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January 25, 2015

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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

Horario de Misas en Español

Confesión:

2do Sábado del mes de 9PM a 12AM Sábados a las 5:15PM SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

> The Call of the First Disciples Jesús Llama a Sus Primeros Discípulos

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

"Siganme y yo los haré pescadores de hombres." Marcos 1:17



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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)

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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 Jesus about what is going wrong in your life as well as what is going right.
- Tell Jesus 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.

Jaime López Ava Villafarra Razo Alvarez Family Dorothy Kimpel Hermilo Villa Sophie Eriksson Pat Deacon Linda Hardwick Peggy Jorban Nancy Jo Mattox David Nugent Tom O'Donnell Mercedes Rojas María 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.

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:

HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN

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 27, 2015 7:00 p.m. Social Hall **English Ministry Heads** January 28, 2015 7:00 p.m. Social Hall **Spanish Ministry Heads** February 15, 2015 Times vary Arise! 2 The Second Season of Arise! Begins in 3 weeks! See Page 4 for more information. February 18, 2015 Times and locations To Be Announced **Ash Wednesday**





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.

Children's Offertory

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

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento):

♥ Going to church (Fui a Misa) ♥ I got a good report card (Sagué buenas notas) ♥ Being a good student (Buen estudiante) ♥ I helped a friend and also I helped an old lady and an old man and family, and a whole lot of more people, and I love God with all my heart (Ayudé a un amigo, a una anciana, a una familia y a mucha gente más, y amo a Dios con todo mi corazón) ♥ I sat nicely at mealtime (Me senté bien en la comida) ♥ I helped Dad (Ayudé a Papá) ♥ I helped my team-mate up (Ayudé a mi compañero de equipo) ♥ I cleaned my room when my Mom told me and helped my little brother with his homework (Limpié mi cuarto cuando Mamá me lo pidió y ayudé a mi hermanito con su tarea) ♥ I played with the visitors (Jugué con las visitas) ♥ I helped a friend bake cookies (Ayudé a una amiga a hornear galletitas) ♥ Helped with laundry (Ayudé a lavar ropa) ♥ Helping my Mom at IKEA (Ayudé a mamá en IKEA) ♥





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 cancelled. 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.

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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 Holv 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 Monaquillos (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

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 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 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. Call Lynn Farge for further information, 678 361-7290, or just come ready to exercise!

Threats to Freedom Ministry: The World According to Monsanto Thursday, January 22nd at 8:15 pm • Classroom #2

Attention water drinkers! Are you aware that the fluoride in your drinking water is actually toxic waste? If you are not so sure, the Threats to Freedom Ministry invites you to view the eye-opening documentary Professional Perspectives on Water Fluoridation on Thursday, January 29th, at 8:15 p.m. in Classroom #2.



The USA fluoridates its water, while many developed countries have chosen not to do so. Discover why the introduction of fluoride into our water came about in the first place. You won't like the answer, or the harm that you will learn is being caused to our children by fluoride, including the lowering of their IQ.

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

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This week in our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
9:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS
12:00 PM	MASS
4:30 PM	PSR
7:00 PM	FIRST RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM	PSR
8:00 PM	EMA CHOIR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27	
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM	MASS
6:00 PM	CORO DE NIÑOS
7:00 PM	BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
7:00 PM	ENGLISH MINISTRY HEADS
7:00 PM	SVDP
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM	APOYO A LA FAMILIA

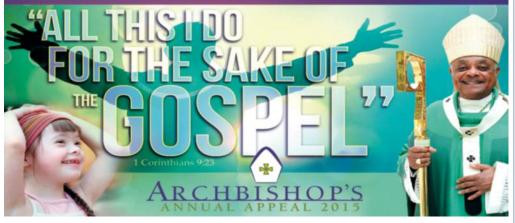
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6:30 AM	MASS (COMMUNITY HOUSE)	
7:00 AM	ADORATION (COMMUNITY HOUSE)	
9:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL	
7:00 PM	MASS (COMMUNITY HOUSE)	
	JEANETTE ASCENCIO	
7:00 PM	PSR	
7:00 PM	COORDINADORES DE MINISTERIOS	
7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND	
8:30 PM	SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES	

HURSDAY, JANUARY 29

00 AM	PRESCHOOL
0:00 AM	BIBLE STUDY
0:00 AM	STORY TIME
7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM	BIBLE STUDY
:00 PM	MASS
':00 PM	PSR
8:00 PM	MISA
+	MARCELINA AVIÑA
8:15 PM	THREATS TO FREEDO

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hank you to all who have responded to the mailing from Archbishop Gregory. There is still time to respond. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please take advantage of this time to do so.

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: "All This I Do For The Sake of the Gospel."

Our Archbishop has written "We are called to reflect the great love of Jesus Christ, that he would become man and give His life for us. through all of our daily actions and how we live our lives."

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.

Please pray for our parish as it moves into this year's Annual Appeal. Thank you. Fr. Brian

racias a todos los que han respondido al correo del Arzobispo Gregory. Todavía hay tiempo de responder. Si usted recibió el correo y aún no ha respondido, por favor utilice esta oportunidad para hacerlo.

Además de proporcionar fondos para diversos ministerios y servicios a través de la arguidiócesis, la Campaña Anual también financia servicios que son de gran ayuda a otros ministerios en nuestra parroquia.

El tema de la Campaña de este año es, "Todo lo hago por el Evangelio".

Nuestro arzobispo escribe "Nos recuerda que estamos llamados a refleiar el gran amor de Jesucristo (quien se convertiría en hombre y daría su vida por nosotros) a través de todas nuestras acciones diarias y de cómo vivimos nuestras vidas."

Su apoyo financiero a la labor de nuestra parroquia, nuestra arquidiócesis y nuestra Iglesia alrededor del mundo, es de hecho, una manera de darle gloria al Señor y de expresarle nuestra gratitud. Gracias! Padre Brian

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Reflection for Families

The faith and trust of these early disciples is hard to imagine. Everything Andrew, Peter, James, and John had known disappeared as they began a new way of living found in their company with Jesus. We often see these dramatic conversions among candidates in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and the Children's Catechumenate. Something may have happened recently in a person's life that brought them to the point of conversion. It is important that you help your family, along with the entire Christian family, to affirm and support these folks in the months ahead.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

The fishermen were busy going about their business of fishing and earning a living. Still, something in their busyness caused them to not only stop their work and listen to Jesus, but drop what they were doing and follow him. We all live very busy lives today, too. Stop to consider where you hear Jesus' call in your busy day. Share these moments with one another and explain how you did (or didn't) respond to the call. Offer support to one another as you work to better answer Jesus' call in the future.

Discussion Starters

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1. A life-changing call for me that came from Jesus happened when...

2. Like the first fishermen, I am a gatherer of people for Jesus when...

3. Jesus called more than one disciple at time. It also helps me to be called with others because...



Calendar updated as of January 17, 2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

IDAT, JANUART JU	
9:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM	MASS
6:00 PM	CORO DE NIÑOS
6:30 PM	ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
6:30 PM	CPUPLES RETREAT PLANNING
6:30 PM	CHARISMATIC PRAYER

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8:00 AM	SUNDAY AM CHOIR
8:00 AM	SUPER SATURDAY
10:00 AM	María Niña
3:00 PM	CONFESSIONS
4:30 PM	Vigil Mass
+	BILL & EILEEN HARDING
5:00 PM	CATEQUESIS ADULTOS
6:00 PM	MISA
+	SR. CARMEN ANDABLO
+	SABINO RUBIO
7:30 PM	MISA
+	CESAREO CORONADO
+	FELIX CORONADO
+	PIEDAD MESTA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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6:00 AM	MISA
7:30 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)
+	LYNN CAMPANARIO
9:00 AM	PSR / RCIA
10:30 AM	MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)
11:00 AM	LEGION OF MARY
12:00 PM	Mass
1:30 PM	Mass
+	MARIO DUANTOV
2:00 PM	LEGACY
3:00 PM	MISA
	PEOPLE OF STA

4:00 PM	DIVINA VOLUNTAD
4:30 PM	MISA
5:30 PM	MISA (NICKAJACK)
5:00 PM	MASS
7:00 PM	CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS
7:00 PM	MISA (NICKAJACK)
7:00 PM	PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN

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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.

Support the Altar Flower Fund

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

Please note: During the Season of Lent (February 18-April 5) there will be no flowers decorating our Social Hall.

Altar Flowers

Around the Archdiocese

Career Quest (Job-Seeker Network)

<u>Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Catholic Church of St. Ann, Marietta 30062</u> Upcoming presentations: 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

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.

Fortunate Families Atlanta quarterly meeting

Sunday, February 8th at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center on Riverside Drive.

The afternoon will begin with Mass at 1:00 p.m. in the main chapel and end around 4:00 p.m. Following Mass, there will be time for a short presentation, small groups, and the opportunity to share stories. Our group, which is an Archdiocesan-approved ministry, is open to all who are striving to continue to embrace their Catholic faith as well as to love and accept their LGBT family members. Please join us for an afternoon of prayer, new insights, celebration of faith and family and most of all, love. For more information, go to ffatl.org View these Sponsors and more @ TheCatholicDirectory.com



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