las flores para decorar la iglesia en Navidad. You are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas

**Tuesday, December 6th** Bilingual Rosary at 8:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Celebrations starting at 6:00 p.m. at Jim R. Miller Park 2245 Callaway Road Marietta, GA 30008 with traditional dance presentations, Living Rosary, and Spanish Mass at 10:30 p.m. followed by "Mañanitas" (serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Monday, December 12th Spanish Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Te invitamos a celebrar la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Patrona de las Américas

2-10 de diciembre Novena a las 8:00 p.m. seguida de Santa Misa a las 8:30 p.m. (los fines de semana la Novena inicia a las 7PM)

**Domingo, 11 de diciembre** Misas en Santo Tomás a las 6:00 a.m. y 2:00 p.m. Se cancela la Misa de 7:30 p.m. en la iglesia

Celebraciones en el Parque Jim R. Miller 2245 Callaway Road Marietta, GA 30008 a partir de las 6:00 p.m. (Danza Matachines, Rosario Viviente y Misa Solemne a las 10:30 p.m.) seguida de las Mañanitas

*Lunes, 12 de diciembre* NO habrá actividades en el parque. TODAS las Misas en la iglesia: 2:00 p.m. (Mujeres embarazadas y Niños) 7:00 p.m. (Bendición de Herramientas)

# COATS FOR KIDS AND BLANKETS NEEDED

We are collecting new or gently used, clean COATS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN in our community. We are also accepting BLANKET DONATIONS for the homeless.

Please leave donations in the boxes located in the Commons Area.

# SOLICITAMOS ABRIGOS PARA NIÑOS Y COBIJAS

Nuestra parroquia está recolectando ABRIGOS en buen estado para niños necesitados y COBIJAS para personas sin hogar.

Por favor deja tus donaciones en el Área Común.



Let us renew and recommit ourselves as disciples of Jesus through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Parish Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of penance will be on **Tuesday, December 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Renovemos nuestro compromiso como discípulos de Jesús a través del sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Te invitamos al Servicio penitencial Martes, 13 de diciembre, 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.



# "Adopt-A-Family" For Christmas

Last year the St. Thomas the Apostle community adopted 16 families through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP). The adopt-a-family experience has been such a rewarding and blessed experience that SVdP is making this program available to our parish community on a regular basis for the Christmas season.

If you, your family, friends or ministry would like to personally adopt and help a family less fortunate than those of us that are more blessed in our parish community, this is a great opportunity to enhance and bless your Christmas Spirit by sharing your financial and material blessings with others.

For more information about Adopt-A-Family contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.



# Adopta una Familia esta Navidad

Esta Navidad, nuestra comunidad parroquial tiene la oportunidad de adoptar a familias necesitadas a través de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.

Organiza a tu familia, amigos, vecinos o pequeña comunidad y vive el espíritu de la Navidad al compartir tus bienes materiales y bendiciones con otros.

Si deseas más información, llama a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 101.

# Second Sunday of Advent / II Domingo de Adviento

#### Las Posadas/Live Nativity

Friday, December 16 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Parking lot of the church

Join us for this multi-cultural event at St. Thomas the Apostle as we re-enact Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. In Spanish, Las Posadas means "The Inns." Traditionally, Las Posadas last for nine days representing the 9 months of Mary's pregnancy. This procession has been a tradition in Mexico for 400 years. While it's roots are in Catholicism, even Protestant Latinos follow the tradition.

At St. Thomas the Apostle, our procession will be outdoors, stopping at 3 designated "inns" while singing, praying and listening to the story of Las Posadas, concluding with a celebration of food, drinks and Christmas Carols.



# Celebración parroquial de Las Posadas

Acompáñanos el Viernes, 16 de diciembre, de 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. a una celebración multicultural en el estacionamiento de la iglesia.

#### The Saint Vincent De Paul Society

continues collecting donations for our Christmas Baskets. Consider organizing a food drive at your place of work to help with our Thanksgiving drive and/or volunteer to give out the Thanksgiving baskets. There is always a need for additional volunteers for this and other special events.

# If you would like to help, please leave a message at 770-432-8579 ext. 300.

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl continúa recolectando donaciones para las canastas de Navidad. Puedes organizar a tu comunidad o lugar de trabajo y recolectar aún más donaciones. También estamos solicitando voluntarios que deseen ayudar.

Interesados, favor dejar mensaje en el 770-432-8579 Ext. 302.

# **MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE**

We are making some good progress... Since September, when the Capital Campaign committee reintroduced the second phase of our targeted goal of reaching \$5,000,000, we are now at \$3,063,000 pledges (up about \$300,000 in less than 3 months.)

As of last week, 1317 parishioners/ families have made their pledges. We are grateful and appreciative of their commitment to help us reach our goal. If you have not made your pledge yet, please consider participating over the next 3 years to help your parish build a new church.

# CAMINANDO EN ESPERANZA

Necesitamos tu ayuda para construir una nueva iglesia, para tener más aulas y más espacio en la iglesia, y así servir mejor a nuestra comunidad parroquial. ¡Necesitamos tu ayuda!



The Knights of Columbus are bringing back the New Year's celebration with "2012 New Year's Knight!"

## This will be a formal event on December 31 9:00 p.m.—12:30 a.m.

Join us for:

- Formal night
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Dancing
- Photographer (with a FREE 8"x10" print)
- Door Prizes
- And much more!

Tickets on sale after Masses. ONLY \$35 per couple and \$20 for a single person!!!! Get your tickets fast because there is limited space!

For more information, contact Jason Croshaw at jcroshaw12386@gmail.com

# ¡Recibe con nosotros el Año Nuevo!

Los Caballeros de Colón te invitan a La Noche de Año Nuevo 2012

> Diciembre 31, 2011 9:00 p.m.—12:30 a.m. Salón Social

> > Se ofrecerá

- Una noche de gala
- Botanas y bocadillos
- Baile
- Fotógrafo (retrato 8"x10" GRATIS)
  - Premios
- ¡Y Mucho Más!

Compra tus boletos a la salida de Misa. \$20 por persona o \$35 por pareja

¡Espacio limitado!

# Prophets Out of Place

**Today's Readings:** 

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14 (8); 2 Peter 3:8–14; Mark 1:1–8.

he people of John the Baptist's day, like people today, would have expected any profound religious announcement to come in its proper place: from the rabbi in the synagogue. Instead, an unorthodox preacher appeared in the Judean desert and attracted a crowd. Naturally, people might be suspicious. He didn't use polite language or worry about disturbing comfort zones. Yet those too distracted by strangeness to pay attention would miss an important message. How sad to miss the Christ to whom John the Baptist points!

What unlikely prophets live among us? What surprising spirituality have we encountered where we least expected it? What might we be missing? Especially if we're comfortable churchgoers, we need a herald like John to shake up our own infallibility. It's sadly easy to enshrine our personal opinions and mistake our preferences for universal ideals. In the spiritual life, some uncertainty, especially regarding our impeccable selves, is useful.

Create a household "meditation piece" with some objects from today's Gospel. Arrange on sand or sandpaper a small dish of honey, a bowl of water, and a sandal. Each time you pass or pause there, consider these questions: What surprises has God sent me today? Where do they point? What message might I miss because it makes me uncomfortable?



# This week in our parish

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM		PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM		MASS
	t	Mario & Lucy Cavaliere
	Ť	Jackie O'Connor
4:30 PM		PSR
5:45 PM		CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR
7:00 PM		PSR
7:30 PM		LIFETEEN CORE
		PRAISE & PRAYER
8:00 PM		Novena Guadalupana
8:30 PM		Misa
	†	Miriam Angel

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

9:00 AM		PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM		MASS
	†	Maude Garrett
5:30 PM		INEA
6:30 PM		ENGLISH CLASSES
		CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
		CUB SCOUTS
7:00 PM		CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		APOSTLES CLASS
		KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:30 PM		SVDP
7:45 PM		APOSTLES CLASS
8:00 PM		Novena Guadalupana
8:30 PM		BILINGUAL MASS-NOVENA

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 AM	t	Mass for Peace Winnie Vedamuttu	
7:00 AM		ADORATION	
9:00 AM		PRESCHOOL	
9:30 AM		JUSTFAITH	
12:00 PM		OVER 50'S LUNCHEON	
6:45 PM		BENEDICTION	
7:00 PM		CRACK IT OPEN	
		JUSTFAITH	
7:00 PM		IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS	
	t	Archbishop Donoghue	
7:30 PM		LIFETEEN BAND	
8:00 PM		Novena Guadalupana	
8:30 PM		Inmaculada Concepción-	
		Misa de Vigilia	

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

	MACULATE CONCEPTION
7:00 AM	MASS - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
†	Donna Lewis
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM	BIBLE STUDY
	STORY TIME
12:00 PM	MASS - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	POOR SOULS
6:30 PM	Rosary
7:00 PM	BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM	MASS - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8:00 PM	Novena Guadalupana
8:30 PM	MISA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN
t	Emilio Ríos

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9	

9:00 AM <b>12:00 PM</b>		PRESCHOOL Mass
0.00 DM	t	Isabel Navarrete
6:00 PM		INEA FOOD BASKETS PREPARATION
6:30 PM		ENGLISH CLASSES
		JENNINGS CONVALIDATION
7:00 PM		CHILDREN'S CHOIR INSTRUMENTAL
8:00 PM		Novena Guadalupana
8:30 PM		Misa

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

	,		
	8:00 AM		ULTREYA
	8:30 AM		CHRISTMAS BASKETS
	9:00 AM		BAUTISMOS
	10:00 AM		María Niña
			RECOVERY, INC
I	11:00 AM		CHILDREN'S CHOIR
	12:00 PM		CHILDREN'S GUITAR CLASSES
	2:00 PM		AFRICAN PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS
	2:00 PM		PACHECO CONVALIDATION
TION VIGIL MASS	3:30 PM		Confessions
nue	5:00 PM		Vigil Mass
		t	Chris Harding
na	7:00 PM		NOVENA GUADALUPANA
ción-	7:30 PM		MISA
		t	Erik de la Cruz Peñaloza

7:30 PM

10:30 PM

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NO PSR		
6:00 AM		MISA
7:30 AM		MASS
	t	Laurette Adelmar
10:00 AM		New Comers Breakfast
		See Page 3
9:30 AM		MASS
	t	Elsie Toro
		NURSERY AVAILABLE
9:30 AM		RCIA
11:00 AM		LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM		MASS
	t	Dorothy Engle
		NURSERY AVAILABLE

#### GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28 2:00 PM MISA People of St. Thomas & Immigration Reform 5:00 PM LIFE TEEN MASS

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11

† Cecilia Gaffney MISA = CANCELADA OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS AT JIM R. MILLER PARK (SEE PAGE 4)

Dates and times as of 11-28-11



