



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 26, 2017

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678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

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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

**THEN THE LORD GOD FORMED THE MAN OUT OF
THE DUST OF THE GROUND AND BLEW INTO HIS
NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE, AND THE MAN
BECAME A LIVING BEING. -GENESIS 2:7**



ASH WEDNESDAY

**SCHEDULE AVAILABLE OF PAGE 2.
MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA: HORARIO EN PÁGINA 2.**

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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)

Preparing for Lent

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Penance Service
 Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary
 Servicio Penitencial: Martes, 4 de abril a las 7:00 p.m. (iglesia)

Consider the following dates for additional Penance Services in our area:

- March 16 Transfiguration**
(Marietta)
- March 22 Holy Family**
(Marietta)
- March 23 Saint Clare**
(Acworth)
- March 27 Saint Joseph**
(Marietta)
- March 28 Saint Michael**
(Woodstock)
- March 30 Saint Catherine**
(Kennesaw)
- April 5 Saint Ann**
(Marietta)

Stations of the Cross led by Children:

Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.
 Main Sanctuary



We invite all children to participate in our first Stations of the Cross of this Lenten season.

If your children are interested in being part of the liturgy, please contact Deacon Michael as soon as possible at 770-319-0351.

Via Crucis dirigido por niños:

Viernes, 3 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m.
 Invitamos a todos los niños a participar.



Ash Wednesday Miércoles de Ceniza

March 1
 1º de marzo

English Mass & Ashes

7:30 a.m.
 6:30 p.m.
 8:00 p.m.

Bilingual Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

9:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 1:30 p.m.
 2:30 p.m.
 3:30 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. (Children's liturgy)

Bilingual Mass & Distribution of Ashes

12:00 p.m.

Misa en español & Distribución de Cenizas

6:00 a.m. (iglesia)

7:00 p.m.
 (Jim R. Miller Park –Marietta)

Live Lent!

Wednesdays in Lent
 Beginning March 8 through April 12.
 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
 Adult Faith Formation Building

NEW PROGRAM FOR LENT! The six weeks focus on the Sunday Gospels. However, the book takes you through the 40 days of Lent, including Holy Week, so your Lenten journey can continue each day at home, between the Wednesday gatherings.

Join us every Wednesday for an evening of scripture, prayer, and faith sharing, as we reflect on the weekly Sunday Gospels. Book cost is \$6.00 and space is limited.

Contact Linda Veit at 678-626-3961 to sign up!

These books are also available for our current Small Faith Community groups to use during Lent, or anyone interested in starting a new group. Sign-up is not required for the groups; however, please contact Linda Veit at 678-626-3961 to order the books.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Friday 3/3:

- Stations led by Children
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Friday 3/10:

- Stations led by RCIA

Friday 3/17:

- Stations led by Women's Auxiliary

Friday 3/24:

- Stations led by Knights of Columbus

Tuesday 3/28:

- Stations led by Youth Ministry

Wednesday 4/7:

- Stations led by Hispanic Ministry



Lenten Fish Fry Fridays during Lent

Prepared by our Knights of Columbus
Lenten Fish Fry
Fridays in Lent
March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
April 7 (Fish Taco Fiesta)

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Items Offered:

- Fried Tilapia
- Baked Salmon
- Rice Pilaf
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Green Beans
- Hush Puppies
- Cole Slaw

Prices:

- Tilapia Plate: \$7.00
- Salmon Plate: \$10.00
- Tilapia Dinner for 4: \$25.00/
Additional kids: \$3.00 each

God Bless Us On Our Lenten Journey 2017

Lent or Spring has come. That is the root meaning of the word Lent. I hope and pray that you, my parishioners, take the time to quarantine yourselves in order to let the graces of your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving be fruitful. Quarantine has the understanding of placing ourselves apart from the ordinary comings and goings in life in order to be healed and restored. Please take advantage of the Lenten opportunities offered by your parish to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. His life, death and Resurrection is the central mystery of our faith, hope and love of God. Make decisions that will help you have forty days and forty nights to be a stronger, more disciplined Christian witness. It takes fasting and sacrifice to imitate the divine love of Jesus Christ. This year's Lent for me will be a concern for the wellbeing of Mother Earth. In particular, I was moved by the invitation to reduce food waste. In a newspaper article last Sunday of the Marietta Journal (Feb. 19), I read that 40% of food in the United States goes uneaten according to the Natural Resources Defense Council. This environmental advocacy group says that cutting food waste by just 15% would help feed more than 25 million people a year "at a time when one in six Americans lack a secure supply of food to their tables." Of course, I welcome anyone to join me for forty days and forty nights to FAST from FOOD WASTE and PRAY for all who are dedicated to feeding the hungry. Perhaps, planting a garden with more vegetables and sharing them with others might be one of the FRUITS of a Lenten journey. Join us brothers and sisters in our community Lenten efforts to be holy as our Lord God is holy. See you on Ash Wednesday (March 1) for the beginning of our "quarantine" called Lent. Fr. Brian

Dios nos bendiga en nuestra jornada de Cuaresma 2017

La Cuaresma o primavera ha llegado. Ese es el significado de la raíz de la palabra Cuaresma. Espero y rezo para que ustedes, mis feligreses, tomen el tiempo de ponerse en cuarentena para que las gracias de su oración de Cuaresma, el ayuno y la limosna sean fructíferas. La cuarentena tiene la comprensión de colocarnos aparte de las idas y venidas ordinarias en la vida para ser curado y restaurado. Por favor, aprovechen las oportunidades de Cuaresma ofrecidas por su parroquia para profundizar su relación con Jesucristo. Su vida, muerte y resurrección es el misterio central de nuestra fe, esperanza y amor de Dios. Tomen decisiones que les ayudarán a tener cuarenta días y cuarenta noches para ser testigos cristianos más fuertes y disciplinados. Se necesita ayuno y sacrificio para imitar el amor divino de Jesucristo. Mi Cuaresma de este año será ofrecida por el bienestar de la Madre Tierra. En particular, me conmovió la invitación a reducir el desperdicio de alimentos. En un artículo publicado el domingo pasado en el Marietta Journal (19 de febrero), leí que el 40% de los alimentos en los Estados Unidos no se consumen según el Consejo de Defensa de los Recursos Naturales. Este grupo de defensa del medio ambiente dice que si redujéramos los desechos de alimentos tan sólo un 15% ayudaría a alimentar a más de 25 millones de personas al año "en un momento en que uno de cada seis estadounidenses carece de un suministro seguro de comida a sus mesas". Únete conmigo durante cuarenta días y cuarenta noches a AYUNAR y DISMINUIR el desperdicio de comida y ROGAR por todos los que se dedican a alimentar a los hambrientos. Tal vez, plantar un jardín con más verduras y compartirlas con otros podría ser uno de los FRUTOS de esta jornada de Cuaresma. Únanse a nosotros hermanos y hermanas en nuestros esfuerzos como comunidad para llegar a ser santos como nuestro Señor Dios es santo. Nos vemos el Miércoles de Ceniza (1° de marzo) para el comienzo de nuestra "cuarentena" llamada Cuaresma. Fr. Brian



Stations of the Cross

Viernes en Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m.

Viernes, 3 de marzo:

- Viacrucis dirigido por niños
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Viernes, 10 de marzo:

- Viacrucis dirigido por RICA

Viernes, 17 de marzo:

- Viacrucis dirigido por Damas Auxiliares

Viernes, 24 de marzo:

- Viacrucis dirigido por Caballeros de Colón

Viernes, 28 de marzo:

- Viacrucis dirigido por el Ministerio de Jóvenes

Viernes, 7 de abril: Español

- Viacrucis dirigido por el Ministerio Hispano

Venta de Pescado Viernes de Cuaresma

Preparado por nuestros Caballeros de Colón
Viernes de Cuaresma
Marzo 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Abril 7 (Fiesta de Tacos de Pescado)

5:30 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Se ofrecerá:

- Tilapia (mojarra) frita
- Salmón horneado
- Arroz Pilaf
- Mac & Cheese (Macarrones con queso)
- Ejotes
- Hush Puppies (Bolitas de masa de maíz fritas)
- Ensalada de Repollo

Precios:

- Plato de Tilapia: \$7.00
- Plato de Salmón: \$10.00
- Cena para 4 Tilapia: \$25.00/
Niños adicionales: \$3.00 c/u

Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry

The following donations are needed:

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

Please leave donations in the plastic bins located in Commons Area.

Lunch Break Gatherings:

Pot Luck

March 8 at 12 Noon

Social Hall

Due to March 1 being Ash Wednesday, the Lunch Break Gathering ministry will have their Potluck Lunch the following week, March 8, at 12 noon in the Social Hall. **All are welcome!** Just bring your favorite potluck dish, side dish, or dessert and be part of the fellowship during the week, here at St. Thomas the Apostle.

GOT ROSARY?

Please join the *Fideles Men* in the Parish during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Faith-sharing, and Scriptural Rosary of our Most Blessed Mother each Tuesday Morning in the Main Sanctuary, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Men, if you are interested in learning more about Fideles, contact cell leader Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469.

Hungry Walk: March 5, 2017

Benefiting the Atlanta Community Food Bank and our own Food Pantry.

The Hunger Walk/Run is an annual event benefiting the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) and St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)

Our conference benefits in two ways.

1. When we help ACFB raise money, they are able to purchase food and we are able to purchase food from them at subsidized prices. This is critical to keeping our food pantry stocked.
2. 36% of the collected funds is repatriated to our conference. Atlanta SVdP gets 24% of the funds to help with clients in areas not served by an existing conference.

There are two ways you can help:

1. You can join the St. Thomas team and raise funds as a walker or runner. Surf to <http://tinyurl.com/SmyrnaSTATrotters2017> and click the button labeled "Join Team"
2. You can contribute to other St. Thomas Vincentians who will be walking or running. Surf to <http://tinyurl.com/SmyrnaSTATrotters2017> and click the button labeled "Donate Now"



Knights of Columbus Events

Friday 3/3:

- Children's Stations of the Cross
- Fish Fry in the Social Hall
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit our Seminarians' Support program

Saturday 3/4:

- Honor guard for Confirmation Masses

Sunday 3/5:

- Cooking breakfast for RCIA

Tuesday 3/7:

- Council Business Meeting
Community House 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Friday 3/10:

- Fish Fry in the Social Hall
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit our Dream Makers Youth Foundation support

Friday 3/17:

- Fish Fry in the Social Hall
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit our Habitat for Humanity lunch program

Friday 3/24:

- Bi-lingual Stations of the Cross
- Fish Fry in the Social Hall
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit our Mother's Day & Father's Day programs

Tuesday 3/28:

- Council Officers
Community House 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Wednesday 3/29:

- Anniversary of our Council Charter

Friday 3/31:

- Fish Fry in the Social Hall
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit our Altar Servers Appreciation Outing

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM Mass
CARLOS DANIEL RIVERA
 4:30 PM PSR
 5:30 PM CHILDREN'S STATIONS PRACTICE
 6:30 PM MONDAY NIGHT SP CHOIR
 7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
 7:00 PM PSR
 7:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY
7:30 PM Misa
GILBERTO GARCÍA
 8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR
 8:30 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM Mass
 6:45 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 7:00 PM CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
 7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
 7:00 PM ENG RCIA
 7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
 7:00 PM SVDP
 8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

NO ADORATION
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL

**SEE PAGE 2 FOR
 SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND
 DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
 10:00 AM STORY TIME
 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR
 7:00 PM CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
7:00 PM Mass
 7:00 PM PSR
8:00 PM Misa
 † LIDIA ORTIZ

Habitat for Humanity (H4H)

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish is a long time member of the Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition.

A HUGE thanks to all of you who have financially supported and/or volunteered with our Ministry. This year's build will begin earlier than usual-on April 29.

Here are several ways YOU can help.

1-Financial donation

In the past we have asked for \$40 but any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please make your checks out to St. Thomas and put Habitat or H4H in the memo line. There will be envelopes available.

2-Volunteer

We are looking for a few people to help on the build weekends. The time is typically 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Laura McIntosh, 678-332-6619 or lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net.



Hábitat para la Humanidad (H4H)

Nuestra parroquia Santo Tomás el Apóstol ha sido parte de la Coalición de Hábitat Cobb Interfaith. Queremos dar un GRAN agradecimiento a todos los que han apoyado económicamente y/o se han ofrecido como voluntarios con nuestro Ministerio. La construcción de este año comenzará antes de lo habitual, el 29 de abril.

Hay varias formas en las que USTED puede ayudar.

1-Donación financiera:

En el pasado hemos pedido \$40 por familia, pero cualquier cantidad sería apreciada grandemente. Por favor haga sus cheques a nombre de St. Thomas y ponga Hábitat ó H4H en la línea de memo. Habrá sobres disponibles.

2-Voluntario:

Estamos buscando algunas personas para ayudar en los fines de semana de construcción. El horario es típicamente de 8:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea ser voluntario, comuníquese a la Oficina Parroquial al 678-626-3940 o envíe un correo a: lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net

Youth Ministry



LifeTeen Bible Study

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Life Teen Room

LifeTeen Bible Study continues on the following dates:

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



EDGE NIGHT: NEXT MONTH!

Wednesday, March 8 = Cancelled!

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

This Week in our Parish

Updated on February 20, 2017

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM Mass**
- 5:30 PM FISH FRY
- 7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 7:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 PM ADORACIÓN CHOIR
- 8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
- 9:00 AM CONFIRMATION MASS (A)
- 1:30 PM CONFIRMATION MASS (B)
- 3:00 PM CONFESSION
- 4:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
- 4:30 PM Mass**
- † PAULETTE BALSHI
- 5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS
- 5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 6:30 PM Misa**
- CRISTÓBAL VERA

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- RITE OF ELECTION
- NO PSR**
- 6:00 AM Misa**
- JOSÉ LUIS HERNÁNDEZ
- 7:30 AM RCIA BREAKFAST
- 7:30 AM Mass**
- 9:30 AM Mass**
- † BR. CHRISTOPHER UGOKWE
- 9:30 AM PSR
- 9:30 AM RITE OF SENDING
- 10:00 AM RCIA
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:30 AM Mass**
- PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS
- 11:15 AM PSR AND FIRES
- 11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 (CONT)

- 2:00 PM Misa**
- † ANTONIO GONZALEZ
- 5:00 PM Mass**
- † PIUS D'SA
- 6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
- 6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
- 7:30 PM Misa**
- † AMELIA ROMERO

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual
February 11-12, 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual	<u>\$36,223</u>	<u>\$34,162</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	(\$527)	(\$1,607)

FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$1,249,500	\$1,216,146
Actual	<u>\$1,266,274</u>	<u>\$1,250,454</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$16,774	\$34,308

Operating Financial Statement
For the 7 months ending 1/31/2017

Operating Revenue.....	\$1,787,520
Operating Expenses	(\$1,664,215)
Operating Revenue over Expense	\$123,305

Total Assessments\$1,004,224
still owed to Archdiocese as of 1/31/17

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 2)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 2)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)	\$27,705
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos).....	\$15,754
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal	\$146,446
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)	10%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	105

Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
February 18-19, 2017

Total\$736.07

♥ Did my homework (Hice mi tarea) ♥ Be good at school (Me porté mal en la escuela) ♥ I did my Mom's bed (Tendí la cama de mi mamá) ♥ I took out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ I helped people in need (Ayudé a los necesitados) ♥ I came to Mass with joy (Vine a Misa con gozo) ♥ I prayed for the poor (Recé por los pobres) ♥ I gave away a rose (Regalé una rosa) ♥ I gave a girl popcorn (Le di palomitas a una niña) ♥ I shared my Xbox with my brother (Compartí mi Xbox con mi hermano) ♥ I folded my clothes without anybody telling me (Doblé mi ropa sin que nadie me lo pidiera) ♥ I woke up when my Mom asked (Me desperté cuando mi mamá me lo pidió)

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

Welcome the needy.

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



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.

Louis Caruso	James Casey	James Butler
Kimberly Gristead	Gilberto García	Nathaniel Butler
Tim Richmond	Sandra Haynes	Sionnie Gernaat
Sylvia Rojas	José Luis Hernández	Genie Hawkins
Marty Rom	Francisca Salgado	Anne Jackson
Patty Smith	José Sánchez	
	María Zepeda	

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:

- FA Austin Cyr, USCG ▪ PVT Derek Collins, USA ▪ LTJG Tanner Collins, USN ▪ ET2 Carolyn Deacon, USN ▪ CAPT Chisom Ezeoke, USAF ▪ FC2 Spencer Hanemann, USN
- HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN ▪ LT Jeff Ramey, USMC

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