SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 13, 201

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Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM Closed Wednesday IPM-3PM

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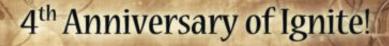
Preschool Office 770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

> **Office Hours** Tuesday—Thursday 10:00ÅM - 1:00PM

English Mass					
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Monday:	12 Noon				
Tuesday:	12 Noon				
Wednesday:	6:30 AM &				
	7:00 PM				
Thursday:	7:00 PM				
Friday:	12 Noon				
Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM				
Sunday:	7:30 AM,				
,	9:30 AM				
	11:30 AM &				
	5:00 PM				
Confession:					
Saturdays:	3:30 PM				

Horario de Misas en Español 7:30 PM Lunes: 8:00 PM lueves: Sábado: 7:30 PM 6:00 AM, Domingo: 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM Confesión: 6:30 PM Sábados:

I:00 & 6:30 PM Domingos:



Join us on

Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m.

for an exceptional evening of celebration, worship, prayer, music, scriptures and faith stories.

Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Ignite! Follows at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.





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Pastor: Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. (x108) Parochial Vicars: Rev. Pedro Chingandu, M.S. (x106) • Rev. Andrews Kollannoor, M.S.. (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. (x121) • Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193) Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett • Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)

November 13, 2011



Stewardship is... what we DO after we say we Believe

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios son como los industriosos y confiables siervos en el Evangelio de hoy utilizando prudentemente y multiplicando los dones que Dios les ha confiado.

> Weekly Scripture Stewardship Reflections Lectionary Cycle A

FY 2012 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real

To Date Budget / Proyección	\$621,154.00
To Date Actual / Real	
To Date Shortfall / Pérdida	\$91,577.00

Thanks for your generosity! ¡Gracias por su generosidad! ffertory/Ofertoric October 5-6, 201

Offertory/Ofertorio October 5=0, 2011			
Budgeted (Presupuesto)	\$32,692.00		
Offertory (Ofrenda)			
Shortfall (Pérdida)			

Update on our Capital Campaign Moving Forward In Hope Campaña Caminando en Esperanza

Goal (Meta)	\$5,000,000.00
	\$2,931,977.00
	\$562,577.00

What our children at St. Thomas gave to God... El regalo de nuestros niños a Dios... ♥ October 29-30, 2011 ♥ ♥ Treasure (Tesoro): \$332.82♥

Time & Talent (Tiempo & Talento): ♥ For the kids that don't have food ♥ Good, nice ♥ For the kids that don't have food V I let my brother watch his favorite show V Obey my parents. Pray ♥ Sang to God ♥ That I listen to my Mom ♥ To help my church class ♥ Play ♥ To take care of my family ♥ Clean at home ♥ Help sister clean ♥ I am going to help my mom V Obeyed mom and dad V Was a good, good day! ♥ I want to help ♥ I helped take out trash ♥ I read today ♥ Clean at home ♥ I cleaned the living room ♥ I want to help ♥ Do work around the house ♥ Clean the house ♥ Studying ♥ Cleaned my room. Helped my Grammy ♥ I got all 4s on my folder ♥ Practiced piano well V Listen to my parents V Cleaning the house ♥ I helped clean downstairs ♥ Cleaned at home ♥ I'm sorry not to go to Maria Niñas ♥ Doing a super job on making my bed ♥ Helping my Mommy ♥ Giving my brother a neck pillow ♥ Doing Chores ♥ I am going to help my sister ♥ Got the dirty clothes ♥ Do homework ♥ For the kids that don't have food ♥

Children's Stewardship Envelopes are available on the Commons Table.

To Request Prayers From St. Thomas the Apostle **Prayer Chain** contact Valerie Panditaratne at 770-438-9078 or email: vpandit@emory.edu

Egdar Alvarado Brandi Dabney Gil Campos Ricky Carreño Bonnie Caruso Bob Contino Michael Chastain Doris Cushing Ed Fitzgerald Ashley Guadalupe Frausto Andrea Galvan Paula García Patiño Lauren Garger

OUR PRAYERS - EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

Justin Patrick Gooden Sandy Haynes Linda Hudson Cordelia Kelly Gloria Kincer Alan Knieter Linda Laurens Shirley Loggins Frank Madden Dorothy Madson Ian Martin Carol J. Mohring Franz Mohring Leona Morales Frank Perez Kathy O'Hara-Rosa Rodolfo Proaño Emmanuel Poblete D. Diane Ray Mary Ellen Rizzuto Helen Robertson Steve Scheneman John Schroeder Lenna Spencer Chuck Sykes David Troughton, Sr. Bonnie Wade

We ask the friends and families of those for whom we are praying on this bulletin sick list to please take a moment to call the Parish Office and tell us how they are doing. They are always in our prayers.

Pray For Our Troops

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially:

CPT Donald Carducci, USA Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrell, USA Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA LCpI. Quinn Gordon, USMC SFC Charles Granke, USA PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA

CPT Bobby Hall, USA Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN PFC Brian Harris, USA Maj. Marise James, USAF HMC Damian J. Lovello LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA CPT Michael McDonald, USMC HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN 2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA Specialist Brian Saunder, USA CPT Anna Smith, ARNG MSG Donald Smith, USA S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA CW4 Anthony Veney, USA Sgt. Richard Whelan, USMC

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to add a family member who is serving in the military.

During the month of November, as you celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider purchasing a brick for the Memorial Garden in remembrance of your loved ones.

Find more information in the Commons Area or call the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 110.

Durante el mes de Noviembre, al celebrar el tiempo Acción de Gracias, les invitamos a recordar a familiares o seres queridos que ya han partido con la compra de un ladrillo para el Jardín Memorial.

Encuentra más información en el Área Común o llama a la Oficina Parroquial 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.



Michael Okuto, *Director of Adult Faith Formation* 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 • mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org

Andrew McGovern, Coordinator 770-432-8579 Ext. 131 • amcgovern@stthomastheapostle.org

Get enriched in your faith!! RCIA Classes are on Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (English) Sundays, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Spanish) Adult Faith Formation Building

Considering "a refresher course" in your Catholic Faith? Join the R.C.I.A classes for the following presentations:

Fall Confirmation	November 20
Liturgical Calendar / Advent	November 27
Mary / Incarnation	December 4



Words, words and The Word Series continue on Thursdays this month. See Page 5 for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

What? Children's Choir to lead music at 4:00pm Christmas Eve Liturgy (English)

For whom? Children in grades Kindergarten through 8th

When and Where Are Rehearsals? Four rehearsals (mark these dates on your calendar!): Mondays, November 28, and December 5, 12, and 19 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. (the first three are in the Music Room; the last one is in the Sanctuary)

For more information please call Patty Smith at 770-432-2215 or visit: www.stthomastheapostle.org/ccc-2011

Coro Navideño para Niños

Para cantar en la Misa en Inglés del 24 de diciembre a las 4:00 p.m.

Llama a la oficina parroquial para más detalles o visita: www.stthomastheapostle.org/ccc-2011

LEGACY College Ministry

If you are a college student between the ages of 18-22 we have a great ministry for you to join called, Legacy. We attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays and sit in the first pew by the band.

Once a month we meet in the Old Rectory for food and an evening of prayer and growing together in our faith.

Don't hesitate to get involved and find out what it means to live out Jesus' Legacy and join our crew.

If you would like further information, please contact, Julie Chartier at 678-797-0829.

Higher Education for All!

Thousands of undocumented students that is, children born abroad who are not U.S. citizens or legal residents—graduate from U.S. high schools each year. These children are guaranteed an education in U.S. public schools through grade 12, but may face legal and financial barriers to higher education.

Join us on

Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

and learn more about the options available for undocumented students.

For more information contact: Estela at 770-421-3285 You may also sign up online at: http://bit.ly/nGIL5b (case sensitive)

¡Educación Superior para Todos!

Miles de estudiantes indocumentados aquellos nacidos en otro país y que no son residentes legales o ciudadanos de los E.E.U.U.— se gradúan cada año en este país. Estos niños pueden asistir a escuelas públicas hasta el grado 12, pero es posible que enfrenten dificultades legales y financieras para obtener una educación superior. ¡Infórmate acerca de las opciones disponibles en estos casos!

Participa en la reunión del

Sábado, 3 de diciembre a las 5:00 p.m. en el Salón Social

Para más información llama a: Estela al 770-421-3285

Registrate en línea: http://bit.ly/nGIL5b



Las Posadas/Live Nativity

Friday, December 16 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Parking lot of the church

Join us for this multi-cultural event at St. Thomas the Apostle as we re-enact Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. In Spanish, Las Posadas means "The Inns." Traditionally, Las Posadas last for nine days representing the 9 months of Mary's pregnancy. This procession has been a tradition in Mexico for 400 years. While it's roots are in Catholicism, even Protestant Latinos follow the tradition.

At St. Thomas the Apostle, our procession will be outdoors, stopping at 3 designated "inns" while singing, praying and listening to the story of Las Posadas, concluding with a celebration of food, drinks and Christmas Carols.

If anyone has access to a donkey, for Mary to ride on this journey, please contact the Religious Education office at 770-432-5296.



Celebración parroquial de Las Posadas

Acompáñanos el Viernes, 16 de diciembre, de 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. a una celebración multicultural en el estacionamiento de la iglesia.

Necesitamos un burro para esta noche de Posadas. Comunícate con la Oficina de Catecismo 770-432-5296 si nos puedes ayudar a conseguir el animal.

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society

Continues collecting donations for our Thanksgiving Baskets. Consider organizing a food drive at your place of work to help with our Thanksgiving drive and/or volunteer to give out the Thanksgiving baskets. There is always a need for additional volunteers for this and other special events.

If you would like to help, please leave a message at 770-432-8579 ext. 300.

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl continúa recolectando donaciones para las canastas del Día de Acción de Gracias. Puedes organizar a tu comunidad o lugar de trabajo y recolectar aún más donaciones. También estamos solicitando voluntarios que deseen ayudar.

Interesados, favor dejar mensaje en el 770-432-8579 Ext. 302.

Health Fair

Sunday, November 20 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Social Hall There will be blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol screening and flu shot for \$10.00. The National Kidney Foundation will be on hand to conduct blood kidney screening for free.

> Feria de la Salud Domingo, 20 de Noviembre 7:00 p.m. a 1:00 p.m. Salón Social

Se ofrecerán exámenes para la presión arterial, azúcar en la sangre, colesterol y vacunas contra la influenza (flu shots) por una donación de \$10.00. La Asociación Nacional del Riñón también ofrecerá exámenes de riñón gratis.



"Adopt-A-Family" For Christmas

Last year the St. Thomas the Apostle community adopted 16 families through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP). The adopt-a-family experience has been such a rewarding and blessed experience that SVdP is making this program available to our parish community on a regular basis for the Christmas season.

If you, your family, friends or ministry would like to personally adopt and help a family less fortunate than those of us that are more blessed in our parish community, this is a great opportunity to enhance and bless your Christmas Spirit by sharing your financial and material blessings with others.

For more information about Adopt-A-Family contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.



Adopta una Familia esta Navidad

Esta Navidad, nuestra comunidad parroquial tiene la oportunidad de adoptar a familias necesitadas a través de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.

Organiza a tu familia, amigos, vecinos o pequeña comunidad y vive el espíritu de la Navidad al compartir tus bienes materiales y bendiciones con otros.

Si deseas más información, llama a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 101.

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Undecorating" of the Giving Tree Continues!

Please select an ornament from the Giving Tree. Each ornament lists a gift request for simple things like a pair of gloves, a gift card to Target, or a few cans of tuna fish. These items will be given as Christmas gifts to our neighbors in need through eleven different local ministries.

For example:

• St. Vincent de Paul and Cobb Christmas will give toys, books, gift cards, and warm clothing to children and teenagers who would otherwise have no gifts under their Christmas tree.

• Crossroads Soup Kitchen, Central Presbyterian Night Shelter, and Open Door Shelter provide warm clothing and personal care items to homeless people.

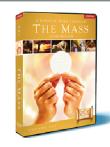
How to participate: 1. REMOVE one or more paper ornaments from the Giving Tree in the Commons area and get the listed gift. 3. WRAP it nicely and ATTACH the paper ornament securely to the gift. 4. PLACE the gift under the Giving

4. PLACE the gift under the Giving Tree by the December 3–4th.

El Árbol de Regalos

ya se encuentra en el Área Común. Toma un ornamento, envuelve tu regalo y tráelo de vuelta al Área Común **a más tardar el 4 de diciembre.** ¡Con tu ayuda podremos brindar sonrisas a muchas personas necesitadas esta Navidad!





- Do you want to do something special for Advent?
- Do you want to strengthen your faith?
- Do you want to understand more what you believe in?
- Are you eager to learn?

Join us for Words, Words and the Word Series! Register now at the Adult Faith Formation Office 770-432-8579 Ext. 122

Morning sessions (10:00 a.m.) continues: November 17th and December 1st, 8th

Evening sessions (7:00 p.m.) November 17th and December 1st, 15th

¿Cuál es el origen de los gestos y palabras que decimos durante la Misa? ¡Participa en este estudio bíblico (en inglés) y aprende con nosotros!

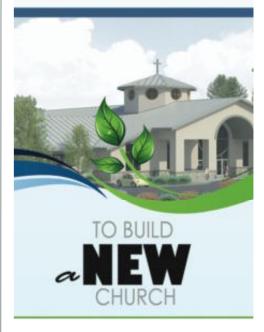
Regístrate con Michael Okuto al 770-432-8579 Ext. 122

Please join the Latino community on Tuesday, December 6th, for a Bilingual Rosary and Mass to celebrate the Novena in honor of the Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Rosary is at 8:00 p.m., followed by Holy Mass.





MOVING FORWARD



We have run out of space in our church, in our classrooms, and we need to build our new church so that we can better serve our St Thomas community. We need your help!

Please make your pledge today if you have not done so already. Your sacrificial pledge is a gift to God for all he has blessed us with in this welcoming parish.

Necesitamos tu ayuda para construir una nueva iglesia, para tener más aulas y más espacio en la iglesia, y así servir mejor a nuestra comunidad parroquial. ¡Necesitamos tu ayuda!

Haz un sacrificio y apoya este esfuerzo haciendo tu compromiso hoy.



Liturgy and Life

It All Comes Back to the Eucharist

Living the Christian life is not easy. "What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ ... preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage" (CCC, no. 1392). And so, each Sunday, we return to the Eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the joys and the sorrows. We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The Catechism explains it as follows: The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all people. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368) Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives.

As you leave church today, remember you are the feet, the hands, the mouth and the face of Christ to the society and those in it. Become what you have received which is Christ himself and so as Christ is broken and shared we too are called to become the Eucharist to others and so be broken and shared by being ambassadors of faith, Love and Hope.



This week in our parish

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

PRESCHOOL

BIBLE STUDY

STORY TIME

Carmen Battaglia

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JUNTA DE LECTORES

WORDS, WORDS AND THE WORD

Horbelín Castreión & Familia

ROSARY

Mass

PSR

Misa

9:00 AM

10:00 AM 10:30 AM

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

8:00 PM

8:30 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM	t	PRESCHOOL EXERCISE CLASS MASS Helen Downey
4:30 PM 7:00 PM		PSR PSR Parish Council
7:30 PM		Misa
7:30 PM		PRAYING WITH PEOPLE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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SDAY, NOVEMBER 15		FRIDAY, NOVEN	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18		
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL	9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL		
2:00 PM	MASS	9:30 AM	Exercise Class		
		12:00 PM	Mass		
5:30 PM	INEA	1	Randy Phillip Rizzuto		
6:15 PM	Ignite Dinner	4:00 PM	CUB SCOUTS		
6:30 PM	CUB SCOUTS	6:00 PM	SVDP THANKSGIVING BASKETS		
	SVDP		INEA		
6:30 PM	ENGLISH CLASSES	6:30 PM	ESL CLASSES		
7:00 PM	CHILDREN'S CHOIR	7:00 PM	CHILDREN'S CHOIR INSTRUMENTAL		
	APOSTLES CLASS	8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP		
7:30 PM	IGNITE ANNIVERSARY!		ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN		

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16		SATURDAY, NO	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19		
6:30 AM	Mass for Peace	9:00 AM	THANKSGIVING BASKETS		
7:00 AM	ADORATION	8:00 AM	ULTREYA		
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL	10:00 AM	RECOVERY, INC		
9:30 AM	JUSTFAITH		María Niña		
	EXERCISE CLASS	11:00 AM	CHILDREN'S CHOIR		
6:45 PM	BENEDICTION		SIERDZINSKI BAPTISM		
7:00 PM	Mass	12:00 PM	CHIKDREN'S GUITAR CLASSES		
		3:30 PM	Confessions		
7:00 PM	PSR	5:00 PM	Vigil Mass		
	JUST FAITH		Fr. Dyer & Chris Harding		
	CRACK IT OPEN	5:00 PM	CATEQUESIS DE ADULTO		
7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND	7:30 PM	MISA		
8:30 PM	SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES		People of St. Thomas & Immigration Reform		

LAST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME _ JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11–12, 15–17	' (I WILL JUDGE)
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20–26,	28 (ALL IN ALL)
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31–46 (SURROUN	DED IN GLORIA)

N	IO PSR			2:00 PM		MISA
	6:00 AM		MISA			Leticia & Arturo Lopez
				3:00 PM		MINI CORE
	7:00 AM		HEALTH FAIR	4:00 PM		DIVINA VOLUNTAD
	7:30 AM		MASS			ADORACIÓN MTG
		t	Jim McCabe	5:00 PM		LIFE TEEN MASS
	9:30 AM		Mass			Maria Felicitas Diaz
		t	Ed & Dolly Durham	7:30 PM		MISA
			NURSERY AVAILABLE		t	Maria Valdez, Margarita Segura
	9:30 AM		CONFIRMATION			& Arcadio Garcia
	11:00 AM		LEGION OF MARY			
	11:15 PM		PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS			
	11:30 AM		MASS			
			NURSERY AVAILABLE			
		t	Columba C. Korrie			Dates and times as of 11-08-11

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20



