

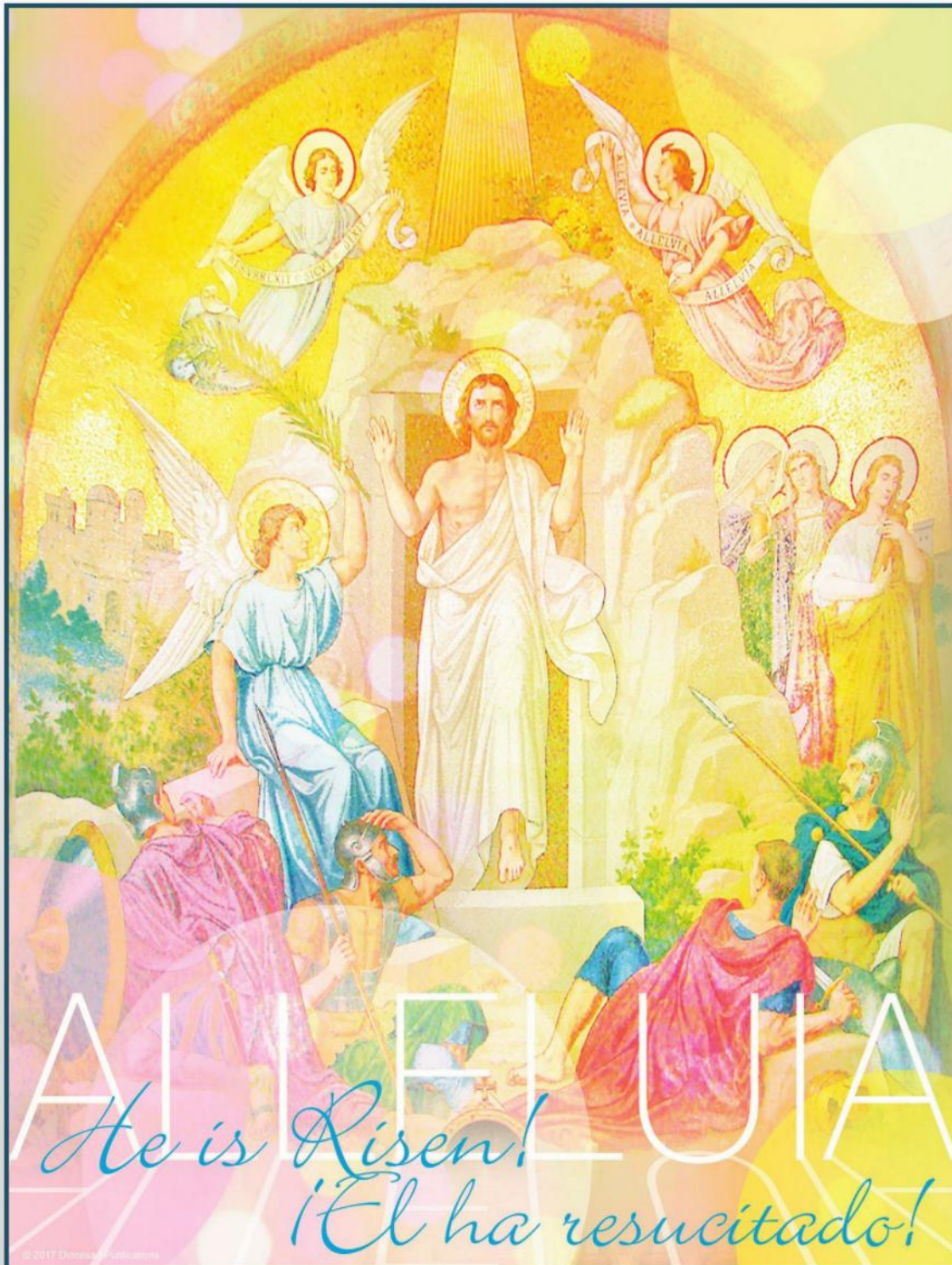


# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 16, 2017

The Resurrection of the Lord • La Resurrección del Señor



## Did you know...? ¿Sabías que...?

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world.

The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

*La palabra "Pascua" en inglés (EASTER) viene del inglés antiguo, que significa simplemente el "Oriente".*

*El sol que se eleva en el Oriente, trayendo luz, calor y esperanza, es un símbolo para el cristiano del Cristo naciente, que es la verdadera Luz del mundo.*

*El Cirio Pascual es un símbolo central de esta luz divina, que es Cristo. Se mantiene cerca del ambo durante el tiempo de Pascua, y se enciende para todas las celebraciones litúrgicas.*

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## An Easter message from our Pastor Un mensaje de Pascua de nuestro Párroco

**H**appy Easter from your Pastor, Clergy and Staff of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!  
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

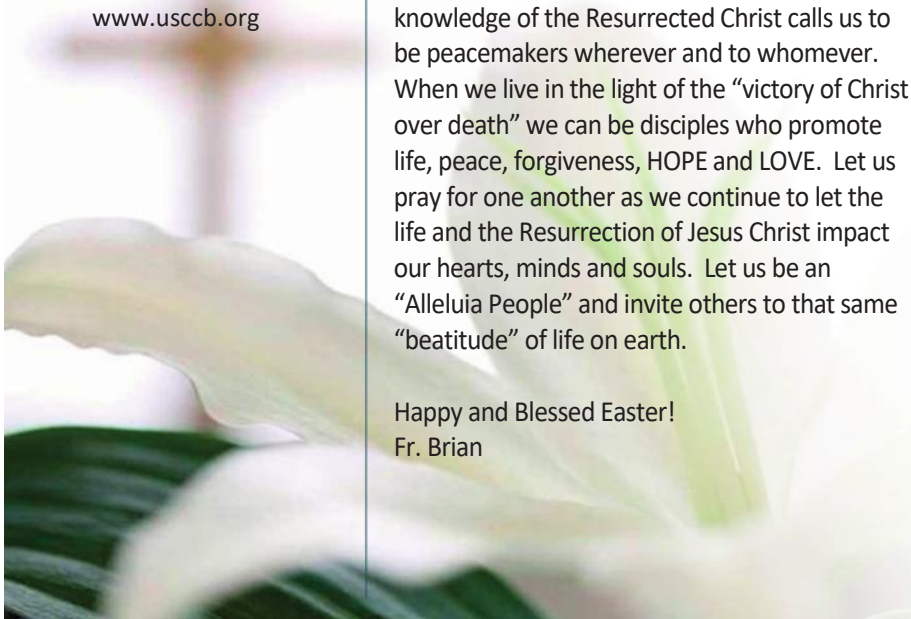
Peace and blessings to my sisters and brothers in the Risen Lord. I pray that the first day and the following 49 days of the Feast of Easter will be reasons for rejoicing in what it means that death has been conquered by the Resurrection of the Lord. "He has robbed death of its power and has brought life and immortality into clear light through the gospel (2 Timothy 1:10)." What JOY it is to know that those who believe in the Resurrection will be able to ENJOY everlasting life in Heaven. There might be a need for Purgatory, but the Lord will keep his promise to those who remain faithful to the reality and consequences of His Resurrection. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in Him (1 Thessalonians 4:14)." Imagine! "He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself (Philippians 3:21)." It makes all the challenges and sufferings on our earthly journey worthwhile. Knowing Christ and the power from His Resurrection is the invitation we receive from our Church during these Easter days. There is an infinite amount to learn from Jesus in his resurrected state. First and foremost, he gives testimony to the value of PEACE and forgiveness. Our knowledge of the Resurrected Christ calls us to be peacemakers wherever and to whomever. When we live in the light of the "victory of Christ over death" we can be disciples who promote life, peace, forgiveness, HOPE and LOVE. Let us pray for one another as we continue to let the life and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ impact our hearts, minds and souls. Let us be an "Alleluia People" and invite others to that same "beatitude" of life on earth.

Happy and Blessed Easter!  
Fr. Brian

**F**eliz Pascua de parte de su Párroco, el Clero y Personal de la Parroquia de Santo Tomás el Apóstol! ALELUYA, ALELUYA, ALELUYA

*Paz y bendiciones a mis hermanas y hermanos en el Señor Resucitado. Ruego que tanto hoy, como los siguientes 49 días de la fiesta de Pascua, sean razones para regocijarse en lo que significa que la muerte ha sido conquistada por la Resurrección del Señor. "Él ha robado la muerte de su poder y ha traído la vida y la inmortalidad a la luz clara a través del evangelio" (2 Timoteo 1:10). "¡Qué ALEGRÍA es saber que aquellos que creen en la Resurrección podrán disfrutar de la vida eterna en Cielo. Podría haber una necesidad de purgatorio, pero el Señor mantendrá su promesa a aquellos que permanecen fieles a la realidad y las consecuencias de su resurrección. "Porque si creemos que Jesús murió y resucitó, Dios producirá con él de entre los muertos a aquellos que se han dormido creyendo en Él" (1 Tesalonicenses 4:14). "Él transformará nuestro cuerpo miserable para que sea como su cuerpo glorioso, mediante el poder con que somete a sí mismo todas las cosas." (Filipenses 3:21). "Hace que todos los desafíos y sufrimientos en nuestro viaje terrenal valgan la pena. Conocer a Cristo y el poder de Su Resurrección es la invitación que recibimos de nuestra Iglesia durante estos días de Pascua. Hay una cantidad infinita de cosas que aprender de Jesús en su estado resucitado. En primer lugar, da testimonio del valor de la PAZ y el perdón. Nuestro conocimiento del Cristo Resucitado nos llama a ser pacificadores dondequiera y con quienquiera. Cuando vivimos a la luz de la "victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte" podemos ser discípulos que promueven la vida, la paz, el perdón, la ESPERANZA y el AMOR. Oremos los unos por los otros mientras continuamos permitiendo que la vida y la resurrección de Jesucristo toquen nuestros corazones, mentes y almas. Seamos un "Pueblo de Aleluya" e invitemos a otros a esa misma "bienaventuranza" de la vida en la tierra.*

*¡Feliz y bendecida Pascua!  
Padre Brian*





**Palm Sunday Procession**  
**Procesión de Domingo de Ramos**  
**April 9, 2017**





**Gospel Reflection**

Reflexión del Evangelio

**1. Listen to the Word**

As you hear this reading from the Gospel of John, what feeling does it arouse within you? What word or phrase catches your ear?

**2. Look into Your Life****Question for Children:**

When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

**Question for Youth:**

Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

**Question for Adults:**

Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?

Lectionary Link by  
calltofaith.osv.com

**The best week of the summer!****VBS 2017**

Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16

From 9:30AM -1:00PM

Cost - \$40.00 per child\* – 3 year olds – grade 5

**Looking for Volunteers**

\*Children must have been 3 years old by September 1, 2016

*New friends*

*Amazing experiments*

*Creative games*

*Lip-smacking snacks*

*Surprising adventures*

*Incredible music*

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too.

**La mejor semana del verano!****VBS 2017**

Martes 12 de junio - Lunes 16 de junio

de 9:30 am-1: 00PM

costo - \$ 40.00 por niño \* - 3 años de edad - 5

**Necesitamos voluntarios**

\* Los niños deben haber sido 3 años de edad el 1 de septiembre el año 2016

*Nuevos amigos experimentos asombrosos*

*juegos creativos Deliciosas meriendas*

*aventuras Sorprendentes Música increíble*

*En el fabricante de fábrica de la diversión VBS, los niños a descubrir no sólo Que Dios los hizo de la manera que lo son, pero con un propósito también.*

**PSR PRE-REGISTRATION - PRE-INSCRIPCIÓN DE CATECISMO**

Parish School of Religion (PSR) PRE-REGISTRATION for the 2017-18 school year is now open for all returning students till June 30. Pre-printed registration forms have been sent home.

All students must register each year.

- You must bring your Pre-Registration form to register
- A copy of your child's Baptism certificate is needed (even if Baptized at St. Thomas) if your child is receiving a sacrament during 2017-18
- The Registration fee (due in full) – you may pay with cash, money order or check made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle (exact cash or personal checks are preferred)

**Registration Fees:**

- One child: \$75.00
- Two or more children: \$120.00
- Homeschool book: \$25.00

**New student registration begins July 5 – July 24.**

**More information at 770-432-5296.**

*La Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) PRE-INSCRIPCIÓN para el año escolar 2017-18: abierta hasta el 30 de junio. Solo para estudiantes activos. Los formularios de inscripción han sido enviados a casa.*

*Todos los estudiantes deben inscribirse cada año.*

- *Usted debe traer su formulario de Pre-Inscripción para registrarse*
- *Se necesita una copia del certificado de bautismo de su hijo (incluso si se bautizó en Santo Tomás) si su hijo recibe sacramentos en el 2018*
- *La cuota de inscripción (pago total) debe pagarse con dinero en efectivo, orden de dinero o cheque a nombre de Santo Tomás Apóstol (dinero en efectivo o cheques personales)*

**Cuotas de inscripción:**

- *Un niño: \$ 75.00*
- *Dos o más niños: \$ 120.00*
- *Libro del homeschool; 25,00*

**Comienza el nuevo registro de estudiantes**

**5 de julio - 24 de julio. Más información en 770-432-5296.**



Save the dates for these awesome summer opportunities!  
*¡Marca tu calendario para estas increíbles oportunidades de verano!*

These events are open to all current and rising High School students participating in our LifeTeen program.  
 For more information, please contact our Youth Minister.

*Estos eventos están abiertos a estudiantes de secundaria, activos o nuevos en el programa de LifeTeen.  
 Para más información, contactar a nuestra coordinadora del grupo de jóvenes.*

Estela Martínez—678-626-3936  
 emartinez@stthomastheapostle.org



**Morning with Mary · Mañanas con María**  
 Tuesday, June 6 (See additional dates on blue inset)  
 10:00 a.m.—12 Noon (LifeTeen Room & Memorial Garden)



**Messy Game Day · Día de Juegos**  
 Friday, June 9  
 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (Church Back Field)



**Soccer & Prayer · Fútbol y Oración**  
 Friday, June 16  
 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. (Church Back Field)



**Ice Cream & Bible Study · Helados y Estudio Bíblico**  
 Wednesday, June 21  
 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. (LifeTeen Room)



**Adoration Night · Noche de Adoración**  
 Thursday, July 27  
 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. (Main Sanctuary)

**LifeTeen Summer Events offsite—Permission slip required!**  
*¡Eventos de verano del Life Teen fuera de la parroquia—se requiere permiso!*

The following events require written permission from parents.  
 Permission slips will be available in the Religious Education Office, starting on May 8.

*Los siguientes eventos de verano del grupo de jóvenes de LifeTeen  
 requieren permiso por escrito de los papás.*

*Las hojas de permiso estarán disponibles en la Oficina de Catecismo a partir del 8 de mayo.*

**LifeTeen Main Event**  
 Monday, June 19  
 12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
 Away

**Movies NCG**  
 Monday, July 3  
 7:00 p.m.  
 NCG Marietta

**White Water Rafting**  
 Wednesday, July 12  
 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Six Flags**  
 Monday, July 17  
 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Away

**Mornings with Mary  
 Mañanas con María**

Mornings with Mary offers a moment of prayer and meditation with our Blessed Mother.

The program is open to all Middle and High School students and their parents.

*Las Mañanas con María ofrecerán la oportunidad de tener un momento de oración y meditación con la Santísima aVirgen María.*

*El programa está abierto a jóvenes de Escuela Primaria y Secundaria (Middle y High School) así como sus padres.*

**Morning with Mary**  
 10:00 a.m.—12 Noon  
 Life Teen Room and Memorial Garden

Tuesday, June 6  
 Saturday, June 17  
 Wednesday, July 5  
 Wednesday, July 26





## Marian Shrines in Europe

*Santuarios en Europa*  
Fr. Jojo Chettiyakunnel, M.S.

# \$3,500\*

## September 11-23

Marian Shrines in Europe  
Portugal-Spain-France

## Septiembre 11-23

Santuarios Marianos en  
Europa:  
Portugal-España-Francia

- \*Includes first class hotels
- Double Occupancy
  - 2 meals a Day
  - Daily Sightseeing
  - Daily Mass ND
  - Transportation
  - Reservation: Non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking.
  - Final payment is due 90 days before departure.

**NativityPilgrimage**  
**1-844-400-9559**



## Casino Night: Saturday, April 22

For more information, please contact:  
Kathy Boehm  
216-224-6061  
Kathyfortboehm@gmail.com



### Casino Night

**Saturday, April 22**  
**Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Gaming begins at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Social Hall**

Tickets on sale at the door on the day of the event

- 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 Auxiliaries

### 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 día del evento

- 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

### 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 the Commons Area.

*Donaciones para la despensa de San Vicente de Paúl:*  
*Aceite de cocinar, jabón, jalea de fresa o uva, Shampoo, sirope para panqueques, detergente de ropa.*



All employees and volunteers who come into contact with children are mandated to attend a VIRTUS session.

For Virtus Class in English please call Diane Bauer  
**678-626-3944.**

*Todos los empleados y voluntarios en contacto con niños deben completar una sesión obligatoria de VIRTUS.*

**Para la clase de Virtus en español, contacte a Yolanda Rivera 678-626-3964**

### Entrenamiento VIRTUS

**Sábado, 29 de abril**

**9:00 a.m. — 12 medio día.**

**Disponible solo para voluntarios con certificación ya vencida o está a punto de vencer. Pre-inscripción necesaria!**

*NO se ofrece guardería. Por favor dejar a sus niños en casa. Cupo limitado.*

Fecha límite de registro:  
26 de abril.

Contactar a:  
Yolanda Rivera  
678-626-3964

## This Week in our Parish

**MONDAY, APRIL 17**  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
NO PRESCHOOL

**9:00 AM Mass**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**  
7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
**12:00 PM Mass**  
† WILHELMINA FERANDOS  
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS  
7:00 PM ENG RCIA  
7:00 PM RCIC PRACTICE  
7:00 PM SVdP  
7:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1º  
8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR  
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**  
**8:15 AM Mass**  
† MARGARET M. SHERIDAN  
9:00 AM ADORATION  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
6:45 PM BENEDICTION  
7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4º  
**7:00 PM Mass**  
ADELINE MARIA HERNANDEZ  
7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND  
8:00 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE  
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
6:00 PM RCIT PRACTICE  
7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR  
**7:00 PM Mass**  
**8:00 PM Misa**  
COMUNIDAD  
EL SEÑOR ES MI SALVACIÓN  
VI ANIVERSARIO  
8:30 PM CHIHUAHUA RETREAT PLANNING

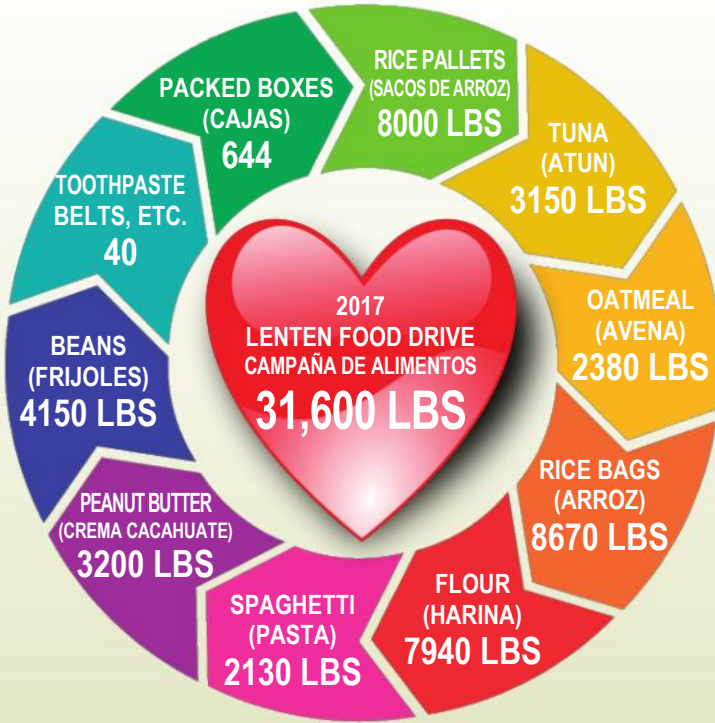


**25th Annual Lenten Food Drive**

31,600 lbs of food collected this year... OUR BIGGEST COLLECTION EVER!

**XXV Campaña Anual de Alimentos**

31600 libras recolectadas este año! NUESTRA COLECTA MÁS GRANDE



Besides providing nutritional substance for the poorest of the poor, we come together in community and prayer!

*¡Aparte de ofrecer sustento nutricional a los más pobres de los pobres, nos hemos unido en comunidad y oración!*

**\$4,350\***

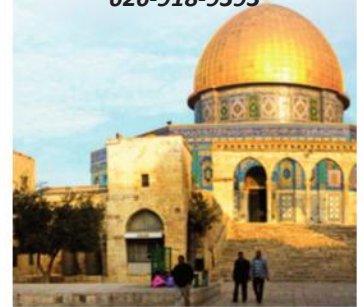
**September 15-30**  
Holy Land  
with extended visit to Europe  
France-Netherlands-Belgium

**Septiembre 15-30**  
Tierra Santa  
con extensión a Europa:  
Francia-Holanda-Bélgica

\*Precio por persona en habitación doble con salida desde Atlanta, GA, transporte, tours guiados y dos comidas por día.

- Se requiere un depósito mínimo de \$500 por persona, antes del 30 de abril, 2017.
- Pago final antes del 4 de agosto, 2017.

**Satellite Travel**  
626-918-9393



**Bulk donation opportunities still available:**  
*Oportunidades para donar en bulto aún disponibles:*

**\$720 / pallet (2000 lbs)**  
**\$360 / half pallet (1000 lbs)**

So far, we have collected enough for 8,000 lbs of rice on pallets. If you wish to donate for a pallet or 1/2 pallet please contact:

*Continuamos solicitando donaciones para comprar arroz en bulto (paletas enteras o mitad.)  
Personas interesadas, por favor contactar a:*

**Brian Durham**  
770-421-0839 comayo3948@aol.com

**This Week in our Parish**

Updated on April 10, 2017

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 9:00 AM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP
- 12:00 PM **MASS**
- † **MAGDALENA MAGNAYE**
- † **ALETHA SUICO**
- 1:00 PM NWABARA REHEARSAL
- 6:00 PM ARELLANO REHEARSAL
- 7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 7:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER
- 7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

- 8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY
- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
- 9:00 AM **RCIC MASS**
- 10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA
- 11:00 AM ARELLANO WEDDING
- 1:00 PM QUINCEAÑERAS
- 2:00 PM NWAGABARA WEDDING
- 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS
- 4:30 PM **MASS**
- † **CHRIS HARDING**
- 6:30 PM **MISA**
- MARTHA PECINA**
- ALFREDO PECINA**
- 7:00 PM CASINO NIGHT
- 8:00 PM CORO ADORACIÓN

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

- 6:00 AM **MISA**
- MARISOL VAZQUEZ**
- ISAIAZ VAZQUEZ**
- 7:30 AM **MASS**
- † **JOEL HAWKINS**
- 9:30 AM **MASS**
- † **RITA POWELL**
- 10:00 AM ENG RCIA
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
- 11:30 AM **MASS**
- † **IKE AGWUNOBI**
- 12:30 PM AFRICAN PARISHIONER ORG

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23 (CONT)**

- 2:00 PM **MASS**
- † **CARLOS GUZMAN**
- 2:00 PM SP RCIA
- 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
- 5:00 PM **MASS**
- 6:00 PM LIFETWEEN NIGHT
- 7:30 PM **MISA**
- JULIANA SILVA**
- TEODORO SILVA**



## Weekly Donations Report

### Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

#### Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual April 8-9, 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted.....	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual .....	<u>\$44,155</u>	<u>\$38,949</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall) .....	<b>\$7,405</b>	<b>\$3,180</b>

#### FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date And Last year Comparison

Budgeted.....	\$1,506,750	\$1,466,529
Actual .....	<u>\$1,555,729</u>	<u>\$1,525,814</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall) .....	\$48,979	\$59,285

#### Operating Financial Statement For the 8 months ending 2/28/17

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

Total Assessments ..... \$988,919  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 2/28/17

#### Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 12) Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 12)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) .....	\$284,827
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos) .....	\$74,087
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal .....	<b>\$88,113</b>
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....	<b>46%</b>
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	1,109

#### Children's Offertory Ofertorio de los Niños April 8-9, 2017

Total ..... \$1,340.00

♥ I cleaned the kitchen (Limpié la cocina) ♥ I cheered my friend in the race (Alenté a mi amigo en la carrera) ♥ I cleaned a park (Limpié un parque) ♥ I helped Mom and Dad (Ayudé a Mamá y Papá) ♥ Be with my family, especially when my older siblings are away (Estar con la familia, especialmente cuando los hermanos mayores no están) ♥ I prayed and helped my sister (Oré y ayudé a mi hermana) ♥ I walked and prayed (Caminé y oré) ♥ I made the sign of the cross (Me persigné) ♥ I cleaned the porch (Limpié el patio) ♥ I was selfless (No fui egoísta) ♥ I gave an offering to the church (Di una ofrenda a la iglesia) ♥ I attended Mass with joy (Fui a Misa con gozo) ♥

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!

#### The Resurrection of the Lord

In the Easter Vigil's reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, we are reminded that we are alive in Christ. And it is not merely once a year that we remember what Jesus did to give us this new life, forgiveness and peace. Every day good stewards remember their baptism. They remember that they are united with Jesus in his death; that daily they drown the old sinful nature, and that daily they rise to their new life in Christ. Let us be mindful every day, especially when we are troubled by life or tempted by sin, that our lives are no longer about us, but about Christ's active, loving presence within us. That is our baptism. Alleluia!  
He is risen!

#### La Resurrección del Señor

La lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, nos recuerda que nosotros también llevamos testimonio del Señor resucitado. La presencia de Cristo está dentro de nosotros, renovándonos, transformándonos, convirtiéndonos en corresponsables de las Buenas Nuevas. No hay más tiempo para guardar envidias, desagrado hacia otros, búsqueda de venganza, mantener viejos prejuicios, o tolerar predisposiciones. Nosotros somos la alegría de Cristo y los instrumentos de su paz. Nuestro mundo está reordenado. Reflexionemos acerca de cómo somos llamados para que el perdón, la reconciliación y el amor de Cristo impregnen nuestras vidas. Nosotros somos el pueblo de Dios!

#### Stewardship thought:

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.

**St. Therese of Lisieux**

*No perdáis ninguna oportunidad de hacer algún pequeño sacrificio, una mirada sonriente por aquí, una palabra bondadosa por allí; siempre haciendo las cosas más pequeñas bien, y haciéndolo todo por amor.*

**Santa Teresita de Lisieux**

#### GIFTS THAT MATTER

The **Catholic Foundation of North Georgia** provides grants to help the Catholic community. Your gift to the Catholic Foundation can grow your own parish's endowment, add to one of the Foundation's grants funds, or establish a new fund. You can provide religious education for children at your church, tuition assistance at a Catholic school, food to help people in need at a local charity, care for our retired clergy, or education of our future priests.

You get to decide how your gift, no matter how large or how small, provides the legacy most important to you. How do you want to be remembered? We will help you make it happen. What Catholic values will you pass on to future generations? What will be your Catholic legacy?

To learn more about how the Catholic Foundation can assist you in your plans, please call the office at 404-497-9440 or send an email to [info@cfnga.org](mailto:info@cfnga.org)

**Readings for next week:**

**Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

Reading 1: ACTS 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Reading 2: 1 PT 1:3-9

Gospel: JN 20:19-31

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

**Young People.**

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



**Altar Flowers**

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.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Seminar**

Saturday, May 20 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. Contact Deacon Earl Jackson at email: foothills3@aol.com, or call 504-495-2392.

**Rosary**

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

**Adoration**

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

**Pew Angels**

Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary Help organize the materials available in our pews, straighten the offering envelopes, and re-arrange hymnal books. Yolanda Rivera 678-626-3964 yrivera@stthomastheapostle.org

**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. SVdP Hotline: 678-626-3939 (leave a message)

**Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick**

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.

**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.

- |                |                   |               |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Mary Cantrell  | Antonio Balestena | Sofía Chun    |
| Rosa Jorge     | Guadalupe Corona  | George Garger |
| Zoilo Martínez | Amy Liddell       | Frank Halcond |
| Adele Pappy    | Patty Smith       | Amber Lynch   |
|                | 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
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*La oración es poderosa. La oración conquista el mal. La oración trae paz. Cuando el Espíritu Santo permanece en nuestros corazones, es Él quien nos hace entender que el Señor está cerca y cuida de nosotros.*



## Clergy Clero

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## Contact & Office Hours Contacto y Horas de Oficina

### Parish Office

**Main Phone: 770 - 432-8579**  
Fax. 770 - 432-8570

### 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

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Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

### Preschool Office

770-293-1267

### Regular Office Hours

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## Mass Schedule • Horario de Misas

### 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 PM & 6:30 PM

### Adoración

Miércoles ..... 9:00 AM-6:45 PM

2<sup>do</sup> Sábado ..... 8:00 PM-6:00 AM

## Baptism • Bautizo

Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in a Catholic parish and take the pre-baptismal class BEFORE making plans for a baptismal date. Classes are offered monthly.

Las familias que deseen bautizar a sus hijos deben estar registrados en una iglesia católica y tomar una plática prebautismal ANTES de hacer planes para una fecha de bautizo. Se ofrecen pláticas mensualmente.

Yolanda Rivera • Abigail Ureña • Patricia VanBuren  
770-432-8579 Ext. 0 stthomasga@stthomastheapostle.org

## First Eucharist • Primera Eucaristía

Preparation is a two-year process. Enrollment in Catholic school or Parish School of Religion is required the year prior to receiving the Sacrament.

La preparación es un proceso de dos años. Los niños deben estar registrados en Catecismo de la iglesia, o asistir a escuela católica un año antes de recibir el sacramento.

Sue Senecal • Elizabeth Medina  
ssenecal@stthomastheapostle.org 770-432-5296 emedina@stthomastheapostle.org

## Marriage • Matrimonios

A minimum of six months preparation is required. Additional information will be provided on your first interview with the priest.

Un mínimo de seis meses de preparación son requeridos. Información adicional estará disponible después de la primera entrevista con el sacerdote.

Patricia VanBuren  
678-626-3940 pvanburen@stthomastheapostle.org

## Reconciliation • Reconciliación

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Confessional Room or by appointment. Priests handle their own calendars. Please call the parish office for more information.

Sábados y domingos, 30 minutos antes de que empiecen las Misas, en el confesionario. O con cita previa, de acuerdo a la disponibilidad de los sacerdotes.

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## Sacrament of the Sick • Unción de los Enfermos

Please inform the Parish Office of anyone homebound or hospitalized so that they may receive the Sacraments.

Por favor informar a la Oficina Parroquial si conocen alguna persona que esté enferma o hospitalizada para que reciba la unción.

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