



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday, Wednesday—Friday

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Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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Monday—Thursday

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678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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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, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM

Adoration

Wednesdays: 7:00 AM-6:45 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM

Jueves: 8:00 PM

NUEVO HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Sábado: 6:30 PM

Domingo: 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM,
7:30 PM

Confesiones:

Antes de Misas, los fines de semana.

Which decade will you choose?
¿Cuál década escogerás?

**The Eve of Jubilee:
Journey into the Decades**
Saturday, May 30th
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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kick off event
1964-2016
50th
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Golden Jubilee



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

About our Second Collections

Our pastor, Fr. Brian, is instituting a major initiative to liquidate the debt of our parish.

Therefore, whenever there is an Archdiocesan second collection, the parish will donate 10% of the offertory to that designated collection. And, we will have a monthly second collection for reducing our parish's debt to the Archdiocese, which at this time stands at \$1.35 million.

If you have additional questions, please contact Theresa Southwood at tsouthwood@stthomastheapostle.org

Acerca de las Segundas Colectas

Nuestro párroco, el Padre Brian, está instituyendo una iniciativa importante para liquidar la deuda de nuestra parroquia. Por tanto, siempre que tengamos una segunda colecta de la Arquidiócesis, la parroquia donará 10% del ofertorio para esa colecta designada. Y, una vez al mes, tendremos una segunda colecta para reducir la deuda de nuestra parroquia con la Arquidiócesis, la cual asciende a \$1.35 millones en este momento. Si tienen preguntas, por favor contactar a Theresa Southwood vía e-mail: tsouthwood@stthomastheapostle.org

In Our Prayers / En nuestras oraciones

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.

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| Edward Carlin | Cordelia Kelly | Maddie Deleski |
| Momodou Colley | Jaime López | Frank Kovacich |
| E.J. Farge | Maria Martin | Bill Moll |
| Dorothy Kimpel | Theodora Shaw | Eloy Pérez |
| Tom O'Donnell | Warren Shaw | Jack Provost |
| Evelyn Pacheco | Pablo Torres | Perla Romero |
| Juan E. Raygada | | Jerry Wussler |

Prayer Line / Cadena de Oración

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 / Orando por nuestras tropas

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:

- ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN
- Ensign Tanner Collins, USN
- E5 Spencer Hanemann, USN
- HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN
- A1C Earl Zachary Shelton, USAF

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

Easter Vigil Celebration/ Celebración de Vigilia Pascual

On the evening of the Easter Vigil, April 4th, our parish's catechumens and candidates were received into the Catholic Church. Each had been called by God and elected to enter into a 7-month preparation period with the assistance of a sponsor. Now as these new Catholics embark upon a deeper journey of faith, let us continue to pledge our prayers on their behalf so that each may experience the incredible depth of this new life in Christ.

Oremos por todos los catecúmenos y candidatos que recibieron sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual del 4 de abril para que vivan esta nueva vida en Cristo profundamente.

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| Francisco Aguirre | Mario Flores | Herman Lopez Morales | Heidy Pelico |
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| Walter Alvarez | Ived Garcia | Charlie Manuel | Zulma Quintanilla |
| Tatiana Benitez | Yessica Garcia | Sergio Marroquin | Cristian Resendiz Molina |
| Tracy Carolyn Brown | Reina Guardado | Yazmin Marroquin Corzo | Juana Roblero |
| Keri Brown-Miles | Carolina Guzman | Oscar Mazariegos | Jordan Ruiz |
| Paula Cano | Raymond Harold Hancox | Katy T. Nguyen | Beatriz Sandoval |
| Joanny Carranza | Andreana Herrera | To Thanh Nguyen | Alan Sontay |
| Pedro Chun Pelico | Jasmine Herrera | Elizabeth Núñez | Katherine Grace Teems |
| Alfonso Chun Pelico | Cintia Osiris Licona Chavez | Sumediah Nzuonkwelle | Suzannes Teems |
| Jose Cruz | Kirna Linaves | Felipe Ochoa | Steven Michael Toole |
| Servando Elias | Ana Nely Lopez | Ben Ejiro Okpalefe | Aurelio Vaquero Palma |
| Leopoldo Espinosa Contreras | Jollette Lopez | Rosa Palma De Paz | Homero Vicente Vicente |
| | | | Angela Nanette Williams |



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RENOVATION COMPLETE! ¡RENOVACIÓN TERMINADA!

A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! ... We are back in the beauty of a newly renovated Sanctuary! This is truly a joyous occasion with much gratitude. When I arrived two years ago and hosted "town hall meetings" I will never forget the overall mandate to restore the beauty of the Sanctuary. The members of the Building Committee and I have been meeting week after week for over a year with the Archdiocese in order to complete what became a massive renovation. God bless these parishioners in the Building Committee who gave of their time and talents to persevere with a very demanding process! Their expertise helped the design-build companies understand what we truly needed and wanted. From top to bottom (from exterior to the interior) the structures of our worship and common spaces had to be evaluated and addressed.

Our gratitude goes to all who contributed to the Capital Campaign "Moving Forward In Hope." Without the funding, we would not have been able to be thorough and comprehensive in the renovations needed. It has not been an easy time as so many surprise discoveries were made... water damage and roofing repairs, reconstruction where needed, overhauling the lighting system, sloping the floors, pew selection, sound and video engineering, and more. It was a chain of discovery, remedy and improvements. Basically, it is mostly finished!

The main doors and the back doors of the Commons will be replaced by all glass doors for safety and security purposes, including an electronic button to open a door automatically. The interior doors between the Sanctuary and the Commons will also be replaced with glass doors for the same reasons.

A severely rotten beam from years of water damage has to be fixed as well at the entrance of the Commons.

We are still in need of evaluating whether or not new Stations of the Cross would be better as well as seeing how the original Altar and Ambo look in our newly renovated space. Feedback is welcome.

I have been slow to accessorize too quickly. I want to experience the space and then make decisions as to some of the other important details with feedback from you. It's a work in process and the progress has been phenomenal.

Thank you Lord. Thank you Saint Thomas the Apostle. Thank you to each and everyone who has supported this grand renovation of God's house. Let us take care of it well. Please help others to respect the space and its interior with proper behavior and treatment of God's house.

Please mark your calendars as Bishop Zarama will grace us with the blessing of the Archdiocese in a **rededication ritual at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 28, 2015** followed by a reception. Alleluia! Fr. Brian

Una Nota De Nuestro Párroco

Queridos feligreses:

Bendito sea Dios por todas sus bendiciones!... estamos de vuelta en una iglesia completamente renovada! Realmente es una ocasión llena de gozo y gratitud. Cuando llegué hace un par de años y realizamos las Juntas con el Párroco, recuerdo que muchas personas pidieron que se restaurara la belleza de nuestro santuario. Los miembros del Comité de Construcción y yo nos hemos reunido semana tras semana por más de un año para completar lo que se convirtió en una gran renovación. Qué Dios bendiga a esos feligreses en el Comité de Construcción que dieron su tiempo y talento para perseverar con este exigente proceso! Su experiencia ayudó a las empresas constructoras a entender nuestras necesidades y deseos. De abajo a arriba (de afuera a adentro) las estructuras de nuestro lugar de alabanza y espacios comunes fueron evaluadas y atendidas.

Nuestra gratitud a todos los que contribuyeron en la Campaña Capital "Caminando en Esperanza." Sin su apoyo económico, no habríamos logrado el detalle en las renovaciones que se necesitaban. No ha sido un periodo fácil ya que tuvimos muchos imprevistos... daño debido a agua y reparaciones del techo, reconstrucción donde fuera necesario, instalación de un nuevo sistema de luces, desnivel en los pisos, sección de bancas, ingeniería de sonido y video, y mucho más. Fue una cadena de descubrimientos, remedios y mejoras. Básicamente, está casi terminado!

Las puertas principales de la iglesia, así como la entrada de atrás, serán reemplazadas con puertas de vidrios y medidas de seguridad, incluyendo un botón para abrir la puerta automáticamente. Las puertas interiores que dan al santuario también serán reemplazadas con puertas de vidrio por las mismas razones.

También queda pendiente el reemplazo de una viga podrida, así como arreglos en la entrada del Área Común. Aún necesitamos evaluar si es necesario reemplazar las imágenes del Viacrucis en la pared, y también queremos determinar cómo se verá nuestro antiguo altar y el ambo en el espacio renovado. Se escuchan sugerencias.

Me he tomado un poco de tiempo en adornar. Quiero vivir el espacio y después tomar decisiones con la ayuda de ustedes. Es un trabajo en proceso, y el progreso ha sido fenomenal.

Gracias Señor. Gracias Santo Tomás el Apóstol. Gracias a todos y cada uno de ustedes que apoyaron esta gran renovación en la casa de Dios. Cuidémosla bien! Ayudémonos los unos a los otros a respetar la casa de Dios. Por favor marquen sus calendarios para **la Re-Dedicación con el Arzobispo Zarama, el domingo, 28 de junio, 2015 en Misa de las 11:30 a.m.** seguida de una recepción en el Salón Social. Aleluia! Padre Brian

Annual Food Drive: May 16th-17th ONLY

Benefitting the poor in Kingston, Jamaica, in conjunction with our sister parish of The Missionaries of the Poor.

This year we have a one weekend collection: May 16th and May 17th

- Tuna fish: 12 oz OR
- 4 lb cans preferred
- Spaghetti: 1 lb packages

Collection boxes will be available in the Commons Area beginning May 13th. Please be generous! Bring your donations of tuna fish and spaghetti by May 16th-17th.

- Help is needed packing on Sunday, May 17th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Volunteers also needed on Monday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. to finish packing.
- No plastic bags needed this year. Recycle them as you normally would.
- If you would like to volunteer your time and help packing, call Brian Durham at 770-421-0839.



DACA and DAPA Information Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th (7:00 p.m. English Session) in our Social Hall

A recent ruling by a Texas judge has resulted in confusion on the part of those affected by both DACA and the new DAPA executive orders. Saint Thomas the Apostle is sponsoring a presentation by Catholic Charities to share the most up to date information on what you should and should not be doing now to prepare for what is forthcoming. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th in the evening. The experts from Catholic Charities will be happy to answer your questions on this critical matter. More information in the weeks to come.

Miércoles, 20 de mayo (8:00 p.m. Sesión en español) en el nuevo santuario

Reunión Informativa acerca de la Acción Diferida para Niños (DACA) y para Padres de Ciudadanos o Residentes Estadounidenses (DAPA) presentada por expertos de Caridades Católicas. ¡Infórmate y prepárate! Más información en las próximas semanas.

Bake Sale on April 18-19

The Women's Auxiliary is having its Annual Spring Bake sale after Masses on May 16th and May 17th. Stop by after Mass and pick up a tasty treat or two. Donations of baked goods, individually wrapped, will be accepted before each mass but no later than the 11:30 a.m. mass. All proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for your support!

Venta de pasteles el próximo 16 y 17 de mayo a la salida de la Misa. Participen comprando o donando pasteles y galletitas empacados individualmente hasta las 11:30 a.m. del 17 de mayo. Todos los fondos recaudados son a beneficio de nuestra parroquia.

Wanted English Pro-Life Coordinator

Reward will be great in heaven! Please contact Fr. Brian at 678-626-3938 for more information.

Diaper Donations needed for our Pro-Life Ministry

Diapers in Sizes 4 and 5. Wet baby wipes also requested. Please drop donations in the Commons Area, beginning next week.

Habitat for Humanity: Donations and Volunteers needed

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church is a member of the Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition. This year's build will begin on June 27th and we need donations for construction materials as well as volunteers (with or without experience) to help build this new Habitat for Humanity house. For more information please contact Laura McIntosh, 678-332-6619 or e-mail lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net.

Como miembros de la Coalición Cobb Interfaith Habitat, nuestra parroquia se prepara para la construcción de una nueva vivienda de Hábitat para la Humanidad, a partir del 27 de junio. Solicitamos sus donaciones y voluntarios con o sin experiencia. Para más informes, llamar al 678-626-3840.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00 AM EXERCISE CLASS
- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
- 7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT
- 7:30 PM MISA
- 8:00 PM EMA CHOIR

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 9:00 PM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 7:00 PM JUBILEE MTG
- 7:00 PM FINANCE COUNCIL
- 7:00 PM SVDP
- 7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
- 7:30 AM ADORATION
- 9:00 AM EXERCISE CLASS
- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
- 7:00 PM MASS
- DELIA TORRES
- 7:00 PM SCHOOL TUTORING
- 7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
- 10:00 AM STORY TIME
- 6:30 PM ROSARY
- 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00 PM MASS
- † MICHAEL HOVASTAK
- 7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT
- 7:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
- 8:00 PM MISA
- 8:00 PM THREATS TO FREEDOM

Gear up for Vacation Bible School:

Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12th, from: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per child

All children who were 3 years old before September 1, 2014 through grade 5 are welcome!

Registration ends on Friday, May 22nd (limited space!)

For more information call the PSR office at 770-432-5296.



The coolest week of summer!
VBS: June 8th to June 12th

PSR Pre-registration 2015-2016

Parish School of Religion (PSR) **PRE-REGISTRATION** for the 2015-16 school year is now open for all returning students till June 30th . Pre-printed registration forms have been sent home with current PSR students. All students must register each year.



- You must bring your Pre-Registration form to register
- A copy of your child's Baptism certificate is needed (even if Baptized at St. Thomas) if your child is receiving a sacrament during 2015-16
- A minimum payment of 50% of the total fee is required to register (exact cash or personal checks are acceptable)
- PSR FEES WILL INCREASE JULY 1ST FOR ALL STUDENTS
- **New student registration for PSR begins July 1—July 24.**
- More information at 770-432-5296.

Pre-Matricula de Catecismo para el año 2015-2016 para estudiantes que se encuentran activos actualmente. Hay tiempo hasta el 30 de junio. (La cuota de inscripción subirá de precio el 1º de julio.)

- Todos los estudiantes deben volver a registrarse cada año.
- Traer Hoja de Pre-matricula
- Copia del certificado de Bautismo de su hijo (aún cuando haya sido bautizado en Santo Tomás) para estudiantes que recibirán sacramentos el año 2015-2016.
- La mitad del pago de matrícula es requerido (cantidad exacta en efectivo o cheques solamente)
- La matrícula para nuevos estudiantes será del 1º de julio hasta el 24 de julio.
- Para más información llamar al 770-432-5296.

EDGE Retreat:

Contact Danny Hernandez at 770-432-5296 Ext 132 or e-mail: dhernandez@stthomastheapostle.org

Campaña Anual de Alimentos

Para ayudar a los pobres en Kingston, Jamaica junto a nuestros hermanos de los Misioneros de los Pobres.

Este año sólo tendremos UNA colecta, el 16 y 17 de mayo.

- **Atún: Preferiblemente latas de 12oz y 4 lb**
- **Pasta: Cajas de espagueti de 1 libra**

Cajas de recolección disponibles en el Área Común el 13 de mayo. Por favor entregar sus donaciones de atún y espagueti a más tardar el 16 y 17 mayo.

- Ayúdanos a empacar el domingo, 17 de mayo, de 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. y a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Social.
- También buscamos voluntarios para terminar de empacar donaciones el lunes 18 de mayo a las 9:00 a.m.
- No necesitamos bolsas plásticas este año. Reciclen las bolsas como normalmente acostumbran.
- Para informes o si están interesados en ayudar a empacar, llamar al 678-626-3940.



Calendar updated as of April 13, 2015

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

EVANGELIZATION RETREAT (AWAY)
9:00 PM EXERCISE CLASS
9:00 PM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† **THOMAS & EVELYN O'DONNELL**
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

EVANGELIZATION RETREAT (AWAY)
8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
8:30 AM EDGE RETREAT
9:00 AM RCIC BAPTISMS
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
10:00 AM RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL
11:30 AM QUINCEAÑERAS
2:00 PM REINOSA WEDDING
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM MASS
† **JOE DI NUNZIO**
4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS
6:30 PM MISA
FAMILIA CÁSERES ROMERO

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

EVANGELIZATION RETREAT (AWAY)
6:00 AM MISA
7:30 AM MASS
NYTHIA ELIE
MASS
† **GARY SALAPARE**
9:30 AM RCIA
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:30 PM MASS
12:30 PM APO MEETING

2:00 PM MASS
† **CARLOS GUZMÁN**
2:00 PM LEGACY
2:00 PM SP RCIA
2:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
5:00 PM MASS
6:00 PM LIFE TEEN MASS
6L:30 PM LIFE NIGHT
7:30 PM MASS
PEOPLE OF STA

Which decade will you choose? ¿Cuál década escogerás?

The Eve of Jubilee: Journey into the Decades

Saturday, May 30th - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Eve is coming and Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish (STA) is going on a journey back into time! Save the date for the official STA 50TH Anniversary Inauguration Celebration (1966-2016)

**The Eve of Jubilee: Journey into the Decades
Potluck Kickoff Event: Saturday, May 30th, 2015 from Noon-5:00 p.m.**


The rules are simple:

- **Come ready to celebrate unity in the community**
- **Get dressed up by picking a decade starting with the 60s because we were founded in 1966, going right into the 70s, 80s, 90s, or the 2000s and beyond....**
- **Bring a potluck dish to share**

The Eve is coming....will you be there?
For more information e-mail: perpetuan@yahoo.com

Noche del Jubileo: Viaje a través de las Décadas
La Noche del Jubileo se acerca y nuestra parroquia viajará al pasado!
Marca tu calendarios para la Inauguración Oficial del 50 Aniversario de nuestra parroquia (1966-2016)
Sábado, 30 de mayo, 2015 de 12 medio día a 5:00 p.m.

- **Celebra con nosotros la unidad en la comunidad!**
- **Escoge una década, empezando con los años sesenta porque nuestra parroquia fue fundada en 1966, y continuando con los setentas, los ochentas, los noventas, el milenio y más allá...**
- **Trae un platillo para compartir**
- **Informes al e-mail: perpetuan@yahoo.com**



Pictorial Directory



Say "CHEESE!" Are you hearing some chatter about Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church's "50th Anniversary Celebration?" We hope so, because in June, Life Touch Portraits will be visiting our church to take family photos for our 50th Anniversary Pictorial/Networking Directory.

Yes, appointments will start the week of June 14th and run through July 18th. More details will be forthcoming in April/May Sunday church bulletins. Should you have any questions please feel free to call or email Lauren Russell at 808-285-4124 or e-mail: minilauruss@gmail.com

Directorio Fotográfico

Digan "QUESO!" Nuestra parroquia se prepara para celebrar su 50 Aniversario! Como parte de esta conmemoración, estaremos haciendo un directorio fotográfico y queremos que todas las familias participen!

Habrà citas del 14 de junio al 18 de julio. Más detalles en las próximas semanas.

Coming Soon

May 16-17, 2015

All Masses
Main Sanctuary

Food Drive

Collecting spaghetti and tuna cans ONLY. See Page 4 for additional details.

May 30, 2015

All Day
Church grounds

Eve of Jubilee

Save the date for the kick off event, celebrating our parish 50th anniversary. See this page for info.

June 5-6, 2015

All day.
GICC (College Park)

Eucharistic Congress

Visit www.archat1.com for details.

June 28, 2015

11:30 a.m.
Main Sanctuary

Dedication of New Sanctuary


See note from Fr. Brian on Page 3.



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