



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 26, 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

Regular Office Hours

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

Regular Office Hours

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



Casino Night



2017

Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary

April 22

Social Hall

Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Gaming begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale April 1-2 and April 8-9

COST-\$30

Adults Only

Includes \$1000 in chips

Additional \$1000 chips for \$5

Complementary appetizers

Raffle and Silent Auction



All proceeds benefit

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church



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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)

Lenten Penance Service (Confession)

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary

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

Servicio Penitencial de Cuaresma (Confesiones)

Martes, 4 de abril a las 7:00 p.m. (iglesia)

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

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.

Sofia Milagro Chun	Louis Caruso	Nathaniel Butler
Sionnie Gernaat	Marjorite Earthart	Pam Harris
Frank Halcond	Marty Romb	Anne Jackson
Katherine Hall	Citlali Solís	Vivian Lee
Johnny Heisler	Patty Smith	Lilian Odumodu
Sylvia Rojas	Paquita Valdivia	Linda Veit
Adele Pappy	María Zepeda	Tom Hopwood

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

*Please offer a prayer for
Father Jose (Joz) Manjaly
who served here from 2007—2011,
before Father Andrews.*

*We received news that his father,
George Manjaly, passed away on
Saturday, March 18, 2017 in Kerala, India.
The funeral was on Sunday, March 19, 2017.*

**Condolences can be sent to his email address:
jmv112003@yahoo.com**

*Father Jose was able to see his father before
he passed. He is now serving in Australia.
Thanks. Father Brian*



Jamaican Outreach Mission



Missionaries of the Poor—Kingston, Jamaica

I have known challenges in my life but certainly not hardships. I have heard, read, and seen on TV situations similar to the poor of Kingston, but not close up. Even now I still see in my mind the frugal rice bowls for meals. I also still see the beautiful faces of the residents. I can feel their love and remember experiencing their joy. I worked hard, but according to the veteran volunteers the shelters have come a long way since the early days. Blessings are everywhere - we have only to look! I wanted to make the trip to Jamaica for several years. Everything came together and once I got there I began to wonder if this was such a good idea. God is amazing!

This was such a powerful trip on several levels. Of course there

was the work in the shelters with the residents - it will be with me for a long time. Then there was the impact of the brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor - such commitment and selflessness. To observe the brothers with the residents was love in motion - tenderness, patience, compassion. In other words - Jesus. The group of volunteers also had a tremendous influence on my Jamaican experience. The bonding, support and camaraderie, along with a healthy dose of laughter, softened the events of the day. Wrap all this up with lots of prayer time and church music with an island flavor and this was my Jamaica!

Jackie Williams

Food Drive highlights:

Monetary Donations:

Our Lenten food collection comes to an end, but we encourage all our families to continue their support to the Missionaries of the Poor through monetary donations. See right column on this page for more details.

We still need help packing.

Next Sunday, 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,
April 2
COMMITMENT
SUNDAY

Pledge cards will be in Commons. Please fill out and pledge on a quarterly basis what you feel you can afford.

Parish Goal: \$20 a quarter (\$1.66 a week) per family.

Please mail directly to the USA address at:

Missionaries of the Poor
P.O. Box 29893
Atlanta, GA 30359

Las tarjetas para los donativos estarán disponibles en el área común. Por favor completarlas y hacer el compromiso para la donación trimestral de acuerdo a lo que usted pueda dar.

La meta de la parroquia es \$20 por trimestre (\$1.66 por semana) por familia.

Por favor enviar esta contribución directamente a la dirección en el recuadro amarillo de arriba.

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

Vacation Bible School

Save the date for
June 12-16
9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
For more information call:
770-432-5296.



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.

Casino Night 2017 Saturday, April 22—Social Hall



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Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Gaming begins at 7:00 p.m.
Social Hall

Tickets on sale
April 1-2 and April 8-9

- Ticket cost: \$30
- Includes \$1000 in chips
- Additional \$1000 chips for \$10
- Complementary appetizers
- Raffle and Silent Auction
- All proceeds benefit Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
- Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary

Noche de Casino

Sábado, 22 de abril
Puertas abren 6:00 p.m.
Juegos a las 7:00 p.m.
Salón Social

Boletos a la venta el
1-2 y 8-9 de abril

- Ticket cost: \$30
- Incluye \$1000 en chips
- Chips adicionales con valor de \$1000 por \$10
- Botanas GRATIS
- Rifa y Subasta Silenciosa
- Todos los fondos recaudados serán para beneficio de Santo Tomás el Apóstol
- Patrocinado por las Damas Auxiliares

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.



IMPORTANT: Lost Ring!

If you lost a ring in the Main Sanctuary recently, please call the parish office and describe the ring and the date the ring was lost to claim this lost item.

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

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.

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.

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **Mass**
† LILY SIM
† PATRICK CHUA
4:30 PM PSR
6:30 PM LITURGY MEETING
7:00 PM PSR
7:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY
7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT
7:30 PM **MISA**
† NICOLÁS ACEVEDO
† RAMÓN ACEVEDO
† MARÍA DEL REFUGIO CORTES
8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 AM FIDELIS ROSARY
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **Mass**
† MALACHY ECHENDU
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
6:45 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
7:00 PM ENG RCIA
7:00 PM SVDP
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:15 AM **Mass**
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**
† TERESA MOTZ
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM STORY TIME
7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR
7:00 PM **COMMUNION SERVICE**
7:00 PM PSR
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

Outreach to the homeless (HOLY THURSDAY)

At the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet, we hear Jesus say:
"I have given you an example: as I have done, so you must do."

The Church has always taken those words to heart.

From ancient times, the poor have been especially served on Holy Thursday connecting to Jesus' words on service.

This Holy Thursday, when you prepare to come to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we ask you to bring items for the homeless.

We suggest that you take a quart-size Ziploc freezer bag and place the following (travel size) items in it:

Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Small soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Comb, Toothbrush (Socks may be given separately.)

You will be invited to place your gift for the poor in a large basket at the Offertory of the Bilingual Mass on Holy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayuda a las personas (JUEVES SANTO)

En la ceremonia del Lavado de Pies, Jesús dice:
"Les he dado el ejemplo. Hagan lo que yo he hecho."

La Iglesia siempre ha tomado esas palabras de corazón. Desde tiempos antiguos, los pobres han sido servidos el Jueves Santo conectando con las palabras de servicio de Jesús.



Este Jueves Santo, cuando ustedes se preparen para venir a la Misa bilingüe de la Última Cena del Señor, les pedimos que traigan los siguientes artículos. Sugerimos que los coloque en bolsas tipo Ziploc y que compre artículos de tamaño viajero:

Pasta de Dientes, Enjuague bucal, jabón pequeño, Champú, Loción para manos, peine y cepillo de dientes. (Calcetines en bolsa aparte.)

Serán invitados a colocar estas ofrendas en el altar, Durante el Ofertorio de la Misa de Jueves Santo el 13 de abril, a las 7:30 p.m.



Youth Ministry



LifeTeen Bible Study

Next meeting:
Wednesday, March 29
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Life Teen Room

LifeTeen Bible Study continues on the following dates:

- April 5
- April 12
- April 26

EDGE

Edge Middle School Retreat is full!
There are no more spots available.

Contact Danny for questions at
678-626-3937.

This Week in our Parish

Updated on March 21, 2017

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

EVANGELIZATION RETREAT
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 ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
8:00 AM STEPHEN'S MINISTRY
8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
9:00 AM JAMAICAN BOXES
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
2:00 PM QUINCEAÑERAS
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM MASS
† EILEEN P. PHAGAN
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS
5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
6:30 PM MISA
IKER MENDOZA
8:00 PM ADORACIÓN CORO

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

EDGE RETREAT (AWAY)
EVANGELIZATION RETREAT (AWAY)
6:00 AM MISA
† MANUEL RUBIO
6:30 AM FOOD DRIVE PACKING
7:30 AM MASS
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS
9:30 AM MASS
† SAMUEL NORMAN CARSLY
9:30 AM 3RD SCRUTINY DURING MASS
10:00 AM RCIA
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM MASS
ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 (CONT)

2:00 PM 3RD SCRUTINY DURING MASS
2:00 PM MISA
† ANTONIO GONZALEZ
† JESUS IZAGUIRRE
2:00 PM SPANISH RCIA
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
5:00 PM MASS
† CHRISTOPHER UGOKWE
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
7:30 PM MISA
FRANCISCO MATA TORRES

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual
March 25-26, 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual	<u>\$38,378</u>	\$41,738
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$1,628	\$5,969

FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$1,396,500	\$1,359,222
Actual	<u>\$1,433,520</u>	\$1,403,063
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$37,020	\$43,841

Operating Financial Statement
For the 8 months ending 2/28/2017

Operating Revenue	\$2,016,982
Operating Expenses	<u>(\$1,859,511)</u>
Operating Revenue over Expense	\$157,471

Total Assessments\$998,919
still owed to Archdiocese as of 2/28/17

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 9)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 9)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)	\$65,231
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos).....	\$46,525
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal	\$115,675
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)	29%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	187

Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
March 25-26, 2017

Total\$876.68

♥ I love you Jesus. Thanks for my life (Te quiero Jesús. Gracias por mi vida) ♥ Doing chores for my parents (Hice quehaceres para mis padres) ♥ I clean with my Mom (Limpio con mi Mamá) ♥ I picked up my toys (Recogí mis juguetes) ♥ I picked up my shoes and folded my clothes every day (Recogí mis zapatos y doblé la ropa) ♥ I painted my own room (Pinté mi cuarto) ♥ I came to church to pray (Vine a la iglesia y recé) ♥ I washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ I donated money for poor children (Di una ofrenda para los niños pobres) ♥ I picked up my toys (Recogí mis juguetes) ♥ I gave \$1 for my Jesus. I love You. (Di \$1 para mi Jesús. Te Amo) ♥ I helped to pack food at the church (Ayudé a empacar comida en la iglesia) ♥ I obeyed Mom and Dad and was good. (Obedecí a mamá y papa y fui bueno)

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 27** Saint Joseph (Marietta)
- **March 28** Saint Michael (Woodstock)
- **March 30** Saint Catherine (Kennesaw)
- **April 5** Saint Ann (Marietta)

Fertility Care/Natural Family Planning:

Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Cathedral of Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

This isn't your parent's old rhythm method! Learn more about your fertility, why the Church promotes Natural Family Planning (NFP), why NFP is 99% effective, and how it can positively impact your marriage (3% divorce rate!) My next Introductory Class is Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King (in Buckhead). To register or for more information on future classes, contact Ann Hall at 404-915-1685 or annlabar@hotmail.com

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 April 7-13 Individually Directed

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