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December 31, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph • La Sagrada Familia

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:40

FIESTA DE LA Sagrada Familia

FEAST OF THE

Foly Family

El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él. Lucas 2, 40

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, 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



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Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

English Mass Schodulo

English Wass 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 · 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.

770-432-8579 Ext. 0

Parish Office stthomasga@stthomastheapostle.org

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.

Parish Office 770-432-8579 Ext. 0 stthomasga@stthomastheapostle.org Connecting with the Sunday Readings Conectando con las lecturas de este domingo

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

his is a special feast for all families. The Church points to the importance of family life by focusing on our "first family." The silence in the New Testament about their life for so many years is a good sign that their life was quite ordinary. And it's worth asking why did Jesus, Son of God, spend, by far, most of his life in such ordinary circumstances? What is being communicated to us by that fact?

Notice how the Gospel according to Luke emphasizes the presence of the Spirit of God. The scene is the temple in Jerusalem, traditionally known as a setting for the work of God's Spirit. The Spirit enters Simeon, who has been

La fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

sta es una fiesta especial para todas las familias. La Iglesia señala la importancia de la vida familiar centrándose en nuestra "primera familia". El silencio en el Nuevo Testamento acerca de su vida durante tantos años es una buena señal de que la vida de la Sagrada Familia fue bastante común. Y vale la pena preguntarse por qué Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, pasó, por mucho, la mayor parte de su vida en circunstancias tan ordinarias. ¿Qué nos está comunicando ese hecho?

Observen cómo el Evangelio según Lucas enfatiza la presencia del Espíritu de Dios. La escena es el templo en Jerusalén, tradicionalmente conocido como entorno para el trabajo del Espíritu de Dios. El Espíritu entra en Simeón,

waiting all his long life for the coming of the Messiah. He addresses "the father and mother" of Jesus and amazes them by the good words he says. The prophetess, Anna, has similar good words to say about Jesus. It's as if the Spirit is busy inspiring everyone around Jesus,



que ha estado esperando toda su larga vida para la venida del Mesías. Se dirige a "el padre y la madre" de Jesús y los sorprende con las buenas palabras que dice. La profetisa, Ana, también tiene palabras buenas que decir acerca de Jesús. Es como si el

pointing to and confirming his identity and role, and informing his parents, Mary and Joseph, about their son. Interesting, isn't it?

The closing words of the Gospel suggest to some that Jesus, in his human nature, had to learn about most things, just as we do. "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40). This takes nothing away from him. It affirms, however, the important belief that Jesus was fully human as well as fully divine, a longstanding teaching of the Church. This also suggests that it is through our human life that we live the fullness of our Christian faith. It's not about "the pie in the sky" but about how we live here on earth. Just like it was in Nazareth. Espíritu estuviera ocupado inspirando a todos alrededor de Jesús, apuntando y confirmando su identidad y papel, e informando a sus padres, María y José, acerca de su hijo. Interesante, ¿no?

Las últimas palabras del Evangelio sugieren a algunos que Jesús, en su naturaleza humana, tuvo que aprender acerca de la mayoría de las cosas, tal como nosotros lo hacemos. (Lucas 2:40). Esto afirma la importante creencia de que Jesús era completamente humano y también completamente divino. Esto también sugiere que es a través de nuestra vida humana que vivimos la plenitud de nuestra fe cristiana. No se trata de falsas ilusiones, sino de cómo vivimos aquí en la tierra. Al igual que sucedió en Nazaret.

The Holy Family



Invite family members to tell what they know about the Holy Family. Look at the picture of the Holy Family on Page 3. While reflecting on the picture:

Talk about how the Holy Family showed their love for one another.

Give examples of how your family is like the Holy Family.

Explain how your own family is holy.

The church teaches that all families are holy. Discuss what all families have in common that make them holy.

Together, choose one thing your family will do this week to show your love for each other and live as a holy family.

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.



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.

Parents' Ministry Potluck: Saturday, January 20, 2018



Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the 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.

Children are welcome.

To RSVP for this event, learn about other Parents Ministry events, and/or provide suggestions about future events please email: michelle.amy.ediger@gmail.com **RSVP by Wednesday, January 17.**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

It really helps when you believe that what you do each day is important. We are invited to visit the home of Mary and Joseph, with their son, and imagine what's going on each day: preparing food, cleaning clothes, working in the carpenter shop, perhaps visiting with neighbors. Nothing exceptional. And that's the point.

God is present in the most ordinary things we do. And that's because it's all in the service of life. Our lives lived within the family contributes to creation, preserves the flow of life, and faithfully supports life until its very end here on earth. Nothing spectacular, but still, very important to God.That's "Nazareth life" and that's where Jesus chose to live for almost all of his life.

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 2017-2018 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. See Page 4 for details.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS, MARIA Y JOSE

Realmente ayuda cuando crees que lo que haces todos los días es importante. Estamos invitados a visitar el hogar de María y José, con su hijo, e imaginar lo que está sucediendo cada día: preparando comida, limpiando ropa, trabajando en la tienda de carpintería, quizás visitando a los vecinos. Nada excepcional. Y ese es el punto.

Dios está presente en las cosas más ordinarias que hacemos. Y eso es así porque todo se centra en el servicio de la vida. Nuestras vidas vividas dentro de la familia contribuyen a la creación, preservan el flujo de la vida, y fielmente apoyan la vida hasta su final aquí en la tierra. Nada espectacular, pero aún así, muy importante para Dios. Esa es la "vida de Nazaret" y ahí es donde Jesús eligió vivir por casi toda su vida.

La Sagrada Familia



Invite a los miembros de su familia a comentar lo que saben sobre la Sagrada Familia.

Observen la ilustración de la Sagrada Familia en la Página 3. Mientras reflexionan en la ilustración:

Hablen acerca de cómo los miembros de la Sagrada Familia mostraban su amor unos por otros.

Mencionen ejemplos de las formas en las que su familia se parece a la Sagrada Familia.

Expliquen de qué manera su propia familia es sagrada.

La Iglesia enseña que todas las familias son sagradas. Comenten acerca de aquello que todas las familias tienen en común y que las hace sagradas.

Juntos, elijan algo que harán esta semana para mostrar su amor unos por otros y para vivir como una familia sagrada.

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 such 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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This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 AM Mass

12:00 PM MASS † RONALD CAZE

2:00 PM MISA

6:30 PM MISA

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 you will help you grow as a disciple of Christ, through the seven gifts the Holy Spirit offers us: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Counsel, Piety & 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. 678-626-3960 (Linda Veit) or 678-626-3961 (Cindy Hagan)



TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 NO PRESCHOOL 12:00 PM Mass † Antonio Gonzalez Salas 8:00 PM Estudiantina Choir 8:00 PM Evangelization Choir WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 NO PRESCHOOL NO PSR 7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY 8:15 AM MASS † ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY 9:00 AM ADORATION 6:45 PM BENEDICTION 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND 7:35 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 NO PSR

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM SP REHEARSAL 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:00 PM MASS 8:00 PM MISA + MARÍA LOURDES SANTILLÁN

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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.

This Week in our Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL 11:30 AM ROSARY 12:00 PM MISA T RANDY HONGO T BIENVENIDA LOPEZ 6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7:00 PM MATRIMONIOS MTG 8:00 PM EDGE LOCK-IN

8:15 PM CORO DE ADORACIÓN





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 money 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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA 1:00 PM SP BAPTISM TEAM MTG 3:00 PM CONFESSION 4:30 PM MASS

- **†** JAMES PAUL BARNES
 5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA
 6:30 PM MASS
- **†** JOSÉ LUIS MUÑOZ 8:00 PM CORO DE ADORACIÓN

NUARY 7 Misa
ELADIA LIMAS
JAISITINTO GALVAN
MERCEDES ORTIZ
Mass
VLADIMIR BERCY
GEM MITCHELL
GLEN MITCHELL
RCIA
Mass
CARL FRANCIS HEGARTY
PSR
FIRES
LEGION OF MARY

11:15 AM PSR 11:30 AM MASS 1:00 PM ENGLISH BAPTISM SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 2:00 PM Misa + Antonio Gonzalez + JESUS IZAGUIRRE

- 2:00 PM RICA
- 2:30 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 4:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
- 5:00 PM MASS
 - RAFAEL & MARÍA MARTÍNEZ

Updated on December 25, 2017

- 6:00 PM LIFETEEN NIGHT
- 7:30 PM MASS
 - **†** PEDRO GONZÁLEZ

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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>\$47,221</u>
Surplus	\$10,526	(\$10,471)

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/(Short	fall) (\$19,575)	\$2,158

Operating Financial Statement

For the 4 months ending	10/31/17
Operating Revenue	\$1,003,859
Operating Expenses	(<u>\$958,568)</u>
Operating Revenue over Expense	\$45,291
Total Assessments still owed to Archdiocese as of 10/3:	

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

Altar Flowers - Flores del Altar

The Altar flowers this weekend are being offered by the Rivera-Gonzalez family, in loving memory of their dear father and grandfather

🕆 Antonio Gonzalez

Las flores del altar este fin de semana son ofrecidas por la familia Rivera-Gonzalez en memoria de su querido padre y abuelo

🕆 Antonio Gonzalez





REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.

Acuérdate de nosotros, oh Dios; de edad a edad se nuestro consuelo.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Tú nos has dado la maravilla del tiempo, bendiciones en días y noches, estaciones y años.

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. **Amen** Bendice a tus hijos al final del año y llena los meses venideros con la brillante esperanza que es nuestra en la venida de Cristo.

Tú eres nuestro Dios, que vive y reina, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén**

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Stop and look at the nativity scene: let us enter the true spirit of Christmas with the shepherds, bringing Baby Jesus all that we are.

Pope Francis



Detengámonos a contemplar el pesebre; entremos en la verdadera Navidad con los pastores, llevando al Niño Jesús lo que somos. Papa Francisco

Prayers and Devotions • Oraciones y Devociones

Mary, Mother of God - María, Madre de Dios

January 1, 2018 Schedule of Masses

9:30 a.m. (English) 12:00 p.m. (English) 2:00 p.m. (Spanish) 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) 1 de enero, 2018 Horario de Misas

9:30 a.m. (Inglés) 12:00 p.m. (Inglés) 2:00 p.m. (Español) 6:30 p.m. (Español)



Readings for next weekend: Epiphany of the Lord · La Epifanía del Señor

Reading I	Isaiah 60:1-6	
Primera Lectura	<i>Isaías 60, 1-6</i>	
Your light has come! ¡Ha llegado tu luz!		
Reading II	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6	
Segunda Lectura	Efesios 3, 2-3a. 5-6	
We all share the same promise! Todos compartimos la promesa.		
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12	
Evangelio	Mateo 2, 1-12	
They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts. Abrieron después sus cofres y le ofrecieron sus regalos.		

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.

Guadalupe Corona Ellen Maknauskas Blanca Petitone Antonio Rojas Tyler Williams Greg Cantrell Martina Garcia Reyes Rene Mauricio Posada Brian Sims Fr. Rodrigo Vega Milagros Bellido Gilberto Camuñez Juan Espinos Miguel Martinez

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

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

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving:

Manage your Online Giving any time of the day!

Saint Thomas the Apostle utilizes Online Giving, a convenient, simple, secure portal to manage credit card, debit and authorized bank transactions that benefit our parish.

You can manage your donation amount, the frequency of your gifts, give a one-time donation, and many other features, all online. Visit our parish website and click on the Online Giving Logo on the home page and schedule your donation.

Or access the secure portal directly at: osvonlinegiving.com/534

If you'd like assistance in setting up your account and/or processing your donation through Online Giving, contact Raina Savary at rsavary@stthomastheapostle. org or call 678-626-3942.

Thank you for your generosity.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—NEWS



A Special Thank You to Everyone in our Parish!

The Knights of Columbus in our parish wants to thank you all for the wonderful support you've shown for their programs and activities in 2017. The Knights especially want to thank you for making their Keep Christ in Christmas card sales and Monastery Goods sales fundraisers so successful. They are looking forward to bringing you a wide range of programs and events in 2018.

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's 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's 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. If you would like to place an intention to honor a loved one, please call

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