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RESPECT LIFE

I came so that they might have life
and have it more abundantly.
John 10:10

RESPECTO A LA VIDA

Yo he venido para que tengan
vida y la tengan en plenitud.
Juan 10:10



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



As many of you are aware, Catholic clergy make a promise of obedience to the local bishop, a promise that they will serve based on the needs of their diocese.

This week, one of our own has been asked to keep this promise.

As of this past week, Deacon Mark Mitchell has been assigned to serve at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Atlanta.

Let us pray for Mark and his wife, Karen, as they move to a new community and bring their ministerial gifts to their new parish home.

The Altar flowers this weekend are being offered by Pam Peterman in memory her parents:
† Vincent and † Daylinda Pastrana.

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.

Diane Brothers
Ma Concepción Carrillo
Lucas Dorransoro
Teresa Hernández
Peggy Jorban
Armando Olvera
Normand Rainville
Francisca Salgado

Jim Mangan
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Christopher Sola

Francis Ahamioje
Salvador Ascencio
Seyl Boyede
Dot Fick
Nancy Nmesoma Irebusi
Jonathan Joiner
Elizabeth Ogbugo
Sola Ogungbe
Ada Oti

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: Wednesdays: 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 DURANTE LA 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

Arise Season III Group sessions begin next month!

ARISE Season III is quickly approaching and we invite all to join for the six-week sessions centered on the main subject matter "In the Footsteps of Christ".

The focus of this new session will be on some of the key themes of Catholic social teaching, in particular: acts of charity and works of justice. What a perfect time to look at these themes after Pope Francis visits the United States in September, as the Season of Advent approaches, and as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord at Christmas... perfect timing!

Things to know about ARISE Season III:

1. Small group sessions begin the week of October 11th and conclude the week of November 15th.
2. Since each Season has its own subject matter, you can join Season III without having attended Season I and/or Season II.
3. There are presently approximately about 20 groups formed; however, new groups can be formed for Season III.
4. If you are already in a small group your facilitator will be contacting you shortly regarding confirmation of your return for Season III.

For more information regarding being part of an ARISE Group please contact Linda Veit (Adult Faith Formation) at 678 626-3961.



JustFaith

Are you longing to reconnect with your faith and a small community?

JustFaith is a program that uses books, videos, prayer, and dialogue about some of the most difficult topics of the day, offers face-to-face encounters with the poor, and explores what our Faith tradition says about addressing injustice in our world.

For more information, contact:

- PJ Edwards at PJ@JustFaith.org o
- Linda Veit at 678-626-3961
- LVeit@stthomastheapostle.org

The *JustFaith* group will meet Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning on October 22nd. Location to be announced.

"An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it."

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 2013, Ch.4, #183

Coming soon ...

October 10, 2015
12:00 Noon
Memorial Garden
2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade
See Page 5 for details.

October 14, 2015
6:30 p.m.
New Rectory
Meet & Greet
Learn more about the events that our Women's Auxiliary has planned.
See Page 4 for details.

October 23, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Social Hall
Holy Hollywood
Save the date for our next movie presentation.
Movie to be announced!

October 30, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Church Parking Lot
Trunk or Treat
A fun and safe way for your children to wear their costumes and collect candy!
Details coming soon!

Knights of Columbus Events for October 2015



Sunday 10/11

Social Hall
Parish Brunch following the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday 10/15

Community House at 7:40 p.m.
Officers Meeting.
All Council members are welcome to attend.

Saturday 10/17

Community House
1st Degree Exemplification at the
Candidates should arrive at 9:00 a.m.
Exemplification will start at about 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 10/24

Community House
Council "Octoberfest" party at the at 4:00 p.m.
All men of the Parish are invited to attend

Beginning October 17-18 through November 8-9
Coats 4 All Drive

Annual Coats 4 All drive is starting the weekend of 10/17 and 10/18 and will run through the weekend of 11/08 and 11/09. There will be collection boxes for your donations of gently used (or new) coats in the Commons Area. Please help us help the needy and homeless with warm coats for the upcoming winter.

Join the Knights of Columbus!

To all interested Practical Catholic men of our Parish, eighteen years of age and older: If you are NOT a Knight of Columbus, may we ask why not? Knights representatives will be available after all the Masses, October 10th and 11th, to answer your questions. Find out how you can become more active in your Church and community and grow more deeply in your faith. For further information, please contact membership Director Joe Yorio 678-237-3469.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Feast Day

Tuesday, October 6th at 10:45 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary

Are you often tired and frustrated with the pressures of everyday life? Have you thought that maybe there is an easier way? Pray the Rosary. Pray without ceasing!

Join your fellow parishioners as we honor **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Feast Day (Tuesday, October 6th at 10:45 a.m.)** We will provide a rosary for you if you need one, a copy of the rosary, and the 15 Promises given by Our Lady to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche to those who faithfully say the rosary. We look forward to praying with you as a community! The feast was first established by Pope Pius V and extended to the entire church by Pope Clement XI.



Women's Auxiliary Meet & Greet: Calling all Women of St Thomas the Apostle

Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.— New Rectory (back parking lot)

Come join the Women's Auxiliary for a fun social evening! Find out what our ministry does to support our parish and the great fellowship we have each month. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Linda Pesoli at 201-873-3085 or e-mail: lpflyfree@yahoo.com



Coats 4 All Drive (October 17th-18th through November 8th-9th)

Our annual Coats 4 All drive is starting the weekend of 10/17 and 10/18 and will run through the weekend of 11/08 and 11/09. There will be collection boxes for your donations of gently used (or new) coats in Commons. Please help us help the needy and homeless with warm coats for the upcoming winter.

Participa en la Campaña de Recolección de Abrigos Para Todos, organizada por los Caballeros de Colón. A partir del 17 de octubre y hasta el 9 de noviembre, estaremos aceptando donaciones de abrigos de todas las tallas, nuevos o usados (y en buen estado.) Los abrigos serán usados para ayudar a los necesitados y personas indigentes para que se mantengan abrigados durante el invierno. Por favor dejen sus donaciones en las cajas del Área Común.

Over 50's next Wednesday, October 7th, 12:00 p.m. (Social Hall)



Everybody over the age of 50 is welcome to our monthly luncheon! Please bring a dish to share and join us for a fun gathering in the Social Hall, next Wednesday, October 7th, at 12:00 p.m.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
4:30 PM PSR
RECONCILIATION PARENTS
7:00 PM PSR
RECONCILIATION PARENTS
7:30 PM MISA
† BARTOLO CASTILLO
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:45 AM OUR LADY OF ROSARY
12:00 PM MASS
MA. DEL ROSARIO GALVÁN
7:00 PM JUBILEE PLANNING
7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:00 PM SVdP
7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
7:30 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM OVER 50's
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM EDGE
7:00 PM MASS
† JOSEPH DOWNEY
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:00 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM STORY TIME
6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
6:00 PM MOHS WEDDING
7:00 PM MASS
† MARCELIN FILSAIME
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
8:00 PM MISA
† JESÚS ALEJANDRO ARREDONDO
† HERLINDA DURÁN

Jamaica Mission Trip

Please pray for our St. Thomas the Apostle Missionaries.

Let us pray for our parishioner, **Brian Durham**, who has organized another group to mission in Kingston, Jamaica with the Missionaries of the Poor from October 8-15.

Joining Brian will be **Fr. Jaime Molina, Fr. Pedro Ramirez (colleague of Fr. Jaime), and parishioners, Kevin Amaya, Lorena Amaya, John Boyle, Lisette Benjamin, Danny Hernandez, Edwin Mendez, Jessica Ramirez, Jessica Rodriguez, Don Sabbarese, Matthew Van Buren and Carina Zelaya.** Let us pray that they arrive and return safely.

Let us pray that their witness to the love of God be communicated through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy while among the poorest of the poor. Praise God for our parish missionaries. We look forward to their return and sharing with us the blessings received while on this mission.

Story Time: Introducing young children to books, rhymes, and fun crafts!

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom #2



Join us for Story Time, every Thursday during the school year. Preschool age children (1-5 years) are welcome to join Ms. Sue and Ms. Penny for an hour, and explore fun filled read aloud books, create a related craft, and chill with a tasty snack. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Hope to see some familiar as well as new faces each Thursday morning!

Trunk or Treat: Safe and fun environment for kids to Trick-or-Treat

Friday, October 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in our upper parking lot



All children are welcome to come dressed as a Saint or in your Halloween costume! The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be Trunk or Treating in the upper parking lot, Food and Games in the Social Hall. Dinner will be available to buy from the Knights of Columbus.

There will be loads of candy and treats given out during the event.

Admission to Trunk or Treat will be a bag of candy per family.

Mark your calendar now so that you and your children will not miss this special, fun evening!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE SUCCESS OF TRUNK-OR-TREAT!!!

If you are interested in decorating your car/van/truck/SUV for Trunk-or-Treat, donating a cake for the cake walk, or volunteering, please contact Lori Rodgers at 770-432-5296 Ext. 124 or lrodders@stthomastheapostle.org

CANDY DONATIONS WANTED!

We are also looking for individually wrapped candy donations and game prize donations. The candy and prizes can be turned into the Religious Education Office.

The 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade

**Saturday, October 10th
12:00 Noon at the Memorial Garden**

America Needs Fatima is a campaign to capture the heart and soul of America with the Message of our Lady of Fatima. In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three young children with a message of warning and hope for humanity. If the world did not convert, the Blessed Mother said there would be much suffering, famines and wars.

To avert such disasters, Our Lady asked for prayer, penance and other measures.

She also promised that "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

The Message of Our Lady of Fatima is still timely for us today. There are many problems in our country and throughout the world that will only be solved with prayer.

Join the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade next month, in our parish!

For more information, call Mable Johnson at 770-883-9994 or visit the *America Needs Fatima* website at: ANF.org



Calendar updated as of September 28, 2015

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **Mass**
† **MARY AGNES ZINKE**
2:00 PM CHAVES QUINCEAÑERA
4:00 PM TRAN REHEARSAL
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
EVANGELIZATION WELCOME COMMUNITIES

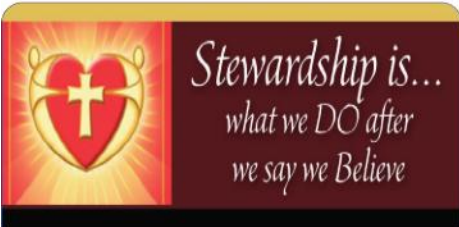
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM ULTREYA
8:30 AM BAUTISMOS
10:30 AM TRAN WEDDING
12:00 PM AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA
12:30 PM CORREA QUINCEAÑERA
2:00 PM HERNANDEZ WEDDING
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM **Mass**
† **THE BYRNE & O'BRIEN FAM.**
4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
6:30 PM **MISA**
† **DUSTIN RIVERA**
8:30 PM ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:00 AM **MISA**
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS
7:30 AM **Mass**
† **DAVID R. THORNTON**
9:30 AM **Mass**
† **CERCIDIA LUIS**
9:30 AM PSR
9:30 AM RCIA
10:30 AM PARISH BREAKFAST
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:15 AM PSR
11:30 AM **Mass**
† **DAVID R. THORNTON**

2:00 PM **MISA**
† **CARLOS A. CASTELLANOS**
2:00 PM SP RCIA
4:00 PM ARISE!
5:00 PM **Mass**
† **PRECIOSA MONTEIRO**
6:00 PM LEGACY
6:00 PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
7:30 PM **MISA**
† **MARIO ALEJANDRO DUKE**



**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual
September 26-27, 2015 vs 2014**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted	\$35,769	\$37,500
Weekly Actual	\$32,138	\$30,043
Shortfall	(\$3,631)	(\$7,457)

**FY2016 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison**

Budgeted	\$464,997	\$487,500
FYTD	\$445,451	\$430,282
Shortfall	(\$19,546)	(\$57,218)

**Operating Financial Statement
For the year ended 6/30/2015**

Revenue	\$2,672,239
Expenses	(\$2,730,531)
Shortfall	(\$58,292)

Total Assessments\$1,309,098
still owed to Archdiocese as of 06/30/15

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 35)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 35)**
Goal (Meta).....\$149,300
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)\$271,575
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)\$137,014
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....92%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)..... 1,205
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida).....\$12,286

**Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
September 26-27, 2015**

Total\$1,013.59

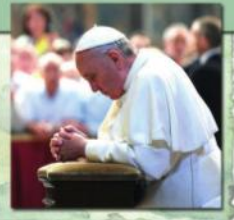
I helped my Mom with dishes (Ayudé a mi Mamá con los platos) ♥ I went to pick some oranges (Fui a recoger naranjas) ♥ (I behaved well at school, and at home. I listened to my parents) Me porté bien en la escuela y en la casa, y hago caso a mis papás ♥ I was kind (Fui amable) ♥ Not to be sad or cry (No estar triste o llorar) ♥ I fed my baby cousin (Alimenté a mi primo bebé) ♥ I fixed my bed (Arreglé mi cama) ♥ I encouraged someone to share (Invité a alguien a compartir) ♥ I follow directions (Sigo instrucciones) ♥ Coming to church (Vine a Misa) ♥ Helped a friend (Ayudé a un amigo) ♥ I love Jesus and Saint Thomas the Apostle (Amo a Jesús y a Santo Tomás el Apóstol) ♥ Cut the grass (Corté el zacate) ♥ Finished my favorite book (Terminé mi libro favorito) ♥ I let the dogs out (Saqué a los perros) ♥ I introduced my friends to each other (Presenté a mis amigos) ♥ Helped my sister (Ayudé a mi hermana) ♥

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 human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.



Around the Archdiocese

40 Days for Life: Campaign to save lives continues!

September 23rd—November 1st (410 Villa Rica Way Marietta GA 30064)

Our community will join with hundreds of other cities participating in 40 Days for Life, a life saving campaign made up of three components: Prayer & fasting, Community Outreach and Peaceful Vigil to protect mothers and babies. Vigil Prayer takes place from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during those 40 days. For more information, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

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:

- 10/6: Starting Your Job Search presented by Susan Nofi
- 10/13: Job Search Blueprint - 13 Interviews & 6 Job Offers presented by Jana Jenkins

CTK BELIEVES

Tuesday, October 13th, 2015, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

Nancy Coveny, Executive Director at The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, will lead a discussion at BELIEVES entitled "Helping me to say 'Yes' Lord – Learning to serve God with the gifts He has given us." Register online at: www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/BELIEVES
Donation: \$10

BELIEVES, a once-a-month speaker series ministry, promotes dialogue around integrating faith in the work life for both business men and business women. To learn more about BELIEVES visit www.believesatwork.org.

Weekend of Inspiration, Healing and Renewal

October 23-24, 2015 Wyndham Hotel Atlanta Galleria

Would you like a closer walk with the Lord? Come and enjoy a weekend of teaching, healing, and spiritual renewal, sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services. For registration and full schedule of events, visit www.atlccr.org or call 678-464-9008 or 770-931-2533.

Engaging Spirituality (21-week program by Just Faith Ministries)

Monday, October 26th at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center

The twenty-one week journey includes centering prayer, guided meditation, scripture reading, and a true deepening of relationships as the group looks at today's world and the critical realities of our day. For more information contact Maria Cressler, Executive Director of Ignatius House, at mcressler@ignatiushouse.org

Second Collection NEXT weekend: Missionaries of the Nativity of Mary

Our priest Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. is part of this congregation, which is based in León, Guanajuato, in Mexico.

Their ministry is to live the Gospel, in Christ's imitation and love our Blessed Mother Mary, as our own mother.


Your donations on October 10-11 will help their ministry. Thanks for your generosity!



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