



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 19, 2017

Parish Office

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Regular Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00 AM—8:00 PM

Closed Wednesday 1 PM-3 PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00 AM—8:00 PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Preschool Office

770-293-1267

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Monday—Thursday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

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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

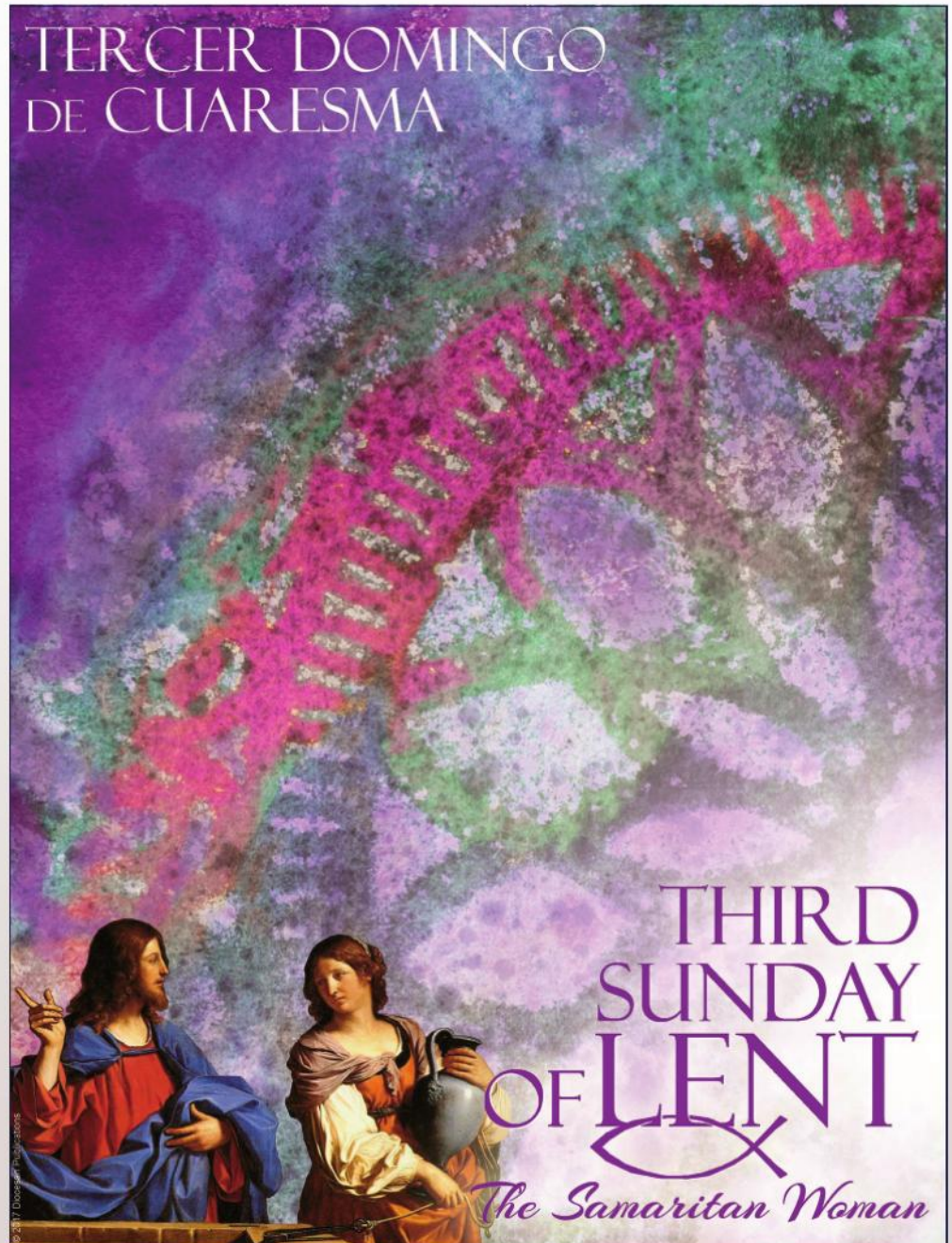
Horario de Misas en Español

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



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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 • Rev. Mr. Richard Searls • Deacons Office (x106)



Let us welcome our new deacon!

Introducing Rev. Mr. Richard B. Searls

Born in Jersey City, N.J. Deacon Rich was ordained a Permanent Deacon of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. on June 1st, 2002 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Initial assignments were Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bloomfield, N.J. and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Belleville, N.J. In 2015 he was assigned to Saint John Vianney Catholic Church in Lithia Springs, Georgia.

Deacon Rich married his wife Joann Jean Searls in November, 1970. They have 3 adult boys and 7 grandchildren. Deacon Rich retired in 1992, and he and his wife moved to Georgia in 2012.

His personal interests include: golf, family ancestry, reading and traveling with Joann. Ministry interests are: Baptism, Marriage, RCIA, Ministry to the Homeless, Bereavement, and Liturgy.

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
Marjorite Earhart
Marty Romb
Patty Smith
Paquita Valdivia

Nathaniel Butler
Pam Harris
Anne Jackson
Vivian Lee
Lilian Odumodu
Linda Veit

Guadalupe Corona
James Fernandez
Sionnie Gemaat
Sylvia Rojas

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

Penance Service

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)

Additional Dates available at other parishes in the area.
See Page 6.

Otras parroquias en el área también ofrecen
fechas adicionales. Ver Página 6.

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.



Jamaican Outreach Mission



The Missionaries of the Poor serving food in one of the shelters in Jamaica.

In September of 2015, I was blessed with the opportunity to accompany fellow members of our parish on our mission trip to Jamaica.

My assignment was to a shelter that houses adult men, many with physical and mental challenges. Although at first it seemed my time was comprised of routine duties, I would find a deeper meaning while carrying out these activities.

While feeding a grown man who had no ability to care for himself I found myself praying for courage, strength and peace to carry on.

It was in this simple action—lifting a spoon—that I realized there was more to my purpose in being here. Simply taking the time to listen, to sit with or simply hold someone's hand for a brief moment, meant more than I could have ever realized, both for them and myself.

I entered believing my purpose was to help the Brothers with their duties; but left with a sense of gratitude and humbleness in knowing that I had touched others' lives in ways I did not even know I could.

Matthew Van Buren

Food Drive highlights:

Record-setting first weekend of food brought in!

INCREDIBLE! A record last Sunday, March 12, for the first pack of our 25th annual Lenten Food Drive!

9,600 lbs, 260 cartons!

Compared to 2014 (our best year ever) we were 20% higher on the first pack!!!

We don't slow up. We bring even MORE food! Double your efforts and food donations!

We still need help packing.

Next two Sundays, come to the Social hall at 7:30 a.m. and help us pack! Thanks to the box makers and packers this past week!

Plastic Bags Needed!

We desperately need plastic shopping bags in good condition! These bags serve as cushion to prevent food boxes from getting damaged during transportation; but most importantly, they are used to distribute food in the ghettos of Kingston, Jamaica. No holes in the bags, please.

What to buy in bulk?

Your monetary donations can help us get pallets of rice for \$720 or one 1/2 pallet for \$360.

For more information, please contact Brian Durham 770-421-0839.



Next weekend, March 25-26, we collect:

Rice:

Largest boxes possible.

Peanut Butter:

Plastic containers only. NO glass jars, please. Largest jars possible.

Come help us pack on Sunday, March 26 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Lenten Collection

PSR Jamaica Collection Parents Please Help your Child to remember to bring the following items to catechism class, during Lent, for our "PSR" Jamaica collection...

Week Three

March – 19, 20, 22, 23

- Antiseptic Cream (Neosporin)
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Reusable Grocery Bags



Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Friday 3/24:

- Stations led by Knights of Columbus

Friday 3/31:

- Stations led by Youth Ministry

Friday 4/7:

- Stations led by Hispanic Ministry

Lenten Fish Fry:

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

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays during Lent



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

Venta de Pescado:

Se ofrecerá:

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

Precios:

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

Adult Faith Presentation

Thursday, March 23
10:00 a.m.

Adult Faith Formation Building

Father Matthew Linn returns to Saint Thomas Apostle for a morning presentation.

CASINO NIGHT: Save the Date!

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The Saint Thomas the Apostle Women's Auxiliary will once again be hosting CASINO NIGHT, this year on April 22. Mark your calendars!



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.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News:

There are only few PSR classes left... Last class this year will be the last week in March for everyone:

- March 26 for Sunday classes
- March 27 for Monday classes
- March 29 for Wednesday classes
- March 30 for Thursday classes

Watch for registration forms for the 2017-18 PSR year to be sent home with your child in March. To assure that your family gets the time and day you need for next year PLEASE turn in forms before July 1, 2017.

Save the Date for VBS. Pre-Registration Forms will be sent home with pre-school and elementary students during March. The last day to register for VBS is Friday, May 19.



VBS: June 12-16
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gentlemen of Saint Thomas the Apostle:

- Are you a practical Catholic at least eighteen years old?
- Are you seeking new opportunities to serve your Parish and your community, grow in your faith, make new friends, and have some fun along the way?
- Then you should consider joining the Knights of Columbus!

We're conducting an Order-wide recruiting drive this month and would like to offer you the opportunity to join us. You'll be able to meet some of us after Masses next weekend, March 18-19, to learn more about us and what we do. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and showing you the benefits of becoming a Knight of Columbus.

For more information, please contact Bill Bauer—Grand Knight.



Lost & Found:

Your stuff misses you! Please come to the office if you think you have misplaced any belongings while here at church. Currently we have:
Keys - cell phones (battery dead) - Bibles - Rosaries.

Call 770-432-8579 Ext. 0 to inquire about these items.

Saint Thomas's Little Shop

If you are looking for religious items, booklets, etc. our Parish Office offers:

- Rosaries
- Rosary booklets
- Prayer books
- Bibles (English and Spanish)

Please stop by during office hours.

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
4:30 PM PSR
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**
† **JOSÉ MIRANDA**
8:30 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN
8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

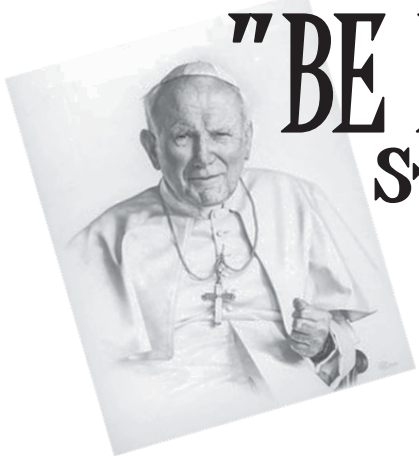
7:00 AM ELECTIONS
7:00 AM FIDELIS ROSARY
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
7:00 PM ENG RCIA
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
7:00 PM SVDP
8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:15 AM **MASS**
† **SALVADOR MARTÍNEZ**
9:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM **LIVE LENT!**
7:00 PM LT BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM **MASS**
GALVÁN QUINN-FAMILY
PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:00 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM STORY TIME
6:30 PM LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM **MASS**
7:00 PM PSR
8:00 PM **MISA**
† **SALVADOR RAMÍREZ**



"BE NOT AFRAID"

St. John Paul II



Youth Ministry



LifeTeen Bible Study

Next meeting:
Wednesday, March 22
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Life Teen Room

LifeTeen Bible Study continues on the following dates:

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

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

EDGE: MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Welcome!

April 1-2

Cost: \$80.00

Only 45 spots!

When: April 1-2, 2017
Life Teen Camp Hidden Lake
 830 Hidden Lake Rd
 Dahlonega, GA 30533

Time: Meet at Church Saturday, 4/1, at 7:30 a.m.

EAT BEFORE YOU COME!

Pick-up Sunday, 4/2, after 5:00 p.m. Mass at Church

- Must Leave a Deposit with Permission Form of \$40.00 to save Spot! NON-REFUNDABLE
- Deadline to turn in Form and pay in full by Wednesday, March 29, 2017.
- Please bring individual wrapped snacks enough to share with 10 people.

Questions? / ¿Preguntas?:
 Danny Hernandez (EDGE Coordinator)
 678-626-3937 (Office)
dhernandez@stthomastheapostle.org

This Week in our Parish

Updated on March 13, 2017

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM Mass**
 † **GEORGE GRIM**
- 2:00 PM BROWN WEDDING
- 5:30 PM FISH FRY
- 6:30 PM LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
- 7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 7:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- 8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 AM STEPHEN'S MINISTRY
- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
- 8:30 AM LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
- 9:00 AM PEREZ MEMORIAL MASS
- 11:30 AM MORENO WEDDING
- 2:00 PM MOCTEZUMA CONVALIDATION
- 3:00 PM CONFESSION
- 4:30 PM Mass**
 † **BONNIE WADE**
- 5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 6:30 PM Misa**
 † **LUPITA GUERRERO**
 † **VIRGINIA GUERRERO**
 † **ISMAEL TORRES**
- 8:00 PM ADORACIÓN CORO

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 2ND SCRUTINY**
- 6:00 AM Misa**
 JOSÉ LUIS HERNÁNDEZ
- 6:30 AM FOOD DRIVE PACKING
- 7:30 AM Mass**
 PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS
- 9:30 AM Mass**
 † **MICHAEL TOCCO**
- 9:30 AM 2ND SCRUTINY DURING MASS
- 9:30 AM PSR
- 10:00 AM RCIA
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:30 AM Mass**
 † **CHRISTOPHER UGOKWE**
- 11:15 AM PSR AND FIRES
- 11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 (CONT)

- 2:00 PM 2ND SCRUTINY DURING MASS
- 2:00 PM Misa**
 † **MANUEL CHAVEZ**
- 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
- 5:00 PM Mass**
 † **GERARD MATHURIN**
 † **KIVENS MATHURIN**
- 6:00 PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT
- 6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
- 6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
- 7:30 PM Misa**
 EDUARDO MARTINEZ

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

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

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual	<u>\$41,481</u>	<u>\$36,266</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$4,731	\$497

FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$1,359,750	\$1,323,453
Actual.....	<u>\$1,395,142</u>	<u>\$1,361,325</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$35,392	\$37,872

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

Operating Revenue.....	\$1,787,520
Operating Expenses	<u>(\$1,664,215)</u>
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 8)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 8)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales).....	\$57,031
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)	\$39,879
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal	\$122,321
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....	25%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	175

Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
 March 11-12, 2017

Total\$862.33

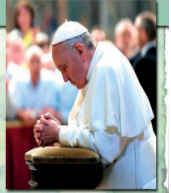
♥ Being kind (Fui bondadoso) ♥ I ate all my food (Comí toda mi comida) ♥ I played with my brother (Jugué con mi hermano) ♥ I helped cleaning the house (Ayudé a limpiar la casa) ♥ I am giving up my phone during Lent (No usaré mi teléfono durante Cuaresma) ♥ I prayed for my family every night (Oré por mi familia todas las noches) ♥ I prayed for those who are sick (Oré por los enfermos) ♥ I was good at church (Me porté bien en la iglesia) ♥ I picked up my toys (Recogí mis juguetes) ♥ I took out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ I prayed for all priests (Pedí en mi oración por los sacerdotes) ♥ I cleaned my room and fed my dog (Limpié mi cuarto y le di de comer a mi perrito) ♥

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.
 Help them plant the seeds of a generous heart!

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Around the Archdiocese

Penance Services in our Deanery Area

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

- **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)

Fortunate and Faithful Families Lenten Mass and Meeting

Sunday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.

The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Topic: "Building Bridges of Hope and Love in a World of Uncertainty and Division." Henry Gracz will be the presenter. Discussion following the presentation. This gathering is specifically planned for parents and families with LGBT members but is open to all allies and friends of Fortunate and Faithful Families. Please join us for this time of spiritual nourishment and fellowship on your Lenten journey. For further information, go to our website ffat1.org

5th Annual FREE Health Fair

Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

St. Joseph Church (Marietta, GA)

Adults (18 years of age and older) will be screened for: Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Glucose, BMI, Weight Management, Vision and Dental.

Exhibitors from Wellstar will have a variety of health related information.

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During the Holy Season of Lent, Ignatius House offers a variety of experiences to S-L-O-W D-O-W-N and Encounter God at this sacred place of peace and quiet. Consider a Day of Reflection or a Weekend Retreat or an Enrichment Book Study.

- Every Wednesday in Lent 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. A Day of Reflection
- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. March 7- April 11 "Fully Awake & Truly Alive"
- Silent Weekend Retreats

o Matthew Linn, SJ March 24-26 Living Life Fully in Light of Eternity

o April 7-13 Individually Directed

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