



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 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Closed Wednesday 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

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770 - 432-5296

Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00AM—8:00PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Preschool Office

770-293-1267

Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SOLAMENTE CON CITA

English Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 12 Noon

Wednesday: 6:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 PM

NEW WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: ... 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,

10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 6:00 PM

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:00 PM

Adoration

Wednesdays:..... 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM

Jueves: 8:00 PM

NUEVO HORARIO FIN DE SEMANA

Sábado: 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM

Domingo: 6:00 AM

2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Escuela Nickajack: 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Confesión:

2do Sábado del mes de 9PM a 12AM

Sábados a las 5:15PM

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

The First Disciples
Jesús Llama a Sus Primeros Discípulos

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."
John 1:35-36

*Mientras Jesús pasaba, se fijó en él y dijo:
"Ese es el Cordero de Dios."*
Juan 1:36

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

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)

Eucharistic Adoration

Have you ever thought about the fact that there are 168 hours in one week's time? What if you were to commit to spending one of those hours in quiet time in the presence of the Lord each week? It could be life-changing!

Eucharistic Adoration has taken place in our parish all day on Wednesdays since March of 2003.

Perhaps you don't know what you would do. Some suggestions are:

- Talk with Him about what is going wrong in your life as well as what is going right.
- Tell Him how grateful you are for His blessings in your life.
- Be still and savor the quiet.
- Pray for your needs and the needs of others.
- Exam your conscience in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Pray for direction and guidance.
- The possibilities are endless!

In the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest, passion and crucifixion, Jesus invited His closest friends to keep watch with Him for one hour. Won't you consider doing the same?

It is important that all the hours from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays be assigned so that the Blessed Lord will not be left unattended in the Community House.

Please call the parish office or send an email to: stthomasga@stthomastheapostle.org in order to reserve your hour with Jesus or call 770-432-8579, Ext. 100. Blessings await!

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions



Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

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.

Sophie Eriksson
Pat Deacon
Linda Hardwick
Peggy Jorban
Nancy Jo Mattox
David Nugent
Tom O'Donnell
Mercedes Rojas
Maria Sesmas
Bernard Veney

Carrie Birdsong
Joseph Butler
Janice Filla
Isaac Hawes
Annette Howard
Kimberly McNeal
Tony Oparaji
Amaka Okobi
Evelyn Pacheco
Ida Smith
Lesbia Flynn Yardey
Fr. John A. Welch, M.S.

Stephanie Burey
Fernando Diaz
Roberto Galván
Halysia Mathurin
Deacon Scott Medine
Fr. Joseph Peek
Evelia Rodriguez

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.

As we start the new year we ask that you call the Parish office with the names of your beloved ones so that we can have a current list. Thanks!

Eucharistic Adoration: Guardians Needed

There is a serious need for GUARDIANS during the hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 100. See additional information on the left inset on this page.

Coming Soon

January 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Adult Faith Formation
Foster Parents for Unaccompanied Children
See Page 5 for additional information.

January 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Library
Bereavement Series
Journey through grief.
See Page 4 for additional information.

January 22, 2015
8:15 p.m.
Classroom #2
Threats to Freedom
GMO series continue with the presentation of documentary "The World according to Monsanto".
See Page 4.

January 25, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Community House
Consoling the Heart of Jesus
See Page 5.

After the cold temperatures, 2 weeks ago, a water main break forced us to cancel all activities during the weekend of January 10-11 (except for Masses.) The water service was re-established after 2 days of work. ALLELUIA!

Las bajas temperaturas causaron la ruptura de una cañería, hace dos semanas. Esto nos obligó a cancelar todas las actividades del 10 y 11 de enero (excepto Misas.) La fuga ha sido reparada. ¡ALELUYA!

Photo courtesy of P. VanBuren



Renovation Update / Actualización de la Renovación

Thanks for your patience and understanding during our church renovation. As of January 5th, ALL Masses are being celebrated mainly in the Social Hall. See Bulletin Cover for our full schedule of Masses.

During Phase II the following steps are necessary:

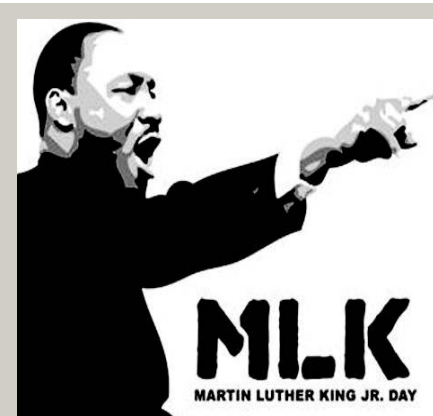
- Demolition of the old pews (See photo above)
- Pouring of cement for the new configurations designed for the Altar, Ambo, Pews, etc.
- Installation of new oak pews (no upholstery for greater cleanliness and sanitary reasons.)
- The flooring in the Commons will be replaced with carpet
- The Main Sanctuary will have an all tile porcelain floor.
- New light fixtures for LED lights will be installed. This will be a big help to lower our electric bills.

Please continue to remain generous in your donations to the Church. This will help us greatly. Thanks, Fr. Brian

Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión durante la renovación de la iglesia. A partir del 5 de enero, la mayoría de las Misas se celebran en el Salón Social (con excepción del domingo por la noche, en la Escuela Nickajack.) Ver la portada del boletín para el horario completo.

Durante la Segunda Fase los siguientes pasos son necesarios:

- Demolición de las bancas (Ver foto arriba)
- Aplicación del cemento para formar la nueva configuración del Altar, el Ambo, las Bancas, etc.
- Instalación de bancas de madera de cedro (sin cojines, para mantener el aseo y ornato.)
- El piso del Area Común será reemplazado con alfombra
- El piso de la iglesia será de cerámica porcelana
- Nueva iluminación LED más eficiente, lo cual permitirá ahorrar energía.



Parish Office CLOSED

Monday, January 19th
In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
English Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

Oficina Parroquial CERRADA

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada este lunes, 19 de enero, debido al día de Martin Luther King, Jr.
Se cancela la Misa en español de 7:30 p.m.

Children's Offertory

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños:
January 4, 2015: \$660.60

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): ♥ I helped my day with my brother (Ayudé a papa con mi hermanito) ♥ I took trash to the trash bin (Llevé la basura al basurero) ♥ Helped setting the table (Ayudé a poner la mesa) ♥ Prayed all week (Recé toda la semana) ♥ Took out the mail (Llevé el correo al buzón) ♥ Shared my new toy (Compartí mi juguete nuevo) ♥ Baked cookies (Horneé galletitas) ♥ Said my prayers without being asked (Recé sin que me lo pidieran) ♥ I helped my Mom wrap presents (Ayudé a Mamá a envolver regalos) ♥ Not doing any sins (No pecar) ♥ I played with everybody (Jugué con todos) ♥ Watching over my brother (Cuidar a mi hermanito) ♥ Helped an animal (Ayudé a un animal) ♥ I made my bed (Tendí mi cama) ♥ Being thankful (Ser agradecido) ♥ Washing the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ Feeding my dog (Le di de comer a mi perro) ♥ Being nice to tohers (Ser bueno con otros) ♥ I listen to Mom and Dad (Le hago caso a Mamá y Papá) ♥ Being good every day (Ser bueno cada día) ♥ Helped to clean (Ayudé a limpiar) ♥ cleaned my room (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥ I helped my Mom at home (Ayudé a mamá en la casa) ♥ I was nice to my sisters (Fui bueno con mis hermanas) ♥



For your convenience, our parish offers Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations.

Getting started is easy!

Just visit our website for instructions:
www.stthomastheapostle.org/online-giving

Contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579, Ext. 123 if you have any questions.

Thank You for your generosity and support!



Lent 2015

ARISE! ARISE! ARISE!

Join a Lenten program and grow in your Faith!

ARISE! Season 2 will begin the week of February 15th and run through the week of March 22nd.

Starting the week of Sunday, February 15th, we will have six weeks of Lent reflections completed before Holy Week.

Registration for those interested in joining an ARISE! group during this Season 2 begins this weekend. Last weekend to register: February 7th and 8th.

Adult Faith Formation will be offering an evening session of ARISE! Season 2 on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Adult Faith Building. Other groups and schedules are also available.

Please register online at:

www.stthomastheapostle.org/arise

Or contact

Linda Veit at 770-432-8579 ext. 131 or Michael Okuto at 770-432-8579 ext. 122.

Arise together in Unity for Community!



Altar Servers FREE Bowling Outing—NEW DATE

Tarde de Boliche GRATIS para Monaguillos (NUEVA FECHA)

Saturday, January 31 (Sábado, Enero 31) • 2:00 p.m.

Brunswick Azalea Lanes (2750 Austell Road)

ALL Altar Servers are invited to join the FUN for 3 games of FREE bowling.

Todos los Monaguillos están invitados a 3 juegos GRATIS.

Contact Dennis Lovello for further info & reservations at: 770-435-7130 or e-mail: xfowerbflo@bellsouth.net

Altar Servers: FREE Bowling Outing (NEW DATE)

Saturday, January 31st at 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Over 50's Exercise Class

Resumes on Wednesday, January 21st at 9:00 a.m. • Social Hall • FREE

The over 50's exercise class meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 21st in the Social Hall.

The Exercise Class is designed for the over 50's crowd, but all ages benefit. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. The class consists of stretching, strengthening and balancing exercises and lasts about an hour. In today's world we want our bodies and minds to be healthy as long as possible and the classes are designed for that purpose. There is no fee. Remember: Many now realize that exercise often does more for our body, mind and spirit than pills in a bottle. Come join us! Call Lynn Farge for further information, 678 361-7290, or just come ready to exercise.

Bereavement Ministry

Tuesdays ay 7:00 p.m. (beginning January 20th) • Adult Faith Formation—Library

The Bereavement Ministry is pleased to offer a program that describes the essential physical, emotional, cognitive, social and spiritual signs for mourners to look for on their journey through grief. The program is open to all who mourn the loss of a loved one. The series begins on January 20th and will continue every Tuesday evening (7:00 p.m.) for 11 weeks in the Adult Education Library. For more information please contact Jackie 770-366-4049.

Threats to Freedom Ministry: The World According to Monsanto

Thursday, January 22nd at 8:15 pm • Classroom #2

The Threats to Freedom Ministry invites you to watch its third eye-opening documentary on GMOs: The World according to Monsanto: From Agent Orange to Genetically Modified Crops.

Come learn what you didn't know that can save your family's health, and think about bringing a friend!

For more information, call Sarita at 404-578-6681.



This week in our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO PSR
NO PRESCHOOL

9:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
7:00 PM FOSTER CARE MTG (PAGE 4)
7:00 PM SVDP
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 AM MASS (COMMUNITY HOUSE)
7:00 AM ADORATION (COMMUNITY HOUSE)
9:00 AM EXERCISE CLASS
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
7:00 PM 1ST RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS (COMMUNITY HOUSE)
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM STORY TIME
7:00 PM 1ST RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
8:15 PM THREATS TO FREEDOM



Foster Care for Unaccompanied Children: Information Meeting

Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. • Adult Faith Formation Building

Desperate situations in Central America have caused many unaccompanied children to come to the U.S. Our commitment to serve those in need compels us to provide safety, care, and welcome for this vulnerable population.

Lutheran Services of Georgia, in partnership with the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement, is recruiting compassionate bilingual people to walk alongside the children by opening their homes, donating much-needed items, providing English as a Second Language instruction, taking the children to appointments, and more.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Faith Center to learn more about how our St. Thomas the Apostle community can help. For more information, you may contact Gayle Cruz at gcruz@lsg.org or 404-207-0131 or visit: <http://goo.gl/9lrBBE>



Scan with your smart device for more information on Foster Care.

Acogida Temporal para Niños No Acompañados: Reunión Informativa

Situaciones desesperadas en Centroamérica han causado que muchos niños no acompañados vengan a los Estados Unidos. Nuestro compromiso de ayudar a los necesitados nos obliga a proporcionar seguridad, cuidado y una bienvenida para esta población vulnerable.

Los Servicios Luteranos de Georgia, en colaboración con U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement, está buscando gente compasiva para que caminen al lado de los niños: abriendo las puertas de sus hogares, donando artículos muy necesarios, proporcionando instrucción de inglés como lengua secundaria, llevando a los niños a citas, y mucho más.

Por favor, únase a nosotros el Martes, 20 de enero a las 7:00 p.m. en el Edificio de Formación para Adultos (Vieja Rectoría.) Más informes con Gayle Cruz al gcruz@lsg.org o 404-207-0131 o visiten nuestra página web: <http://goo.gl/9lrBBE>

Lenten Program

"Consoling the Heart of Jesus"

Sundays, January 25, through March 29
7:00 p.m. • Community House • Cost: \$33

- 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.
- 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.
- The author, 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! It changes your life.
- The retreat will conclude with a consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 during the hour of Divine Mercy.
- The cost is \$33 per participant for materials packet.

To register contact
Clarence Burkholder
cnkburk@gmail.com or 770-432-5020



Calendar updated as of January 12, 2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00 AM EXERCISE CLASS
- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM MASS**
- IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED**
- 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 6:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
- 10:00 AM 1ST RECONCILIATION
- 10:00 AM RECOVERY INC.
- 1:00 PM SPANISH BAPTISMS
- 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS
- 4:30 PM Vigil MASS**
- JOAN CONWAY**
- 6:00 PM MISA**
- INÉS AGUIRRE**
- 7:30 PM MISA**
- CARLOS OCAÑA**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 6:00 AM MISA**
- 7:30 AM MASS**
- † ROGER KIMPEL**
- 9:00 AM MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)**
- † ANDY KAISER**
- 9:00 AM PSR / RCIA
- 10:30 AM MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)**
- PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS**
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 12:00 PM MASS**

- 12:30 PM AFRICAN PARISHIONERS ORG
- 1:30 PM ENGLISH MASS
- 1:30 PM MISA**
- 2:00 PM LEGACY
- 3:00 PM MISA**
- 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
- 4:30 PM MISA**
- 5:30 PM MISA (NICKAJACK)**
- 6:00 PM MASS**
- 6:30 PM EVANGELIZATION INFO MTG
- 7:00 PM CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS
- 7:00 PM MISA (NICKAJACK)**

Preschool Registration

St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year will take place as follows:

Currently enrolled families:

January 26 – 30

Active parishioners:

February 2 – 6

Non-Parishioners:

February 9 until classes are full.

If you would like to come and visit our school, meet our Director in the main office of the church on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. No pre-registration required.

Our Preschool program serves children who are at least 2 years old by September 1st of the current school year through our young five program.

Tuition fees for the 2015-2016 will be available by the week of January 26th at www.stthomastheapostle.org

For more information contact Preschool Director, Monica Signoret, at 770-293-1267.

Cooking for the Clergy

Thanks to the members of our **Charismatic Prayer Group**, as well as all the other parishioners who have been feeding our priests! The meals that you have provided over the last few weekends are greatly appreciated!

If you would like to prepare a meal for our clergy, please contact Mary Cantrell at 678-626-3964.

Charismatic Prayer on Fridays

Our Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Friday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community House. Everybody is welcome to join the group for praise and prayer.

The Altar Flowers this weekend are offered by
Carla Aguirre in honor of her brother
✠ Miguel Angel Roman, Jr.

If you would like to remember a special occasion by donating to the Altar Flower Fund, please contact the Parish Office.
Suggested offering: \$40.

Altar Flowers



Around the Archdiocese

Career Quest (Job-Seeker Network)

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Catholic Church of St. Ann, Marietta 30062

Upcoming presentations:

1/20: "Job Search Blueprint - 13 Interviews & 6 Job Offers, My Story" presented by Jana Jenkins

1/27: "Selling Yourself" presented by Dan Jourdan

For information & schedule: <http://st-ann.org/career-quest/home>

Voicemail/messages: 770-552-6400 Ext. 6104 or e-mail: careerquest-sa@comcast.net

Fiddler on the Roof, Jr. Musical

Friday, January 23rd and Saturday, January 24th at 7:00pm • St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marietta 30060

Please join us for one of these excellent performances and purchase your tickets now through the front office of St. Joseph Catholic School (Monday-Friday between 8am-3pm). Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For more information call Sheryl at 404-307-2011.

Saint Joseph School Open House

Saturday, January 24th • St. Joseph Catholic School, Marietta 30060



Attend the principal's presentation from 2-3pm followed by classroom visits from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested students and families will learn about this co-ed, K-8 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, which prides itself on the spiritual growth and academic excellence of both its students and faculty.
For more information call 770/428-3328.

Thomas Merton's Actual 100th birthday

Saturday, January 31st 9:00 a.m. • St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328

Contemplative Outreach Atlanta is hosting a commemorative celebration of Thomas Merton's life and work on the occasion of his actual 100th birthday. For reservations contact Maggie Winfrey at 404-717-6815 or maggie.winfrey@gmail.com

Catholic Day at the Capitol

Tuesday, February 3th from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Atlanta, GA 30303

Begin at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 8:30 a.m. with a legislative briefing and workshops.

Then walk to the Capitol to hear Archbishop Gregory open the legislative session with a prayer and to meet your legislators. Lunch will be on your own. The event is free, but registration is required so that we can communicate last minute changes. For more information and to register please log onto: www.archatl.com/offices/communications/catholicday.php or call Joy Place at 404-920-7346.

Programa de radio "Nuestra Fe" : Nuevo Horario

Nuevo horario en una nueva estación para aumentar la cobertura. Esta iniciativa de evangelización ha estado en la radio en español todos los días durante los últimos cinco años. La nueva programación está siendo transmitida de lunes a viernes a la 1:00 PM, y los sábados y domingos a las 11:00 AM. El domingo también incluye la Santa Misa y una meditación a partir de las 9:30 AM. El nombre de la nueva estación de radio es: Radio la Mejor con tres frecuencias en todo el Norte de Georgia.



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