

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 2, 2012

Parish Office 770 - 432-8579

Fax. 770 - 432-8570

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:00AM—5:00PM Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

Summer Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125 Office Hours

> Tuesday—Thursday 10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass Schedule

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:

Monday:

Saturdays: 3:30 PM

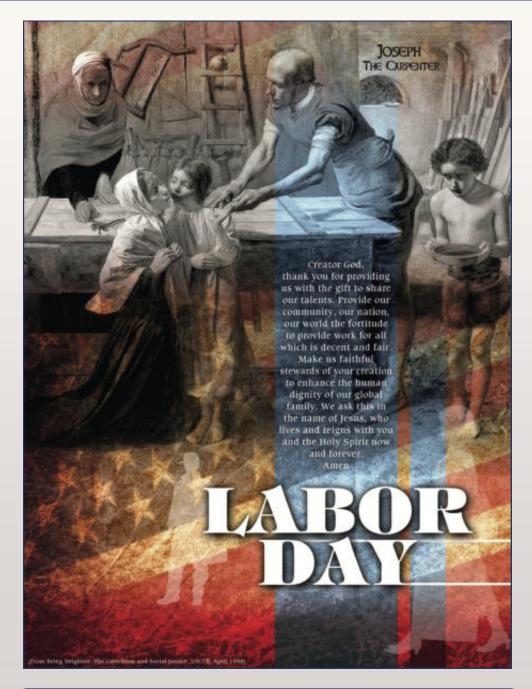
Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM
Jueves: 8:00 PM
Sábado: 7:30 PM
Domingo: 6:00 AM
2:00 PM &

Confesión:

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

7:30 PM





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Pastor: Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. (x108)



Offertory/Ofertorio August 25-26, 2012

| Budgeted (Presupuesto) | \$38,000.00 |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Actual (Actual) | |
| Shortfall (Pérdida) | |

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

| To Date Budget (Proyección) | \$342,000.00 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| To Date Actual (Real) | \$214,403.00 |
| To Date Shortfall (Pérdida) | \$127,597.00 |

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

| Goal (Meta) | <u>\$5,000,000.00</u> |
|--|-----------------------|
| Pledged to Date | \$3,125,289.00 |
| Past Due 12 Payments | (\$307,500.00) |
| Pledges Net of Past Due Compromisos netos | \$2,817,789.00 |
| Collected to Date | \$1,314,564.00 |
| Campaign Expenses | (\$245,840.00) |
| Net Fund to Date | \$1,068,724.00 |
| Number of Donors (No. de Donantes) | 1,511 |

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2012 Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2012

| Goal (Meta) | \$131,883.00 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Pledged (Compromisos) | |
| Paid to date (Pagos) | |
| Number of Donors (No. de Donante. | |

What our children at St. Thomas gave to God... El regalo de nuestros niños a Dios...

▼ August 18-19, 2012 ▼
 ▼ Treasure (Tesoro): \$376.61 ▼

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento) ♥ To be nice to everyone. (Soy bueno con todos.) ♥ Not talking back. (No ser respondón.) ♥ Washing dishes. (Lavar platos.) ♥ Clean garage. (Limpiar la cochera.) ♥ I played nicely with my two Little brothers. (Jugué bien con mis hermanitos.) ♥ I set the silverware. (Puse los cubiertos.) ♥ Shared my cars with my little brother. (Comparti carritos con mi hermanito.) ♥ Eat healthy. (Comer saludablemente.) ♥ I listened to my teacher. (Escuché a mi maestra.) ♥ Good behavior in school. (Me porté bien en la escuela.) ♥ I helped cook (Ayudé a cocinar ♥ Tried not to have cavities. (Intenté no tener caries.) ♥ Lifted up my mommy's spirit. (Le levanté el ánimo a mi mami.) ♥ I go to church every Sunday. (Voy a Misa los dominoos.) ♥

Please pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Call the Parish Office to place a name on the list. Then we ask that you contact us one time per month and tell us how they are doing. They are always in our prayers.

Crista Acosta Brandi Dabney Chris Campbell Ricky Carreño Bob Contino Doris Cushing Paula de Jesus Celestine Ekokobe Paula García Patiño Lauren Garcer

OUR PRAYERS - EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

Sandy Haynes
Denisse Hernandez
Cordelia Kelly
Gloria Kincer
Alan Knieter
Linda Laurens
Shirley Loggins
Frank Madden
Dorothy Madson
Leona Morales

Rodolfo Proaño Arelys Ramírez Mary Ellen Rizzuto Steve Scheneman Lenna Spencer Margaret Spencer MaryAnne Sutter Kimberly Urióstegui Patricia VanBuren Becky Villon

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have 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 770-438-9078 or Email: vpandit@emory.edu

Pray For Our Troops

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially: / Recordamos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que se encuentran sirviendo en el ejército, especialmente:

Sgt. Manuel Chico, 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
LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC

SFC Charles Granke, USA PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN PFC Brian Harris, USA Maj. Marise James, USAF LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN 2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA CPT Anna Smith, ARNG S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA CW4 Anthony Veney, USA

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military.



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We offer affordable, professional mental health counseling for children, adolescents, parents, individuals, couples and families. Our fully licensed counselor, Sandy Crowder, LCSW,

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www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

FAITH FORMATION (Formación de Fe y Catecismo)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Any questions, contact:

Michael Okuto at Ext. 122, mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org or **Linda Veit** at Ext. 131, lveit@stthomastheapostle.org

Each year our parish welcomes many adults entering the Catholic Church, or those just thinking about it, they follow a process known as the RCIA — the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Within the coming weeks, the Adult Faith Formation office will try to explain what is involved in the RCIA process and help parishioners understand more about the program and appreciate ways to journey with those going through the program.

Turn to Page 6 for a more in depth explanation of RCIA.

RCIA is starting soon; register now!! Are you someone who....

Or do you know someone 18+ who...Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic but has not completed the Initiation Sacraments? Was baptized in another religion but wants to become Catholic? Is not baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic religion? Is Catholic and has been away from the church and could use a refresher course?

There are 3 EASY ways to register:

1. Call the Adult Faith Formation Office 770-432-8579. Ext. 122 or 131.

Become an RCIA Sponsor!

Are you a fully initiated and practicing Catholic 18 years of age or older? Then please consider nurturing the faith by becoming a sponsor:

- Come to the Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass with your candidate
- After the Mass, attend the sessions from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Become a mentor to your candidate by being a bridge between the Candidate and the rest of the parish community

Parish School of Religion

Sue Senecal at Ext. 112 ssenecal@stthomastheapostle.org

PSR Classes begin next week!

Catecismo inicia la próxima semana!

PSR classes will begin on September 10th. Watch the mail for a postcard confirming your PSR time and day.

An open house will be held in the Religious Education building for all catechists on September 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Las Clases de Catecismo inician el 10 de septiembre. Estén atentos al correo para recibir una tarjeta de confirmación con el día y la hora en que sus niños deben asistir a la doctrina.

Save the Date — Reserva la fecha

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette Saturday, September 15th

Healing Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Crepes Revolution will serve crepes beginning at Noon!
Children's games in the Social Hall!
Field Games—Soccer!
More details in next weekend's bulletin

Celebración de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de La Salette Sábado, 15 de septiembre

Misa de Sanación a las 10:30 a.m. Seguida de juegos, venta de comida, juegos de fútbol. Más detalles en el boletín de la próxima semana.



PARISH LIFE (Vida Parroquial)

DID YOU KNOW?

Many things happen in the course of the summer months and we want to mention a few things:

Maria Croshaw, a long-time parishioner. has accepted a 2 year contract with "Teach Away" as an educator in Al 'Anin know as the "Graden City of the Gulf" in the United Arab Emirates. Al 'Anin is located about 2 hours from Dubai. Maria will return to Georgia during her students' summer break. We wish Maria God's blessings in this endeavor.

(There was a mistake in last week's bulletin regarding one of the restaurants in the information below. A correction has been made:)

Every Saturday morning a group of our parishioners feed the homeless who live in the area around I-285 and I-20. Earlier in the week they receive donated food from Los Bravos in Smyrna and Dough in the Box in Austell. When you visit these two restaurants, please thank them for helping us to Feed the Homeless.



KNIGHTS To all practicing Catholic male members of Saint Thomas the OF COLUMBUS Apostle, age 18 and older: The Knights of Columbus IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL encourage you to consider joining our ranks and becoming a

more active participant in our parish and community.

Contact the Membership Director, Joe Yorio, at 678-237-3469 to learn more about our fraternal organization and listen up for further announcements on how the Knights can help you grow in your continuing faith journey.



DATE CHANGE: PLEASE NOTE!

Due to scheduling conflicts and close timing between our August and September Ignite!, our August Ignite! is cancelled and moved to September 11th. And yes you are right, that is the anniversary of 9/11!!

Please join us for this exceptional evening of prayer, music, scripture and Faith stories. We will also take some time to remember and reflect on the events of that day, 11 years ago, as we strengthen each other in faith. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Ignite! Begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Come uplift your community in faith.

The Auxiliary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home will be selling raffle tickets the weekends of September 8th and 9th and 22nd and 23rd. A book of 6 tickets is \$5. One ticket is \$1.

ADULTS AND TEENS: WE NEED YOUR HELP! **Life Teen HOSPITALITY Ministry**

Join our welcome team at the 5:00 p.m., Life Teen Mass! We are looking to add 8 people to a rotating schedule of people welcoming parishioners and guests. All you have to do is come to Mass about 20 minutes early. Please contact Deacon Mark Mitchell at mmitchell@stthomastheapostle.org

Celebration Time Is Here!

Construction on our 19th Habitat for Humanity home is complete. The St Thomas Habitat ministry is inviting all in our parish family to join us for the dedication of the Sabic family home. The celebration will take place on Sunday, September 9th at 3:00 p.m. at the home site located at 410 Barber Road, Marietta, GA 30060.

Please be sure to join us, along with the other members of the Cobb Interfaith Coalition for this joyful celebration.

God Bless each of you for the generosity and for your prayers and your hard work.

Bereavement **Support Group**

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When:

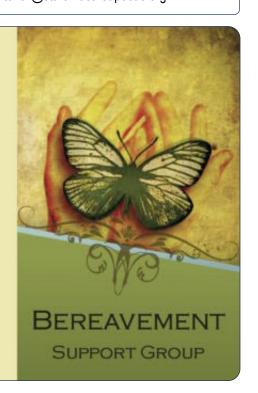
Every Tuesday Evening (7:00 pm) September 11th to October 30th

Where:

St Thomas the Apostle Community House 4240 Kings Springs Road Smyrna, GA 30082

Contact:

Bill Anderson at 770-778-1620 or e-mail bbanderson66@yahoo.com



PARISH LIFE (Vida Parroquial)

Walking for a Dream!

St. Thomas the Apostle Walkathon Saturday, October 20, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Meet at Silver Comet Trail - East/West Connector entrance closest to church

It's fun & easy -- walk as far as you want and collect pledges from your family, friends & co-workers. Proceeds go towards building our new church.

> Forms available in Commons Area For more information contact: Maddie Deleski at 770-435-2331 or Yolanda Luna at 404-723-3183.

Caminando por un Sueño = Sábado, 20 de octubre en el Silver Comet Trail Formas disponibles en el Area Común. Para más información, favor llamar a Elías Villatoro = 770-329-0626



News from Fr. Jose in Australia!!!

Greetings from the Land of Kangaroos!

It has been more than a year that I left Smyrna to join in the pastoral team of La Salettes in Australia, in view of establishing La Salette presence in this country. As a part of it, my first assignment here was in St. Andrew the Apostle

Church, as an associate pastor with an Australian Diocesan priest. Starting pastoral ministry in a new place and new area is always hard and difficult. But I always felt the support and prayers of so many people from St. Thomas, Smyrna. Thank you so much for your support and prayers. I am humbled and touched by your love and support. I will never forget St. Thomas, the people, the staff and pastoral team and will always have the deepest love and affection for the wonderful times I spent

I write this also to inform you all about the new development that is taking place. The Bishop of the Diocese decided to entrust a beautiful parish to the care of the La Salettes, like we do in Smyrna. As a part of that I am moving to the parish of St. Nicholas of Myra together with Fr. Matthew Antony (another La Salette priest). The new parish is one of the oldest parishes of the Diocese and it is one hour drive from Sydney airport. I will be starting my ministry during the first week of September. I ask all your support and prayers for this new ministry and I hope you will take notice of my new address. I will always remember you all in my prayers... All are welcome to come to Sydney anytime Until then we will be in touch with letters and emails...

> Fr. Jose Manjaly, M. S. St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish 326 High Street PO Box 1868 Penrith, NSW 2751 Australia

Phone: 02 4721 2509 Fax: 02 4731 4259

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Engaging Spirituality at Ignatius House

Engaging Spirituality is a prayerful process that invites us to draw this world down into ourselves, to hold it in prayer together, and to practice living deeply.

Beginning on September 6th for 21 weeks, Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The program includes prayerful dialogue, journal-keeping, spiritual reading, outreach ministry and personal letters from 24 contemporary spiritual pathfinders.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Information Session by Catholic **Charities Atlanta**

Saturday, September 15, 2012, From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia—Foro Informativo a cargo de Caridades Católicas Atlanta

Sábado. 15 de septiembre 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. 280 West Peachtree St. N.W., Atlanta, GA

Marriage Encounter

Autumn is a great time to 'Fall' in Love again. Your marriage can experience the beautiful and invigorating 'Change' that you will enjoy in the colorful World around you. Spend a Weekend with us at the Atlanta Marriott in Norcross to learn how to create the Beauty of Autumn in your relationship for yourselves, your family, and your friends. Our next weekend is September 28 – 30.

For the application form or to learn other dates, go to www.wwmeatlanta.org or call us at 678-435-3791.

World Wide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-Marriage movement in the world. It is a past recipient of the Franciscan International Award for its effectiveness in celebrating and supporting Marriage.

RCIA: Glossary of common terms

- BOOK OF THE ELECT: The book the Catechumens for election are to sign at the Rite of Sending in the parish, this book is presented to the bishop at the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent.
- CANDIDATE: Generally anyone preparing to become a Catholic, but the term is often used more specifically for a person who is baptized in another Christian tradition, who is preparing for reception into the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church.
- CATECHESIS: The instruction and spiritual formation of the catechumens, neophytes and candidates.
- CATECHUMEN: An unbaptized person who is seeking initiation into the church and who has been accepted into the order of catechuamens.
- CATECHUMENATE: The process by which the Catholic church brings unbaptized children and adults to Christian initiation. Also, the period of time during which an unbaptized person prepares for Christian initiation.
- CHRISM: A combination of oil and sweet balsam or perfume that is mixed and consecrated by the bishop and used to anoint newly baptized people and newly ordained priests and bishops. Chrism is also used in the consecration of churches and altars.
- ELECT: Catechumens who have been found ready by the community of faith to take part in the next celebration of the sacraments of initiation.
- **ELECTION**: The process of selecting those catechumens who are considered ready to take part in the next celebration of the sacraments of initiation. The celebration of the Rite of Election takes place the first Sunday of Lent. The bishop declares in the name of the church that particular catechumens are ready and chosen for the sacraments at Easter. The Book of the Elect is presented to the bishop at this celebration.
- ENROLLMENT: The rite of inscribing into the Book of the Elect the names of those catechumens to be elected to take part in the next celebration of the sacraments of initiation.
- EVANGELIZATION: The activity by which the church proclaims the gospel in word and in deed. (Also the period in which the Inquirers are prepared for the catechumenate).
- SPONSORS(S): This is the person who will accompany the catechumen on his/her journey through the rites and periods of the catechumenate through the time of mystagogy (the time after Easter). This person is selected by the catechumen with the approval of the parish priest or Faith Formation director.
- INITIATION: The process by which a person enters the faith life of the church. The process extends from the persons first inquiry through the completion of mystagogy.
- MYSTAGOGY (MYSTAGOGIA): The period of time following initiation, usually the Easter season, which centers on catechesis in the meaning and experience of the mysteries of baptismal faith.
- NEOPHYTE: A newly baptized person who is in the final period of Christian initiation, mystagogy.
- PRECATECHUMENATE: The period of inquiry prior to acceptance into the order of catechumens; the time of initial evangelization.
- **SCRUTINIES:** Rites celebrated with the elect, usually at the Sunday liturgy on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. Petitioning for the spirit of repentance, an understanding of sin and the experience of the true freedom of the children of God.

This week in our parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

LABOR DAY

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

12:00 PM

MASS

† Henry Kuzynski

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

| 9:00 AM | Preschool |
|----------|--------------------|
| 10:00 AM | BIBLE STUDY |
| 6:30 PM | Rosary |
| 7:00 PM | BIBLE STUDY |
| | CHOIR REHEARSAL |
| | KNIGHTS OF COLUMBU |
| 7:00 PM | MASS |
| 7:00 PM | THIRSTY THURSDAY |
| 8-00 DM | Mica |

7:00 PM THIRSTY THURSDAY 8:30 PM REVIVAL RETREAT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

| 9:00 A | M | PRESCHOOL |
|---------|----|--------------------|
| 12:00 P | M | Mass |
| 6:00 P | PM | INEA |
| 6:30 P | PM | CENTERING PRAYER G |
| 7:30 P | PM | CANTOR REHEARSAL |
| | | |

SVdP

ROUP

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

| 8:00 AM | Moms in Prayer |
|----------|--------------------------|
| 9:00 AM | Preschool |
| 12:00 PM | Mass |
| 6:00 PM | INEA CLASS |
| 8:00 PM | EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

| 6:30 AM | t | MASS Thomas & Evelyn O'Donnell |
|----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 7:00 AM | | ADORATION |
| 9:00 AM | | Preschool |
| 12:00 PM | | OVER 50'S |
| 6:45 PM | | BENEDICTION |
| 7:00 PM | | CATECHIST OPEN HOUSE |
| | | CRACK IT OPEN |
| 7:00 PM | | MASS |
| 7:00 PM | | STA CAFÉ MEETING |
| 7:30 PM | | LIFE TEEN BAND |
| 8:30 PM | | SMALL EVANGELIZED COMMUNITIES |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

| 8:00 AM | | ULTREYA |
|----------|---|---------------------------|
| 9:00 AM | | BAUTISMOS |
| 10:00 AM | | Maria Niña |
| | | RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL |
| 2:00 PM | | AGUIRRE QUINCEAÑERA |
| 3:30 PM | | CONFESSIONS |
| 5:00 PM | | Mass |
| | t | Ed Bartocha |
| 7:30 PM | ľ | MISA |
| | t | Salvador Castañeda Godina |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

11:00 PM

11:30 AM

12:30 PM

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

† Bernece Rhoton

LEGION OF MARY

† Agnes Chiaere

NURSERY AVAILABLE



FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7a SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-5 GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37

| 6:00 AM | | MISA | 6:00 PM | LEGACY COLLEGE MINISTRY |
|---------|---|---------------|---------|-------------------------|
| | t | Gabriel Reyes | 7:30 PM | MISA |
| 7:30 AM | | MASS | † | Juan Mata Camacho |
| | t | JoAnn Yorio | į į | Soledad Torres Montes |
| 9:30 AM | | Mass | | |

NURSERY AVAILABLE SPANISH RCIA 2:00 PM † Agustin Tellez 5:00 PM

People of St. Thomas & for Immigration Reform

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