



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 23, 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



*"Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake  
welcomes me. And who ever welcomes me welcomes, not  
me, but him who sent me."*

**Mark 9: 37**

See page 5  
for more  
details

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Pray, Fast, Stand for Life, Community Outreach...



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**Pastor:** Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. (x108)  
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 ▪ 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 15/16, 2012**

Budgeted (*Presupuesto*) .....\$38,000.00  
 Actual (*Actual*).....\$27,654.00  
 Shortfall (*Pérdida*).....\$10,346.00

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

To Date Budget (*Proyección*).....\$456,000.00  
 To Date Actual (*Real*) .....\$292,366.00  
 To Date Shortfall (*Pérdida*).....\$163,634.00

**Update on our Capital Campaign**  
**Moving Forward In Hope**

**Campaña Caminando en Esperanza**

**Goal (Meta)**.....\$5,000,000.00  
**Pledged to Date**.....\$3,111,973.00  
*Compromisos hasta la fecha*  
**Past Due 12 Payments**.....(\$425,800.00)  
*12 Pagos atrasados*  
**Pledges Net of Past Due**.....\$2,686,173.00  
*Compromisos netos*  
**Collected to Date**.....\$1,370,701.00  
*Recolectado hasta la fecha*  
**Campaign Expenses**.....(\$245,840.00)  
*Gastos de Campaña*  
**Net Fund to Date**.....\$1,124,861.00  
*Pagos netos hasta la fecha*  
 Number of Donors (*No. de Donantes*)..... 1,514

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2012**  
**Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2012**

Goal (*Meta*).....\$131,883.00  
 Pledged (*Compromisos*).....\$169,870.00  
 Paid to date (*Pagos*).....\$90,881.00  
 Number of Donors (*No. de Donantes*)..... 856

**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.

Crista Acosta  
 Brandi Dabney  
 Chris Campbell  
 Ricky Carreño  
 Bob Contino  
 Doris Cushing  
 Paula de Jesus  
 Celestine Ekokobe

Paula García Patiño  
 Lauren Garger  
 Sandy Haynes  
 Denisse Hernandez  
 Cordelia Kelly  
 Gloria Kincer  
 Alan Knieter  
 Linda Laurens

Shirley Loggins  
 Joe Maknauskas  
 Frank Madden  
 Dorothy Madson  
 Leona Morales  
 Rodolfo Proaño  
 Arelys Ramirez  
 Mary Ellen Rizzuto

Silvia Rojas  
 Steve Scheneman  
 Lenna Spencer  
 Margaret Spencer  
 MaryAnne Sutter  
 Kimberly Urióstegui  
 Becky Villon

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](mailto: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:

Sgt. Manuel Chico, 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  
 Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG  
 E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN  
 PFC Brian Harris, USA  
 Maj. Marise James, USAF  
 LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello  
 CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA

HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN  
 2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA  
 Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA  
 Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA  
 Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA  
 CPT Anna Smith, ARNG  
 S.Sgt. Michael Throne, 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 30, 2012—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29  
 Second Reading: James 5:1-6  
 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



**Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños**

**September 8-9, 2012**



**Treasure (Tesoro): \$360.03**

**Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento):** ♥ I put away

clothes (*Recogí mi ropa*) ♥ I cleaned my room (*Limpié mi habitación*) ♥ I prayed (*Resé*) ♥ Give to poor kids (*Doné dinero para los niños pobres*) ♥ I stay still while mommy braided my hair (*Me mantuve quieta mientras mi mami me hacia una trenza*) ♥ I did my homework (*Completé mis tareas escolares*) ♥ I got good grades (*Recibí buenas calificaciones*) ♥ I helped my aunt move to her house (*Ayudé a mudar a mi Tía*) ♥ I helped unload the dishwasher (*Ayudé a descargar la máquina de lavar platos*) ♥ I let my friend pick what to do (*Dejé que mi amigo escogiera lo que vamos a hacer*) ♥ I helped my mom (*Ayudé a mi mamá*) ♥ I picked up all my toys (*Recogí mis juguetes*) ♥ I made breakfast (*Preparé desayuno*) ♥ I helped pick up around the house (*Ayudar a recoger la casa*) ♥ Sing to God (*Cantarle a Dios*) ♥ Do the laundry (*Lavar ropa*) ♥ Learn to use the toilet (*Aprender a usar el baño*) ♥ I washed the dishes this week (*Lavé los platos esta semana*) ♥ I watch my brother (*Cuidar a mi hermano*) ♥ I helped my mom get books out of the car (*Ayudé a mi mamá a sacar los libros del carro*) ♥ I was good (*Me porté bien*) ♥ I went to school (*Fui a la escuela*) ♥ I behaved in my class (*Me porté bien en clase*) ♥

### P.S.R.— Parish School of Religion

#### Teachers' Assistants Needed:

Have you ever tried to push a two-wheeled cart that was missing one wheel? That's how some of our catechists feel about being in the classroom without another adult's help. Having an extra pair of hands, feet, eyes and ears is an additional benefit to the catechist and to the children.

Won't you consider volunteering your time to being a teacher's assistant this year in PSR? It's never too late to give a helping hand!



Call Sue Senecal, Director of Religious Education 770-432-5296

### Story Time

We had lots of fun last Thursday at our first Story Time of the year, but we missed you! Come and join with other children and parents as Ms. Penny and Ms. Sue share a delightful story and an activity planned just for you.



WHEN: Thursdays  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
WHERE: C.R. #2

### 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

### 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)**



See info on R.C.I.A. Page 6.

### Coming soon ...

September 25  
7:00 p.m.  
Adult Faith Formation Building  
**R.T.S. MEETING**  
**REMEMBER THEIR SERVICE**  
Roger Landry 770-333-9904  
Juan Morales 678-524-1947

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**  
**MARK THE DATE!**  
770-432-5296 for info.



## PARISH LIFE (Vida Parroquial)

### Blessing of the Pets

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, a special blessing will be offered for your four-footed, feathered or other family pets on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> on the parish grounds next to the Memorial Garden at 12noon. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier, container or cage.



For more information, contact Religious Education: 770-432-5296.

### Holy Hollywood

Please join us in the Social Hall for Holy Hollywood on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for the showing of *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. This film tells the story of a boy trying to make sense of the world after his father perishes in the attacks of 9/11. The movie stars Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, and Max VonSydow. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The movie begins at 7 p.m. Soft drinks and snacks will be available however feel free to bring something to eat and/or drink before or during the movie.

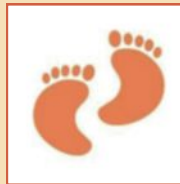


### Walking for a Dream! St. Thomas the Apostle Walkathon

What are you waiting for? It's sure to be a family-fun event through which we'll move yet a little closer to our goal of building a new church. "Walking for a Dream" is easy and fun! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Collect pledges from your family, friends & co-workers. Then come to the Silver Comet Trail at the Fontaine/Nickajack Rd entrance off the East/West Connector any time on the 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You choose how long and how far you want to walk. All proceeds go toward building our new church.

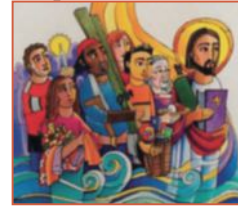
Pick up a registration form after any weekend mass from one of the coordinators or contact Maddie Deleski at 770-435-2331 or Yolanda Luna at 404-723-3183.

**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.



### The Good News People Program

As part of the Year of Faith, the Adult Education department is offering a new program beginning in late October.



The Good News People Program is a hope-filled and enriching, small group, parish-based program inviting us to new ways of understanding our faith, ourselves, and the needs of the world around us. The program is a dynamic 14-session process (7 sessions in the Fall and 7 sessions in the Spring). Each session includes prayer, reflection on sacred scripture, teachings from the Catechism, stories of "Good News" people, discussion and sharing as well as a specific focus on a particular virtue for each week.

Participants will engage in a process designed to assist them in becoming more familiar with the biblical witness of Jesus and the call to discipleship through prayer, reflection, and action. Sign up now – and invite friends to join you. Our parish will have multiple groups of 10 people each. Contact: Michael Okuto at 770.432.8579 Ext. 122 or Linda Veit Ext 131  
mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org  
lveit@stthomastheapostle.org



**GoodNewsPeople**  
Bringing hope in hard times.

### 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 24-SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</b>	6:00 PM	INEA CLASS	7:00 PM	Mass	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:00 AM	6:30 PM	CENTERING PRAYER		<b>Angelina Proaño</b>	7:00 PM	Mass
<b>12:00 PM</b>	7:00 PM	BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	7:00 PM	PSR	†	<b>Fr. Francisco Negri</b>
†		HOMEBOUND MINISTRY		STA CAFÉ MEETING	7:00 PM	PSR
†		REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE	7:30 PM	LIFE TEEN BAND		KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
†		SVdP	8:30 PM	SMALL EVANGELIZED COMMUNITIES		THIRSTY THURSDAY
4:30 PM					<b>8:00 PM</b>	Mass
6:00 PM	<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</b>					<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28</b>
7:00 PM	<b>6:30 AM</b>	ADORATION	<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</b>	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	PRESCHOOL	10:00 AM	PRESCHOOL	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Mass
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25</b>	9:30 AM	JUST FAITH		STORY TIME	†	<b>Johanna Scannapieco</b>
9:00 AM	6:00 PM	INEA	5:00 PM	SMITH REHEARSAL	6:00 PM	INEA
<b>12:00 PM</b>	6:45 PM	BENEDICTION	6:00 PM	INEA		INEA CLASS
†	7:00 PM	EDGE NIGHT	6:30 PM	ROSARY		SMITH WEDDING
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	JUST FAITH	7:00 PM	BIBLE STUDY	8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP
						GIRL SCOUTS

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](mailto:jplace@archatl.com) or 404-920-7346. \$10.00 registration fee.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE  
September 26<sup>th</sup> - November 4<sup>th</sup>



HELP SAVE LIVES!

The 40 Days for Life fall campaign for an end to abortion will be from September 26 through November 4.

There are three ways to be a part of this world-wide effort right here in your community:

1. Prayer and fasting
2. Peaceful Vigil
3. Community Outreach

Can you commit to praying for an hour a week during this 40-day period? Come join the peaceful prayer vigil that takes place daily at the office complex located at

Governor’s Ridge  
1640 Powers Ferry Rd  
Marietta, GA 30067

Check out the website for more info on how you can participate:  
[www.40daysforlife.com/Marietta](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Marietta)  
or contact Grisselle at [grisslares@aol.com](mailto:grisslares@aol.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 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-Noon. Call 404-763-4432 or e-mail: [aappcvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:aappcvolunteer@yahoo.com)

Trauma Recovery Group

The Office of Child and Youth Protection Victim Assistance Program is offering a Trauma Recovery Group for adult survivors of childhood trauma Thursday evenings beginning October 11, 2012. Registration deadline is October 4, 2012. The group is limited to 10 participants.

Location: Chancery Office  
2401 Lake Park Dr. SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080

Dates: 9 Sessions – Thursday nights from October 11 – December 20, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per session (partial scholarships available)

Co-Leaders: Dr. Ann Howe, PhD and Sue Stubbs MS, NCC

Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or [sstubbs@archatl.com](mailto:ss Stubbs@archatl.com) for an application or for more information.

Dates and times as of 9-17-12

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- STA CAFÉ AFTER MASSES
- 10:00 AM **MARÍA NIÑA**  
RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL
  - 12:00 PM **BLESSING OF THE PETS**
  - 12:30 PM **SPANISH NURSERY MEETING**
  - 2:00 PM **NAUSE MEMORIAL MASS**
  - 3:30 PM **CONFESSIONS**
  - 5:00 PM **MASS**  
† **Carmen & Nellie Bugea**
  - 7:30 PM **MISA**  
**Mitzy Dominguez**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

- STA CAFÉ AFTER MASSES
- 6:00 AM **MISA**  
**PEOPLE of St. Thomas & for Immigration Reform**
  - 7:30 AM **MASS**  
**Andy Whelan**
  - 9:30 AM **MASS**  
† **Henry & Carrie Kuczynski**  
NURSERY AVAILABLE
  - 9:30 AM **PSR**  
**RCIA**

- 11:00 PM **LEGION OF MARY**
- 11:15 AM **PSR**
- 11:30 AM **MASS**  
**Ola Aina & Family**  
NURSERY AVAILABLE
- 12:30 PM **SPANISH RCIA**
- 2:00 PM **MISA**  
† **Manju Peatap**  
† **Fermin Navis**
- 5:00 PM **MASS**
- 6:30 PM **LEGACY COLLEGE MINISTRY**
- 6:30 PM **LIFENIGHT**
- 7:30 PM **MISA**  
**Francisco, Juan & Ramona Mata Torres**

St. Thomas Café

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

In last week's bulletin, the first 3 stages in The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, R.C.I.A., were highlighted. This weekend stages 1-3 are summarized for your review and stages 4 and 5 are presented with a more in-depth explanation.

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

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

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. The catechumens gather with the Catholic community on Sundays for the first part of the mass...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. For the unbaptized, this phase normally must last 12 months.

### 3. Period of Purification or Illumination

The 6 weeks of preparation for Easter (Lent) become a prayerful time for catechumens and candidates now known as the Elect. They continue their preparation 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 through which 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 called scrutinies are offered at the Sunday Eucharist for the catechumens and candidates as a means of strengthening them in grace and virtue and for purification from all past evil and from any bonds which hinder them from experiencing the love of God. The Elect join with the whole Church in a deeper practice of works of charity and in the practice of fasting. 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).

### 4. The Paschal Triduum with the Sacraments of Initiation

The Paschal Triduum, also called the Easter Triduum or Sacred Triduum, consists of the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Good Friday's celebration of the Lord's Passion, the high point — the Easter Vigil, and then closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Triduum is a Latin word which means three. The Church celebrates the great mysteries of the redemption of mankind in the most Sacred Triduum of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. At the Easter Vigil the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated. This rich liturgical event, the Easter Vigil, is an extended night-watch of prayer, singing and hearing the Word of God. By the waters of baptism, a person passes into the new life of grace and becomes a member of the Body of Christ. Anointing with special holy oil called chrism seals the initiation by the power of the Holy Spirit and participation at the Table of the Lord in the Eucharist marks full membership in the church.

### 5. Mystagogical Catechesis

The Period of Mystagogy lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Those who have just shared in the sacraments of initiation are now called Neophytes and during this period of Easter joy they reflect on what they have just gone through and look to the future as to how they can now share in the mission of Christ who came to bring salvation and life to the whole world. This period of time reminds the whole church that life in Christ constantly calls us to grow and to look for new ways to live the life of grace, personally and together.



Adult Faith Formation Office

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