

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 2, 2014

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Monday, Wednesday—Friday 9:00AM—7:00PM Tuesday: 9:00AM—5:00PM Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00AM—8:30PM Tuesday 10AM—5PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass Schedule

Monday: 12 Noon 12 Noon Tuesday: Wednesday: 6:30 AM & 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Thursday: 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

Adoration

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM-6:45 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

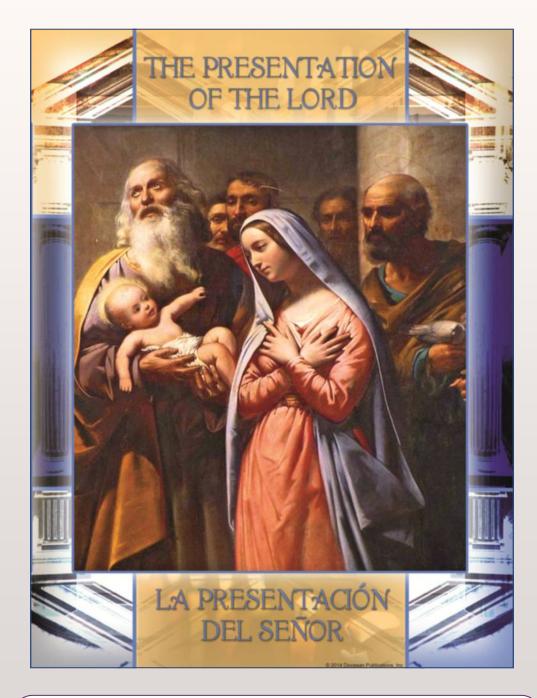
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Sábado: 7:30 PM
Domingo: 6:00 AM
2:00 PM &

7:30 PM

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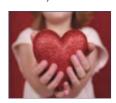
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Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños: January 18-19, 2014

Treasure (Tesoro): \$712.66

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): f V Ihelped my Mom (Ayudé a Mamá) ♥ Helping and cleaning (Ayudar v limpiar) ♥ I helped a girl and a boy, and an old lady and an old man, and a whole lot of other people (Ayudé a una niña, a un niño, a una anciana, a un anciano y a mucha gente más) ♥ I studied rocks (Estudié rocas) ♥ I played with Celia (Jugué con Celia) ♥ I gave thanks to God (Di gracias a Dios) ♥ Making dinner (Preparé la cena) ♥ Helping wash clothes (Lavé la ropa) ♥ I got 3 flowers on Subway (Tuve 3 flores) ♥ Obeying my teacher (Obedecí a mi maestra) ♥ May God bless our family and friends. Help us obey your laws even they are hard to obev. Love, Diane (¡Qué Dios bendiga a nuestra familia y amigos! Ayúdanos a obedecer tus leyes, aunque sean difíciles de seguir. Con amor, Diane) ♥ Do my bed (Tendí mi cama) ♥ Paid attention at school (Presté atención en la escuela) ♥ To not cry when my sister is making me because I'm not her puppet (No lloré cuando mi hermana me provoca porque no soy su títere) ♥ Two perfect attendants awards (Dos premios por asistencia perfecta) 🔻 Cleaned up the toys (Limpié los juguetes) ♥ I washed the dishes for my Mom (Lavé los platos para ayudar a Mamá) 🕈



In Our Prayers

We ask you to take a moment to pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list below. The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

Elva Buehler Eduardo Cortés Esteban Hernández Ken Lenz Mary Maurer Erik Santana María Sesmas

Lou Bradley Maria Ferrara Deacon Francis Head Richard Ivy Sonjanique Ferrell Richard Gaeta Katy Hansen-Meyer Madelyn Harris Bob Wagner



Prayer Line

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

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military.

PFP Andrew Ashibuogwu, USA * PVT Michael Ashibuogwu, USA * Sgt. John R Beuth ANG * 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 * LT Rogelio Espinosa, 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 * CPT Ana Maria Hartwig, USA * Maj. Marise James, USAF * LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello USN * 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 * Specialist Darleni Sandoval, USA * CPT Anna Smith, ARNG * S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA

Altar Flowers



Would you like to have a special way to remember a loved one? Are you celebrating an anniversary? Is there someone in your life celebrating a special birthday? For any of these occasions or more, you are invited to request flowers for the altar. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the Commons Area.

Suggested donation: \$30.

Flores para el altar: Por favor anota tu nombre e intención en la lista disponible en el pizarrón del Área Común. Las Flores del Altar nos permiten recordar de manera especial a un ser querido o una fecha de aniversario o cumpleaños especial. Donación sugerida: \$30.

Blessing of the Throats

The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given during Mass or a celebration of the word of God on the memorial of Saint Blase.

Saint Blase was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. He was a physician before becoming a bishop. He was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

All parishioners are invited to join us this Monday, February 3rd, at 6:30 a.m. or 12 Noon in the Main Sanctuary for the Mass and Blessing of the Throats.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Just A Reminder about days off

We follow the Cobb County School calendar. If Cobb schools are closed because of a holiday the PSR classes closest to that holiday will be canceled. Please keep the PSR calendar handy for quick reference.

When Cobb County is closed because of INCLEMENT WEATHER SO ARE WE! Watch WXIA-11 Alive Emergency Weather Network for school and church closings.



Preschool Registration 2014-2015

Preschool registration for new families for the 2014-2015 school year will begin on February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

For more information, please contact Preschool Director, Monica Signoret, at 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 or via e-mail at: msignoret@stthomastheapostle.org

Consoling the Heart of Jesus: Lenten Retreat

Sundays, February 9th - April 13th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Community House.



"Consoling the Heart of Jesus" gives us an awareness of God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy, showing us the way to console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. It also focuses on what to do with the suffering we all encounter, helping us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The retreat combines the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with the teachings of Saints: Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Louis de Montfort. Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has a remarkable gift for inspiring little souls to trust in Jesus and his Divine Mercy.

Please consider including this retreat as part of your Lenten journey this year! Cost is \$33 per participant for materials packet.

The retreat will conclude with a consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 p.m. during the hour of Divine Mercy.

To register contact Rose Anne Hawes (rahawes87@gmail.com, 678-208-5388) or Clarence Burkholder (burkholder@mindspring.com, 770-432-5020)

Lenten Longings Let Yourself Be...

Even though the new year has just started it's never too early to start thinking about



The weekly sessions will reflect on Scripture and talk about how our faith applies to our everyday lives. It's a great way to make Lent a more meaningful season as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

Renew International

The sessions will be held in the Adult Faith Formation Building from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning the first week of week of Lent on, Wednesday, March 12th and concludes on Wednesday, April 16th.

A sign-up sheet is available in Commons Area. The book fee is \$8.00. Any questions please contact Adult Faith Formation 770 432-8579 – Linda Veit Ext. 131 or Michael Okuto Ext. 122.

Coming soon ...

February 9—April 13

6:30 p.m.

Community House

Consoling the Heart of Jesus (Lenten Retreat)

This Lent don't give up chocolate! Instead, join us for this Lenten retreat.

More details on this page.

February 16

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Social Hall

Health Fair

FREE screening for cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure. Flu shots will NOT be available.

March 12

7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation

Lenten Longings

Make Lent a more meaningful season as we prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord. See this page for details.

March 15 (NEW date)

7:00 p.m.

Social Hall

Father-Daughter Dance

A special night for fathers and their daughters. Look for more information in the coming weeks!

Pre-Evangelization

Classes for the upcoming Evangelization Retreat in April begin next month!

Our Pastor, Fr. Brian, and Fr. Molina are delighted to invite you to participate in the preevangelization sessions prior to attending the Evangelization Retreat, scheduled on April 21st-April 27th.

The pre-evangelization classes are a pre-requisite to help prepare you to have a personal encounter with the living Jesus at the April Evangelization Retreat.

Classes will take place on:

Sundays

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. February 2nd to April 13th Classroom #4

For more information please contact John Casey at 770-432-8579, Ext. 130 jcasey@stthomastheapostle.org



Coats & Blankets Needed for the homeless



In light of Pope Francis and our late parishioner, Bob Burke, we have a goal to reach out to the homeless of the Atlanta area with coats, jackets, and blankets to help them endure this unusually severe cold of Winter. Therefore, donations are being accepted on a table in the Commons Area (where the Advent Tree of Giving was). St. Vincent de Paul Society will store them in its shed and those working with the JustFaith Ministry will give them away on Saturday mornings with the food that is distributed. Volunteers are welcome to help especially during the weekdays. Please contact Paul Susko at 678-468-6206 or via e-mail paulsusko@hotmail.com Thank You very much!

Father-Daughter Dance: NEW DATE!

The Father-Daughter Dance is being rescheduled for the evening of Saturday, March 15th. Please check future bulletins and pulpit announcements for more information.

Altar Server Appreciation—Bowling Fun on February 8th

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Altar Server Appreciation Bowling Fun event at Brunswick Lanes (Austell Road north of Milford Church Road) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, February 8th. Please come for two hours of fun and fellowship. Bowling balls and shoes will be provided! Respond to Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469 no later than Wednesday, February 5th.

Casino Night: Donations Wanted

The Women's Auxiliary will again be hosting a Casino Night on Saturday, March 1st. Your advance participation would be greatly appreciated!

Here's how you can help. Make a donation of:

- product or services from your business
- new or slightly used items from your home
- cash donation from you or from your place of work

Remember that all the monies we raise go to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For more information please contact Ann Corrigan at 770-943-5004 or amc014@att.net

The 60/40 Raffle, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus:

Three prizes: 1st Prize 40% of ticket sales

2nd Prize 15% of ticket sales 3rd Prize 5% of ticket sales

Remaining 40% even split between the Council and St Thomas the Apostle.

Ticket Sales will be over a three month period starting the weekend of Feb 8th and 9th thru April. First Drawing will take place at the end of April.

PARISH AGENDA—February 3-9, 2014

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3		TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4		WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5		THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6	
6:30 AM	MASS	9:00 AM	Preschool	6:30 AM	MASS FOR PEACE	9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
9:00 AM	Preschool	12:00 PM	Mass	7:00 AM	ADORATION	10:00 AM	BIBLE STUDY
9:30 AM	BODY RECALL	†	Kew Family	9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL	6:30 PM	Rosary
12:00 PM	Mass	6:00 PM	CORO DE NIÑOS	12:00 PM	OVER 50'S	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
†	Janice LaJoie	6:00 PM	INEA CLASS	6:45 PM	BENEDICTION	7:00 PM	PSR
4:30 PM	PSR	6:30 PM	SP PARENT PREP FOR	7:00 PM	ENGLISH MASS	7:00 PM	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
6:30 PM	SP PARENT PREP FOR		1ST EUCHARIST	7:00 PM	PSR	7:00 PM	LEGACY COLLEGE MINISTRY
	1ST EUCHARIST	7:00 PM	APOSTLES CLASS	7:00 PM	NEW EVANGELIZATION SERIES	7:00 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	JUST FAITH	7:00 PM	BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND	8:00 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	PSR	7:00 PM	SVDP	8:00 PM	YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	†	Gabriel Reyes Alvarez
7:30 PM	MISA	8:15 PM	APOYO A LA FAMILIA	8:00 AM	SUNDAY AM CHOIR		
8:00 PM	EMA CHOIR			8:30 PM	SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES		

2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



n the next several days you will be receiving a letter from Archbishop Gregory announcing the 2014 annual appeal.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Annual Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: "You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." Our Archbishop has written, "I see the love of the Lord lived in concrete and visible ways, and being shared with young and old, neighbors and strangers, near and far, every day in our archdiocese."

Your financial support for the work of our parish, our Archdiocese and our Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to give Him glory and express our gratitude.

n las próximas semanas recibirán una carta del Arzobispo Gregory anunciando el inicio del Llamado Anual 2014.

La Arquidiócesis de Atlanta tiene una campaña anual que promueve el apoyo para programas, ministerios, y servicios que reciben fondos del Llamado del Arzobispo.

El tema de este año es: "Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo." Nuestro Arzobispo ha escrito: "Veo el amor de Dios vivido en forma concreta y visible, compartiéndolo con jóvenes y ancianos, vecinos y extranjeros, personas cercanas y lejanas, cada día en nuestra arquidiócesis,

Su apoyo financiero para nuestra parroquia, la Arquidiócesis y nuestra Iglesia en el mundo es, de hecho, una forma de darle gloria a El y expresar nuestra gratitud.

Ministerio Hispano

Retiro de Parejas (7-9 de febrero, 2014)

Te invitamos a ti y a tu pareja a participar en el retiro que inicia este 7 de febrero en la iglesia, y continúa el 8-9 de febrero en el Parque Jim R. Miller. El retiro tiene un costo de \$70 por pareja. Pueden registrarse después de la Asamblea de Oración, los viernes a las 8:00 p.m.



Día de la Candelaria

Bendición de imágenes del Niño Dios después de Misas este fin de semana. Bendición de gargantas en honor de San Blas.

Noche de Boliche para Monaguillos

Sábado, 8 de febrero, de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 medio día en Brunswick Lanes (Austell Rd.) Renta de zapatos gratis para todos los monaguillos de Santo Tomás, cortesía de los Caballeros de Colón.

Por favor confirmar asistencia vía e-mail con Karla Razo: ksrazo@hotmail.com

Mass intentions updated as of January 27, 2014

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7		SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8		SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9		11:30 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL	8:00 AM	ULTREYA MEETINGS	6:00 AM	MISA		NURSERY AVAILABLE
9:30 AM	BODY RECALL	8:30 AM	JUSTFAITH RETREAT	7:30 AM	Mass	12:30 PM	SP RCIA
12:00 PM	MASS	9:00 AM	BAUTISMOS	†	Norma María Almeida	2:00 PM	MISA
†	Emilia Ríos	10:00 AM	María Niña	8:00 AM	PARISH BREAKFAST		People of St. Thomas
5:00 PM	TOOLE REHEARSAL	10:00 AM	Coro de Niños	9:30 AM	Mass		GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE
6:00 PM	CORO DE NIÑOS	10:00 AM	RECOVERY INT.		Marice Fernando	4:00 PM	DIVINA VOLUNTAD
6:00 PM	INEA CLASS	11:30 AM	TOOLE WEDDING		NURSERY AVAILABLE	5:00 PM	Mass
6:30 PM	ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR	2:00 PM	LARKIN BAPTISM	9:30 AM	PSR	6:30 PM	LIFE NIGHT
7:00 PM	CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP	3:30 PM	CONFESSIONS	9:30 AM	RCIA	6:30 AM	CONSOLING HEART OF JESUS
7:30 PM	PREBAUTISMALES	4:00 PM	ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR	11:00 AM	LEGION OF MARY	7:00 PM	Pre-Evangelization
8:00 PM	ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN	5:00 PM	Mass	11:00 AM	AFRICAN CHOIR	7:30 P	MISA
8:00 PM	RETIRO DE PAREJAS	†	Billy Goodwin	11:15 AM	PSR & FIRES		
9:00 PM	EMA CHOIR	7:30 PM	MISA				
			Sandra Carbajal				
		9:00 PM	María Niña Youth				

Daily Readings



Monday, February 3rd:

- **2** SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
- PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
- MK 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 4th:

- 2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3
- PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
- MK 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 5th:

- 2 SM 24:2, 9-17
- PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
- MK 6:1-6

Thursday, February 6th:

- 1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12
- 1 CHR 29:10, 11AB, 11D-12A, 12BCD
- MK 6:7-13

Friday, February 7th:

- SIR 47:2-11
- PS 18:31, 47 AND 50, 51
- MK 6:14-29

Saturday, February 8th:

- 1 KGS 3:4-13
- PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
- MK 6:30-34

Sunday, February 9th:

- MAL 3:1-4
- PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10
- HEB 2:14-18

Listen to the daily readings online!

If you have access to the internet, you can listen to the daily readings online by visiting the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and clicking on any of the dates listed at:

www.usccb.org/bible/ readings-audio.cfm



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For February 2014



For the Elders:

That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

For the Collaboration in Evangelization:

That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity.

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Reflection for Families

Parents can appreciate the ritual action of Mary and Joseph today as they presented Jesus at the Temple. Most of us have acted similarly in presenting our children for baptism in our own church. These symbolic actions are important milestones, but we certainly know as parents that sacramental moments are only benchmarks. The everyday living out of our faith is truly who we are. Mary, Joseph and Jesus returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew and learned, and it was in the ordinariness of Jesus' life that he grew in the favor of God's love. It is the same for us as we help shape who our children will become.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Help your children remember the wisdom of elderly members of your family and their ancestors. Recall stories you have heard about them and perhaps you even have some photographs or a family Bible that registers your family tree. If not, make a family tree that allows space for drawings, photographs, or short stories about the people on the tree.

Discussion Starters

- Some of the ways that I have grown in God's favor and love are . . .
- One of the most significant ritual moments in my life that I recall is . . .
- According to Simeon, Jesus was to be light for all people. I see the light of Jesus in the world when . . .

Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger

Around the Archdiocese

Charism Conference

Feb. 7 - 9, 2014, at Blessed Trinity School in Roswell, GA Register at www.atlccr.org. Cost is \$60. For more information please e-email atlccr@aol.com

Healing & Hope Retreat with Immaculee

February 7 – 8, 2014 at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, GA

Immaculee Ilibagiza, miraculous survivor of the Rwandan genocide will be hosting a retreat and sharing her inspiring message in February. Cost is \$57. Sign up is limited. www.immaculee.com

Annual Celebration of Life Banquet

Saturday, February 8th: Mass 6:00 p.m. / Dinner 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church. Sponsored by Pregnancy Aid Clinic. Tickets available at pregnancyaidclinic.org or 404-763-4432.

Mass of Healing for Anyone Impacted by Addiction

Saturday, February 8th at 10:00 a.m. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, in Brookhaven
For those suffering with any kind of addiction, as well as anyone who is impacted by the addiction of someone else. Information: mdannenfelser@olachurch.org

CTK Believes: Integrating faith in the work life for both business men and business women Tuesday, Feb. 11th from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Christ the King Cathedral (Atlanta) - Kenny Hall Guest speaker: Betsy Orr, General Partner of LOBOCK LLC will lead a discussion on "Ready to Testify? Developing and Sharing your 30-second and 3-minute Faith Testimony." Information: Andrew Schoppe at andrewschoppe@yahoo.com

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