



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 24, 2013

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00AM—5:00PM

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Office Hours

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10:00AM—6:00PM

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770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:30AM - 12:00PM

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

Living Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Experience a dramatic portrayal of the Stations of the Cross, presented by our LifeTeen, this Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Fish Fry served by the Knights of Columbus beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. See Page 4 for details.

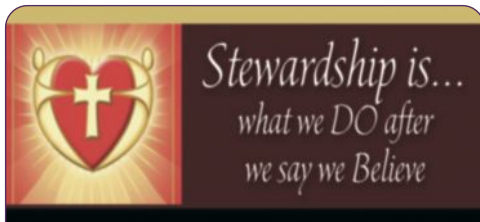
Vía Crucis Viviente, presentado por los jóvenes del LifeTeen este viernes, 1^o de marzo, a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.

Photos courtesy of Fr. Paul G. Rainville, M.S.



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Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)
Parochial Vicars: 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 • Deacons Office (x106)
Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)



Offertory/Ofertorio February 16-17, 2013

Budgeted (<i>Proyección</i>)	\$38,000.00
Actual (<i>Real</i>)	<u>\$25,143.00</u>
Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>)	\$12,857.00

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

To Date Budget (<i>Proyección</i>)	\$1,292,000.00
To Date Actual (<i>Real</i>)	<u>\$855,209.00</u>
To Date Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>).....	\$436,791.00



Operating Financial Statement (4 months)
Costos de Operación (4 meses)

Revenue (<i>Ingresos</i>)	\$1,184,392.00
Expenses (<i>Gastos</i>)	<u>\$1,098,342.00</u>
Assessment Owed to Archdiocese.....	<u>\$217,643.00</u>
<i>(Deuda con la Arquidiócesis) FY 2012/2013</i>	
Loss from Operations	\$131,593.00
<i>(Pérdida por Operaciones)</i>	
Additional Assessments	\$1,050,050.00
<i>still owed to Archdiocese from 2010/2011</i>	
<i>(Deudas Adicionales del 2010/2011)</i>	

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

Goal (<i>Meta</i>)	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>
Pledged to Date	\$3,047,290.00
<i>Compromisos hasta la fecha</i>	
Past Due 12 Payments	<u>(\$616,000.00)</u>
<i>12 Pagos atrasados</i>	
Pledges Net of Past Due	<u>\$2,431,290.00</u>
<i>Compromisos netos</i>	
Collected to Date	\$1,771,467.00
<i>Recolectado hasta la fecha</i>	
<i>(Includes monies transferred from Hispanic Ministry)</i>	
Campaign Expenses	<u>(\$245,840.00)</u>
<i>Gastos de Campaña</i>	
Net Funds to Date	<u>\$1,525,627.00</u>
<i>Pagos netos hasta la fecha</i>	
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>)	1,301

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2013
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2013

Goal (<i>Meta</i>).....	\$144,515.00
Pledged (<i>Compromisos</i>).....	\$22,138.00
Paid to date (<i>Pagos</i>)	\$15,663.00
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>)	66

In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones

Please pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Bob Contino | Ken Ansley | Robert Boassy |
| Sonjanique Ferrel | Steven Hein | Jim Boyle |
| Lauren Garger | Alba Mary Mina-Dillegas | Socorro Raygada |
| Jeffrey Hundley | Pat Lynch | Pamela Smith |
| Deacon Earl Jackson | Betty Simms | |

New policy: The needs of the people on this list will be prayed for in a special way each Tuesday during the noon mass. Call the Parish Office to place a name on the list. The names will be kept for three consecutive weeks.

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 Valerie Panditaratne at vpandit@emory.edu

Pray For Our Troops / Oremos por nuestros soldados

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. John R Beuth ANG | LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC | HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN |
| CWO5 Kevin Scott Bera, USMC | SFC Charles Granke, USA | 2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA |
| Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA | PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA | PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC |
| Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA | Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG | Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA |
| Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC | E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN | Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA |
| SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG | PFC Brian Harris, USA | Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA |
| SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA | Maj. Marise James, USAF | Christopher Sandoval |
| ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN | LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello | CPT Anna Smith, ARNG |
| Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA | CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA | S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA |
| Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA | LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC | 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

March 3, 2013—Third Sunday of Lent



First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

For complete list of weekly readings please visit: www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños February 2-3, 2013



**Children's
Envelopes
available in the
Commons Area.**

Treasure (*Tesoro*): \$562.74
Time & Talent (*Tiempo y Talento*): ♥ Helped my Mommy vacuum (*Ayudé a Mami a aspirar*) ♥ I helped with my sister (*Ayudé con mi hermana*) ♥ I cleaned (*Limpié*) ♥ Being good (*Fui bueno*) ♥ I did my best in the mad minute math (*Hice lo mejor que pude en matemática*) ♥ I came to church (*Vine a la iglesia*) ♥ No TV (*No televisión*) ♥ I worked hard at school (*Trabajé duro en la escuela*) ♥ I helped my Dad wash his car (*Ayudé a mi papa a lavar el carro*) ♥ I did my chores (*Hice mis tareas*) ♥

A Call to Serve the Poor and those in Need /
Un Llamado a Servir a los Pobres y más Necesitados

Are you looking for ways to experience God? It may be easier than you think. Are you a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person?

Come and join the information meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to learn more about this important service! **We will meet at the Community House on Tuesday, February 26th, at 7:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, please call our Hotline at 770-432-8579 Ext. 300. Thank you!



¿Estás buscando una manera de sentir al Señor? Es más fácil de lo que piensas. Si eres una persona compasiva y entregada, te invitamos a servir a personas y familias necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.

*Habrà una **Reunión Informativa de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl el martes, 26 de febrero a las 7:00 p.m. en la Casa Comunitaria.** Si desea más información, favor de llamar a nuestra línea dedicada: 770.432.8579 Ext. 302 y dejar un mensaje. Gracias.*

In appreciation for the leadership and service of Pope Benedict XVI, the Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta, will celebrate a special **Mass of Thanksgiving on February 28, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.** – the day of the Holy Father’s resignation – at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please e-mail jcorbett@archatl.com or call 404-920-7315.



Knights of Columbus accepting new members

To all practical Catholic, male members of Saint Thomas the Apostle, age 18 and Older: The Knights of Columbus are seeking out a few good men who wish to learn more about their faith while working for the good of Church and community. Contact membership director, Joe Yorio, at 678-237-3469 or see a representative at the end of Mass this weekend for further information.



No-Doubt—Winter 2013 issue of our Parish Newsletter
Subscribe to our parish newsletter at:
www.stthomastheapostle.org/communications/newsletter
and learn more about the activities that have taken place in our parish in the last few months.

Lenten Food Drive 2013

Turn to Page 4 and learn how your donations and prayers can make a difference in the lives of the Poorest of the Poor In Kingston, Jamaica.

If you would like to be part of our Mission Trip this coming Fall-2013, e-mail: CoMayo3948@aol.com



Photo courtesy of Dan Shipko

Coming soon ...

March 1
7:00 p.m.
Main Sanctuary
Living Stations of the Cross
Presentation by the youth group. Fish Fry before the Stations, in the Social Hall.

March 12
7:00 p.m.
Main Sanctuary
Lenten Penance Service
Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. More dates and locations available on Page 4.

March 15
7:30 p.m.
Social Hall
Holy Hollywood
Featured film: "For Greater Glory." Additional details available on Page 6.

March 19
7:0 p.m.
Main Sanctuary
Confirmation
Please pray for our teens and for the adult Core Team as they work in cooperation with the Spirit in forming the teens in the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus.

Opportunities for Reconciliation

Lent is the season when the Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called Penance or Confession). Following are the opportunities to celebrate this sacrament:

Reconciliation at St. Thomas the Apostle:
Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation at other parishes in our deanery:

Wednesday, February 27th
St. Catherine of Siena—Kennesaw

Monday, March 4th
Transfiguration—Marietta

Tuesday, March 5th
St. Michael the Archangel—Woodstock

Monday, March 11th
Holy Family—Marietta

Monday, March 18th
Our Lady of La Salette—Canton

Tuesday, March 19th
St. Joseph—Marietta



Additionally, ALL parishes in the Archdiocese (including St. Thomas the Apostle) will be offering the sacrament of

Reconciliation on **Friday, March 22nd** from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Fish Fry

Every Friday
in Lent: 3/1,
3/8, 3/15, 3/22
at 5:30 p.m. in
the Social
Hall.

Prices:
**\$7 for fried
and baked
fish**
Includes fish,
home fries,
coleslaw and
hush puppies

**\$10 for a
salmon plate**
Includes
salmon, rice
and green
beans.

Sponsored by
the Knights of
Columbus.

Lenten Food Drive continues!

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.”
Luke 12:32

For our third week of food collections,
please bring the following items on March 2 & 3.
Pasta: Any type. 5 to 10 lb boxes/bags.
Dry Beans: Great Northern or Pinto.
Largest bags possible.

This week Tom Jablonski tells us about his trip:

My 5-day trip wasn't much in the grand scheme of things, but it provided a respite for the brothers, a change in routine for the residents, and allowed me to help in some way. It may be the hardest thing I have done in my life, because of my anxiety (and fear) of being a caregiver to men, women, children, and babies with the severe physical and mental disabilities, and being in one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere.

My fears were dispelled by several people I met. Alexander was about 12 years old, could not talk, and was mentally retarded. I sat down and talked to him. I remembered I had washed his face earlier. He picked up my hand and laid his face in my palm. I wasn't sure what he was up to. He just rested his head on my hand for several minutes. I knew he couldn't understand me, but he loved the feel of my hand on his face. There were other people who helped me overcome my fears and anxieties. I benefited from their love when they touched me, looked at me, and even try to talk with me. I benefited spiritually for trying, if not always successfully, to serve God's children. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers. They helped me greatly.

Tom Jablonski

PARISH AGENDA—February 25-March 3, 2013

Updated February 18, 2013

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM BODY RECALL
12:00 PM MASS
**IN THANKSGIVING TO
SANTA RITA**
4:30 PM PSR 1ST EUCHARIST PREP
6:00 PM INEA
6:30 PM GOOD NEWS
7:00 PM PSR 1ST EUCHARIST PREP
EMA CHOIR
7:30 PM MISA
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
6:00 PM INEA
ENGLISH CLASS
MONAGUILLOS TRAINING
6:30 PM CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
7:00 PM SVdP
CORO DE NIÑOS - EMA CHOIR
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
PRE-EVANGELIZATION
1ST EUCHARIST PREP
REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE
7:45 PM APOSTLES
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
7:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM BODY RECALL
JUST FAITH
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM PSR
JUST FAITH
EDGE NIGHT
7:00 PM MASS
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:30 PM EVANGELIZED COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
STORY TIME
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
6:30 PM ROSARY
7:00 PM PSR
BIBLE STUDY
CHOIR REHEARSAL
THIRSTY THURSDAY
7:00 PM MASS
† **Frank J. Bertalan**
† **Wilma Swanson**
8:00 PM MISA

¡La Campaña de Alimentos continúa!

“El que responde de manera generosa asegura su porvenir; cuando esté a punto de caer encontrará un apoyo.”
Eclesiástico 3:30

La próxima semana, 2 y 3 de marzo, estaremos recolectando:
Pasta: cualquier tipo. 5 libras o más
Frijoles: Blancos o Pintos. Bolsas grandes.

Esta semana Silvia Rodríguez nos cuenta de su viaje:

Mi viaje de 5 días no fue nada de lo común pero ayudó a darles un respiro a los hermanos, un cambio de rutina para los residentes, y me permitió ser útil de alguna manera. Es probablemente lo más duro que he hecho en mi vida, debido a la ansiedad (y el miedo) de cuidar a hombres, mujeres, niños y bebés con severos problemas físicos y mentales, en uno de los países más pobres del hemisferio occidental.

Mis miedos se esfumaron con la gente que conocí. Entre ellos, Alexander, de aproximadamente 12 años, quien no podía hablar y era retardado mental. Me senté a hablarle. Recuerdo haberle lavado la cara temprano. El tomó mi mano y la acercó a su rostro. Yo no estaba seguro de lo que él trataba de hacer. Simplemente descansó su cabeza en mis manos por varios minutos. Sé que él no podía entenderme, pero le gustaba sentir mi mano en su rostro.

Hubo muchas otras personas que me ayudaron a vencer mis miedos y ansiedades. Me beneficié de su amor cuando me tocaron, me miraron, o intentaron hablar conmigo. Yo me beneficié espiritualmente al intentar, no siempre exitosamente, de servir a estos hijos de Dios. Gracias por sus oraciones. Me ayudaron muchísimo.

Tom Jablonski



Venta de Pescado

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 5:30 p.m. en el Salón Social.

Precios \$7 por pescado horneado o frito

Incluye pescado, papitas, ensalada y “hush puppies”

\$10 por plato de salmón
Incluye salmón, arroz y chícharos.

Te invitan los Caballeros de Colón.

Oportunidades para Reconciliación

La Cuaresma es el tiempo en el que la Iglesia alienta a todos los Católicos a celebrar el Sacramento de Reconciliación (también conocido como Confesión). Aprovecha la oportunidad de recibir este sacramento en cualquiera de las siguientes parroquia en nuestra área:

Reconciliación en Sto. Tomás el Apóstol: **Martes, 12 de marzo, a las 7:00 p.m.**

Reconciliación en otras parroquias cercanas:

Miércoles, 27 de febrero
Santa Catarina de Siena—Kennesaw

Lunes, 4 de marzo
Transfiguración—Marietta

Martes, 5 de marzo
San Miguel Arcángel—Woodstock

Lunes, 11 de marzo
Sagrada Familia—Marietta

Lunes, 18 de marzo
Nuestra Señora de La Salette—Canton

Martes, 19 de marzo
San José—Marietta

Adicionalmente, TODAS las parroquias de nuestra Arquidiócesis (incluyendo Sto. Tomás el Apóstol) ofrecerán el sacramento de Reconciliación el viernes, **22 de marzo, de 3:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.**



FRIDAY, MARCH 1

RETIRO PAPÁS SOLTEROS
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM BODY RECALL
12:00 PM Mass
† George Patrick Garger
5:30 PM KofC FISH FRY
6:00 PM INEA
ENGLISH CLASS
7:00 PM LIVING STATIONS
7:30 PM PREBAUTISMALES
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
GIRL SCOUTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

RETIRO PAPÁS SOLTEROS
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
RECOVERY INT.
11:30 AM MORENO CONVALIDATION
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
5:00 PM MASS
† Richard Yo
6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
7:30 PM Misa
† Raúl Martínez

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
6:00 AM MISA
Comunidad Cristo Rey
7:30 AM MASS
Anne Dunni Sodipo
8:00 AM FOOD DRIVE PACKING
9:30 AM MASS
People of St. Thomas
9:30 AM PSR
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:15 AM PSR
11:30 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
2:00 PM MISA

Amelia Romero

5:00 PM MASS
† Tracy Benden
5:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
6:30 PM LIFE NIGHT
CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS
7:30 PM MISA
† Eudelia Cervantes
9:00 PM VANDERBILT STUDENTS

Days of Reflection at Ignatius House

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. It is a time to reflect on the life of Jesus and to prepare our hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection. It is also a time to reflect on our own lives and how the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ provide the framework for how we should live and serve each day.

Days of Reflection are opportunities to take that "short break" to pause, listen and reflect on God's hope and desires for you.

**Join us on
March 6th, 12th & 20th.**
Beginning with a gathering
at 9:00 a.m.
Mass available each day.

There will be three 30-minute talks followed by periods of quiet for prayer and self-reflection.

Suggested Donation: \$35
(Includes lunch)



**Register at
www.ignatiushouse.org
or call 404-255-503.**

**Join us for
one Day of Reflection
or more!**

Holy Hollywood presents: "FOR GREATER GLORY"

Please join us in the Social Hall for the Holy Hollywood showing of *For Greater Glory* on **Friday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m.**

The showing is being held in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus and there will be a Fish Fry that same evening.

Facts about the movie:

- 1) It is 2 hours and 33 minutes long
- 2) It has an "R" rating due to some war violence images
- 3) Information for Parents - *Common Sense Media* says Okay for kids 16+

The film takes place in Mexico in the late 1920's. Retired Gen. Gorostieta (Andy Garcia) and his wife (Eva Longoria) watch their country degenerate into violent civil war when the government enacts a series of anti-clerical laws. Gorostieta is hesitant to join the Cristeros rebels until he begins to see the cost of religious persecution on his countrymen. With odds against them Gorostieta transforms a ragtag band of rebels into a formidable fighting force.

CHANGE IN TIME FOR THIS SHOWING: Due to the Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross, **the film will begin at 7:30 p.m.** A group-facilitated discussion will be conducted immediately at the end of the movie. Soft drinks and snacks will be available. Please enjoy the Fish Fry or feel free to bring something to eat and/or drink before or during the movie.



Confirmation Classes beginning May 5th – June 30th

Who may apply? Baptized Catholic adults 18+ who do not have any other impediments to receiving the Sacraments (such as irregular marriage/need for annulment).

Required Documents:

Certificate of Baptism – **MUST** be provided **on the first day** of class without which you can not participate. There are no exceptions. Contact the parish (or diocese) where your Baptism took place and request a certificate in time before class date.

Sponsor:

Each person must have a sponsor, and it must only be one (1) person. Each sponsor is to attend all the preparation sessions in a supportive role.

For more information:

Michael Okuto 770 432-8579 Ext. 122
mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org OR
Linda Veit 770 432-8579 Ext. 131
lveit@stthomastheapostle.org

Quién puede aplicar? Católicos mayores de 18 años que ya hayan sido bautizados y que no tengan impedimentos (matrimonio irregular o anulación)

Documentos requeridos:

Certificado de Bautismo – deben traerlo **el primer día de clases (5 de mayo)**. No excepciones. Contacte a su iglesia de bautismo y solicite una copia de este certificado con anticipación para que lo tenga a tiempo para la clase.

Padrinos:

Cada persona debe traer un padrino o madrina (sólo uno). El padrino debe asistir a todas las clases.

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