

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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July 30, 2017

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • XVII domingo de Tiempo Ordinario



The Reign of God is a treasure. El reino de Dios es un tesoro.

SUNDAY CAR TALK

Reflect on your way back home, after Mass.

Discuss what each family member is doing to make the future better. How are each of us investing our time and energy into something really worthwhile?

CONVERSACIONES EN EL CARRO

Reflexión después de Misa, de camino a casa.

Comente lo que está haciendo cada miembro de la familia para hacer el futuro mejor. ¿Qué está haciendo cada uno de nosotros para invertir nuestro tiempo y energía en algo que realmente vale la pena?

Clergy Clero

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770-432-8579 Ext. 0

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Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson

Rev. Mr. Richard Searls

Deacons Office 770-432-8579 Ext. 106

Contact & Office Hours Contacto y Horas de Oficina

Parish Office Main Phone: 770 - 432-8579

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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

Summer Regular Office Hours

Monday-Thursdays 10:00 AM—5:00 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) BY APPOINTMENT ONLY SOLAMENTE CON CITA



Mass Schedule • Horario de Misas

English Mass Schedule

Monday12 Noon Tuesday12 Noon

Wednesday...... 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Thursday7:00 PM
Friday12 Noon
SaturdayVigil: 4:30 PM

Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM

Adoration

Wednesday......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

Sábados5:30 PM

Domingos......1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Adoración

Miércoles 9:00 AM-6:45 PM 2^{do} 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 Van Buren 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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Please contact our Music Director, Patty Smith psmith@stthomastheapostle.org or 770-241-9343 for more information and-or to set an appointment for audition on the following volunteer opportunities:

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

URGENT: Acoustic and Electric Guitarists Needed!

- Our contemporary band (that ministers at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening Life Teen Mass and other special events) is urgently in need of awesome electric and acoustic guitarists.
- Interested musicians of high school age OR OLDER may apply for this volunteer position.
- Rehearsals are usually held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

If you are not a talented guitarist, encourage your talented friends to check out this great opportunity!



Join the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Parish Choir!

- Choir rehearsals resume soon, and we'll be singing at Mass again in September.
- Male and female singers of high school age and older are encouraged to join this joyful and friendly group. You do not need to be able to read music!
- But you do need to love singing, spending time with great people, and giving praise to God.
- Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining, you must contact Patty Smith for specifics BEFORE ATTENDING A REHEARSAL.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: The kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.

Question for Children: If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that? Question for Youth: Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice? Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is _____."

Source: Lectionary Link

Adult Faith Formation • Formación de la Fe para Adultos

RCIA AND CONFIRMATION ENGLISH SPEAKING CLASS REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 21 FOR THE FOLLOWING:

If you are someone who:

- 1. Is not baptized and is interested in becoming Catholic.
- 2. Has been baptized in another religion and wants to become Catholic.
- Was baptized Catholic and is in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Requirements:

- 1. Must be 18 years of age or older.
- 2. If baptized in any religion, a Certificate of Baptism must be provided.
- Need a Sponsor who has received the three Sacraments of Initiation and is a practicing Catholic.
- Attendance at Mass and classes required each week, beginning Monday, August 28 and ending Monday, April 16.
 Exception: Confirmation classes begin January 9, 2018 and end February 27,
- 5. Registration fee is \$75.

2018.

6. In person interviews will be conducted upon inquiry and will be scheduled during the registration period.

For more information please contact Linda Veit in Adult Faith Formation at lveit@stthomastheapostle.org or call 678 357-3961.

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be starting August 28, 2017 and Sponsors are needed. This is an excellent opportunity to grow in your faith as you journey with those receiving their sacraments in 2018. If you are interested in helping others grow closer to God as you continue your path of spiritual growth and development, then being a Sponsor is custom made for you.

The requirements are few:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Have received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
- Have a willingness to help someone "light their candle" from yours as it burns brightly on this rewarding journey

Sponsor Welcome and Information Session Tuesday, September 12 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation building.

For more information please contact Linda (X131) or Cindy (x122) in Adult Faith Formation.

SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS: REGISTRATION FOR ENGLISH CLASSES NOW OPEN!



Registration for the English Speaking **RCIA** and Adult Confirmation classes is now open and will run through August 20. See additional details on this page.

To begin the registration process, please contact Linda Veit in Adult Faith Formation at 678-626-3961 or e-mail: lveit@stthomastheapostle.org

Spanish speaking adults may register on August 21 & 24.

Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación: Sacramentos para Adultos que hablan español. Inscripciones el 21 y 24 de Agosto (7:00 p.m. Salón Social)



Registration for the 2017-18 PSR school year is now closed.

Any registration turned in after July 21 will be put on a wait list.

Availability may vary.

You will be notified if space is available for your child.

The PSR office will be closed from August 7 through the 11.

This down time will enable us to serve you better in the 2017-18 PSR year.

Las inscripciones para las clases de Catecismo y Doctrina 2017-18 se han cerrado.

Cualquier inscripción recibida después del 21 de julio será puesta en lista de espera. La disponibilidad varía. Las familias serán notificadas si se abre espacio para sus niños.

La Oficina de Catecismo estará cerrada del 7 al 11 de agosto.

Durante esa semana nos prepararemos para servirle mejor.

XVII domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: Tema: El reino de Dios es un tesoro que no tiene precio.

Al escuchar la palabra de

esta parábola conocida nuevamente, ¿qué parte de ella llamó su atención hoy? Paso dos: Ver tu vida Pregunta para los niños: Si pudieras estar con Jesús, ¿cuál de tus cosas cambiarías por eso? Pregunta para los jóvenes: Al crecer y convertirte en un joven v poseer cosas, ¿qué es más valioso para ti y cómo balanceas eso con el valor de tu fe? Pregunta para los adultos: Usando la parábola de Jesús como su punto de partida, describa en sus propias palabras qué es el reino de Dios para usted personalmente, y use una parábola para

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—DURING THE 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY MASS

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, children are invited to go with the weekly leaders from the church to the Commons Area. During this special time, the volunteer teacher leads the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children. The children return to Mass after the Prayers of the Faithful.

Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle school/high school youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord.

Please contact Melanie Meder at 678 368 6646 (call or text) or e-mail Sue Senecal at ssenecal@stthomastheapostle.org



PASTORAL COUNCIL

YOU are invited.....

- *Serve
- *Represent
- *Lead
- *Help
- *Prayerfully consider serving on Pastoral Council

The Saint Thomas Pastoral Council is an important ministry that serves our pastor, Father Brian and our parish.

Members of the council serve for a period of 2 years beginning in September. Meetings are held on the second Monday each month.

For more information, contact:

Miguel Mendoza 404-543-9166

mendoza miguel23@ yahoo.com

Kathy Boehm 216-224-6061

kathyfortboehm@gmail.com

JAMAICA ANNUAL MISSION TRIP: October 26-31, 2017 Viaje Misionero a Jamaica: 26-31 de octubre, 2017

As it has been a tradition in our parish, since 1991, we extend the invitation to all adults (18 and older) to work with the poorest of the poor in Kingston, Jamaica, along with the priests, sisters and brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor.

Non-parishioners are welcome to join this Mission Trip too.

Approximate cost of the trip: \$800. Includes airfare, lodging and meals.

To learn more about the Missionaries of the Poor, please visit:

www.missionariesofthepoor.org

For further information and to reserve your place in the 2017 Mission Trip, please contact:

Brian Durham at 770-421-0839.

Como ya ha sido tradición en nuestra parroquia desde 1991, extendemos la invitación adultos (mayores de 18 años) para trabajar con los más pobres de los pobres en Kingston, Jamaica, con los sacerdotes, hermanas y hermanos de los Misioneros de los Pobres.

El costo aproximado del viaje es: \$800. Incluye tarifa aérea, alojamiento y comidas.

Para conocer más detalles acerca de los Misioneros, visiten:

www.missionariesofthepoor.org

Para más información y reservar su espacio en el Viaje Misionero 2017, por favor contactar a:

Brian Durham at 770-421-0839.



St. Vincent de Paul Society—Help wanted Ayude a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl

PANTRY DONATIONS:

The following donations are needed: Pancake mix, pancake syrup, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, laundry soap and toilet paper.

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

DONACIONES PARA LA DESPENSA:

Solicitamos las siguientes donaciones: Mezcla para panqueques, sirope para panqueques, papas instantáneas, salsa de espagueti, cátsup. Mostaza, detergente para lavar ropa y papel higiénico.

Por favor dejar sus donaciones en los botes del Área Común.

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, JULY 31 12:00 PM MASS

† Nola McDonald

6:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN

6:30 PM MONDAY NIGHT CHOIR

7:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY

7:30 PM CREDO CHOIR

7:30 PM MISA

- † JUAN ROJAS
- † CELIA RAMIREZ
- **†** RICARDO RAMIREZ

8:00 PM Coro Evangelización

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 12:00 PM MASS

ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

6:30 PM ENG CONF. DISCIPLE MTG

6:45 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS

7:00 PM CREDO CHOIR

7:00 PM SVDP

7:30 PM SP CONF. DISCIPLE MTG

8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR

8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY

8:15 AM MASS

9:00 AM ADORATION

6:00 PM ENG CONF. APOSTLE MTG.

6:45 PM BENEDICTION

7:00 PM MASS

7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND

7:30 PM SP CONF. APOSTLE MTG

7:35 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE

8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 7:00 PM MASS

† DANNA L. MEYRATH

7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION

7:00 PM RCIT MEETING

8:00 PM MISA

† ANTONIO GONZALEZ

JOB OPENING



Part-time Security/ **Maintenance**

Job opportunity at Saint Thomas the Apostle parish.

Must be 18 years of age or older. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred.

> Hours are Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Please inquire at the front office or contact

Diane Bauer directly at 770-432-8579, Ext 109

dbauer@stthomastheapostle.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—CABALLEROS DE COLON

Join the Knights of Columbus!

Your Parish Knights of Columbus Council is always seeking new members, to join in our fellowship and work with us on programs to benefit our families, our Parish and our Community. The 1st Degree Exemplification is the ceremony initiating you into our Order.

1st Degree Exemplification Tuesday, August 8 **Community House**

Candidates should arrive at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will start at 7:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Our membership requirements are simple: You must be a practical Catholic man eighteen years of age or older.

If you're interested in joining the Knights, or you would like more information about us and what we do please contact **Grand Knight Deacon Michael Garrett at** 770-319-0351.



Knight of Columbus August Events

Tuesday, 8/1:

Council Business Meeting Community House from 7:15PM to 9:15PM

Tuesday, 8/8:

7:30PM Community House 1st Degree Exemplification

Tuesday, 8/22:

Council Officers meeting Community House from 7:15PM to 9:15PM

Caballeros de Colón

Los Caballeros de Colón invitan a todos los varones de la parroquia, mayores de 18 años, a formar parte de esta organización que frece programas para el beneficio de nuestras familias, nuestra parroquia y comunidad. La próxima ceremonia de iniciación será el martes, 8 de agosto (llegar a las 7:00 p.m. la reunión inicia a las 7:30 p.m.) Para más información, contactar al Gran Caballero: Diácono Michael al 770-319-0351.

This Week in our Parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 12:00 PM MASS

> JAZLYN RIVERA HOME SCHOOLING FAMILIES

5:00 PM MEDINA REHEARSAL

6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER

7:30 PM CORO DE NINOS

7:30 PM PLATICAS PREBAUTISMALES

8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR

11:30 AM QUINCEANERA 2:00 PM MEDINA WEDDING

3:00 PM CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACION 4:30 PM MASS

LLOYD GAVION

GLORIA GAVION

5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS

5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR

6:30 PM MISA

+ SALVADOR HUIZAR LOERA

8:00 PM CORO DE ADORACION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

6:00 AM MISA

† LUCIA AMINTA CRUZ

7:30 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

† Louis Caruso 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY

11:00 AM PRE-EVANGELIZACION

11:30 AM Mass

† ROBINSON CHIKE NKENKE

1:00 PM ENGLISH BAPTISM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 (CONT)

2:00 PM MASS

MARIA LUISA MARTINEZ & CIRENIO LIBORIO

5:00 PM MASS

† AGAPITO MONTERO

5:00 PM SP YOUTH SC MTG

6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACION

7:30 PM MISA

PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual July 22-23, 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted	\$0	\$36,750
Weekly Actual	<u>\$33,232</u>	\$33,262
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$0	(\$3,488)

FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$0	\$147,000
Actual		
Surplus/(Shortfall)		

Operating Financial Statement For the 11 months ending 5/31/17

Operating Revenue	\$2,775,210
Operating Expenses	(\$2,563,180)
Operating Revenue over Expense	\$212,030
Total Assessments	\$972,958
still owed to Archdiocese as of 5/31,	/17

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 26) Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 26)

Goal (Meta)\$16	2,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) \$33	30,491
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)\$12	1,064
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal(\$4	1,136)
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)	75%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)	1,337

Children's Offertory Ofertorio de los Niños July 22-23, 2017

Total	\$785	45
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♥ I folded my clothes the first time my Mom told me (Doblé mi ropa la primera vez que mi mamá me lo pidió) ♥ I plan to have good grades in school and read better (Planeo tener buenas calificaciones en la escuela y leer mejor) ♥ I prayed for the deceased (Oré por los difuntos) ♥ I gave my dog a bath (Bañé a mi perro) ♥ I got good grades (Sacar buenas notas) ♥ I wsshed my hair every day (Lavar mi pelo cada día) ♥ I bought ice cream for the family (Comprar helados para la familia) ♥ Being nice to my brothers (Ser Bueno con mis hermanos) ♥ I did not fight with my cousin (No pelear con mi primo) ♥ I cooked rice (Hacer arroz) ♥

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.

Stewardship in Action

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young king Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that can adversely affect the lives of others. Do we exercise good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Do we share our compassionate hearts with others?

Source: catholicstewardship.com

En la primera lectura de hoy, el joven rey Salomón nos ofrece una profunda oración de corresponsabilidad. Él pide al Señor que le dé un corazón comprensivo, compasión hacia el pueblo de Dios y el entendimiento para distinguir lo correcto de lo erróneo. Un corazón atento, o con sabiduría, es un don de Dios. Es un don que nos permite tomar buenas decisiones y hacer elecciones prudentes. Es esencial cultivar y compartir este don, especialmente cuando las decisiones inadecuadas y la falta de compasión tienen consecuencias que pueden afectar desfavorablemente la vida de otros. ¿Ejercitamos nosotros una buena corresponsabilidad del don de la sabiduría? ¿Compartimos nuestros corazones compasivos con otros?

Fuente: catholicstewardship.com

Catholic Foundation of North Georgia

Leaving your retirement plan to our parish:

A very simple way to make a gift to the parish is to make the parish one of the beneficiaries of your IRA, 401K, or other retirement plan.

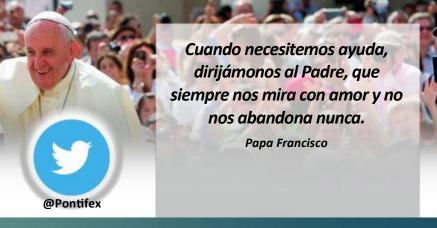
Simply call the organization that manages your plan and ask for a change of beneficiary form. You can leave a dollar amount or a percent of the remainder of your plan. This will go directly to the parish to help them for the future.

For more ways to help your parish with a future gift, please contact Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia 404-497-9440 or email jgreco@cfnga.org

When we need help, let us turn to the Father who always looks on us with love and never abandons us.

THE WAR

Pope Francis



Prayers and Devotions • Oraciones y Devociones

Altar Flowers Ofrenda Floral para el Altar

The Altar Flowers this weekend are being offered by Ms. Andrena Albury in memory of her dear parents, Bernard & Dorothy Veney.

If you would like to remember a loved one by offering altar flowers, please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.

Suggested offering: \$40.

La ofrenda floral para el Altar este fin de semana ha sido ofrecida por Andrena Albury en memoria de sus queridos padres **Bernard & Dorothy Veney.**

Si desean recordar a un ser querido ofreciendo las flores del altar, por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial al teléfono: 770-432-8579 Ext. 0. La ofrenda sugerida es de \$40.

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.

Mike Collins Bernard Atouba Ken Bushey
Amy Liddel Claudia Marquez Jamie Poulos
Leticia Paniagua Jerry Ross Juan Vargas
Linley Savary Shirley Willis Magnolia Velazquez
Alec Bauer Tindal

Readings for next week: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Reading I Primera Lectura

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Daniel 7, 9-10. 13-14

His clothing was snow bright.

La ropa de Jesús era blanca como la nieve.

Reading II Segunda Lectura 2 Peter 1:16-19 2 Pedro 1, 16-19

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven.

Nosotros mismos escuchamos esa voz venida del cielo.

Gospel Evangelio Matthew 17:1-9 Mateo 17, 1-9

His face shone like the sun. La cara de Jesús brillaba como el sol.

Prayer Line / Cadena de Oración

Saint Thomas the Apostle has 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 SN Rachel 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





PARISH OUTING

Atlanta
Botanical Gardens
Guided Tour with
Fr. Brian

Wednesday,
September 27
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
\$25 per person
(plus transportation)

Parish Outing to one of the Top Best Botanical Gardens in the country, according to USA Today!!!!!

Please join Fr. Brian for a Guided Tour of the **Atlanta Botanical Gardens** on Wednesday, September 27.

Depart from Saint Thomas the Apostle Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. and return approximately at 3:30 p.m.

Cost \$25 + bus transportation depending on the number of participants.

Sign-up in Commons.

Direct questions to Cindy Hagan 678-626-3960 or Linda Veit 678-626-3961.

Around the Archdiocese · Alrededor de la Arquidiócesis

BELIEVES: "Reconciling Faith, Business, and Ethics"

August 8, 2017

Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

Is there a challenging professional situation in which you are seeking to reconcile faith, business, and ethics?

If you would like the discernment and conversation to continue on "Reconciling Faith, Business, and Ethics" pre-registration is still open at:

www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/BELIEVES for these two remaining sessions focused on this theme.

The Way for Men Retreat (Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program)

September 15-17, 2017

Hoschton, GA

The Way for Men is a 3-day retreat for adult male survivors of abuse, offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program.

For more information and registration, please contact Sue Stubbs by August 30, 2017: 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat

September 15-17 Atlanta, GA

The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is 44 hours where married couples can really make some "HOME IMPROVEMENTS". The next available Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for September 15-17 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. You can get more information or apply online at: **GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.**

Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women: 61st Annual Convention September 22-24, 2017

Peachtree City Hotel and conference Center (Peachtree City, GA)

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