



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Parish Office

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## Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday—Friday

9:00AM—7:00PM

Tuesday 9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

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770 - 432-5296

## Summer Office Hours

Monday to Thursday

10:00AM—5:00PM

## Preschool Office

770-293-1267

## Regular Office Hours

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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

## Adoration

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM-6:45 PM

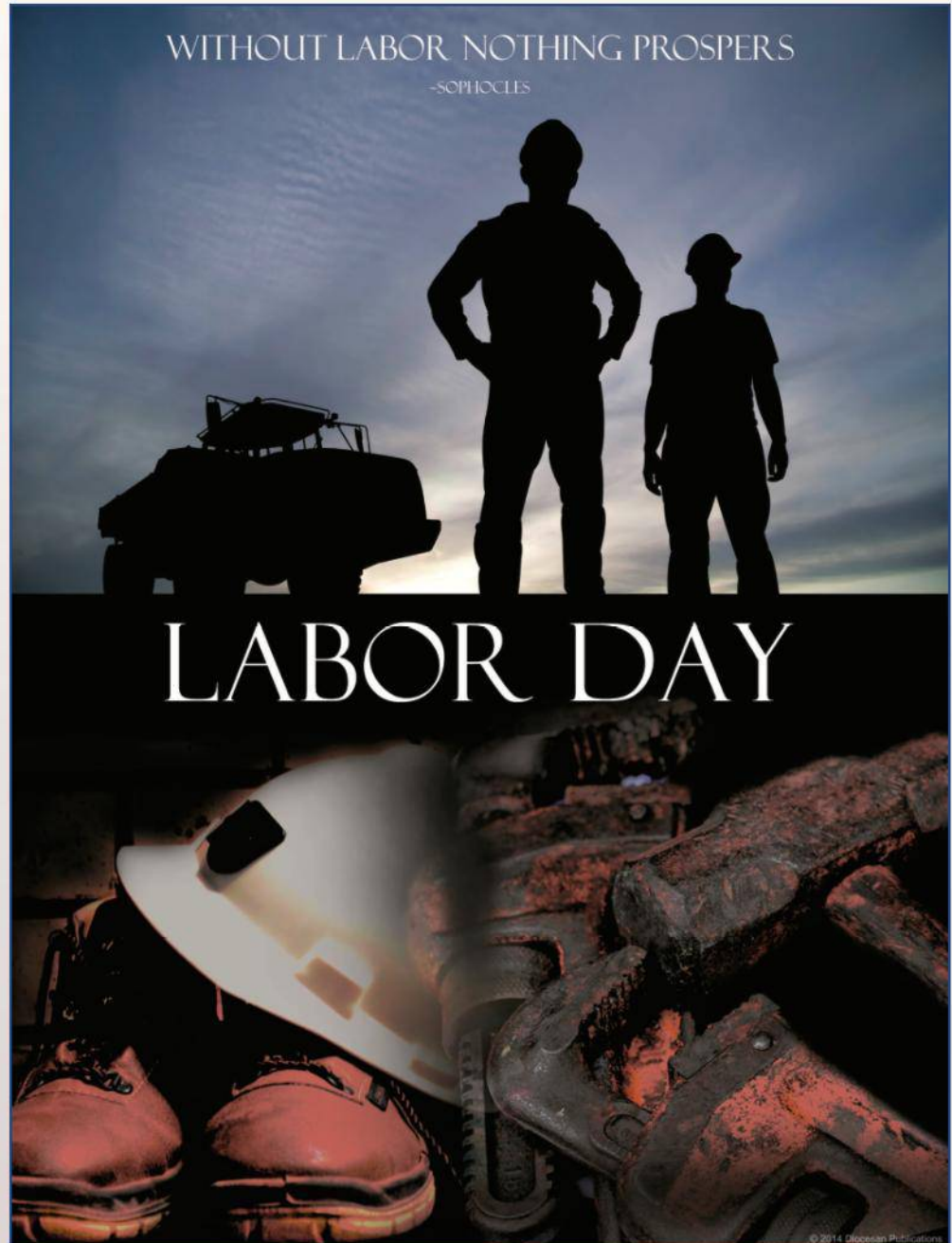
## Horario de Misas en Español

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



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**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Jojo Chettiyakunnel, M.S. (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. • 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)

**Pastor:** Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette (September 10-19, 2014)**  
 Celebra la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de La Salette (10-19 Septiembre 2014)

**Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette : Friday, September 19th**  
 Día de la Virgen de La Salette: Viernes, 19 de septiembre

**More information about festivities available in next weekend's bulletin.**  
 Más información acerca de las festividades disponible en el boletín de la otra semana.



# Feast of Our Lady of La Salette



**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.

James Hampton  
 Larry Orsak  
 Lenna Spencer

William Holston  
 Tom O'Donnell  
 Eric Veit  
 Jean Marie Violette

Bill Anderson  
 Joe Conwell  
 Assunta Jackson  
 Andy Kaiser  
 Evelyn Pacheco  
 Jack Provost

**Healing Mass**

**Thursday, September 11, 2014**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Join us on for a Healing Mass served by a renowned priest in the healing ministry by the name of Father Antony (Divine Retreat Center of India)

6:30 p.m. ....Praise and worship  
 7:00 p.m. ....Mass followed by  
 Healing Service

**Everyone is welcome!**

Think about those you know who are in need of healing and invite them to this powerful opportunity to receive healing from the Lord. Jesus was very conscious and concerned about those who were ill in the Gospels and he healed many. Trust in the Lord's Healing Power.

Anyone who comes is welcome to bring something to eat for treats at the conclusion of the healing Mass in the commons.

Fr. Antony is now serving at the Divine Mercy Prayer House in Plant City, Florida. Welcome Father Antony!

Any questions please contact our parishioner, Mike Fernando, at 678-699-0024.

**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 - ET3 Carolyn D. Brewer, USN - Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA - Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA - Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC - SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG - SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA - LT Rogelio Espinosa, USN - Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA - 2LT Adam Fisk, USA - Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA - LCpl Michael A. Garcia, USMC - PFC Angie Georges, 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 - Seaman Héctor Sánchez, USN - Specialist Darleni Sandoval, USA - CPT Anna Smith, ARNG - S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA

The flowers this weekend are being offered by:

- **Jennifer Lá Niece Veronica "K" Crafton, in memory of her grandmother, Carol Jean "Veronica" Mohring**
- **Arun Abriham and Ninu Paulson in memory of their son Ryan Arun**

If you would like to donate to the Altar Flower Fund please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 101 or e-mail pvanburen@stthomastheapostle.org The suggested donation is \$40.



## Altar Flowers





**Adults in need of Sacraments please contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 or Ext. 131**  
**Classes begin next Sunday: September 7th.**

**Want to grow in your faith? Want to help others grow closer to God?**

**BECOME AN R.C.I.A. SPONSOR!**

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church.

Share with them this faith journey by becoming a SPONSOR during the 2014-15 R.C.I.A. Program:

**Sunday mornings, beginning September 7th at 9:30 a.m. followed by sessions in Adult Faith Formation Building. Sacraments will be celebrated at the 2015 Easter Vigil.**

**AS A SPONSOR:**

- You would be a supportive friend for someone who has chosen to become a member of the Catholic Church
- You would pray for your candidate to seek and follow God's will
- You DO NOT need to be an expert in Catholicism or be able to answer all the questions your candidate may have. Just be there to support them and encourage their questions
- The Saint Thomas the Apostle RCIA Team will be there to help

Your own knowledge and faith will grow with theirs!

- Sponsors must be confirmed and in good standing with the Catholic Church
- Sponsors are required to attend RCIA sessions
- You do not have to be a parishioner at St. Thomas the Apostle to be a sponsor. (But must be a registered parishioner at another Catholic parish)

Interested in becoming an R.C.I.A Sponsor?

Please contact: **Michael Okuto at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 or [mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org](mailto:mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org)**  
**Linda Veit at 770-432-8579 Ext. 131 or [lveit@stthomastheapostle.org](mailto:lveit@stthomastheapostle.org)**

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños  
 August 23-24, 2014

Treasure (Tesoro): \$801.46

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento):

- ♥ Mop the floor (Trapeé el piso) ♥ Reminded my brother to shut the door so the dog won't get out (Le recordé a mi hermano cerrar la puerta para que el perro no se saliera) ♥ Doing good things (Haciendo cosas buenas)
- ♥ Taking out the trash (Sacar la basura) ♥ Not to fight (No pelear) ♥ I took my medicine (Me tome la medicina) ♥ I did well on my first week of Pre-K (Me fue bien en la primera semana de Pre-K) ♥ Playing soccer (Jugué fútbol) ♥ I made my bed (Tendí mi cama) ♥ Clean my toys (Limpié mis juguetes) ♥ I gave a little girl in a green dress a ball (Le di la pelota a una niña con vestido verde) ♥ I got good grades (Me saqué buenas notas) ♥ Not fighting with my siblings (No pelear with mis hermanos) ♥ I got up to go to school without crying (Me levante para ir a la escuela sin llorar) ♥ I helped Amah learn to shoot bow and arrow (Le enseñé a Amah a tirar con el arco y la flecha) ♥ Helped mommy and was nice to my sisters so we filled up our jar (Ayudé a mamá y fui bueno con mis hermanas) ♥ I pray (Rezo) ♥ I made my bed without being asked (Tendí mi cama sin que me lo pidieran) ♥

**ARISE! Begins in October—Sign up NOW!**

This fall there will be an opportunity for parishioners to participate in small faith-sharing communities that meet in homes and other locations throughout the parish over the course of six weeks.

How will **ARISE Together in Christ** help this parish? ARISE enables people to:

- deepen their faith,
- develop a closer relationship with Christ,
- grow in community and
- reach out in service to others

For this program to succeed, your commitment and participation is highly needed, please sign up now!

For more information contact the Adult Faith Formation Department at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 or Ext. 131.



**Coming soon ...**

September 1, 2014  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Main Sanctuary  
**Labor Day Mass**



September 10-18, 2014  
 Time to be announced  
 Main Sanctuary  
**La Salette Novena**

September 11, 2014  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Main Sanctuary  
**Healing Mass**  
 See Page 2 for details.



September 19, 2014  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Main Sanctuary  
**Our Lady of La Salette**  
 Feast Day



**A new year of preschool has started! ...**

...and our teachers are really excited to welcome our children back! Our great teachers, led by Preschool Director Monica Signoret, are ready for another year of school, offering a loving, nurturing environment of discovery and learning!

For more information regarding our preschool program, please contact Monica Signoret at 770-293-1267.



**Photo of the Week!**

**Thanks for your generous donations!**



*On behalf of the La Salette Missionaries and especially of Fr. Ron Beauchemin, I wish to thank you and the people of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church for your hospitality, generosity and prayers during the mission appeal on August 9-10. A total of \$9,000 was collected during that weekend.*

*We thank you for the opportunity to bring renewed awareness of our Church's Mission to your people and to bring their love and support to the needy of the mission countries served by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.*

*Sincerely yours in our Lord and Lady,*

*Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, M.S.  
Executive Director  
La Salette Mission Center*

**Join the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Parish Choir!**

Contact: Patty Smith, Director of Music Ministry—psmith@stthomastheapostle.org or 770-241-9343  
The 9:30 a.m. Choir rehearsals will start soon; we will resume singing at Mass in September. Male and female singers of high school age and older are encouraged to join this joyful and friendly group. You do not need to be able to read music! But you do need to love singing, spending time with great people, and giving praise to God. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining, you must contact Patty Smith for specifics BEFORE ATTENDING A REHEARSAL.

**Jamaica Mission Trip 2014**

The St Thomas the Apostle 24th annual mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica to work with the priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor is scheduled for Oct 15-20, 2014 (Wednesday-Monday) All adult parishioners are welcome. Cost is approximately \$800. Space is limited. For more information please contact: Brian Durham for details at 770-421-0839.

**Threats to Freedom**

Are you concerned about the new **Common Core State Standards** for Georgia schools? Come learn more about how **Common Core State Standards** and the new **Advanced Placement U.S. History Curriculum Framework (APUSH) and exam** are threats to our freedom as Catholic parents. Over the next few months, **Threats to Freedom** will also tackle such controversial subjects as **GMOs, Water Fluoridation, Geengineering (Chemtrails) and Vaccines.**



Don't get left behind. Be part of the educated, empowered, and engaged citizenry who will "fight for the right without question or pause" and "be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause." Call Sarita at 404-578-6681.

**Parish Agenda**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**LABOR DAY**  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
9:00 AM **MASS**  
Elizabeth Rafael

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

9:00 AM **PRESCHOOL**  
12:00 PM **MASS**  
† **Francis Sheridan**  
6:00 PM **CORO DE NIÑOS**  
7:00 PM **LITURGY HEADS**  
7:00 PM **SVdP**  
8:00 PM **EVANGELIZATION CHOIR**  
8:00 PM **EMA CHOIR**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

6:30 AM **MASS FOR PEACE**  
7:00 AM **ADORATION**  
9:00 AM **PRESCHOOL**  
6:45 PM **BENEDICTION**  
7:00 PM **MASS**  
7:00 PM **PSR**  
7:30 PM **LIFETEEN BAND**  
8:30 PM **SMALL COMMUNITIES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

9:00 AM **PRESCHOOL**  
10:00 AM **BIBLE STUDY**  
6:30 PM **ROSARY**  
7:00 PM **CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
7:00 PM **MASS**  
† **Ryan Arun**  
7:00 PM **PSR**  
7:30 PM **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
8:00 PM **MISA**  
† **Artemia Chavez**  
8:15 PM **THREATS OF FREEDOM**





Stewardship Thought

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*  
Gandhi, 1869-1948

**New direct hotlines for our Smyrna Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul Society:**

If you, or somebody you know, is in need of assistance and would like to apply for financial help with our Saint Vincent de Paul Society, please leave a message for our volunteers. Food Pantry visits must be scheduled through this hotline as well:

**678-626-3939 (English NEW Hotline)**

*Please note: The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a volunteers based organization using donated funds and limited resources. They are not an emergency organization.*

Si usted, o alguna persona que usted conozca, necesita ayuda financiera o comida, pueden dejar su mensaje con nuestros voluntarios de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl en el nuevo teléfono:

**678-626-3949 (NUEVA línea en Español)**

*Por favor noten: La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl se maneja a base de voluntarios que usan donaciones y tienen recursos limitados. Esta organización no atiende casos de emergencia.*

**Community Outreach**



The Pro-Life Ministry is in great need of diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes. Please leave your donations in the Commons Area.



Support our Saint Vincent de Paul Society Pantry: The food inventory, generously supplied by our church members and local businesses, is constantly being depleted and always in need of donations. In addition to staple foods, canned items, household items, cleaning supplies, and baby diapers, we are also collecting school supplies during the summer. Please leave donations in the plastic buckets located in the Commons Area.



Feed the Hungry Ministry: Help us feed "the least of our brothers" on Hollowell Parkway. This church ministry distributes sack lunches with meat and cheese sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, soft fruits and bottle water are distributed every Saturday morning on Hollowell Parkway. For more information, please contact Pauline Bullard-Moore 678-234-6907 or Jo Baldwin 770-333-4659.

**Ministerio Hispano**

**Sacramentos para Adultos:**

Las clases inician el 7 de septiembre! Se requiere traer el Certificado de Bautismo (para aquellos adultos que ya están bautizados pero necesitan Primera Comunión y Confirmación.) Para más información, comunicarse con Miguel Mendoza al 404-543-9166.

**Catecismo para Niños:**

Las inscripciones para clases de doctrina y Catecismo, incluyendo Primera Comunión, se han cerrado. Si sus niños no fueron registrados a tiempo, serán colocados en lista de espera o también pueden enseñarles en casa el primer año de Catecismo.

**Ministerio Pro-Vida:**

Nuestro Ministerio Pro-Vida está solicitando pañales desechables (TODAS las tallas) y toallitas húmedas de bebé. Por favor dejar sus donaciones en el Área Común.

**Despensa de San Vicente de Paúl:**

Nuestra organización de ayuda al necesitado solicita donaciones continuas de comida para la despensa: alimentos enlatados, cereales, artículos de limpieza personal y útiles escolares son recolectados en los botes del Área Común.

**Viaje Misionero a Jamaica:**

15-20 de octubre, 2014. costo: \$800 por persona (incluye boleto aéreo y estadía.) Interesados llamar a Brian Durham al 770-421-0839.

Calendar updated as of August 25, 2014.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

REVIVAL RETREAT (AWAY)  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
12:00 PM **Mass**  
† Edward Mewe Eyenuro  
5:00 PM IWORISHA REHEARSAL  
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS  
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP  
7:30 PM PREBAUTIMALES

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

REVIVAL RETREAT (AWAY)  
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA  
11:30 AM OLIVARES QUINCEAÑERAS  
2:00 PM IWORISHA WEDDING  
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
5:00 PM **Vigil Mass**  
Jonathan Diaz  
7:30 PM **Misa**  
Rito and Ines Aguirre

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

REVIVAL RETREAT (AWAY)  
6:00 AM **MISA**  
SELVIN ALVAREZ  
7:30 AM **Mass**  
People of STA  
9:30 AM **MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)**  
† Joseph M. Sheridan  
9:30 AM PSR  
9:30 AM RCIA  
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
11:15 AM PSR  
11:30 AM **MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)**  
Mirlene Michel

1:00 PM ENGLISH BAPTISMS  
2:00 PM **MISA (EN EL PARQUE)**  
† PEDRO GARCÍA PÉREZ  
† DOLORES GUZMÁN  
† LÁZARO PÉREZ  
2:00 PM SP RCIA  
5:00 PM **MASS**  
† Agapito Monteiro  
6:30 PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT  
6:30 PM ONE THING IS THREE  
7:30 PM **MISA**  
† Evalia Torres  
† IGNACIA TORRES  
† HÉCTOR HERRERA



## Habitat for Humanity

### Celebration Time Is Here!

Construction on our 20th Habitat for Humanity home is complete.

The Saint Thomas Habitat ministry is inviting all our parish family to join us for the dedication of The Ogunbode Family home.

The celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, September 7th at 3:00 p.m.** at the home site located at **6084 South Gordon Road, Austell, GA 30168.** Please be sure to join us; along with the other members of the *Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition* for this joyful celebration.

Remember that our building efforts are a hand up; not a hand out. Funds are still needed to cover the cost of building materials. Please consider a donation. Just place your donation in the weekly offertory. Checks can be made payable to St Thomas; with "Habitat" in the memo line. Cash can be placed in an envelope marked "Habitat". Please give what you can. Thanks for your help!

## Ice Bucket Challenge

The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has gone viral with Catholics being "called out" by their family and friends to take the challenge. It's fun and spreading like wild fire. A donation to an organization is usually part of the rules of the challenge.

If you choose to take the challenge, here are three organizations whose work respects the life and integrity of all human life, from the earliest stages:

**John Paul II Medical Research Institute**  
<http://jp2mri.org/>

**Answer ALS**  
[www.answerals.org](http://www.answerals.org)

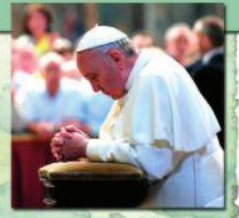
**Compassionate Care ALS**  
[www.ccals.org/home.php](http://www.ccals.org/home.php)

We also ask people to pray for those who suffer from ALS, as well as for their loved ones.  
Thank you!

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

**Mentally disabled:** That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

**Service to the poor:** That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day (FSAD)

September 9th

If you or your family are in need of assistance or additional information about FASD, please contact Melissa Cook at [mejcook@aol.com](mailto:mejcook@aol.com), or contact Maggie Rousseau, Director, Disabilities Ministry, Archdiocese of Atlanta at [mrousseau@archatl.com](mailto:mrousseau@archatl.com)

### Hurting after abortion?

PATH (Post Abortion Treatment and Healing) will be offering a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat* September 19-21, 2014 that could lead to wholeness and healing. Please register by September 10, 2014 for the Retreat. PATH also offers ongoing Bible Studies. Compassionate, confidential care is available to women, men, siblings, grandparents, and friends. Contact Mary Ann McNeil for details at 404-717-5557 (voice mail) or e-mail Mary Ann at [pathmcneil@gmail.com](mailto:pathmcneil@gmail.com). Please visit our website at [www.healingafterabortion.org](http://www.healingafterabortion.org)

### Retreat for women survivors of abuse: The Way for Women

September 5-7 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA.

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, September 5-7, 2014 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. Registration deadline is August 29, 2014. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or [sstubbs@archatl.com](mailto:sstubbs@archatl.com) for more information.

### CTK Believes

September 9th, 7:30 a.m. - Kenny Hall at Cathedral of Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

Mother Teresa famously said that we are all called to sainthood. How do we live our lives, particularly our business life, in fulfillment of the call to holiness?

Join Deacon Bill Garrett, President of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, who will lead a discussion entitled "What does it mean to be called to sainthood?"

Register at [www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/BELIEVES](http://www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/BELIEVES)

For more information e-mail: [andrew@thegoldenrulepartners.com](mailto:andrew@thegoldenrulepartners.com)

### International Cultural & Heritage Celebration

Sunday, September 14 - Most Blessed Sacrament Church - Atlanta, GA

The celebration begins with worship and Mass at 10:00a.m. and it will continue with a music, entertainment and food festival highlighting the nations of the world and the various regions of the United States. All are welcome to participate in the fun. For more information visit: [www.mbschurch.com](http://www.mbschurch.com) or call the Most Blessed Sacrament parish office at 404-349-0176.

### Where is God When it Hurts?

September 19-21, 2014 - Monastery in Conyers

When times are toughest, it often seems God is silent or perhaps absent. This retreat helps us discover God's loving presence in the midst of hardship, loss grief, and illness—those times we are most keenly aware of our longing to know God's love and healing touch. Contact Patti at the Monastery in Conyers for a reservation: 770-760-0959 or [retreat@trappist.net](mailto:retreat@trappist.net)





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