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Regular Office Hours *

Monday, Wednesday—Friday
9:00AM—7:00PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

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***NEW HOURS BEGINNING 9/14/15.**

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10:00AM—8:00PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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Monday—Thursday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SOLAMENTE CON CITA

LABOR DAY

Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:13

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Celebrating 50 years of UNITY in COMMUNITY
Celebrando 50 años de UNIDAD en COMUNIDAD

NEW OFFICE HOURS

In order to serve you better, we have extended our office hours!

Beginning on Monday, September 14th, the new Office Hours will be:

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays (NEW!)
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closed of Wednesdays
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



NUEVAS HORAS DE OFICINA

Con el afán de servirles mejor, hemos extendido nuestras horas de oficina.

A partir del 14 de septiembre, el nuevo horario será:

Lunes a Viernes
9:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Sábados (¡NUEVO!)
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cerrado los miércoles
de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m.

The Altar Flowers this weekend are being offered by:
Arun Abraham and Ninu Paulson are the parents
in memory of their loving son, †Ryan Arun

William & Lauren Russell, in memory of †Rodney Dean Russell

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 at 678-626-3940. Suggested offering: \$40.

Altar Flowers



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.

Ron Johnson
Olga Cecilia Muñoz
Verónica Muñoz
Tom O'Donnell

Mariana Balcels
David Clark
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Porfiria Maldonado
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Bob Reese
Patricia Siegel

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Juan Anaya
May French
Fannie Goodwin
Rocío Juárez Bolaños
Saray López Raygada
Carol McHugh
Raúl Sánchez Mejía
Kristen Smith

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:

CDR Dominic R. Lovello, USN • ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN
Ensign Tanner Collins, USN • E5 Spencer Hanemann, USN
HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN • SPC Dakota Nash, USA •
A1C Johana Tatia, USAF • A1C Earl Zachary Shelton, USAF

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

Regular Mass Schedule / Horario Regular de Misas

ENGLISH MASSES

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:4:30 PM
Sunday:7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS:

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

Confession: Saturday:3:00 PM –4:00 PM
Adoration: Wednesday:7:00 AM-6:45 PM

Misas en Español

HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

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

HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Lunes:7:30 PM
Jueves:8:00 PM

Confesiones: Antes de Misas, los fines de semana.
Adoración: Miércoles 7:00 AM-7:00 PM / 2do Sábado del mes a las 8:30 PM

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette

On Saturday, September 19, 1846, a beautiful clear autumn day, the Virgin Mary appeared to Maximin Giraud, age 11, and Melanie Mathieu, age 14, on a mountain near the town of La Salette, some 6,000 feet high in the French Alps. The two children had first met the day before while tending cows in the slopes. They saw a very bright light blazing over the rocks. The radiance parted and revealed a woman seated on the stones, her elbows on her knees and her face buried in her hands. They realized at once that she was weeping. They were frightened, but the Lady rose and reassured them: "Come Near, My children. Do not be Afraid...I am here to tell you Great news..." They hurried to her side and with rapt attention the children listened to the Beautiful Lady.

From September 10th-19th, join the Missionaries of La Salette,
and meditate the message
of our Loving Mother during the Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

Thursday, September 10th: Rosary at 6:15 p.m.—English Mass at 7:00 p.m. Novena after Mass
"Come Near, My children. Do not be Afraid...I am here to tell you Great news..."

Friday, September 11th: Rosary at 11:15 a.m.—English Mass at 12 Noon - Novena after Mass
"If my people will not submit, I shall be forced to let fall the arm of my Son. It is so strong and heavy that I can no longer sustain it."

Saturday, September 12th at all Masses - Novena after Mass
"How long a time I have suffered for you! If I would not have my son abandon you I am compelled to pray to Him without ceasing. And, as for you, you take no heed of it."

Sunday, September 13th at all Masses - Novena after Mass
"I have given six days to work. I have reserved the seventh day for myself and they will not grant it to me...And furthermore, those who drive the carts cannot swear without using the Name of my Son..."

Monday, September 14th: Rosary at 11:15 a.m.—English Mass at 12 Noon - Novena after Mass
"If the harvest spoils you need only blame yourselves. I gave you fair warning last year...but you ignored the sign! On the contrary, you swore...the others will do penance by the famine!"

Tuesday, September 15th: Rosary at 11:15 a.m.—English Mass at 12 Noon - Novena after Mass
"If they converted, the stones and rocks will become heaps of wheat..."

Wednesday, September 16th: Rosary at 6:15 p.m.—English Mass at 7:00 p.m. Novena after Mass
"...You must pray well, my children, morning and night...they only go to mass to make a mockery of religion...During Lent, they go to the butcher shop like dogs."

Thursday, September 17th: Triduum begins
Outdoor Rosary and procession at 6:15 p.m. English Mass at 7:00 p.m. Novena after Mass
"But you, Maximin, your father gave you a piece of bread saying: 'Here, my child, eat of this bread again this year, for I don't know who will eat of it next year if it continues to spoil this way'..."

Friday, September 18th Rosary at 11:15 a.m.—English Mass at 12 Noon - Novena after Mass
"Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people!"

The Missionaries of La Salette are a Catholic Religious Community, founded in the apparition of our Blessed Lady to two children in the small village of La Salette in the French Alps on September 19, 1846.

Her message imbues and inspires their life and mission.

The missionaries devote themselves to the charism or special mission of reconciliation.

Their congregation numbers about 800 priests and brothers serving in over 27 countries around the world.

A community of La Salette sisters also serves in many countries.

A Memorare to Our Lady of La Salette

*Remember, Our Lady of La Salette,
the tears you shed for us on Calvary.
Remember also the pain you endure
without ceasing for your people,
so that at the name of Jesus, your children may
let themselves be reconciled to God.
After having done so much for your children,
see if you can now abandon them.
Comforted by your tenderness, Mother,
we come to turn our hearts to your Son:
Obtain for us the grace
to love Jesus above all else
and to console you by a life dedicated
to the glory of God
and the service of all God's children. Amen.*

Oración Saletense: El Acuérdate

*Acuérdate, Nuestra Señora de La Salette,
de las lágrimas que has derramado
por nosotros en el calvario.
Acuérdate también del cuidado que tienes
siempre por tu pueblo para que en nombre de
Cristo se deje reconciliar con Dios.
Y mira si después de tanto haber hecho por tus
hijos ¿podrías acaso abandonarlos?
Reconfortados por tu ternura, oh Madre,
aquí nos tienes suplicándote a
pesar de nuestras infidelidades e ingratitudes.
Confiamos plenamente en ti,
oh Virgen reconciliadora.
Haz que nuestro corazón vuelva hacia tu Hijo.
Alcánzanos la gracias de amar a Jesús
por encima de todo, y de consolarte a ti
con una vida de entrega
para la gloria de Dios y el amor a nuestros
hermanos. Amén.*

**Saturday,
September 19th
Feast Day of
Our Lady of La Salette**

**English Mass at 4:30 p.m.
Main Sanctuary**

**Knights of Columbus
September News**



Friday 9/18

Annual Pool Party & Cookout

- Lake Laurel Club House
- Corner of Cooper Lake Rd & Beachview Dr
- Friday, September 18th
- 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Pool open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- The Knights are furnishing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, chips and liquid refreshments.
- If you come please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.
- All Parish families are welcome!

Other September Events

Saturday 9/12

Council "Braumeister" Party.

Community House from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come share some fellowship and cookout food with the Knights as we help Brother Keith Grone pursue his hobby of brewing beer.

Thursday 9/17

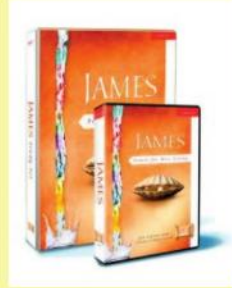
Our monthly officers meeting will be in the Community House starting at 7:30PM. All members of our Council are welcome to attend.

Welcome to our newest members

Rafael Martínez and Cletus Ngaoka joined our Council as First Degree Knights in a First Degree exemplification on August 13th, and advanced to the Second Degree of our Order in an exemplification on August 24th. A hearty welcome and congratulations to both Rafael and Cletus.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Begins: Thursday, September 10th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and continue every week thru June 9th, 2016
Adult Faith Formation Building



James: Pearls for Wise Living.

- Have you ever struggled with living your faith practically?
 - Do you want advice on how to live as a Catholic where you are?
- James: Pearls for Wise Living* offers practical guidance by applying the wisdom of James to our current lives. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

For more information or to register for the study, call Linda Veit, Adult Ed Office at 770-432-8579 Ext 131 or via email: to Linda Blount at lmitcblunt@aol.com

FREE Photo Portraits Ready for pick up!



If your family had a photo taken for our pictorial directory and you have not received your free 8x10 portrait, please check with the Parish Office as many of the photos were sent to our church.

The portraits will be available for pick up during office hours until September 30th. If you had a custom order made, the portraits will arrive directly at your home.

Si tu familia no ha recibido la foto gratis de tamaño 8x10 para el directorio fotográfico, por favor consulta en la oficina parroquial ya que muchos de los retratos fueron enviados directamente a la iglesia. Las fotos pueden ser retiradas en horas de oficina hasta el 30 de septiembre.

Support the Cancer Home Raffle Tickets available next weekend!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help cancer Home cares for incurable cancer patients who are unable to pay for adequate nursing care elsewhere. Tickets for the Auxiliary Fund Drive to Help Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home will be sold the weekends of **September 12th-13th and 26th-27th after all Masses**. Donation is \$5.00 a book of 6 tickets or \$1.00 per ticket. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

Fr. Gene's DVD Now Available at the Parish Office!

This video in loving memory of Fr. Gene Barrette, M.S. was presented during the Memorial service offered in our parish, on July 15th, and it is now available at the Parish Office.

Suggested donation: \$5.00.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM MASS
SARAY LÓPEZ



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL

12:00 PM MASS
IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS IN NYTHIA'S LIFE

7:00 PM JUBILEE PLANNING MTG
7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
7:00 PM SVdP
7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:00 PM REVIVAL RETREAT
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE FOR MANIKA DESTINE

7:30 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
6:30 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM EDGE

7:00 PM MASS
† THELMA GRACE O'HARA
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:00 PM REVIVAL RETREAT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

LA SALETTE NOVENA (SEE PAGE 3)

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY (SEE PAGE 4)
5:00 PM SOBERS REHEARSAL
6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM MASS
SOULS IN PURGATORY
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
8:00 PM MISA
8:00 PM REVIVAL RETREAT

FAITH FORMATION ROCKS!

**Help! We Need Somebody!
Help! Not Just Anybody!
Help! You Know We Need
Somebody ... HELP!!!**



Help is definitely needed! What are you waiting for? Come join the band of faith sharers and become a catechist! It's fantastically fun and faith filled. We cannot do His work without YOU! Still auditioning for catechists in our Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th grade programs, please prayerfully consider this ministry! Please email ssenecal@stthomatheapostle.org or call 770-432-5296 for details.

LEGACY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Attention all young adults, whether you are in college or working on your career. Mark your calendars!!

We will be kicking off the fall semester on Sunday, September 13th!

This semester we will be exploring prayer: why we pray, how we pray, and the challenges to prayer. So come join us in the Adult Faith Formation Center after 5:00 p.m. Mass for pizza, prayer, and praise and worship!

For more information, contact Ron and Laura Purisima by calling or texting 336-407-8177

Advertise in our bulletin!

Mark Fitzgerald, Sales Representative from Diocesan Publications, will be visiting our parish from **September 8-11 and September 21-25.**

Business owners interested in advertising in our bulletin can make an appointment with Mark by calling: 404-307-7016 or by email at mfitzgerald@diocesan.com

**Parish Office Closed on Monday 9/7 = Labor Day
Oficina Parroquial cerrada el 7 de septiembre.**

Calendar updated as of August 31, 2015

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

LA SALETTE NOVENA
REVIVAL RETREAT (AWAY)
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
† **GEORGE PATRICK GARGER**
5:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

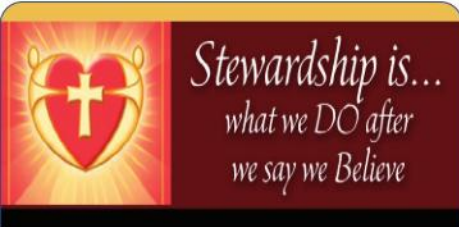
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

LA SALETTE NOVENA
REVIVAL RETREAT (AWAY)
LIFETEEN INSPIRATION ATL (AWAY)
8:00 AM ULTREYA
9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
11:30 AM GONZÁLEZ QUINCEAÑERA
2:00 PM DE LOS SANTOS CONVALIDATION
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM **MASS**
† **STEVEN CATAN**
4:00 PM KOFC BRAUMEISTER
6:30 PM **MISA**
† **SABINO RUBIO**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

LA SALETTE NOVENA
6:00 AM **MISA**
† **ELENA MAZARIEGOS**
† **BONIFACIO ALVAREZ**
† **CELSO ALVAREZ**
7:30 AM **MASS**
ANTHONY SODIPO
9:30 AM **MASS**
† **RICHARD MILLER**
9:30 AM PSR
9:30 AM RCIA
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:15 AM PSR
11:30 AM **MASS**
† **AGNES CHIKERE**

2:00 PM **MASS**
MA. GUADALUPE SANTANA V.
2:00 PM SP RCIA
5:00 PM **MASS**
† **AGAPITO MONTEIRO**
6:00 PM LEGACY
6:00 PM LIFETEEN NIGHT
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
7:30 PM **MISA**
† **GUILLERMINA GARCÍA TAPIA**



**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual
August 29-30, 2015 vs 2014**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Weekly Actual	\$32,035	\$29,955
FYTD.....	\$303,701	\$295,851

**New Fiscal Year budget
to be announced in upcoming weeks.**

Total Assessments\$1,309,098
still owed to Archdiocese as of 06/30/15
(Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis hasta el 30 junio, 2015)

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 31)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 31)**
Goal (Meta).....\$149,300
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales).....\$270,405
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos).....\$126,049
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)..... 84%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)..... 1,197
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida).....\$23,251

**Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
August 29-30, 2015**

Total\$820.89

For family (Por mi familia) ♥ I helped (Ayudé) ♥ I helped my Mom (Ayudé a mi mamá) ♥ respect (Respeto) ♥ I cleaned the house (Limpié la casa) ♥ I forgave a friend that hurt me (Perdoné a un amigo que me hirió) ♥ Washed dishes (Lavé platos) ♥ I helped my friend (Ayudé a mi amiga) ♥ Going to church (Fui a la iglesia) ♥ Cleaning my room (Limpié mi habitación) ♥ I made my homework (Hice mi tarea) ♥ I behaved at school (Me porté bien en la escuela) ♥ Take out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ Coming to church (Fui a la iglesia) ♥ I shared with my friend (Compartí con mi amigo) ♥ I had a good week at school and home (Tuve una Buena semana en la escuela y en mi casa) ♥ I said "Yes Mam" to my mommy (Dije "Sí Señora" a mi mamá ♥ Jesus never breaks your heart (Jesús nunca rompe a corazón) ♥ Being nice (Fui bueno) ♥ Washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ I danced in front of my class (Bailé delante de la clase) ♥ Being respectful to my teachers (Fui respetuoso con mis maestros) ♥ Feeding my dog (Le di de comer al perrito) ♥ Being a very good boy (Fui un buen niño) ♥ Rescued a dog (Rescaté a un perrito) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area. Ask your child to write his/her good deed of the week and encourage him/her to deposit the envelope in the special basket near the altar, during the offertory.
Plant the seeds of a generous heart!

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.



Around the Archdiocese

Career Quest: A Job-Seeker Ministry

Meetings at the Catholic Church of St. Ann (Marietta) at 6:30 p.m.

For more information visit: <http://st-ann.org/career-quest/home>. Upcoming presentations:

- 9/8: Selling Yourself, presented by Dan Jourdan
- 9/15: The Creative Job Search: How to stand out, get noticed & get hired (by Tom Nixon)
- 9/22: Staying Motivated in Your Job Search, presented by John Marotto
- 9/29: Creating Your Value Proposition, presented by Dave Gallagher

Forgiveness: Finding Freedom of Heart

September 11-13, 2015 at Monastery (Conyers, GA)

It is hard to forgive others or God for what hurts and it can be harder still to forgive ourselves. This retreat provides tools for receiving and giving the forgiveness that provides lasting joy and freedom of heart. Contact Patti at the Monastery in Conyers for a reservation: 770-760-0959 or retreat@trappist.net

First Annual Blue Mass: for all public safety officials and first responders

Friday, September 11th at 10:30 a.m. at Cathedral of Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

The Archdiocese of Atlanta will celebrate its first annual Blue Mass for all public safety officials and first responders. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be the Mass celebrant. There will also be a blessing of badges. All are invited to attend this Mass to pray and show appreciation for those who serve and protect the public. A small reception at Kenny Hall will follow.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: For those hurting after abortion

September 11-13, 2015

PATH (Post Abortion Treatment and Healing) will be offering a retreat that could lead to wholeness and healing. PATH also offers Bible Studies starting at various times of the year. Compassionate, confidential care is available to women, men, siblings, grandparents, and friends affected by abortion. Contact Mary Ann McNeil for details at 404-717-5557 (voice mail) or e-mail Mary Ann at pathtmneil@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.healingafterabortion.org for details.

FREE Facilitator Training Session

September 17th 9:30-12:30 at Holy Spirit Church (Atlanta, GA)

Anyone interested in learning how to be an effective facilitator for a small group is welcome. No experience is necessary just a desire to serve, by sharing your time to help other women and yourself grow in your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. To register, please e-mail info@proclaimmyword.org by September 14, 2015.

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