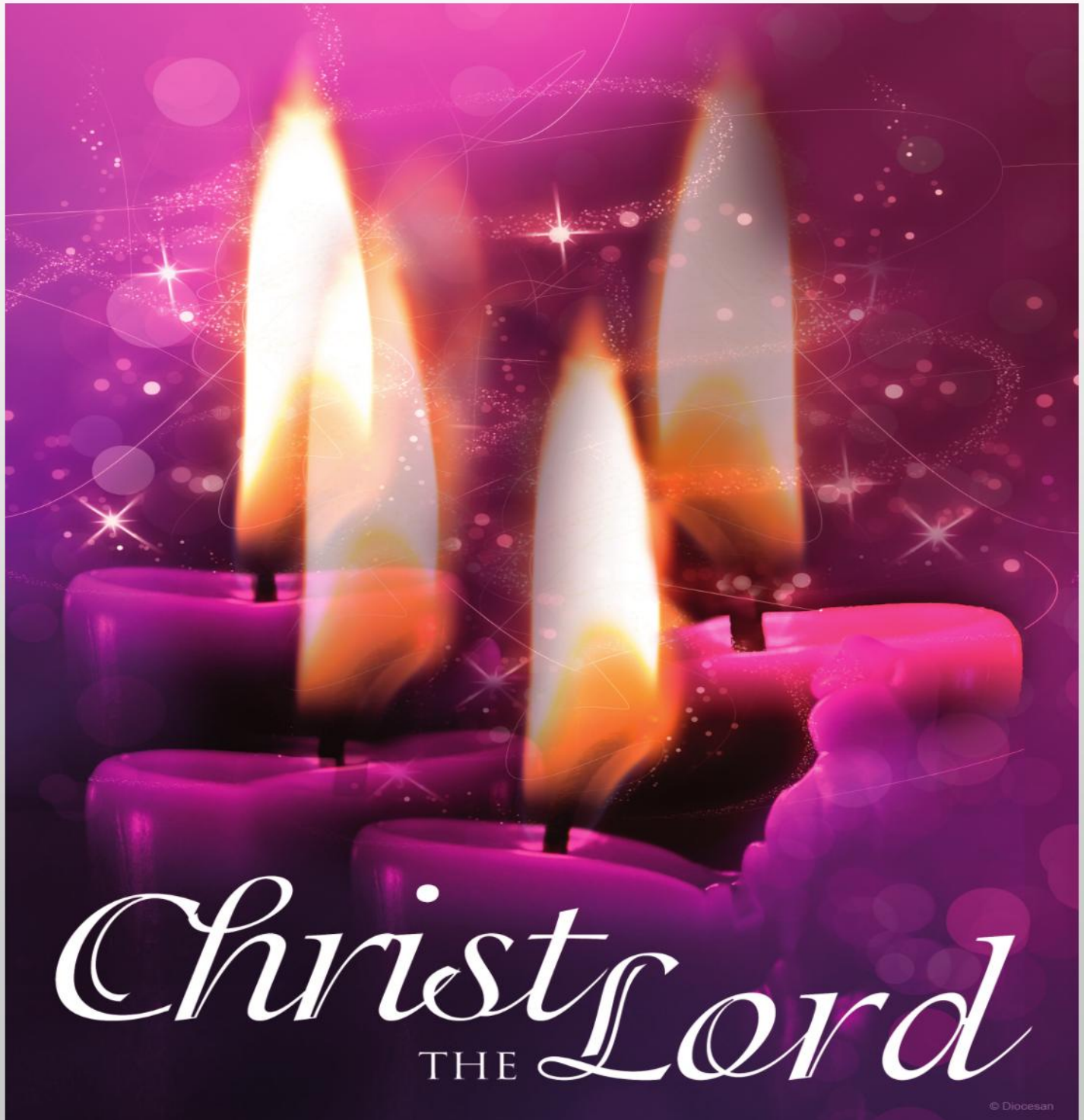




SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent • *Cuarto Domingo de Adviento*



Clergy Clero

Pastor:

Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S.
678-626-3938
frbrian@stthomastheapostle.org

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Rev. Jojohn Chettiyakunnel, M.S.
678-626-3953
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770-432-8579 Ext. 0

Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence)
678-626-3959

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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
Fax. 770 - 432-8570

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)
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
Sunday7:30 AM, 9:30 AM
11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Confession

Saturday3:00 PM

Adoration

Wednesday9:00 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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

UN MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS and may the New Year of 2018 be blessed with an increase of FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

We at Saint Thomas the Apostle are thrilled to celebrate with you the momentous birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our prayers invite God to bless you with what you need to SEE and HEAR Jesus in the midst of a world filled with so many sights and sounds. It is faith that allows us to SEE him and HEAR Jesus.

May the festivities bring an increase of LOVE and HOPE.

Father Brian (Pastor)



FELIZ, FELIZ NAVIDAD y que el Año Nuevo de 2018 sea bendecido con un aumento de FE, ESPERANZA Y AMOR.

Nosotros, en Santo Tomás Apóstol, estamos muy contentos de celebrar con ustedes el trascendental nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Nuestras oraciones invitan a Dios a que te bendiga con lo que necesitas para VER y OÍR a Jesús en medio de un mundo lleno de tantas imágenes y sonidos. Es la fe o que nos permite VER y OÍR a Jesús.

Que las festividades traigan un aumento de AMOR y ESPERANZA.

Padre Brian (Párroco)

Sing-Along!**Christmas Carol Sing Along!**

**Tuesday, December 26
7:00 p.m.**

Main Sanctuary

Let's gather in the church on the Tuesday after Christmas, to keep the joy in the season by sharing in a fun and informal Christmas Carol sing-along!

Together, we'll sing religious and secular favorites like

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,"

"Let It Snow,"

"Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer,"

"Joy to the World," and many more!

It will be all music, friendship, smiles and laughs.

Bring friends and family, and SING, SING, SING!



Solemnity of Christmas: Holy Day of Obligation

Attend an additional Mass from the following list:

Sunday, December 24, 2017: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy English Mass
(Main Sanctuary)

4:00 p.m. Traditional English Mass (Social Hall)

6:00 p.m. Traditional English Mass
(Main Sanctuary)

11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols & Hymns followed by
Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25, 2017: Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Traditional English Mass
(Main Sanctuary)

11:30 a.m. Traditional English Mass
(Main Sanctuary)



Solemnidad de Navidad: Día de Precepto

Asistir a UNA de estas Misas también:

Domingo, 24 de diciembre de 2017: Nochebuena

8:00 p.m. Misa de Nochebuena en español

NO habrá Misas de domingo en español a las 2:00 p.m. o 7:30 p.m. el domingo, 24 de diciembre de 2017.

Lunes, 25 de diciembre de 2017: Navidad

2:00 p.m. Misa de Navidad en español

6:30 p.m. Misa de Navidad en español

4th Sunday of Advent



Mary said "yes" to God's call without knowing what it would mean. Her story shows that nothing is impossible with God.

Think of one area of your family life that you think is impossible. During prayer time this week, ask God for assistance with that family situation.

Gather with your family and say the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together. Ask Mary to give you the courage to listen to God as she did.

Each of us has a place in the unfolding story of our family history. How have you carried on the story of faith in your family?

Review the Hail Mary with your children. Make sure they can each say it from memory.

Source: Lectionary Link

Saint Thomas the Apostle Preschool Registration

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,** 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.

Our Preschool program serves children from 18 months through young five.

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.

For more information, please call: 770-293-1267.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

PRAY

God of every nation and people, as we look at this Holy Family, we pray for all families: those we know, and those we do not, those who live on the other side of the world, and those who live on the other side of the street. Amen

REFLECT

When have you experienced hope during a difficult time? How can you bring hope to someone else in need this Christmas?

ACT

Invite someone you know who may be having a difficult time over to share in a home cooked meal.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

We encourage you to explore the offerings of our parish. We think you will find many opportunities to encourage your engagement in our common spiritual journey.

Register as a Parishioner:

If you regularly worship at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, we ask that you please register with us. You may complete the registration form available on the Welcome Desk of our Commons Area, at the Front Office, or online at:
stthomastheapostle.org/portfolio/registration/

Information for Families with young children:**Nursery available:**

Our parish offers nursery care during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. English Masses, as well as the 2:00 p.m. Spanish mass on Sundays, for children from walking age through 4 years old. Space is limited. To reserve a spot for your child and receive more information, please contact Maria Smith at 404-579-4150. We look forward to meeting your children!
stthomastheapostle.org/ministries/nursery

Children Welcome!

Parish School of Religion (PSR) offers formation for children and youth in need of sacraments. For more information, please call 770-432-5296.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Preschool offers classes from 2 year old to Pre-K 4. Registration for new families for the 2018-2019 year will take place in February.

For more details see Page 4 or call 770-293-1267.

Story Time meets weekly, on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (Classroom #2) during the school year. Children ages 1-5 listen to a story, make a craft based on the book we read, and enjoy a snack. New faces are always welcome! A parent or guardian must be present.

Children Stewardship:

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. Some of the messages are published in our weekly bulletin, as part of our Stewardship of Treasure information. Plant the seeds of a generous heart!

Parents' Ministry Potluck:

Saturday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Come for food, faith sharing, and speaker Deacon Rich.

REFLEXION PARA EL CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

ORAR

Dios de todas las naciones y pueblos, al mirar a esta Sagrada Familia, oramos por todas las familias; las que conocemos y las que no conocemos, las que viven del otro lado del mundo, y las que viven del otro lado de la calle. Amén.

REFLEXIONAR

¿Cuándo has experimentado esperanza durante un momento difícil?
¿Cómo puedes llevar esperanza a alguien necesitado en esta Navidad?

ACTUAR

Invita a alguien que conoces que pudiera estar pasando por un momento difícil a compartir una comida casera.

IV Domingo Adviento

María dijo "sí" al llamado de Dios sin saber lo que significaría. Su historia nos muestra que nada es imposible para Dios.

Piense en alguna situación de su vida familiar que cree que es imposible. Durante el tiempo de oración en esta semana, pida a Dios que lo ayude con esa situación.

Reúnanse con su familia y recen los Misterios Gozosos del Rosario. Pidán a María que les dé el coraje de escuchar a Dios como ella lo hizo.

Cada uno de nosotros tiene un lugar en el desarrollo de nuestra historia familiar. ¿Cómo ha transmitido la historia de fe a su familia?

Repase el Ave María con sus hijos. Asegúrese de que todos puedan decirlo de memoria.

Fuente: Lectionary Link

STAY CONNECTED

Keep us updated

Have you moved? Married? Changed your email address? Help us keep our database up-to-date by sending us your changes via email to:

jcasey@stthomastheapostle.org

Masses On-Demand and live broadcast

The live broadcast of the Mass helps build a sense of community and involvement for many who are homebound and/or unable to attend.

For more information, please visit our website at: stthomastheapostle.org/media

Ministry for the Sick and Homebound:

Please inform us about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, by calling the Parish Office at: **770-432-8579 Ext. 0**



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[stthomastheapostlechurch](https://www.facebook.com/stthomastheapostlechurch)

SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS: CONFIRMATION

Sacramentos para Adultos: Confirmacion

Are you an adult in need of completing the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation deepens your baptismal life by strengthening your relationship with the Holy Spirit and empowering you to participate more fully in the mission of the church.

Why is this important?

This relationship will help you grow as a disciple of Christ, through the seven gifts the Holy Spirit offers us: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Counsel, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

How does it benefit you?

Through baptism you entered into a relationship with the Holy Spirit, through Confirmation you are invited to express your faith and be sealed and strengthened through visible signs that make present to you the invisible relationship we have with the Holy Spirit.

English speaking Confirmation classes

Tuesday evenings
beginning January 9-February 27, 2018
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us!

For more information, please contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at:
678-626-3960 (Linda Veit) or
678-626-3961 (Cindy Hagan)

Continue your journey of faith

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an opportunity for you to 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

For more information please contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at:
678-626-3960 (Linda Veit) or
678-626-3961 (Cindy Hagan)



This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 PM MASS (MAIN SANCTUARY)
† JOANN YORIO
4:00 PM MASS (SOCIAL HALL)
† MENESIA VELA
† JOSE MIRANDA
6:00 PM MASS (MAIN SANCTUARY)
† CHRISTOPHER VAN BUREN
8:00 PM MISA (MAIN SANCTUARY)
† LEOBARDO RAMIREZ, JR.
† EMILIANO TORRES
8:00 PM MISA (SOCIAL HALL)
DANNY ALVAREZ
11:30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS
12:00 AM MIDNIGHT MASS
† CHRIS HARDING



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

9:30 AM MASS
† ELSIE TORO
11:30 AM MASS
† CONCEPCION CALDERA TORRES
2:00 PM MISA
BELEN RODRIGUEZ
FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ
YANIRA RODRIGUEZ
ELEUTERIA GUILLEN
6:30 PM MISA
† MARIA MANUELA GOMEZ

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO PRESCHOOL

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 PM MASS
† WEN-LIN XING
7:00 PM CHRISTMAS
CAROL SING ALONG
8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO ADORATION

NO PRESCHOOL

NO PSR

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY
8:15 AM MASS
7:00 PM MASS
† DOMINIC MAU NGUYEN
† ANNA VAN THI NGUYEN
7:35 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE

Spiritual Growth
Crecimiento Espiritual

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
(Main Sanctuary)

Bible Study:

Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m., or every other Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.
(Adult Faith Formation Building)

Contact:
Linda Veit at 678-626-3961.

Evangelization Retreat:

April 16-22, 2018
(Main Sanctuary)

Contact:
John Casey at 678-626-3950.

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
(Adult Faith Formation building)

Contact:
Carolus Korie at 770-944-9150.



Stephen Ministry

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

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help!

A Stephen Minister is a member of our parish who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn more, contact our Stephen Leaders at:
404-319-1761

Service Opportunities
Oportunidades para Servir

Volunteer for our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and reach out to families in need.

Volunteers needed for food pantry, hotline, and other capacities. Training provided.

Please leave a message at the SVdP Hotline: 678-626-3939.

Feed the Hungry:

Volunteers needed to prepare sandwiches and/or distribute them on Saturday mornings to those most in need, in the Hollowell Parkway area.

For more information, please contact:
Pauline Bullard-Moore at 678-234-6907 or Johanna Baldwin at 404-717-9706.

Lenten Food Drive:

Coming up in February-March of 2018, this effort collects food and monetary donations for the poorest of the poor in Kingston, Jamaica. Stay tuned for more information!

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick is in need of more ministers.

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.**

Pray the Holy Rosary
Reza el Santo Rosario

We invite you to join our parish community and pray the Rosary regularly, on the following schedule:

FIDELES Rosary

Wednesdays

7:00 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Men's prayer group, adoration and Rosary.

Rosary for Life:

Wednesdays

7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

Main Sanctuary

Friday Rosary:

Fridays

11:30 a.m. (before Mass)

Main Sanctuary

Saturday Rosary:

Saturdays

7:30 a.m.

Stroll the campus & pray

Saturday Morning Men's prayer group.

Rosario en español:

Todos los lunes

7:00 p.m. (antes de Misa)

Iglesia

This Week in our Parish

Updated on December 18, 2017

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO PRESCHOOL
NO PSR

7:00 PM MISA
† LUCILLE GUSTAFSON
8:00 PM MISA
† CATALINA GUERRERO
† JUAN ROJAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO PRESCHOOL

11:30 AM ROSARY
12:00 PM MASS
† GEORGE GARGER
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
7:00 PM MARIA NINA CHOIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
12:00 PM HERNANDEZ BAPTISM
1:00 PM SOLANO WEDDING
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM ENGLISH MASS
JOAN CONWAY
5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
6:30 PM MISA
BRANDEN ROMAN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

NO PSR

NO RCIA

6:00 AM MISA
7:30 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:30 AM MASS
1:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY
2:00 PM MISA
† MARIA DEL CARMEN LOPEZ
† SABAS HUERTA
5:00 PM MASS
† FELIX CORONADO
† CDESARIO CORONADO
† PIEDAD MESTA
7:30 PM MASS

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual December 16-17, 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2018	FY 2017
Budgeted	\$38,462	\$36,750
Actual.....	<u>\$48,988</u>	<u>\$35,186</u>
Surplus.....	\$10,526	(\$1,564)

FY2018 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$961,550	\$918,750
Actual.....	<u>\$941,975</u>	<u>\$920,908</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$19,575)		\$2,158

Operating Financial Statement For the 4 months ending 10/31/17

Operating Revenue.....	\$1,003,859
Operating Expenses	(\$958,568)
Operating Revenue over Expense	\$45,291
Total Assessments	\$917,374
still owed to Archdiocese as of 10/31/17	

For your prayerful consideration as the Year comes to a close...

So many people have told us that Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish means a lot to them. They find it to be a setting that offers spiritual nourishment with opportunities to grow in service. We are glad that many people come to us and that the LOVE of God is communicated to them. We depend on the generosity of those who find this Parish a meaningful place for them. As you determine your year-end charitable giving, please remember the Shrine. Any size gift is welcome. Also, remember to see if your place of employment will match your gift. You can make checks payable to: Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish. Thank you and God bless you.

Father Brian

Para su consideración en oración al llegar el fin de año ...

Muchas personas nos han dicho que la Parroquia de Santo Tomás Apóstol significa mucho para ellos. Encuentran que es un entorno que ofrece alimento espiritual con oportunidades para crecer en servicio. Nos alegra que muchas personas vengan a nosotros y que el AMOR de Dios les sea comunicado. Dependemos de la generosidad de aquellos que encuentran en esta Parroquia un lugar significativo para ellos. Cuando determine su donación caritativa de fin de año, recuerde el Santuario. Cualquier tamaño de donación es bienvenido. Además, recuerde revisar si su lugar de trabajo iguala sus donaciones. Pueden hacer sus cheques pagaderos a: Parroquia Saint Thomas the Apostle. Gracias y que Dios les bendiga. Padre Brian.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 48) Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 48)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)	\$346,254
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos).....	\$190,466
Surplus to Goal (Ganancia sobre la meta)	\$28,266
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)	117%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	1,426

IRS Requirements: Important End of Year Notice

To be included in the 2017 individual tax statements, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that parishioner gifts and pledge payments to the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, whether mailed directly by the individual or forwarded by the parish, must be postmarked by December 31, 2017.

December 31 falls on a Sunday, so Appeal gifts forwarded to Agilis after that date, though still applicable to the 2017 parish goal/rebate purposes, will be reflected on 2018 individual tax statements.

To meet the IRS deadline, please make year-end gifts to the Appeal online (**donate.archatl.com**) or mail your payments as you would any other year-end charitable gift by December 31 directly to:

*Archbishop's Annual Appeal
P.O. Box 6065
Albert Lea, MN 56007-6665*

Requisitos del IRS: Aviso importante de fin de año

Para ser incluido en las declaraciones de impuestos individuales de 2017, el Servicio de Impuestos Internos (IRS) requiere que las donaciones y los pagos del compromiso a la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo de 2017, sean enviados directamente por el individuo o remitidos por la parroquia, con sello postal antes del 31 de diciembre de 2017.

El 31 de diciembre cae en domingo, por lo que sus donaciones del Compromiso después de esa fecha, aunque siguen siendo aplicables a los objetivos de la meta y reembolso de la parroquia de 2017, se reflejarán en las declaraciones de impuestos individuales de 2018.

Para cumplir con la fecha límite del IRS, realice donaciones de fin de año para la Campaña en línea (**donate.archatl.com**) o envíe por correo sus pagos como lo haría con cualquier otra donación benéfica de fin de año antes del 31 de diciembre directamente a:

*Archbishop's Annual Appeal
P.O. Box 6065
Albert Lea, MN 56007-6665*

Every stranger
that knocks at our door
is an opportunity
to meet Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis

Cada extranjero
que llama a nuestra puerta
es una ocasión
de encuentro con Jesucristo.

Papa Francisco



@Pontifex

Prayers and Devotions ▪ Oraciones y Devociones

Altar Flowers ▪ Flores del Altar

Would you like to have a special way to remember a loved one?

Are you celebrating an anniversary?

Is there someone in your life celebrating a special birthday?

For any of these occasions or more, you are invited to request flowers for the altar. Please call the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 0. Suggested offering: \$40

¿Quieres recordar a alguien de manera especial?

¿Quizás estás celebrando un aniversario? ¿Hay alguien que esté celebrando un cumpleaños especial?

Para todas estas ocasiones y más, te invitamos a hacer una ofrenda floral para el altar.

Por favor llama a la Oficina Parroquial para más información: 770-432-8579 Ext. 0. Donación sugerida: \$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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| Greg Cantrell | Milagros Bellido | Arturo López |
| Martina Garcia Reyes | Gilberto Camuñez | Blanca Petitione |
| Rene Mauricio Posada | Juan Espinos | Angelica Suarez |
| Brian Sims | Miguel Martinez | |
| Fr. Rodrigo Vega | | |

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. **Please note: This list will be refreshed on the first weekend of 2018. The names of your loved ones will need to be reported once again.**

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Readings for next weekend:

The Holy Family ▪ La Sagrada Familia

Reading I
Primera Lectura

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Sirácides 3:3-7, 14-17a

Honor your father and your mother.
Honra a tu padre y a tu madre.

Reading II
Segunda Lectura

Col 3:12-21
Colosenses 3:12-21

Do everything in the name of the Lord.
Hagan todo en nombre del Señor

Gospel
Evangelio

Luke 2:22-40
Lucas 2:22-40

The presentation of the Lord.
La presentaci[on] del Señor.

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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all
from your Knights of Columbus
Council 12386*

January Events**Tuesday 1/9:****Council Business Meeting**

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

Wednesday 1/10:**4th Degree Assembly Meeting**

Holy Family Parish Hall
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7:40 p.m.

Sunday 1/14:**Altar Servers Appreciation Bowling Extravaganza**

Brunswick Azalea Lanes, Austell Road
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday 1/23:**Council Officers Meeting**

Community House from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
All Council members are invited to attend.

Saturday 1/27:**Assembly 2161's Annual Faithful Navigator's Ball**

From 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Holy Family Parish Hall
Cost is \$25 per person. Dress is formal.
All Knights and their wives are invited to attend.

SACRAMENTS

Please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 0 for more information on any of the following:

Sacraments:**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Confessional Room, next to the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe (back of the Commons Area)

Baptism for children:

The baptismal preparation class for parents is offered throughout the year.

Baptism for infants:

(0-7years old) may be celebrated upon completion of all requirements. Please contact the Parish Office for additional information for children older than 7.

Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire, and before making any other wedding plans.

Other sacraments:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions:

Weekday and weekend Masses may be offered for those who have died or are ill. It is also customary to offer Masses in thanksgiving, or on the occasion of birthdays and special celebrations. The suggested offering is \$15.

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