



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 29, 2017

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### English Mass Schedule

Monday: 12 Noon  
Tuesday: 12 Noon  
Wednesday: **8:15 AM** & 7:00 PM  
Thursday: 7:00 PM  
Friday: 12 Noon  
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM  
11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

### Confession:

Saturdays: 3:00 PM

### Adoration

Wednesdays: **9:00 AM**-6:45 PM

### Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM  
Jueves: 8:00 PM  
Sábado: 6:30 PM  
Domingo: 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM &  
7:30 PM

### Confesión:

Sábados: 5:30 PM  
Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
*in Ordinary Time*

*The Beatitudes*

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.  
Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:3-12

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**Pastor:** Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Jojohn 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 ▪ Deacons Office (x106)

**Extraordinary  
Schedule of Masses  
January 30-February 3**

**Monday, January 30**

12 Noon English Mass

7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Cancelled

**Wednesday, February 1**

8:15 a.m. English Mass

12 Noon English Mass

7:00 p.m. English Mass

Cancelled

**Thursday, February 2**

12 Noon English Mass

7:00 p.m. English Mass

Cancelled

8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Cancelled

**Friday, February 3**

12 Noon English Mass  
with Blessing of. Throats

**Blessing of the Throats**

Friday, February 3 at 12 Noon Mass

Main Sanctuary

**PLEASE NOTICE CORRECT DATE!**

The Feast of Saint Blaise will be celebrated on Friday, February 3.



According to a source, while Saint Blaise, a physician, was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

In many places on the day of his feast the blessing of St. Blaise is given: two candles are consecrated, generally by a prayer, these are then held in a crossed position by a priest over the heads of the faithful or the people are touched on the throat with them. At the same time the following blessing is given: "May Almighty God at the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, preserve you from infections of the throat and from all other afflictions". Then the minister makes the sign of the cross over the faithful.

Please join us on Friday, February 3 for 12 Noon Mass, and receive the blessing.



**Mass Schedule  
changes on  
Wednesdays!**

Effective immediately, there will be a permanent change in the English Mass Schedule:

There will no longer be a 6:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays.

The new time will be 8:15 a.m. followed by Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesdays,**

**9:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m.**

**Main Sanctuary**

Come and spend some special time in the presence of God.

Adoration begins at 9:00 a.m. and closes with Benediction (a short prayer service) at 6:45 p.m.

**Rosary:**

Every Wednesday

7:30 p.m.

Main Sanctuary

**Reconciliation:**

Every Saturday

3:00 p.m.

Main Sanctuary

*Confesiones en español  
30 minutos antes de  
Que empiece la Misa,  
los fines de semana.*

**Daily Masses:**

English Masses available every day. See cover for schedules.

**In Our Prayers / En Nuestra Oraciones**

**Bulletin Sick List**

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.

Jacqueline H. Afagbegee

Taylor Barrett

Margurite Earhart

Claire Preece

Luis Caruso

Sionnie Gernaat

Gloriana Salinas

Patty Smith

Baby Sofia Stoller

Kimberly Kwurue

Susan Walsh

**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

**Praying for our Troops / Orando por Nuestras Tropas**

We also 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 currently serving in the military:

ET2 Carolyn Deacon, USN  
Capt. Chisom Ezeoke, USAF  
FC2 Spencer Hanemann, USN  
HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN



**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE Preschool**

**Registration Now OPEN!**  
For currently enrolled students!

Registration for NEW students begins on  
**February 13, 2017**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool**

**Preschool Registration:**

Preschool registration for the 2017-2018 school year continues as follows:

- Active parishioners.....February 6-10
- Non-Parishioners .....February 13 until classes are full.

**Preschool Tours:**

If you would like to come and visit our school, meet the Director in the main office of the church on *Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.*

Our Preschool program serves children from 18 months through young five.

Tuition fees for the 2017-2018 are available in the Commons Area of the church or visit:

**www.sttapreschool.org**



Youth Ministry



**LifeTeen Bible Study**

**Next meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

**Life Teen Room**

LifeTeen Bible Study continues on the following dates:

- March 15
- March 22
- March 29
- April 5
- April 12
- April 26



**EDGE NIGHT: NEXT MONTH!**

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Religious Education 770-432-5296.

**NEXT VIRTUS TRAINING**



*Thursday, February 16 (English)*

*6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.*

*Social Hall*

Volunteers working with children/youth and vulnerable individuals are required by the Archdiocese of Atlanta to have a background check and attend VIRTUS training.

It is mandatory to pre-register online at: [www.virtusonline.com](http://www.virtusonline.com) or use this direct link: <https://goo.gl/sEsPHQ>

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact: Diane Bauer at 678-626-3944.

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society

### How can YOU help?

No matter what your budget or schedule holds, there is always a way you can make a big difference in someone else's life. Not all donations are monetary. Through volunteering, and donations to our food pantry, you can find the opportunity that works best for you.

**Non-Perishable food items can be left in the food bins in Commons, or you can contribute monetarily (make checks payable to SVdP and drop in collection baskets on dedicated weekends.)**

### Food Pantry: Donations wanted!

Cooking Oil, Grape or Strawberry Jelly, Canned Fruit, Shampoo, Pancake Syrup & Laundry Soap.



### Please note:

The SVdP Thrift Store is located at 787 Roswell St, Marietta, GA 30060 and gladly accepts gently used clothing, toys, furniture and appliances.

Please take any items you would like to donate to the Thrift Store, rather than leaving them in the Commons Area.

Our parish only collects food pantry staples.

Thanks for your support!



## Service Opportunities:

### Ministry of Visitation to the Sick HELP NEEDED on Thursday afternoons for Delmar Gardens

The Ministry of Visitation to the Sick is looking for a person who is *interested and* committed to visiting and getting to know the wonderful residents of Delmar Gardens (less than 1 mile from the church.)

Every Thursday, from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

- Say the Rosary and distribute Communion to a group of residents at Delmar Gardens. Then, visit Catholics who are bedridden to say prayers and administer Communion.
- Any person interested needs to be committed to the time this ministry demands.
- We serve 15-18 residents.
- You do not have to be a Eucharistic Minister, just someone who cares.

If you would like to be a part of this very fulfilling ministry, please contact Sharon Kowal at 678-665-5459.



### Stephen Series: Information meeting

Monday, January 30  
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Adult Faith Formation Room

Our parish has recently enrolled in the Stephen Series. Those training for Stephen Ministry will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, hurting, or experiencing other stresses in life.

A Leader's Training Course is coming in February 2017, for all of those who would like to serve in this new ministry. Please contact Don Sabaresse at: dsabm@yahoo.com or call 770-435-3024.

### Volunteer for our Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Reaching out to families in need. Volunteers needed for food pantry, hotline, and other capacities. Training provided. Please leave a message at the SVdP Hotline: 678-626-3939.

### Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

is in need of more ministers. If you are a current Eucharistic minister, and interested in a special ministry of bringing the Body of Christ to our homebound and hospitalized parishioners, please contact Don Sabaresse at: dsabm@yahoo.com or call 770-435-3024.

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, our next training class is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017.

## This Week in our Parish

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
12:00 PM MASS  
4:30 PM PSR  
7:00 PM 1ST RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM PSR  
7:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY  
8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR  
8:30 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
12:00 PM MASS  
† ANNETTE SANSANON  
6:30 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS  
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS  
7:00 PM CREDO CHOIR  
7:00 PM ENG RCIA  
7:00 PM SVdP  
8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:15 AM MASS  
9:00 AM ADORATION  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK GATHERING  
12:00 PM MASS  
5:00 PM BENEDICTION  
7:00 PM 1ST RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION  
7:00 PM PSR  
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY  
10:00 AM STORY TIME  
12:00 PM MASS  
7:00 PM 1ST RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR  
7:00 PM PSR

**Tickets will be sold after Masses on  
January 21-22 and January 28-29**

# Father Daughter DANCE

**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

**Sábado, 11 de febrero, 2017**

The Excitement begins at 5:30 p.m.  
in the Social Hall. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Dancing until 10:00 p.m.



## Father-Daughter Dance

Tickets will be sold after all Masses  
or call Priscilla at 404-849-8772

Includes Photo Portrait and Wrist Corsage

Prizes and American Girl Doll

Suggested ages for Girls: 4 years and up

Substitute Fathers are welcome!

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Proceeds will benefit Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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## Ministerio Hispano



**Retiro de Parejas: \$70 p/pareja  
(10-12 de febrero, 2017)**

Te invitamos a ti y a tu pareja a participar  
en el retiro que inicia este 10 de febrero en  
la iglesia, y continúa el 11-12 de febrero  
en el Parque Jim R. Miller.

El retiro tiene un costo de \$70 por pareja.  
Pueden registrarse después de la  
Asamblea de Oración, los viernes a las  
8:00 p.m.

## Adoración Nocturna al Santísimo

Nuestra comunidad se llena de regocijo al  
celebrar un aniversario más de Adoración  
Nocturna al Santísimo Sacramento del  
Altar. Durante 17 años, cientos de  
hermanos (familias, jóvenes y adultos) han  
participado en la práctica fiel y constante  
de hacer guardia de fe y amor a Jesús en  
la Sagrada Eucaristía, durante las horas y  
quietud de la noche.

Invitamos a toda la comunidad a unirse en  
oración una vez más frente a Jesús  
Eucaristía, el sábado, **25 de febrero a  
partir de las 9:00 p.m. en la iglesia.**

## This Week in our Parish

Updated on January 23, 2017

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
12:00 PM MASS  
HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES  
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS  
7:00 PM MATRIMONIOS MTG  
7:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP  
7:30 PM PLÁTICA PREBAUTISMAL  
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP  
8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR  
9:30 AM 1ST RECONCILIATION  
2:00 PM ULLOA WEDDING  
3:00 PM CONFESSION  
4:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION  
4:30 PM MASS  
† TRACY BENDEN  
† ELEANOR BENDEN  
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS  
6:30 PM MISA  
ALEJANDRO LÓPEZ

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:00 AM MISA  
BRANDON ROMAN  
7:30 AM MASS  
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS  
9:00 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION  
9:30 AM MASS  
† FRANK NEWTON, JR.  
9:30 AM PSR  
9:30 AM RITE OF SENDING DURING MASS  
10:00 AM RCIA  
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
11:15 AM PSR & FIRES  
11:30 AM MASS  
† STEPHEN OKON EDEM  
11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION  
1:00 PM BAPTISM

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (CONT)

2:00 PM MISA  
† RAFAELA SALAS  
† CONSTANTINO GONZALEZ  
† ANTONIO GONZALEZ  
2:00 PM SP RCIA  
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD  
5:00 PM MASS  
† PEGGY JORBAN  
6:00 PM LIFE/TEEN NIGHT  
6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN  
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE  
7:30 PM MISA  
† LAZARO PÉREZ  
† DOLORES GUZMÉN  
† PEDRO GARCÍA

## Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual  
January 21-23 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted .....	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual .....	\$35,870	\$31,618
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	(\$880)	(\$4,151)

FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date  
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted .....	\$1,102,500	\$1,073,070
Actual .....	\$1,116,333	\$1,01,126
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$13,833	\$28,056

Operating Financial Statement  
For the 6 months ending 12/31/2016

Operating Revenue.....	\$1,583,205
Operating Expenses .....	(\$1,422,513)
Operating Revenue over Expense .....	\$160,692

Total Assessments .....\$1,004,224  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 12/31/16

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2016 (Week 52)  
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2016 (Semana 52)

Goal (Meta).....	\$157,700
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) .....	\$315,550
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos).....	\$197,340
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal .....	\$39,640
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado) .....	125%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	1,337

Children's Offertory  
Ofertorio de los Niños  
January 21-22, 2016

Total .....\$852.13

♥ I came to Mass, happy, to pray for my family (Fui a Misa feliz, a pedir por mi familia) ♥ I picked up my toys(Recogí mis juguetes) ♥ I took out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ I watched less TV (Vi menos televisión) ♥ I helped my grandma (Ayudé a mi abuelita) ♥ I washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ I cleaned the car (Limpié el carro) ♥ I made my bed (Tendí mi cama) ♥ I shared my tablet with my sister (Compartí mi tablet con mi hermana) ♥ I prayed (Hice oración) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area.

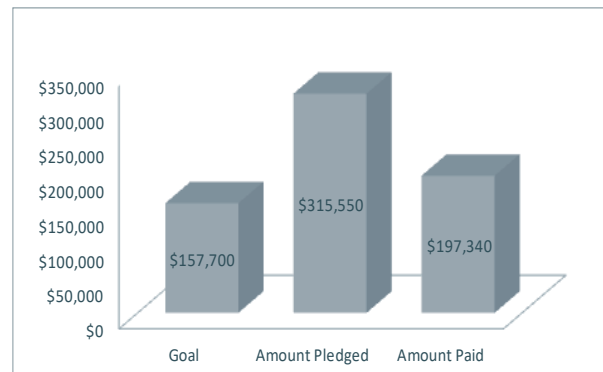
Ask your child to write his/her good deed of the week and encourage him/her to deposit the envelope in the special basket near the altar, during the offertory.

Plant the seeds of a generous heart!



## FINAL RESULTS

Once again, thanks to your generosity, we not only met our **2016 Annual Appeal** goal of \$157,700, but exceeded it by \$39,640. On behalf of Archbishop Wilton Gregory and the many beneficiaries of the Annual Appeal, thank you for your support. Every gift is important and appreciated.



## RESULTADOS FINALES

Una vez más, gracias a su generosidad, no sólo alcanzamos nuestra meta de \$157,700 sino que la excedimos con \$39,640. En nombre del Arzobispo Wilton Gregory y las personas que reciben beneficios del Llamado Anual, gracias por su apoyo. ¡Cada donación es importante y apreciada!

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