



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 21, 2013

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**Office Hours**  
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10:00AM—6:00PM

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**Office Hours**  
Monday—Friday  
9:30AM - 12:00PM

### English Mass Schedule

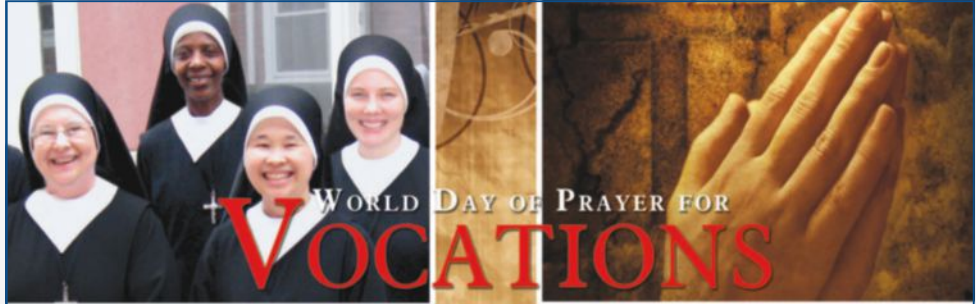
Monday: 12 Noon  
Tuesday: 12 Noon  
Wednesday: 6:30 AM &  
7:00 PM  
Thursday: 7:00 PM  
Friday: 12 Noon  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM,  
9:30 AM  
11:30 AM &  
5:00 PM

**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



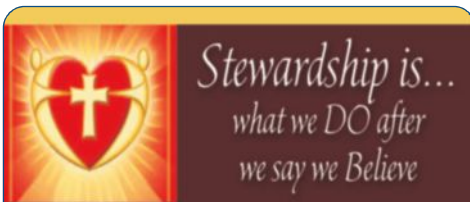
IT IS NO LESS CHALLENGING TO FOLLOW CHRIST TODAY. IT MEANS LEARNING TO KEEP OUR GAZE FIXED ON JESUS, GROWING CLOSE TO HIM, LISTENING TO HIS WORD AND ENCOUNTERING HIM IN THE SACRAMENTS; IT MEANS LEARNING TO CONFORM OUR WILL TO HIS.

~ BENEDICTUS PP. XVI



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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 April 14-15, 2013**

Budgeted ( <i>Proyección</i> ).....	\$38,000.00
Actual ( <i>Real</i> ) .....	\$27,266.00
Shortfall ( <i>Pérdida</i> ) .....	\$10,734.00

**FY 2013 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date**  
**Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real**

To Date Budget ( <i>Proyección</i> ) .....	\$1,596,000.00
To Date Actual ( <i>Real</i> ) .....	\$1,080,633.00
To Date Shortfall ( <i>Pérdida</i> ).....	\$515,367.00

**Operating Financial Statement (8 months)**  
**Costos de Operación (8 meses)**  
**as of February 28, 2013**

Revenue ( <i>Ingresos</i> ) .....	\$1,492,862.00
Expenses ( <i>Gastos</i> ) .....	\$1,498,811.00
Assessment Owed to Archdiocese .....	\$228,089.00
<i>(Deuda con la Arquidiócesis) FY 2012/2013</i>	
Loss from Operations .....	\$234,038.00
<i>(Pérdida por Operaciones)</i>	
Total Assessments .....	\$1,060,498.00
<i>still owed to Archdiocese from 2010/2013</i>	
<i>(Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis del 2010/2013)</i>	

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

Goal ( <i>Meta</i> ) .....	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged to Date .....	\$3,027,660.00
<i>Compromisos hasta la fecha</i>	
Pledges Deleted for non-Payment .....	(\$686,000.00)
<i>Compromisos eliminados debido a falta de pago</i>	
Net Pledges after Deletions .....	\$2,341,660.00
<i>Compromisos netos</i>	
Collected to Date .....	\$1,842,732.00
<i>Recolectado hasta la fecha</i>	
<i>(Includes monies transferred from Hispanic Ministry)</i>	
Campaign Expenses .....	(\$259,754.00)
<i>Gastos de Campaña</i>	
Net Funds to Date .....	\$1,582,978.00
<i>Pagos netos hasta la fecha</i>	
Number of Donors ( <i>No. de Donantes</i> ) .....	1,309

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2013 (Week 11)**  
**Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2013 (Semana 11)**

Goal ( <i>Meta</i> ).....	\$144,515.00
Total Pledged ( <i>Compromisos totales</i> ) ..	\$148,277.00
Paid to date ( <i>Pagos</i> ).....	\$48,494.00
Number of Donors ( <i>No. de Donantes</i> ) .....	715

**In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones**

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

Dave Troughton, Sr. Fr. Gene Barrette, M.S. Marisol Mancilla Fr. Andrian Pleus Elena María Salazar Mike Southwood	John Ashibogu Jimanna Colbert Sunny Joiner Ann Offen Frances Ohanenye Felicitas Iko	Jim Redding Pamela Smith Linda Wills Jairo Castro David Hopkins Cheryl Stanton
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Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list above. The names will be kept in our bulletin 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](mailto: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:

Sgt. John R Beuth ANG CW05 Kevin Scott Bera, USMC Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA 2LT Adam Fisk, 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	LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA Christopher Sandoval CPT Anna Smith, ARNG S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA CW4 Anthony Veney, USA
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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**

April 28, 2013—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts 14:21-27  
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a  
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

For complete list of weekly readings please visit: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

**Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños April 6-7, 2013**



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

Treasure (Tesoro): \$517.11

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): ♥ Took care of Daddy when he was sick (Cuidar a Papi enfermo) ♥ Never cry (Nunca lloro) ♥ I did my bed and didn't cry (Tendí mi cama y no lloré) ♥ Helping other people (Ayudando a otras personas) ♥ Pray the Rosary (Rezar el Rosario) ♥ Edwin was good with my dad (Me porté bien con mi papá) ♥ Vanessa was good with her teacher (Me porté bien con mi maestro) ♥ Gave my friend a Get well card (Le di a mi amigo una tarjeta de recuperación) ♥ Take my naps (Tomé las siestas) ♥ Estefani helped others (Ayudar a otros) ♥ I helped poor people that need something to eat (Ayudé a los pobres que están hambrientos) ♥ Respect my parents (Respetar a mis papás) ♥ Shared about my religion (Compartí mi religión) ♥ I held the door opened for a stranger (Sostuve la puerta a un extraño) ♥ Helped aunt (Ayudé a mi tía) ♥



### Kids Corner



#### Hear Ye! Hear Ye! - Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Wanted: Future kings and queens to royally rock VBS  
Register now to reserve your spot at the royal castle where kids will learn to *Stand Strong For God*.

**Date:** June 10th - 14th

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Social Hall

**Ages:** 3 through 5th grade.

6th grade through adult royal volunteers needed for VBS!

Registration Forms available outside the PSR Office (2nd floor) or call 770-432-5296 for more information.

#### Parish School of Religion (PSR) year is coming to an end.

Thanks to everyone who supported the program this year!

Registration forms are being sent home with all the children registered in classes or home schooling this year. Please fill the forms out and return them to the Religious Education office as soon as possible to ensure that your child will have a spot in our program next year. Forms will be available for new students starting July 1st. For more information please call 770-432-5296.

#### Supper Club



All families with school age children are welcome! Join us on Saturday, May 18th from 3:00 p.m. until dark at the playground area behind the church. Bring a potluck dish and drinks to share. Let's build community through food, fun and fellowship! For more information contact Melanie Meder at medermelanie@yahoo.com or call 678-368-6646.

#### Preschool Summer Camp



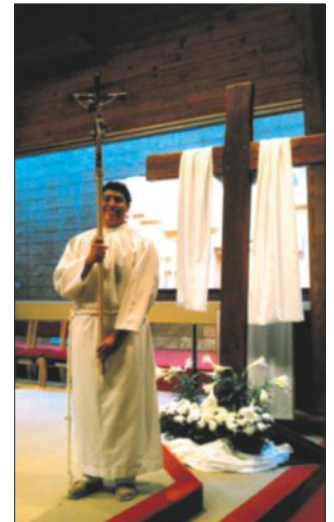
Looking for children ages 3 – 6 (ages as of 9/1/2013) to join the fun!  
Mark your calendars for: June 17-20, June 24-27, July 8-11 and July 15-18  
Cost: \$125 per week—Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Space still available. Please call 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 to sign up your child.

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Interested in getting information about our Preschool program? Contact Monica Signoret at 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 or visit: [www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool)

### New albs for our Altar Servers

With heartfelt gratitude from the Altar Servers Ministry we wish to thank the Women's Auxiliary for the purchase of new albs. For more information on how to become an Altar Server, please contact Greg Senecal at 678-427-9745.



*Erik, who served at the 11:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, April 14th, is one of the Altar Servers in our parish that will benefit with the donation of the new albs. Thanks to the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary for making this possible.*



### Coming soon ...

May 4 and May 11  
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Main Sanctuary  
**First Communions**  
Please pray for the children in our parish that will be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

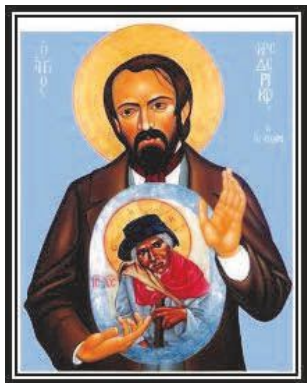
May 12  
10:00 a.m.  
Social Hall  
**Mother's Day Breakfast**  
Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus. Funds raised will support charity events.

May 15  
7:00 p.m.  
Main Sanctuary  
**Teacher Appreciation Mass**  
Followed by dinner in the Social Hall. Thanks to all our teachers for a great year!

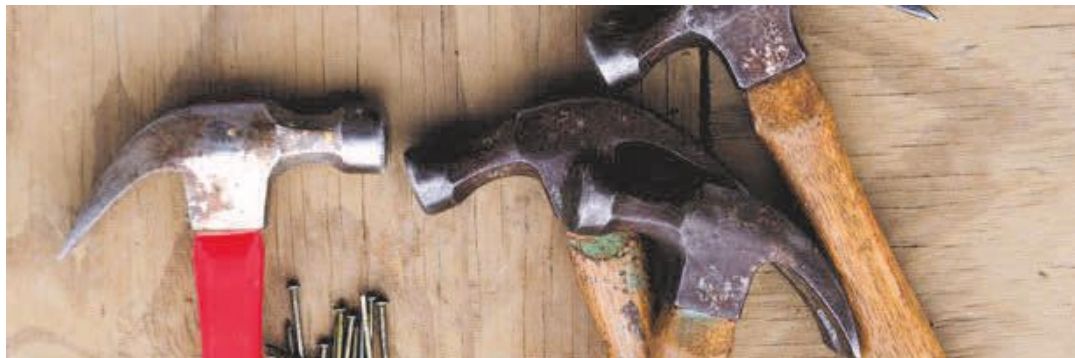
May 18-19  
After all Masses  
Commons Area  
**Bake Sale!**  
Get your ovens ready! Support our Spring Bake Sale with monetary donations or baked goods.

## Ozanam Sunday— April 28th

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) will celebrate “Ozanam Sunday” on April 28th. This year marks the **200th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Frederic Ozanam**, who led a group of his friends in helping needy individuals in impoverished areas of Paris, France in the early XIX century—a group which he placed under the care of Saint Vincent de Paul. As Vincentians, we ask our Parish Community to pray and celebrate with us the life and example of Blessed Frederic, bringing Christ to the poor and less fortunate among us.



## PARISH LIFE—VIDA PARROQUIAL



This year our **Habitat for Humanity Ministry** will join the Smyrna-Cobb Habitat Coalition in building a home in West Cobb County. This ecumenical effort of churches, synagogues and mosques will build affordable housing with a working poor family in our community. We will begin fundraising for our 19th Habitat for Humanity home the weekend of April 27th-28th. Ministry members will be available in Commons after all masses that weekend. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for building materials. Anyone donating at least \$30 on that first weekend can sign a 2x4 board that will be used in building the house. Checks should be made out to "Northwest Atlanta Habitat" and can be placed in the collection basket during any Mass. We suggest a \$30 donation, but any gift will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

### Calling all Active, Certified Eucharistic Ministers

The Ministry to the Sick and Homebound continues to bring peace and comfort to those within our parish community who are unable to attend Mass. As our church community has grown, so has the need for more Ministers. In that regard, our ministry’s goal is to make sure all homebound, assisted living, and hospital bound parishioners and Catholics in our area have weekly access to the Holy Eucharist.

To accomplish this goal:

- We want to invite new and long-time ministers into our ranks.
- Join us for an afternoon of spiritual reflection and training at Ignatius House **NEXT Sunday, April 28th** which will include a Mass and a light dinner afterwards. (There is a minimal charge of \$25.)
- We invite our church community to inform us of any parishioner or Catholic in our area who are in need of weekly Eucharist.

For more information please contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

## PARISH AGENDA—April 22-28, 2013

Updated April 15, 2013

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 PM PRESCHOOL  
 9:30 AM BODY RECALL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
 † **Mario & Lucy Cavaliere**  
 † **Jackie O'Connor**  
 4:30 PM PSR  
 6:00 PM INEA  
 LENT LITURGY MTG  
 7:00 PM EMA CHOIR  
 PSR  
**7:30 PM MISA**  
**Salvador & María Ascencio**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
 † **Gemma Kaufman**  
 6:00 PM INEA  
 ENGLISH CLASS  
 6:30 PM DISCIPLES CLASS  
 7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT GROUP  
 CORO DE NIÑOS  
 EMA CHOIR  
 SVdP  
 8:00 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

**6:30 AM MASS**  
 † **Thomas & Evelyn O'Donnell**  
 7:00 AM ADORATION  
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
 9:30 AM JUST FAITH  
 BODY RECALL  
 6:45 PM BENEDICTION  
 7:00 PM JUST FAITH  
 CRACK IT OPEN  
**7:00 PM MASS**  
 † **Jorge Briz**  
 7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND  
 8:00 PM SMALL COMMUNITIES

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY  
 STORY TIME  
 6:30 AM ROSARY  
 7:00 PM THIRSTY THURSDAY  
 CHOIR REHEARSAL  
**7:00 PM MASS**  
**Prayers for the Parents of Rocio Proaño**  
**8:00 PM MISA**  
**Familia Pecina**

## Cooking for the Clergy: Please help!



Imagine how busy our priests are on the weekend. There are 9 weekend liturgies here at St. Thomas. Our priests give so much in nourishing our souls, let's nourish their bodies!

### It's as easy as 1—2—3

1. Sign up on the bulletin board in Commons
2. Prepare the meal on the date you chose
3. Deliver the meal to the rectory between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Get your whole family involved. Or invite another parishioner to join you in the planning, shopping and cooking. Happy Cooking!

## Enter the table-scape competition



The Women's Auxiliary invites you to participate in a fundraising TABLE-SCAPE COMPETITION, on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Taylor-Brawner Banquet Hall, in Smyrna.

Tables will consist of a six-person team. The entrance fee is \$150.00 per table. Three Atlanta Designers will be judging the event and awarding trophies.

Deadline for registration is May 30th! For detailed information and registration, call Rose Levitan at 770-434-9606.

## Ultreya Meetings



Have you made a Cursillo weekend? If you answered yes, then you are invited to come and join us at our monthly **Ultreya meetings, on the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m. in Classroom #2.**

If you are not familiar with Cursillo then we would like to also invite you to come and share with a group of St. Thomas parishioners who come together to pray and share their Catholic walk with the Lord. It is in sharing that we strengthen our walk.

For more information contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

## Knights of Columbus News



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

To all practical Catholic male members of Saint Thomas the Apostle, age 18 and Older AND current First Degree Members: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a **First Degree AND Second Degree** on **Monday, April 29th, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Community House. Become a more active participant in our parish and community. For more information, talk with one of our representatives after Mass or contact:

- Membership Director, Joe Yorio, at 678-237-3469 or
- Grand Knight, John Williams, at 678-485-9384

### Upcoming Events:

**April 27th:** Fundraiser for Council at St. Joseph's (Help needed for event)

**April 29th:** First Degree of the Order 7:30 p.m., Community House. New members welcome!

**May 2nd:** General Council Meeting 7:30 PM Community House (Officer Nominations Remain Open)

**May 12th:** Mothers' Day – Parish Breakfast after 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses

**May 16th:** Officers' Meeting 7:30 p.m. Community House

**May 16th – 19th:** State Convention and Meeting in Savannah

**May 27th – Memorial Day:** Patriotic Events to be held locally in Marietta and Canton, GA

**50/50 Raffle Tickets are available after all Masses.** Only \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25. March Jackpot was \$310 and the winner was **Linda McPherson!**

(pictured right.) **Congratulations!** April winner will be drawn on May 1st.



### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
9:30 AM BODY RECALL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
† Gary Salapare  
5:00 PM SANTIAGO QUINCEAÑERA  
6:00 PM ENGLISH CLASS  
INEA CLASS  
SPANISH REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM EDGE NIGHT  
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW-UP

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM BAUTISMOS  
10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA  
RECOVERY INT  
11:00 AM MBUCHO BAPTISM  
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS  
2:00 PM COMMUNITY CONVALIDATION  
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
**5:00 PM VIGIL MASS**  
† Bugea & Diperno Families  
**7:30 PM VIGIL MASS**  
† Paulino Pecina

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**6:00 AM MISA**  
**People of St. Thomas**  
**7:30 AM MASS**  
**Josphine Mwangi**  
**9:30 AM MASS**  
**Gisele Accilien**  
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY

**11:30 AM MASS**  
† Jeffrey Hundley  
**12:30 PM SP RCIA**  
**2:00 PM MISA**  
† Carlos Guzmán  
3:00 PM MINI CORE MEETING  
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD  
5:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR  
**5:00 PM MASS**  
† Pius Cyprian D'Sa  
6:30 PM LIFENIGHT  
**7:30 PM MISA**  
† Joselin Garcia  
† Gerardo Garcia



## Today's Gospel Reflection

**Read Sunday's Gospel:**  
John 10:27-30.

### Reflection for Families:

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available?

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family:

Reach out to a family in your neighborhood this week by inviting them over for some "informal" fun and food. Dig out board games and snacks as you welcome them spontaneously. Keep in mind that this is how Jesus reaches out to us and let your neighbors experience God's love through your hospitality.

### Discussion Starters:

- I have a real feeling of belonging to...
- I felt Jesus inviting me to follow him this week when...
- Today I hear Jesus' voice in...

*Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger*

## Confirmation Classes: 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 one sponsor who is an active Catholic. Each sponsor is to attend all the preparation sessions in a supportive role.

### Class Schedule:

All classes will take place in the Adult Faith Formation Building.

#### Sundays

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. in English  
12:00 Noon – 2:00 p. m. in Spanish

Two Monday night classes on 5/13 and 6/17 are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Adult Faith Formation building for both English and Spanish students.

### 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.

### Horario de Clases:

Todas las clases tendrán lugar en el edificio de Educación Religiosa para Adultos

#### Domingos

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. en inglés  
12:00 Noon – 2:00 p. m. en español

Dos clases en noche de lunes (13 de mayo y 17 de junio) de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. en el edificio de Educación Religiosa para Adultos para estudiantes de ambos grupos (ingles y español)

### Para más información:

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

## Church Library



As we continue the celebration of the Easter season, let us pray for Pope Francis!

Come research our encyclical section, memoirs on Popes John Paul II and John XXIII, and books written by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI. Get to know how Pope Francis is a first in many things: The first non-European to be elected in almost 1300 years and a Jesuit, the first member of any religious order in nearly two centuries.

Our library is located in the Adult Faith Formation Building and is open whenever the building is open! Check out books on the honor system; you have two months to return them!

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