



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 15, 2015

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NEW Office Hours

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9:00AM—8:00PM

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Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

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Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SOLAMENTE CON CITA

Breakfast with Santa Desayuno con Santa

Saturday, December 5th
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Social Hall



PRESENTED BY
Saint Thomas'
Women's Auxiliary

Includes:
Full Breakfast
Keepsake Photo with Santa
Children's Shopping Spree
(most gifts are \$1 to \$3
and include free gift wrap)

Ticket Prices:
Adult & Up to 2 Persons: \$22
Each additional Person: \$4

Tickets on Sale After Masses
on Nov. 14-15, 21-22, and Nov. 28-29
or call Priscilla at 404-849-8772

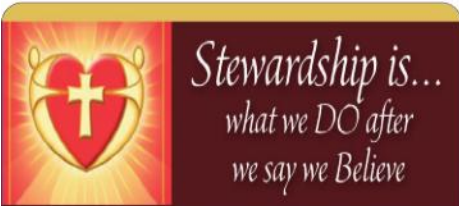
Desayuno con Santa

5 de diciembre (9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) - Salón Social

Boletos a la venta después de Misa o llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para más información.



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



**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual
November 7-8, 2015 vs 2014**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted	\$35,769	\$37,500
Weekly Actual	\$36,042	\$35,640
Surplus/Shortfall	\$273	(\$1,860)

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

Budgeted	\$679,611	\$712,500
FYTD	\$665,187	\$645,127
Shortfall	(\$14,424)	(\$67,373)

**Operating Financial Statement
For the 3 months ending 9/30/2015**

Revenue	\$828,906
Expenses	(\$679,310)
Shortfall	(\$149,596)

Total Assessments\$1,256,155
still owed to Archdiocese as of 9/30/15

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 40)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 40)**

Goal (Meta)	\$149,300
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)	\$273,982
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)	\$156,650
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)	105%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)	1,220
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida)	\$0

Thank You Saint Thomas the Apostle people!

**Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
November 7-8, 2015**

Total\$827.01

♥ I went to school (Fui a la escuela) ♥ I have been good with my parents (Fui bueno con mis papás) ♥ I helped my Nanny to get stuff out of the car (Ayudé a mi niñera a sacar cosas del carro) ♥ I love Jesus and my family (Amo a Jesús y a mi familia) ♥ Good listener (Presté atención) ♥ Gave sister candy and let her use the TV (Le di dulces a mi hermana y la dejé usar la TV) ♥ I helped my Mommy (Ayudé a mi Mami) ♥ I spent time with my family (Pasé tiempo con mi familia) ♥ I helped my teachers (Ayudé a mis maestros) ♥ I helped cleaning the house (Ayudé a limpiar la casa) ♥ I helped Chloe all week (Ayudé a Chloe toda la semana) ♥ I helped taking care of my cousin (Ayudé a cuidar a mi primo) ♥ I did my homework of this week (Cumplí con la tarea de esta semana) ♥ I cleaned my bedroom (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥

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!

The Altar Flowers this weekend are offered by
Rohan Josly Mathias and Lavina Lourdes Nazareth
in thanksgiving for blessings received during their 2½ years in Atlanta.

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
Benjamin Correa
Epifania Diaz
Maddax Levdansky
Jan Maerz
Tom O'Donnell
María Antonia Oropeza

Priscilla Garcia
Pat Jester
Rita Powell
Sandy LaHouse
Oscar Murillo
John O'Donnell
Francisca Salgado
Omar Sánchez
Maria Voss

Salvador Ascencio
María Pavone
María Sánchez

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!

Coming soon ...

Tuesday, November 17
7:30 p.m.
Main Sanctuary
Ignite
See Page 3 for more information.



December 5
9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.
Social Hall
Breakfast with Santa
See bulletin cover for details.



**Tuesday,
November 17th
7:30 p.m.**

Ignite! returns THIS WEEK!
Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary
Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall

Ignite! is an evening filled with love, community, prayer, faith sharing, scripture, and song.

JOIN US FOR DINNER (PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE)
 After a one-year hiatus, join in a CELEBRATORY KICK-OFF DINNER catered by *Scalini's Italian Restaurant*, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Make new friends; catch up with old friends. **Tickets for the dinner will be sold this weekend ONLY, after all English Masses for \$10 each.**
 PLEASE plan to purchase your ticket in advance so that we can have an accurate head count.

Ignite! PROGRAM:
 The Ignite! program will take place in our newly renovated sanctuary beginning at 7:30 p.m. Plan to join us for the program even if you can't arrive in time for dinner! It'll be a Spirit-filled evening as we pray together, sing together with music led by our Life Teen Band, a personal faith story offered by one of our parishioners, and lots more. The program will conclude around 9:00 p.m.

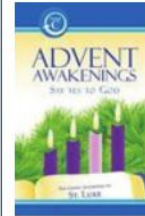
DESSERT and CONVERSATION:
 And THEN... BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT to share after the program during time for chatting with Ignite! friends, new and old!

Ignite!

ARISE! and Small Communities of Faith are encouraged to attend as a group!

Advent Awakenings

Wednesday Series begin on December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation



As Advent approaches, so do all the obligations that go along with getting ready for Christmas.

The shopping, wrapping, decorating and planning make for busy schedules.

The commercial frenzy often smothers the religious significance of the holiday.

This year, step out of the whirlwind and attend Advent Awakenings: Say Yes to God beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2nd for four consecutive weeks.

The sessions will be held in the Adult Faith Formation building from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets will be available in Commons the weekends of Nov 14-15 and Nov 21-22, or contact Linda Veit at 678-626-3961 in Adult Faith Formation.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Seminar

Saturday, November 21th at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Attention to all active members of Saint Thomas the Apostle, 16 years of age or older who have received the sacrament of Confirmation, have good qualities of Christian life, faith & morals, and are willing to serve Holy Communion with dignity.

We invite you to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Please plan to attend the training on November 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Contact Deacon Earl Jackson at email: foothills3@aol.com, or call 504-495-2392.

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

Community Outreach

Adopt-a- Family for Christmas

A rewarding and blessed experience

In the past Saint Thomas the Apostle families and ministries have adopted families through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The adopt-a-family experience has been such a rewarding and blessed experience that SVdP continues to make it available to the broader Saint Thomas the Apostle parish community.

If you and your family or ministry would like to personally adopt and help a family less fortunate than your family, this is a great opportunity to enhance and bless your Christmas spirit by sharing your material blessings with others.

For more information about Adopt-A-Family contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

The Giving Tree (See Page 6)

This weekend (November 14-15) begins our annual Christmas Giving Tree gift collection.

Turn to Page 6 to learn more about the organizations that we are supporting through the Giving Tree.

Deadline to bring gifts:
Sunday, December 6th.

Children's Christmas Choir: REGISTER IN ADVANCE! Coro Navideño de Niños: ¡Registrarse con anticipación!

What? Children's Choir to lead music at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy (English), *Coro Navideño de Niños (se presentarán en la Misa en inglés de Nochebuena)*

For whom?

Children in grades Kindergarten through 8 (Grade level is the determining factor, not age)

When and Where Are Rehearsals?

Four rehearsals (mark these dates on your calendar!):

- Monday, November 30 – 5:45 p.m. – 6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- WEDNESDAY, December 14 – 5:45 p.m. – 6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 21 – 5:45 p.m. – 6:45p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

Note that the 2nd week of rehearsal is on Wednesday because of the Monday/Tuesday Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



What Is Required? Participating children must:

- Attend at least three of the four rehearsals in order to participate on Christmas Eve.
- BE ON TIME for rehearsal!
- Arrive for Christmas Eve liturgy by NO LATER THAN 3:15 p.m.

Only the first 50 children registered will be allowed to participate.

For your children to be guaranteed songbooks and practice CD, **YOU MUST register in advance** by submitting:

- Names, gender, ages and grades of children
- Parent/guardian names
- Phone numbers
- Indicate whether your children have sung in the Christmas choir in previous years

Practice materials will be available beginning Saturday/Sunday, November 21/22.

Contact Patty Smith at the 9:30, 11:30 or Sunday 5:00pm mass, or make other arrangements with her to pick up materials so that your children can learn the songs and have fun from the first day!

You can register your children online at:

www.stthomastheapostle.org/cc-2015

or you can send info to Patty Smith via email psmith@stthomastheapostle.org or submit your information by phone to Patty at 770-241-9343.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
4:30 PM PSR
5:00 PM SAFE ENVIRONMENT
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM MISA
MA. CONCEPCIÓN DE LA SALUD
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM ARISE!
12:00 PM MASS
† HENRY & HANK HANNEMANN
6:15 PM IGNITE! DINNER
7:00 PM JUBILEE MEETING
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:00 PM SVdP
7:30 PM IGNITE!
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
7:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING
5:00 PM SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM ARISE!
7:00 PM MASS
† MARGARITA MAYORGA
† ANTONIO CARRILLO
† MARÍA MARROQUÍN
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM STORY TIME
5:00 PM SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING
6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:00 PM MASS
LETICIA MAYORGA
ADRIÁN ÁLVAREZ
JUANA GONZÁLEZ
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
8:00 PM MISA
† FAMILIA TORRES AYALA
† HÉCTOR HERRERA

Breakfast with Santa



Hi Boys & Girls!

I will be in the Social Hall on **Saturday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Please join me for breakfast and a photo.
Enjoy shopping in Santa's workshop.
Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE...

It will be fun!
Be good – I am watching...
Santa

Moms & Dads: Tickets for **Breakfast with Santa** are on sale now! See cover.

Preschool Registration

Saint Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Preschool registration for the 2016-2017 school year will take place as follows:

Currently enrolled families:

- January 25-29, 2016

Active parishioners:

- February 1- 4, 2016

Non-Parishioners:

- February 8, 2016 until classes are full.

If you would like to come and visit our preschool, meet our Director in the Main Office of the church on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the months of November and December 2015. No pre-registration required.

Please note that the preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving the week of November 24th, and for Christmas December 22 through January 1st.

Our Preschool program serves children from 2 years old through our young five.

Tuition fees for the 2016-2017 will be available by the week of January 25, 2016 at www.stthomastheapostle.org or in the Commons Area of the church.



Fellowship Sunday next week

Sunday, November 22nd

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Hall

Enjoy **FREE** doughnuts and coffee!

*Thank you God for our family and friends,
thank you God for our priests and deacons,
thank you God for the many ministries that we have,
thank you God for all the beautiful things...*

Please stop by the Social Hall on Sunday, November 22nd, between 7:30am and 11:30am and enjoy some doughnuts and coffee with the different ministries as they wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving."



Thanksgiving Holiday

Please notice the following changes:

Thursday, November 26th:

Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 27th:

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on both days & will re-open on November 30th.

Calendar updated as of November 9, 2015

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
+ ERIC VELEZ
+ ELOINA ORTIZ
+ ERNESTO MARTINEZ
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
6:00 PM SVdP BASKET PREP
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30 AM RECINOS BAUTISMO
9:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
9:00 AM THANKSGIVING BASKETS
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
11:30 AM QUINCEAÑERAS
1:00 PM APO PLAY REHEARSAL
1:00 PM LUCAS GOMEZ RENEWAL OF VOWS
1:00 PM PHILIPPINE NURSES
2:00 PM GALVÁN 25TH ANNIVERSARY
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM **MASS**
+ JOE DiNUNZIO
4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
6:00 PM PIONEER'S DINNER
6:30 PM **MISA**
+ BENJAMÍN & JORGE AYALA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

NO PSR
6:00 AM **MISA**
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS
7:30 AM **MASS**
+ ANIELA KORNESZCZUK
7:30 AM **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**
9:30 AM **MASS**
+ TONY RUCCO
9:30 AM RCIA
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM **MASS**
+ EVELYN PERCHER

1:00 PM APO PLAY REHEARSAL
2:00 PM **MISA**
+ VICTOR PARRA
+ ELVIA PARRA
+ TERESITA DELGADO
2:00 PM SP RCIA
3:30 PM LECTORES CONVIVIO
5:00 PM **MASS**
+ FRANCA URGO
7:30 PM **MISA**
+ LEONOR CRUZ

From the Giving Tree of Needs to the Christmas Tree of Love

Next weekend (November 14th-15th) begins our annual Christmas Giving Tree gift collection.

Since 1983, during the season of Advent, the parishioners of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church have been sharing God's love by reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Each ornament on the Giving Tree expresses a need of some person in our community who is poor, homeless, elderly, or infirm.

How to participate in the 2015 Advent Giving Tree Collection:

1. **REMOVE** one or more paper ornaments from the Giving Tree in the Commons area, beginning next week.
Toma uno de los adornos del Arbol de Regalos, disponible en el Area Común a partir de la próxima semana.
1. **BUY** the listed gift.
Compra el regalo listado en el adorno de papel.
3. **WRAP** it nicely and **ATTACH** the paper ornament securely to the gift.
Envuelve el regalo y asegura firmemente el adorno de papel en el regalo
3. **PLACE** the gift under the Giving Tree by the First Sunday of Advent, December 6th.
Trae tu regalo de vuelta al Area Común a más tardar el domingo, 6 de diciembre.



Your gifts will be distributed to grateful recipients through one of the following organizations, which serve the poor and neglected in our area:

- **Autumn Breeze Nursing Home**, located in Marietta, is home for about 120 elderly men and women who are no longer able to care for themselves on their own. The Saint Thomas the Apostle community gives new sweat suits to the residents at Christmastime.
- **Central Presbyterian Night Shelter** is open November 1–March 31 to provide overnight hospitality, including dinner, a warm place to sleep, and a bag lunch for the following day, to about 100 men without a permanent residence. Our gifts of warm sweatshirts have helped many at this shelter.
- **Crossroads Community Ministries**, located in Midtown Atlanta, serves 3500 homeless people every year. The generosity of parishioners has provided thermal underwear, hats, gloves, and warm socks for the guests of this soup kitchen.
- **Cobb Christmas** is an all-volunteer organization that was started 30 years ago to assist the clients of Cobb Family Resources. Gifts of toys from Saint Thomas have helped the children of low-income families enjoy a brighter Christmas.
- **Missionaries of the Poor** serve the poorest of the poor in Kingston, Jamaica through several ministries. The members of Saint Thomas' Jamaican Outreach Ministry attempt to live Christ's gospel through their efforts on behalf of the Missionaries. Every Christmas, Saint Thomas has provided several hundred pounds of canned tuna for the poor of Kingston.
- **The Saint Thomas Pro-Life Ministry** furnishes disposable diapers and wipes to mothers and their children in crisis situations.
- **The Open Door Community** seeks to create a loving relationship with some of the most neglected and outcast of God's children—the homeless and those in prison. They provide breakfasts, lunches, and showers for people without a permanent place to call home. Saint Thomas sends flannel work shirts, jeans, underwear, toiletries, warm blankets, sweaters, and coats to Open Door through the Giving Tree.
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home**, staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorn, has provided comfort, in the form of compassion and free nursing care, to thousands of terminal cancer patients since opening in 1939. Saint Thomas sends nightgowns, pajamas, candy, slippers, socks, CDs, throw blankets, and gift certificates to brighten the lives of these people.
- **The Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Saint Thomas** will provide Christmas gifts to boys and girls in our community who might not otherwise receive anything.

The Giving Tree: Dates to remember

Weekend of November 14-15, 2015

Weekend of December 5-6, 2015

Select ornaments from the Giving Tree

Last weekend to bring in your gifts for the Giving Tree

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