



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 16, 2012

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

Summer Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00AM - 5:00PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday

10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass Schedule

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

Apparition of Our Lady of La Salette

September 19, 1846



*Prayers and best wishes
on the
Feast of Our Lady of La Salette.
May her support and intercession on behalf of all,
gain for each the blessings and graces needed.*




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Pastor: Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. (x108)

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Pedro Chingandu, M.S. (x106) • Rev. Andrews Kollanoor, M.S. (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. (x121)
• Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193) • **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett • Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson • Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell

Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)



Offertory/Ofertorio September 9, 2012

Budgeted (<i>Presupuesto</i>)	\$38,000.00
Actual (<i>Actual</i>)	\$24,705.00
Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>)	\$13,295.00

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

To Date Budget (<i>Proyección</i>)	\$418,000.00
To Date Actual (<i>Real</i>)	\$264,712.00
To Date Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>)	\$153,288.00

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

Goal (<i>Meta</i>)	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$3,123,774.00
<i>Compromisos hasta la fecha</i>	
Past Due 12 Payments	(\$425,800.00)
<i>12 Pagos atrasados</i>	
Pledged Net of Past Due	\$2,697,974.00
<i>Compromisos netos</i>	
Collected to Date	\$1,365,097.00
<i>Recolectado hasta la fecha</i>	
Campaign Expenses	(\$245,840.00)
<i>Gastos de Campaña</i>	
Net Fund to Date	\$1,119,257.00
<i>Pagos netos hasta la fecha</i>	
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>)	1,513

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2012
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2012

Goal (<i>Meta</i>)	\$131,883.00
Pledged (<i>Compromisos</i>)	\$168,538.00
Paid to date (<i>Pagos</i>)	\$86,470.00
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>)	849

(*Updated information for AAA 2012 was not available at the time of publication.)

In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones

Please pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Call the Parish Office to place a name on the list. Then we ask that you contact us one time per month and tell us how they are doing. They are always in our prayers.

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| Crista Acosta | Paula García Patiño | Shirley Loggins | Lenna Spencer |
| Brandi Dabney | Lauren Garger | Frank Madden | Margaret Spencer |
| Chris Campbell | Sandy Haynes | Dorothy Madson | MaryAnne Sutter |
| Ricky Carreño | Denisse Hernandez | Leona Morales | Kimberly Urióstegui |
| Bob Contino | Cordelia Kelly | Rodolfo Proaño | Becky Villon |
| Doris Cushing | Gloria Kincer | Arellys Ramirez | |
| Paula de Jesus | Alan Knieter | Mary Ellen Rizzuto | |
| Celestine Ekokobe | Linda Laurens | Steve Scheneman | |

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a **Prayer Line Ministry**. The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors.

If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Mary Ellen Beckford at maryellen.beckford@gmail.com

Pray For Our Troops

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially: / Recordamos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que se encuentran sirviendo en el ejército, especialmente:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA | SFC Charles Granke, USA | HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN |
| Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC | PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA | 2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA |
| SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG | Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG | Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA |
| SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA | E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN | Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA |
| ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN | PFC Brian Harris, USA | Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA |
| Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrell, USA | Maj. Marise James, USAF | CPT Anna Smith, ARNG |
| Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA | LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello | S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA |
| LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC | CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA | CW4 Anthony Veney, USA |

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military.

Next Sunday's Readings / lecturas para el próximo domingo

September 23, 2012—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (The Just Annoys Us)

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3 (Be Pure)

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 (What were you arguing about?)



Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños

September 1-2, 2012



Treasure: \$361.84

Time & Talent: ♥ I was obedient (*Fui obediente*) ♥ I went to church (*Fui a la iglesia*) ♥ I was respectful (*Fui respetuoso*) ♥ I did not talk back to mommy (*No le contesté a mi mamá*) ♥ I washed the dishes (*Fregué los platos*) ♥ I helped my cousin (*Ayudé a mi primo*) ♥ I prepared dinner for my family (*Preparé la comida para mi familia*) ♥ I was good (*Me porté bien*) ♥ I did my homework this week (*Completé mis tareas de la escuela*) ♥ I helped clean the living room (*Ayudé a limpiar la sala*) ♥ I folded all my clothes (*Doblé toda mi ropa*) ♥ I cleaned my room and bathroom (*Limpie mi dormitorio y el baño*) ♥ I helped others at class (*Ayudé a otros en mi clase*) ♥ I study hard (*Estudie mucho*) ♥ I gave money (*Di dinero*) ♥ I helped my daddy (*Ayudé a mi papá*) ♥ I helped my mom (*Ayudé a mi mamá*) ♥ I obeyed and prayed for the poor (*Obedecer y rezar por los pobres*) ♥ I helped my mom take care of my sister (*Ayudé a mi mamá a cuidar a mi hermanita*) ♥ Be nice (*Ser amable*) ♥ I helped my baby nephew (*Ayudé a mi sobrinito que es un bebé*) ♥ I cleaned my room and made my bed (*Limpie mi dormitorio e hice la cama*) ♥ I listened to my mother (*Presté atención a lo que me dice mi mamá*) ♥ I cleaned my room and helped the environment (*Limpie mi dormitorio y ayudé al medioambiente*) ♥

Counseling Services now available in our parish

Catholic Charities Atlanta offers affordable, professional mental health counseling for children, adolescents, parents, individuals, couples and families. Our fully licensed counselor, Sandy Crowder, LCSW, is available to provide counseling services at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:
Intake Line: 404-733-3527 (English/Spanish)

Servicios de Consejería en nuestra parroquia

Caridades Católicas Atlanta ofrece servicios de consejería a precios razonables para la salud mental de niños, adolescentes, padres, individuos, parejas y familias. La licenciada Sandy Crowder, LCSW, se encuentra disponible en nuestra parroquia. Para más información, o para solicitar una cita, por favor llamar al teléfono: **404-733-3527 - (inglés y español)**

Cooking for the Clergy: Caring for our Priests!

In the 6th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles an important point is made: Those who preach the Word of God should be permitted to be able to concentrate on prayer and the ministry of that holy Word.

One way that we can help our priests to remain focused on the heart of their mission is to bring a meal to the rectory on a Sunday. Sign up on the bulletin board in Commons.

Altar Flowers

Looking for a way to remember a loved one at the anniversary of their death? Are you celebrating a wedding anniversary? Is there someone in your life celebrating a special birthday? By giving a donation of \$30.00 to the Altar Flower Fund your dedication will be published in the bulletin at the weekend of your choice.

You will find a list on the bulletin board in Commons with up-coming dates.

Living Your Strengths Seminar

MARK THE DATE: October 6th, 2012.

- How can our parish inspire engagement in its members and the Community?
- What would St. Thomas the Apostle Parish be like if we were a Strengths-focused parish?
- Would you like to be part of the excitement and positive change a Strengths-focused parish can offer?

This fall, St. Thomas is taking the next step towards making the above questions a reality. We have invited Leisa Angslinger, a renowned national and international speaker, to come and lead our parish in a one-day Retreat/Seminar. Join us!

WHEN: Sat., October 6th

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

WHERE: Social Hall

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



Fulfill your God-given destiny!

Coming soon ...

September 29
12:00 p.m.
Church Gardens
BLESSING OF THE PETS
770-432-5296

October 6
9:30 a.m.
Social Hall
LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SEMINAR
See Page 3

October 20
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Silver Comet Trail
WALKING FOR A DREAM
See Page 4

October 26
7:00 p.m.
Social Hall & Parking Lot
TRUNK OR TREAT
770-432-5296

PARISH LIFE (Vida Parroquial)

Hospitality Ministry

Adults and Teens: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED at the 5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass on Sundays! Join our welcome team at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday mass. All you have to do is come to Mass about 20 minutes early.

Contact Deacon Mark Mitchell at mmitchell@stthomastheapostle.org

Bereavement Support Group

A Journey from Grief to Healing continues each Tuesday evening until October 30th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community House. Contact: Bill Anderson at 770-778-1620 or e-mail bbanderson66@yahoo.com

Join the Knights of Columbus

To all practicing Catholic male parishioners 18 and older: The Knights of Columbus encourage you to consider becoming a more active participant in your parish and community by joining our ranks. To learn more about this fraternal organization, please contact the Membership Director, Joe Yorio. And listen up for further announcements on how the Knights can help you grow in your continuing faith journey.

Contact: Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469

Support the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home by purchasing raffle tickets on sale after the masses next weekend. You could win \$500, a Weber grill or an iPad. Buy one ticket for \$1, or a book of 6 tickets for \$5.

Walking for a Dream! St. Thomas the Apostle Walkathon

Saturday, October 20th, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Meet at the Silver Comet Trail - East/West Connector entrance closest to church. It's easy and fun -- collect pledges from your family, friends & co-workers. You choose how far you want to walk. All proceeds go towards building our new church. Contact: Maddie Deleski at 770-435-2331 or Yolanda Luna at 404-723-3183.

Caminando por un Sueño

Sábado, 20 de octubre, de 6:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m. en el Silver Comet Trail. Formas disponibles en el Area Común. Para más información, llamar a Elías Villatoro al 770-329-0626.

Remember Their Sacrifice (Military Ministry)

The RTS Ministry has been established to serve the needs of military families within our parish. Next meeting is September 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Faith Formation Building. For more information contact Roger Landry 770-333-9904 or Juan Morales 678-524-1947

All veterans and their families are invited to attend the 9:30 a.m., Sunday mass on November 11th. We would like to honor you for your service.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

Volunteers of this ministry encounter Christ in the face of His children by assisting the poor and underprivileged in the community. Without regard for class, ethnicity, religion, or cultural background, members provide clients with a path to regaining control of their lives and their self-worth and offer financial and spiritual assistance when appropriate. Volunteer opportunities are numerous with a variety of time commitments. Training is provided. Contact: SVdP Hotline 770-432-8579 Ext. 300

Exercise Classes for the Over 50's

Exercise classes have already begun! Classes are designed for the over 50's crowd and based on the Body Recall program. Anyone can benefit from this exercise program. The purpose of the class is to develop strength, endurance and flexibility or, put another way, to help us maintain bodies that are prepared to meet the challenges of life as we age.

Free classes are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are the only equipment needed. For more information contact: Lynn Farge at 770-739-8247

Book Club

October 9th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Library

Selected reading: THE LOST SYMBOL by DAN BROWN

For more information contact: Barbara Nalbhone at banalbhone@comcast.net

PARISH AGENDA—SEPTEMBER 17-SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† LUCY CAVALIERE
† MARIO CAVALIERE
† JACKIE O'CONNOR
4:30 PM PSR
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM MISA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
6:00 PM INEA

6:30 PM CENTERING PRAYER
7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
7:30 PM SVdP
7:45 PM APOSTLES CLASS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
7:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM JUST FAITH
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
7:00 PM JUST FAITH
CRACK IT OPEN

7:00 PM PSR
STA CAFÉ MEETING
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:30 PM SMALL EVANGELIZED COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
STORY TIME
6:30 PM ROSARY
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

7:00 PM PSR
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THIRSTY THURSDAY
8:00 PM SERVICIO DE COMUNIÓN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 AM MOMS IN PRAYER
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† HELEN DOWNEY
6:00 PM INEA CLASS
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP

Faith and Public Policy Workshop for Catholics

The U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops urges Catholics to form their consciences through being open to truth, studying Scripture and Church teaching, examining facts and background information, and prayerful reflection (no.18). Conscience does not simply “come to us”! In light of this important issue, the Archdiocese of Atlanta invites you to one of the Faith and Public Policy Workshops sponsored by the Georgia Catholic Conference. The workshops will include presentations for Catholics on forming consciences for faithful citizenship and responding to our choices in the current political landscape.

Faith and Public Policy Workshops:

- St. Michael Church**, Gainesville
Sept. 25 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- St. Brigid Church**, Johns Creek
Sept. 29 from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene**, Newnan
Oct. 2 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Our Lady of Assumption**, Atlanta
Oct. 6 from 9:00 a.m. -12 noon
- St. Philip Benizi**, Jonesboro
Oct. 9 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Holy Family**, Marietta
Oct. 18 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

For more information contact Joy Place at jplace@archatl.com or 404-920-7346. \$10.00 registration fee.

Marriage Encounter Weekend September 28 - 30, 2012

Autumn is a great time to ‘Fall’ in Love again. Your marriage can experience the beautiful and invigorating ‘Change’ that you will enjoy in the colorful world around you. Spend a weekend with us at the Atlanta Marriott in Norcross, GA, to learn how to create the Beauty of Autumn in your relationship for yourselves, your family, and your friends. Our next weekend is September 28 – 30. For the application form or to learn about other dates, go to www.wmeatlanta.org or call us at 678-435-3791. World Wide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-Marriage movement in the world. It is a past recipient of the Franciscan International Award for its effectiveness in celebrating and supporting marriage.

Addiction Ministry in Brookhaven

On the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. a Mass will be said in Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church for those struggling with any kind of addiction. 1350 Hearst Drive, NE Atlanta, GA 30319 For more information contact: Mark Dannenfelsner, mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org or 404-261-7181 Ext.123

Sienafest Craft Fair November 3 - Kennesaw, GA

More than 50 local crafters will display their homemade and unique talents for sale – crafts include candles and soaps, handmade clothing, foods, and everything in between. If you are a crafter and would like to join this event at St. Catherine of Siena, please contact: Crystal (770) 365-6241 or ckvliek@hotmail.com, or Debra debrajdevaux@gmail.com

Pro-Life News from the Archdiocese

Do you feel called to save lives both spiritually and physically - those of the unborn and the moms and dads? Volunteer at the Advice & Aid Pregnancy Problem Center (AAPPC). **Next Foundation's Class** will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 9am-Noon. Call 404-763-4432 or e-mail: aappcvolunteer@yahoo.com

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta’s Victim Assistance Program October 12-14, 2012 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The deadline for registration is October 5, 2012. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or ssubbs@archatl.com for a brochure and application.

Dates and times as of 9-10-12

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

STA CAFÉ AFTER MASSES
 9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
 10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL
 12:00 PM REVIELLO BAPTISM
 2:00 PM REYES WEDDING
 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
 5:00 PM MASS
 † Edna Gourrier
 7:30 PM Misa
 Antonio Godinez
 Raúl Juárez Méndez
 Juan Pablo Juárez

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
 YEAR B**

STA CAFÉ AFTER MASSES
 6:00 AM Misa
 7:30 AM MASS
 † Teri Reese Hull
 9:30 AM MASS
 NURSERY AVAILABLE
 9:30 AM PSR
 RCIA
 11:00 PM LEGION OF MARY
 11:15 AM PSR

11:30 AM MASS
 PEOPLE of St. Thomas & for Immigration Reform
 NURSERY AVAILABLE
 12:30 PM SPANISH RCIA
 2:00 PM MISA
 5:00 PM MASS
 Imo B. Ndem
 Kim B. Ndem
 6:30 PM LIFENIGHT KICK OFF
 7:30 PM Misa
 † Ruth Valdez
 † Rafael Martinez
 † Arcadio Garcia

St. Thomas Café returns next weekend (9/22-23)

Please support food sales after Masses and support our Capital Campaign “Moving Forward in Hope”

Each year our parish welcomes many adults entering the Catholic Church, or those just thinking about it, they follow a process known as the RCIA — the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Within the coming weeks, the Adult Faith Formation office will try to explain what is involved in the RCIA process and help parishioners understand more about the program and appreciate ways to journey with those going through the program.

Today we continue sharing with you a more in-depth explanation of R.C.I.A.



The R.C.I.A. contains five main stages or phases:

1. The Period of Inquiry (Also known as the time of Evangelization or Pre-Catechumenate),
2. Catechumenate,
3. Period of Purification and Enlightenment/Scrutinies,
4. The Paschal Triduum with the Sacraments of Initiation and
5. Mystagogical Catechesis

1. The Period of Inquiry

Period of Inquiry has as its purpose a time to become acquainted with the Catholic Church. It is a time to look within at one's own life story and see connections to or needs for the gospel story of good news.

During this period, the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed, and inquirers look within their own story to make and mark connections.

This reflective process becomes a continuing, on-going method used by inquirer and member alike.

This period lasts as long as the person needs it to last, from a few months to several years, if necessary.

2. Period of the Catechumenate

Period of catechumenate embodies the first stages of commitment leading to full membership. For a person to enter this phase, s/he must already have come to faith in Jesus Christ and desire to become a member of the Catholic Church.

During this phase, the catechumens now gather with the Catholic community on Sundays for the first part of the mass, during which, together, we hear the Scriptures, respond to them, and reflect on the meaning of God's Word for us personally and as community through the homily. After the homily, catechumens are dismissed, and with their Catechist, continue a process of reflection and application of the Scriptures to their own lives.

During this period, the initial conversion is deepened and appropriated. This period, too, lasts as long as the person needs it to last, from a few months to several years, if necessary. For the unbaptized, this phase must normally last 12 months.

3. Period of Purification or Illumination

The Period of Purification corresponds with Lent, the six-weeks of preparation for Easter become the days of prayerful time for catechumens and candidates, who are now known as the Elect, as they prepare for the moment of welcome as full members and are established as such by the Sacraments of Initiation.

This period is begun by the Rite of election, usually celebrated with the Diocesan Bishop in the Cathedral, (due to large numbers, in this Archdiocese this event is held at the civic center); by this rite they are accepted as candidates for the Sacraments by the Bishop, representing the fact that this decision is not theirs alone. Normally this rite takes place on the first Sunday of Lent.

Throughout Lent, special prayers are offered at the Sunday Eucharist for the catechumens and candidates; they are called scrutinies; these prayers for strengthening in grace and virtue and for purification from all past evil and from any bonds which hinder them from experiencing the love of God. Throughout this period, the Elect are invited to join with the whole Church in a deeper practice of works of charity and in the practice of fasting.

During this period, the common reflection on the Scriptures continues; the readings of Lent are chosen with the themes of continuing conversion in mind. Toward the end of the period, the Church continues the custom of "handing over" to the Elect the Creed (the summary of our faith) and the Lord's Prayer (which represents its practice of continuing prayer after the command of Jesus who taught us to pray).



Adult Faith Formation Office

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