



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent • *Primer Domingo de Adviento*

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Parish Office
Main Phone: 770 - 432-8579
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Regular Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday—Friday
9:00 AM—8:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM—5:00 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
Closed on Friday & Saturday

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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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

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

Sábados 5:30 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 • Bautismo

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 bautismo. 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 Van Buren
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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MONASTERY GOODS SALE: ONE WEEKEND ONLY = December 9-10
Venta de Pasteles del Monasterio

Stock up on **biscotti, fudge, fruit cake, Monk's coffee and honey** that you will love. Buy more and give away as Christmas gifts!

Remember, the sale is one weekend only (December 9-10) so don't miss your opportunity to buy these specialty gifts from the Monastery!

Your purchase helps the Knights support our parish activities, and 67% of the profit goes to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA.

This is the second largest fund raiser each year by your Knights of Columbus. Last year, \$4,667 of our fund raising money came back to our Parish in the form of Mother's Day flowers, Father's Day medals, First Communion cards and pins, Altar Server's outing and Edge retreat donation.

Please help the Knights help Saint Thomas the Apostle!

Compra productos que te encantarán tales como **biscotti, pastel navideño de frutas, café de los Monjes y miel**. ¡Lleva más, para dar regalitos en Navidad!

Recuerda, de venta sólo una semana (9-10 de diciembre) ¡así que no pierda la oportunidad de comprar estos regalos especiales del Monasterio!

Con tu compra ayudarás a los Caballeros a apoyar nuestras actividades parroquiales, y el 67% de las ganancias se destina al Monasterio en Conyers, GA.

Esta es la segunda recaudación de fondos más grande de los Caballeros. El año pasado, \$4.667 de las ventas regresaron a nuestra Parroquia como flores para el Día de la Madre, medallas para el Día del Padre, tarjetas y broches de 1a Comunión, paseo para Servidores de Altar y patrocinio de retiros Edge.

¡Ayuda a los Caballeros a ayudar a Santo Tomás Apóstol!



**DECEMBER 9-10
ONLY**

**DE VENTA EL
9-10 DE DICIEMBRE**



1st Sunday of Advent

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

Make an Advent calendar.

Together as a family, write what you will do each day to get ready for Jesus' coming.

Make a manger or an empty stable for the infant Jesus.

Each evening during Advent, each member of the family tells one kind thing he or she has done that day to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Each places a straw in the manger for each good thing that he or she has done.

As a family, make an Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreens with four candles. Use a Styrofoam ring for the base. Hollow out four holes to fit the candles. Four candles identify the weeks of Advent: three are purple, for the long wait; one pink, for the third Sunday to express our joy that we are halfway through our Advent waiting. Decorate with artificial evergreen twigs and berries. Place the Advent wreath on your family table and light it when you pray during advent.

Discuss the following question with your family:

What will it take for you to get ready to meet Christ at Christmas?

Source: Lectionary Link

Children's Christmas Choir Coro Navideño de Niños (en inglés)

What?

Children's Choir to lead music at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in English.

For whom?

Children in grades Kindergarten through 8 (Grade level is the determining factor, not age.)

What Is Required?

Participating children must:

- Attend at least three of the four rehearsals in order to participate on Christmas Eve.
- BE ON TIME for rehearsal!
- Arrive for Christmas Eve Mass by NO LATER THAN 3:15 p.m.

Coro Navideño de Niños, para participar en la Misa de Nochebuena en inglés de 4:00 p.m., el domingo 24 de diciembre.

Se invita a niños de Kinder a Grado 8. Deben registrarse con anticipación y asistir puntualmente al menos a 3 ensayos. Espacio limitado.

El día de la Misa deben llegar a las 3:15 p.m. 🎵



Limited space! Only the first 50 children registered will be allowed to participate. Espacio limitado. Sólo los primeros 50 niños que se registren podrán participar.

Register online ▪ Anotarse en línea:

www.stthomastheapostle.org/cc-2017

Children's Choir Rehearsals ▪ Ensayos del Coro Navideño de Niños

Four rehearsals (mark these dates CAREFULLY on your calendar!):

- Monday, December 4 – 5:45 p.m.—6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- Thursday, December 14 – 5:45 p.m.—6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 18 – 5:45 p.m.—6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- Thursday, December 21 – 5:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

For details, contact Patty Smith via email psmith@stthomastheapostle.org or submit your information by phone to Patty at 770-241-9343.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Solemnidad la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

Holy Day of Obligation
Día de Precepto

ENGLISH MASSES

Thursday, December 7

- 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8

- 6:30 a.m.
- 8:15 a.m.
- 12 Noon
- 6:30 p.m.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

Español:

Jueves, 7 de diciembre

- 8:30 p.m.

Viernes, 8 de diciembre

- 8:30 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PENANCE SERVICE:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.
Marque su calendario para nuestro Servicio Penitencial:
Lunes, 18 de diciembre, 7:00 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
Celebración de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Monday, December 11

(Jim R. Miller Park)

- 6:00 p.m. Traditional dances & Rosary
- 10:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Tuesday, December 12

(St. Thomas Church)

- 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lunes, 11 de diciembre

(Jim R. Miller Park)

- 6:00 p.m. Danza Matachines y Rosario
- 10:30 p.m.

Martes, 12 de diciembre

(Iglesia Santo Tomás)

- 2:00 p.m. y 7:00 p.m.

BENDICION DE LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

Señor nuestro Dios, te alabamos por tu Hijo, Jesucristo:
él es Emmanuel, la esperanza de los pueblos,
él es la sabiduría que nos enseña y nos guía,
él es el Salvador de cada nación.

Señor Dios, deja que tu bendición venga sobre nosotros
mientras encendemos las velas de esta corona.

Que la corona y su luz

sean un signo de la promesa de Cristo para traernos la salvación

Que Él venga rápido y no se demore.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Amén.



1er Domingo de
Adviento

Elija una de las siguientes actividades para seguir reflexionando sobre las lecturas del domingo:

Prepare un calendario de Adviento. En familia, escriban lo que harán cada día para estar listos para la venida de Jesús.

Prepare un pesebre o un establo vacío para el niño Jesús. Todas las noches durante el Adviento, cada miembro de la familia cuenta acerca de una obra amable que ha hecho ese día para prepararse para la venida de Jesús. Cada uno pone una paja sobre el pesebre por cada buena obra que haya hecho.

En familia, preparen una corona de Adviento. La corona de Adviento es un círculo de ramas de hoja perenne con cuatro velas. Las cuatro velas representan las semanas del Adviento: tres de ellas son violeta, por la larga espera; una es rosa, por el tercer domingo, para expresar nuestro gozo por estar a la mitad de nuestra espera del Adviento.

Coloquen la corona de Adviento sobre la mesa familiar y enciéndanla cuando oren durante el Adviento.

Comente la siguiente pregunta con su familia:
¿Qué se necesita para prepararse para el encuentro con Cristo en Navidad?



Parents' Ministry Potluck
Saturday, December 9
5:00 p.m.
Social Hall

Come join us for the first gathering of our Parents Ministry at Saint Thomas the Apostle.

Please bring your favorite dish to share. Come for food, faith sharing, and speaker Deacon Rich.

To RSVP for this event, learn about other Parents Ministry events, and/or provide suggestions about future events please email:

St.Thomas.Parents.Ministry@gmail.com

RSVP by Wednesday, December 6.

Stephen Ministry

Ministerio de Apoyo



Going through a tough time—emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down?

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help!

Trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful.

Contact our Stephen Leader:

Lauren Russell at 404-319-1761 or Nina Delk at 770-722-3409.

Adopt a family for Christmas

Adopta a una familia para las Navidades

Enhance and bless your Christmas spirit by sharing your material blessings with others. This program runs until December 11.

For more details please contact:
Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.



Intensifica y bendice tu espíritu de la Navidad compartiendo tus bendiciones materiales con otros. Hay tiempo hasta el 11 de diciembre.

Para más detalles favor de llamar a Don Sabbarese al 770-435-3024.

Thank You from our Knights of Columbus

Agradecimiento de parte de los Caballeros de Colón

A heartfelt "Thank You" to the entire Saint Thomas community for your generous support of our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards & magnets sale. Knights of Columbus Council 12386 Deacon Michael Garrett, Grand Knight

Un sincero agradecimiento a toda la comunidad de Santo Tomás el Apóstol por su generoso apoyo durante nuestra venta anual de tarjetas e imanes navideños. Caballeros de Colón 12386 Diácono Michael Garrett, Gran Caballero



This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 12:00 PM **Mass**
 HERMIONE VALCIN
 4:30 PM PSR
 5:45 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 7:00 PM MONDAY NIGHT CHOIR
 7:00 PM PSR
 7:00 PM RCIA
 7:00 PM ROSARIO
 7:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY
 8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
 8:30 PM **Misa**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 12:00 PM **Mass**
 † JENNY HARASIN
 7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
 7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 7:00 PM MARIA NINA CHOIR
 7:00 PM RCIT
 7:00 PM SVdP
 8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
 8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
 8:30 PM **Misa**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY
 8:15 AM **Mass**
 † ANN & ANTHONY YORIO
 9:00 AM ADORATION
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK GATHERING
 6:30 PM ENG CONFIRMATION MTG
 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
 7:00 PM ADVENT PROGRAM
 7:00 PM **Mass**
 GISSEL ACCILLEN & FAMILY
 7:00 PM PSR
 7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND
 7:30 PM SPANISH CONFIRMATION MTG
 7:35 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE
 8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
 8:30 PM **Misa**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
 5:30 PM SP REHEARSAL
 6:30 PM **Mass**
 † RODOLFO PROAÑO
 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR
 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
 7:30 PM KofC EXEMPLIFICATION PRACTICE
 8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
 8:30 PM **Misa**

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)—Pantry Donations

Donaciones para Despensa de San Vicente de Paúl (SVdP)

PANTRY DONATIONS:

Thanks to all of parishioners at Saint Thomas the Apostle for your generous support of those less fortunate. The **SVdP food pantry distributed 65 Thanksgiving Baskets** to needy families on November 18. The Food Pantry is in need of your help once again to **provide 75 families with Christmas baskets** on December 15.

Some of the items needs are: **canned corn, scallop or au gratin potatoes, canned fruit, mac-n-cheese, and canned pork & beans.**

Other items needed to continue to supply families with food are: **cereal, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry soap, shampoo and feminine products.**

DONACIONES PARA LA DESPENSA:

*Gracias a todos los feligreses de Santo Tomás el Apóstol por su generoso apoyo a los menos afortunados. La despensa de alimentos **SVdP distribuyó 65 Canastas de Acción de Gracias** a las familias necesitadas el 18 de noviembre. La Despensa necesita su ayuda una vez más para brindar **Canastas de Navidad a 75 familias**, el 15 de diciembre.*

*Algunas de las necesidades de los artículos son: **maíz enlatado, papas gratinadas, fruta enlatada, macarrones con queso, y latas de frijoles con carne de cerdo.***

*Otros artículos necesarios para seguir suministrando alimentos a las familias son: **cereales, salsa de espagueti, cátsup, mostaza, papel higiénico, pasta de dientes, jabón para lavar, champú y productos femeninos***



Youth Ministry

Ministerio de Jóvenes



EDGE Lock In: MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

December 8-9, 2017

Friday 8:00 p.m.—

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Open to all Middle School Students.

Early Bird is \$25. Limited Space.



Life Teen Christmas Charity Ball: HS STUDENTS

December 17, 2017

6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Social Hall

Open to All High School Students. Early Bird Ticket is \$25 until 12/8/2017.

Tickets will be \$30 after that date.

Includes Dinner, Desserts, Music & Giveaways!

Estela Martínez

Youth Minister

678-626-3936

emartinez@

stthomastheapostle.org

This Week in our Parish

Updated on November 27, 2017

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 AM MASS
 8:15 AM MASS
 ANGELICA TAMAYO DE PROAÑO
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 11:30 AM ROSARY
 12:00 PM MASS
 EVANS BELIZAIRE
 4:00 PM RUIZ QUINCEANERA
 6:30 AM 33 DAYS CONSACRATION
 6:30 PM MASS
 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
 7:00 PM MARIA NIÑA CHOIR
 8:00 PM EDGE LOCK-IN
 8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
 8:30 PM MISA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM KOF-C EXEMPLIFICATION
 8:00 AM ULTREYA
 9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
 10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA
 10:00 AM RECONCILIATION SHOW-N-TELL
 11:00 AM MARIA NIÑA CHOIR
 2:00 PM LEON WEDDING
 3:00 PM CONFESSION
 4:30 PM ENGLISH MASS
 † CHRIS HARDING
 5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
 6:30 PM MISA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:00 AM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
 6:00 AM MISA
 ALLISON MONCAYO
 7:30 AM MASS
 PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS
 9:00 AM RCIA
 9:30 AM MASS
 † WILLIAM ANDERSON
 9:30 AM PSR
 11:00 AM FIRES
 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
 11:15 AM PSR
 11:30 AM MASS
 PRECIOUS LUNA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 (CONT)

2:00 PM MISA
 GUADALUPE HURTADO
 2:30 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
 5:00 PM MASS
 † JOSE ARCADIO VILLATORO
 6:00 PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT
 7:30 PM MISA

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

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

	FY 2018	FY 2017
Budgeted	\$38,462	\$36,750
Actual.....	<u>\$33,135</u>	<u>\$36,625</u>
Surplus.....	(\$5,327)	(\$125)

FY2018 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$846,164	\$808,500
Actual.....	<u>\$816,320</u>	<u>\$794,488</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$29,844)		(\$14,012)

Operating Financial Statement
For the 3 months ending 9/30/17

Operating Revenue.....	\$809,724
Operating Expenses	(\$718,867)
Operating Revenue over Expense.....	\$90,857
Total Assessments	\$917,374
still owed to Archdiocese as of 10/31/17	

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 45)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 45)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)	\$344,574
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)	\$181,998
Surplus to Goal	\$19,798
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....	112%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)	1,423



If you still have a pledge balance to the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For IRS purposes, gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2017 in order to be included in your 2017 tax letter.

Si aún no ha terminado de pagar su compromiso a la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo, por favor haga su pago tan pronto como sea posible. Sus donaciones deben ser entregadas a más tardar el 31 de diciembre del 2017 para que sean incluidas en el reporte de impuestos del 2017.

DONATE ONLINE

Haz tu donación en línea

www.appeal.archatl.com



Job Opening
Oportunidad de Empleo

Accounts Payable/ Human Resources Coordinator

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church is seeking a **full-time Accounts Payable and Human Resources Coordinator**. Qualified candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Office, especially Word, Excel and Outlook, and be able to quickly learn new software applications. Requirements include strong organizational and communication skills, attention to detail, and the ability to multi-task and work independently.

Five+ years of related work experience is required.

Responsibilities include: complete processing of accounts payable, including coding invoices, preparing checks, maintaining supporting documentation, and preparing 1099's for vendors; posting financial transactions from weekly receipts to parish database; assisting with implementation and administration of all human resource policies, procedures and functions for parish personnel; processing new employee documents, employee changes and terminations; screening parish volunteers and processing volunteer applications and background consent forms; and coordinating parish liability and property insurance and workers' compensation.

Please send cover letter (with salary requirements) and resume to **Theresa Southwood** at tsouthwood@stthomastheapostle.org or **Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 4300 King Springs Rd SE, Smyrna, GA 30082.**

At the end of time, when the Lord comes to meet us, our joy will be immense. We live in anticipation of this encounter!

Pope Francis



@Pontifex

Al final de los días, cuando el Señor venga a nuestro encuentro, la alegría será inmensa. ¡Vivamos esperando este encuentro!

Papa Francisco

Prayers and Devotions ▪ Oraciones y Devociones

Altar Flowers ▪ Flores del Altar

The Altar Flowers this weekend are being offered by:

Dolores Cambal, in memory of her father,
✠ Arturo Concepcion.

Las flores del altar este fin de semana las ofrecen:

Dolores Cambal, en memoria de su padre,
✠ Arturo Concepcion.



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.

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.

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| Mariana Badillo | Gilberto Camuñez | Carolyn Goerke |
| Joann Lenz | Jose Salgado | Patrick Kidd |
| Fr. Rodrigo Vega | Manuelita Tan | Lilian Odumodu |
| | John Wilt | Blanca Petitone |

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
- E-4 Spc Jose Martinez, USA
- HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN
- LT Jeff Ramey, USMC

Readings for next weekend:

Second Sunday of Advent ▪ Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Reading I <i>Primera Lectura</i>	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 <i>Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11</i>
Prepare the way of the Lord! <i>¡Tracen una senda para Dios!</i>	
Reading II <i>Segunda Lectura</i>	2 Peter 3:8-14 <i>2 Pedro 3:8-14</i>
Be holy in your conduct and devotion. <i>Les corresponde llevar una vida santa y piadosa.</i>	
Gospel <i>Evangelio</i>	Mark 1:1-8 <i>Marcos 1:1-8</i>
I send my messenger before you. <i>Te voy a enviar a mi mensajero delante de ti.</i>	

Knights of Columbus
NEWS

**Congratulations to our newest
4th Degree Sir Knights &
3rd Degree Knights:**

Henry Nzeribe, Athanasius Ogbugo and Jonathon Rabidou became Full Knights of the 3rd Degree. *Roy Simpson and Jim Tracey* became Sir Knights of the 4th Degree.

When you see them, be sure to congratulate these Brother Knights on their advancement in our Order.

December Events

Tuesday 12/5:

Council Business Meeting
Community House
Rosary recitation at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 12/9 at 1:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling
Delmar Gardens Assisted Living

Sat. & Sun. 12/9 & 12/10:

Monastery Goods sales
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Wednesday 12/13 at 7:00 p.m.

4th Degree Assembly Meeting
Social Hall
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7:40 p.m.
Volunteers needed for setup, the kitchen and cleanup.

Saturday 12/16 at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Caroling
Provident Village at Creekside

Tuesday 12/19 at 7:15 p.m.

Council Officers Meeting
Community House
All Council members are invited to attend.

Sunday 12/31 at 12:30 p.m.

5th Sunday Rosary
Main Sanctuary
Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Preschool registration for the 2018-2019 school year will take place as follows:

Currently enrolled families: January 22-26

Active parishioners: February 5-9

Non-Parishioners: February 12 until classes are full.

Preschool Tours: 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 29
- Wednesday, December 6
- Wednesday, January 10, 17 and 24,

Please note that the preschool will be closed for Christmas and New Year's break December 18, 2017 through January 3, 2018.

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Tuition fees for the 2018-2019 school year will be available the week of January 22 at www.sttapreschool.org or in the commons area of the church.



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