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October 11, 2015

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SOLAMENTE CON CITA

Pray and give generously October 18, 2015

See Page 2.

2015 World Mission Sunday Appeal
It's Our World On Mission

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith | a Pontifical Mission Society

www.IAmAMissionary.org

missio
Manténgase en contacto...
Descargar Missio hoy!

2015 Apelación para El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones



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

Second Collection
NEXT weekend

World Mission 2015
Sunday Appeal:

The Church in Latin America and
The Church in Central and
Eastern Europe

Next week's second collection is a combination of three second collections: World Missions, the Church in Latin America and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

United with the Catholics of the world at the table of the Lord,

We recommit ourselves to our vocation, through baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic Celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "good news" of Jesus.

Our offerings will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and his Gospel — the local priests, religious and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering.

Please be extra generous
On October 17th-18th
as this collection will be divided
between three
very important needs.

The Altar flowers this weekend are being offered by
The Guanlao and Reese Families
in honor of the 46th wedding anniversary of
Rolando and Ellen Guanlao.

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.

Patti Colbert
Lisa McCrimmon
Assunta Jackson
Salvador Ascencio

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

Jim Mangan
Larry McMichen
Tom O'Donnell
Christopher Sola

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 NOW!

ARISE Season III is starting this week 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 this week, 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.



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

Friday, October 30th
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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 678-626-3955 or e-mail: 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.

Sign up you car at:
stthomastheapostle.org/category/news

Coming soon ...

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 17-November 9
After all Masses
Commons Area
Coats 4 All Drive
Helped those in need of a warm coat this winter. See Page 4 for details.

October 23, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Social Hall
Holy Hollywood
Save the date for our next movie presentation. See Page 4 for details.

October 30, 2015
7:00 p.m. (Note time change)
Church Parking Lot
Trunk or Treat
A fun and safe way for your children to wear their costumes and collect candy! See this page.



Hooray!

What a nice increase in our Offertory Collection last weekend!

\$37,860

(compared to \$30,043 on the same weekend in 2014)

The increase is truly important and a big help to becoming solvent.

Thank you so very much.

Let us continue to practice the call to tithe from the time, talents and money that God gives us.

As to God's money:

5% of our income for our Parish Offertory please.

1% for our Archbishop's Appeal in February of each year

4% for the charities that you want to support (i.e. the second collections taken up at our Masses, or charities that are important to your life of faith, hope and love.)

As Saint Paul states:

"God loves a cheerful giver!"

Thank you.

Fr. Brian

Holy Hollywood presents: The Iron Lady

Friday, October 23rd 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Please join us for the presentation of the 2011 biographical film *The Iron Lady* based on the life of Margaret Thatcher, not only one of the most influential women of the 20th century, but also the longest serving Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of that same century. The film stars Best Actress award winner, Meryl Streep, as she portrays the first and only female Prime Minister of the UK who from out of nowhere smashed through gender barriers and class in a male dominated world.



Doors to the Social Hall open 6:15 p.m. and the movie will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Soft drinks and snacks will be available however feel free to bring something to eat and/or drink before or during the movie. A group facilitated discussion will be conducted immediately at the end of the movie so please plan to join us.

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: lpjfree@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.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 12:00 PM **MASS**
 TOM O'DONNELL
 4:30 PM PSR
 6:30 PM RECONCILIATION PARENTS
 7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL
 7:00 PM PSR
 7:30 PM MISA
 † GUILLERMINA TAPIA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 10:00 AM ARISE!
 12:00 PM **MASS**
 † GEORGE PATRICK GARGER
 6:30 PM CHILDREN'S BAPTISM CLASS
 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 14

6:30 AM **MASS FOR PEACE**
 † GERALD DUNCAN
 7:30 AM ADORATION
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 6:30 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
 7:00 PM ARISE!
 7:00 PM EDGE
 7:00 PM **MASS**
 † WALTER WONG
 7:00 PM PSR
 7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND
 8:00 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
 10:00 AM STORY TIME
 6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
 7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 7:00 PM **MASS**
 † THOMAS J. McDONALD
 7:00 PM PSR
 7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
 8:00 PM MISA
 † NANCY SHANNON

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

Exodus 20, Verse 15 • 5th Commandment

NO ROBARÁS

Éxodo 20, Versículo 15 • Quinto Mandamiento

You Pastor's Lament

Stealing is such a sad and tragic sin... this sin is committed at banks, businesses, cars, homes and sadly, churches. Wherever there are sinners who give into this horrible temptation to steal there is injury. God sees and God knows who steals. I don't know, but God knows. If it is not yours, please do not take it PERIOD. No one has a right to steal what is not his or hers. I share this message as our parish has been hurt by stealing recently. I read an article in a liturgy magazine about people leaving valuables (phones, keys, purses, etc.) in the pew while they leave to receive Holy Communion during Mass. Some people leave their valuables in the pew so as to not give their fellow parishioner the impression that they are not trusted. That's one way of offering trust. However, my thought on it comes from the Lord's Prayer which states: "Lead us not into temptation." My suggestion is that we not leave valuables in such a way that tempt those who are thieves or potential thieves who would be better off not being tempted. May thieves repent and make restitution. That is what God awaits.
Lord, hear my prayer.
Fr. Brian

Lamento del Párroco

Robar es un pecado tan triste y trágico. ...se comete en bancos, negocios, carros, casas y, desgraciadamente, también en iglesia. Donde quiera que hay pecadores que sucumben a esta horrible tentación, hay daños. Dios ve y Dios sabe quién roba. Yo no lo sé, pero Dios sí. Si algo no te pertenece, por favor no lo tomes. PUNTO. Nadie tiene el derecho de robar lo que no es suyo. Comparto este mensaje ya que nuestra parroquia ha sufrido algunos robos recientemente. Leí en una revista litúrgica que la gente deja sus bolsos y objetos de valor en la banca para no dar la impresión de que no confiamos en el prójimo. Esa es una forma de ofrecer confianza. Sin embargo, el consejo que ofrezco viene del Padre Nuestro, que dice: "No nos dejes caer en tentación." Les sugiero que no dejen sus pertenencias a la vista, para así no tentar a los ladrones o personas que potencialmente podrían tomar lo que no les pertenece. Y oremos por los ladrones para que se arrepientan y restituyan. Eso es lo que Dios espera. Señor, escucha mi oración.
Padre Brian



¡Sí se puede! ¡Ra, Ra, Ra!
¡Qué impresionante el incremento en el Ofertorio de la semana pasada!

\$37,860

(comparado a \$30,043 en la misma fecha en 2014)

¡Este incremento es realmente importante y nos pone en camino a salir de la deuda!
¡Muchas gracias!
Continuemos practicando el llamado a dar el diezmo y ofrecer nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro que hemos recibido de Dios.
Y regresemos a Dios:
5% de nuestro ingreso para el Ofertorio, por favor.
1% para el Llamado Anual del Arzobispo, en febrero de cada año
4% para obras de caridad (por ejemplo las Segundas Colectas durante la Misa, o cualquier otra caridad que sea importante en su vida de fe, esperanza y amor.)
Como dice San Pablo:
"¡Dios ama al que da con gusto!"
Gracias.
Padre Brian

Calendar updated as of October 5, 2015

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **Mass**
4:50 PM HANTEN REHEARSAL
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

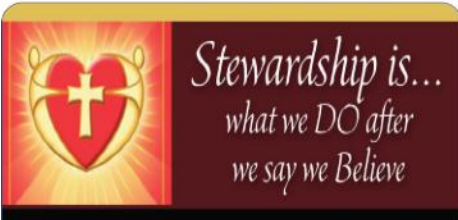
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

COATS 4 ALL
9:00 AM K OF C 1ST DEGREE
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
11:30 AM HANTEN WEDDING
1:00 PM ENG RCIA RETREAT
2:00 PM QUINCEAÑERAS
3:00 PM SP RCIA RETREAT
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM **MASS**
† **CHRISTINA HARRIS**
4:30 PM RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE
6:30 PM **Misa**
† **ROMÁN EDUARDO RAYÓN**
6:30 PM RCIA RITO DE ACEPTACIÓN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

COATS 4 ALL
NO RCIA
6:00 AM **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**
6:00 AM **MISA**
KARLA GONZÁLEZ
7:30 AM **MASS**
† **DAVID R. THORNTON**
9:30 AM **MASS**
† **IRIS NAVA**
9:30 AM PSR
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS
11:15 AM PSR
11:30 AM **MASS**
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS

12:30 PM APO MEETING
2:00 PM **MISA**
† **AMELIA ROMERO**
4:00 PM **ARISE!**
5:00 PM **MASS**
† **ANDY BOYLE**
5:00 PM RCIT RITE
6:00 PM LEGACY
6:00 PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
7:30 PM **MISA**
† **DUSTIN RIVERA**



Stewardship is...
what we DO after we say we Believe

Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual
October 3-4, 2015 vs 2014

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted	\$35,769	\$37,500
Weekly Actual	\$37,860	\$30,043
Surplus/Shortfall	\$2,091	(\$7,457)

FY2016 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$500,766	\$525,500
FYTD	\$483,311	\$469,569
Shortfall	(\$17,455)	(\$55,431)

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 36)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 36)
Goal (Meta).....\$149,300
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)\$271,590
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)\$138,924
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....93%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....1,205
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida).....\$10,376

Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
October 3-4, 2015

Total\$923.69

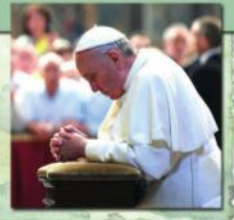
I did my homework (Hice mi tarea) ♥ Helping my school (Ayudando a la escuela) ♥ Did well on my spelling test (Me fue bien en el examen de deletro) ♥ I come to church (Vine a la iglesia) ♥ Being nice (Me porté bien) ♥ I did my chores (Hice mis deberes) ♥ I didn't fight with my baby brother (No peleé con mi hermanito) ♥ I encouraged someone to share (Invité a alguien a compartir) ♥ I had a great day (Tuve un buen día) ♥ Helped Logan pushing chairs (Ayudé a Logan a empujar Misas) ♥ Helped my Mom to cook (Ayudé a mamá a cocinar) ♥ God is the best (Dios es el mejor) ♥ Shared with my buddie (Compartí con mi amigo) ♥ I gave some money with my sister (Le di dinero a mi hermana) ♥ I cleaned up my room (Limpié mi habitación) ♥

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>.

PLAN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE AT SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Information Sessions and Open Houses (81 Lacy Street, Marietta, GA 300602)

- Discover SJCS K-8: Oct 6th @ 7pm
- Kindergarten Sneak A Peek: Oct 20th @ 10am
- Open House #1: Nov. 6th @ 2-3:30pm
- Kindergarten Sneak A Peek: Dec. 2nd @ 10am
- Open House #2: Jan. 9th @ 2-4pm

Find our more and RSVP to our information sessions visit the Admission page of our website at www.stjosepschool.org/discover

To schedule a tour or have any questions, please reach us at 770/428-3328 or info@stjosepschool.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



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