



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 2, 2012

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9:00AM—5:00PM

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10:00AM—6:00PM

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Office Hours

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10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass

Schedule

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

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

Confesión:

Sábados: 6:30 PM

Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

*First Sunday
of Advent*

"They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand...For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:27-28, 35-36

"Y en ese preciso momento verán al Hijo del Hombre venir en la Nube, con gran poder e infinita gloria. Cuando se presenten los primeros signos, enderécense y levanten la cabeza, porque está cerca su liberación...Ese día se cerrará como una trampa sobre todos los habitantes de la tierra. Por eso estén vigilando y orando en todo momento, para que se les conceda escapar de todo lo que debe suceder y estar de pie ante el Hijo del Hombre."

LUCAS 21:27-28, 35-36

Primer Domingo de Adviento



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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 • Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell

Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)



Offertory/Ofertorio November 24-25, 2012

Budgeted (<i>Presupuesto</i>).....	\$38,000.00
Actual (<i>Actual</i>).....	\$21,287.00
Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>).....	\$16,713.00

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

To Date Budget (<i>Proyección</i>).....	\$836,000.00
To Date Actual (<i>Real</i>).....	\$536,924.00
To Date Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>).....	\$299,076.00

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

Goal (<i>Meta</i>).....	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged to Date.....	\$3,045,335.00
<i>Compromisos hasta la fecha</i>	
Past Due 12 Payments.....	(\$509,000.00)
<i>12 Pagos atrasados</i>	
Pledges Net of Past Due.....	\$2,536,335.00
<i>Compromisos netos</i>	
Collected to Date.....	\$1,605,006.00
<i>Recolectado hasta la fecha</i>	
Campaign Expenses.....	(\$245,840.00)
<i>Gastos de Campaña</i>	
Net Funds to Date.....	\$1,359,166.00
<i>Pagos netos hasta la fecha</i>	
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>).....	1,330

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2012
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2012

Goal (<i>Meta</i>).....	\$131,883.00
Pledged (<i>Compromisos</i>).....	\$174,053.00
Paid to date (<i>Pagos</i>).....	\$107,293.00
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>).....	865

In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones

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.

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|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Crista Acosta | Doris Cushing | Alan Knieter | Sylvia Rojas |
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| Brandi Dabney | Paula García Patiño | Shirley Loggins | Lenna Spencer |
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| Bob Contino | Gloria Kincer | Mary Ellen Rizzuto | Kimberly Urióstegui |

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 vpandit@emory.edu

Pray For Our Troops

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

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sgt. John R Beuth ANG | SFC Charles Granke, USA | 2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA |
| Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA | PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA | PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC |
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| Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC | E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN | Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA |
| SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG | PFC Brian Harris, USA | Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA |
| SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA | Maj. Marise James, USAF | CPT Anna Smith, ARNG |
| ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN | LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello | S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA |
| Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrell, USA | CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA | CW4 Anthony Veney, USA |
| Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA | LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC | |
| LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC | HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN | |

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

Next Sunday's Readings / lecturas para el próximo domingo
December 9, 2012—Second Sunday of Advent



First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

For complete list of weekly readings please visit: www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños

November 10-11, 2012



Treasure (Tesoro): \$479.77

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento):

Time & Talent (Tiempo & Talento) I played with my cars (*Jugué con mis carros*) ♥ I did my bed (*Tendí mi cama*)
♥ I helped with my brother (*Ayudé con mi hermanito*) ♥ I raked the leaves for my neighbors (*recogí las hojas secas de mis vecinos*) ♥ I am good (*Soy bueno*) ♥ I make my homework (*Hice mi tarea*) ♥ Played outside (*Jugué afuera*) ♥ I helped my Mom take care of the baby (*Ayudé a mi mama con el bebé*) ♥ I was nice to my family (*Fui bueno con mi familia*) ♥ I put clothes away (*Guardé la ropa*) ♥ Not fight with my sister (*No pelear con mi hermana*) ♥ I go to school (*Voy a la escuela*) ♥ Helped my Mom with my babysister (*Ayudé a Mamá con la niñera*) ♥ Not be mean (*No ser malo*) ♥ Pick up my toys (*Recoger mis juguetes*) ♥ Clean my room (*Limpiar mi cuarto*) ♥ I helped my Mom get out the food from the car (*Ayudé a Mami a llevar las compras del carro*) ♥ I like to help people (*Me gusta ayudar a la gente*) ♥ Sharing with my sister (*Compartir con mi familia*) ♥

Children's Envelopes available
in the Commons Area.

A farewell message from our pastor, Fr. Jim

Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to share some news with you.

Many of you remember that the Missionaries of Our Lady of la Salette gathered together last month for a Provincial Chapter which also was a Chapter of Elections. A Provincial Chapter is a time for a religious community to discern and evaluate, take decisions and give directions for the future of our mission and community.

Our newly elected Provincial Superior and his Council met in the first part of this Thanksgiving Week and made some decisions and appointments that affect our ministry and personnel.

With a mix of personal feelings, I want to share with you that the Provincial and his Council have appointed me to become the pastor of Mary Queen Parish, in Friendswood, Texas, in the Archdiocese of Houston. As a vowed religious and a Missionary of La Salette I will begin my ministry there on January 3, 2013.

In the 9 years that I have served as your pastor here at St.

Thomas the Apostle, I have become very grateful for the gift that you are to me and to one another. It is a joy to be with you here and will be difficult for me to leave you. But I prepare to do so with great love and gratitude in my heart, and I especially ask that you pray for me, as I pray for you.

God bless,
Fr. Jim



Welcome

Fr. Brian Sheridan, M.S.



Fr. Skip Negley, M.S., Provincial Superior and his Council has named Fr. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. as **Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, in Smyrna, effective January 3, 2013.**

Fr. Brian was born in East Hartford, CT in 1954. He professed First Vows as a La Salette Missionary on September 19, 1981, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Hartford, CT. He was ordained a Priest by Most Rev. Alfred Hughes on May 28, 1983, in Ipswich, MA.

His first assignment was to be Parochial Vicar at the Church of St. Ann in Marietta, GA. Following the call to serve the foreign missions he was sent to Argentina where he served in Clodomira, Santiago del Estero. He returned to the U.S. in 1992 to become Director of the La Salette Mission Office in Hartford, CT. He served briefly as Shrine Director in Altamont, N.Y. before becoming Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Orlando, FL. His most recent assignment was as Pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, Hartford, CT.

Let's give Fr. Brian a warm welcome!



The date for a farewell reception for Fr. Jim will be announced in the following weeks.

Coming soon ...

December 3, 10 & 17
5:45 p.m.
Music Room

Children's Christmas Choir

December 20
5:30 p.m.

Main Sanctuary
Registration required.
See Page 5 for details.

December 4
7:00 p.m.
Main Sanctuary

Advent Penance Service

An opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in this Advent season.

December 8
9:00 a.m.
Main Sanctuary

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation.
See schedule of Masses on Page 5.

December 11
6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Jim R. Miller Park

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

December 12
2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Main Sanctuary.
See Page 5 for details.



Outreach opportunities (Oportunidades para ayudar)



Coats for Kids Drive Abrigos para Niños

If you have any used, clean, winter coats, please deposit them in the collection boxes in the Commons Area.

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting coats until December 16th.

Cash donations will also be accepted. Please make your check payable to KOC 12386 and drop in the weekly collection basket or drop it off at the church office.

If you know of any child or adult in NEED of a winter coat, please contact: Bruce Goodwin 404-275-0578 or the church office.

Solicitamos donaciones de abrigos para niños. Puedan traer abrigos nuevos o usados al Área Común. Si conoces a un niño que necesite un abrigo, llama a la oficina parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 101.

"Adopt-A-Family" For Christmas "Adopta una Familia" para Navidad

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, then 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.

Si tú, tu familia, tus amigos o comunidad, desean adoptar una familia en necesidad esta Navidad, por favor llama a la Oficina Parroquial. Las familias son asignadas a través de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.

Christmas Baskets Donations Donaciones para Canastas Navideñas

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry needs the following items to include in the Christmas baskets we give to needy families: **Canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing mix, rice (1 pound package), instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, and Little Debbie Christmas cakes.** Thanks for your generosity!

*La Despensa de San Vicente de Paúl solicita los siguientes víveres: **Maíz y chícharos enlatados, mezcla para relleno de pavo, arroz (paquetes de 1 libra), puré de papas instantáneo, frutas enlatadas.** ¡Gracias por su generosidad!*

Night Shelter Albergue Nocturno

Volunteer at the Night Shelter with other St. Thomas parishioners on December 5th and 19th. Additional dates available January—March 2013. For more information, please contact: Larry Monteith at 770-432-3967

Participa en el Albergue Nocturno junto a otros feligreses de Santo Tomás el 5 y 19 de diciembre. Fechas adicionales de enero a marzo 2013. Para más detalles por favor llama a la Oficina Parroquial.



PARISH AGENDA—December 3—9, 2012

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
4:30 PM PSR
5:45 PM CHRISTMAS CHOIR
6:00 PM INEA
6:30 PM GOOD NEWS PEOPLE
EMA CHOIR
7:00 PM PSR
8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
8:30 PM MISA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
6:00 PM INEA
6:30 PM CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
7:00 PM EMA CHOIR
7:00 PM LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

7:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE

7:30 PM SVDp
7:45 PM APOSTLES
8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
8:30 PM MISA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 AM **MASS**
7:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM JUST FAITH
12:00 PM OVER 50'S
6:00 PM INEA
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM **MASS**
† **Providencia Morales**
7:00 PM PSR
EDGE NIGHT
JUST FAITH

7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
8:30 PM MISA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM STORY TIME
BIBLE STUDY
6:00 PM INEA
6:30 PM ROSARY
7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL
PSR
THIRSTY THURSDAY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:00 PM **MASS**
EMA CHOIR
7:00 PM PSR
THIRSTY THURSDAY

WELCOME MINISTRY

8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
8:30 PM MISA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM MOMS IN PRAYER
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
In Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings
6:00 PM INEA
7:00 PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
VIGIL MASS
† **Ricardo Testino**
7:30 PM PREBAUTISMALES
8:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
8:30 PM MISA
INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

Eucharistic Ministers
to the Sick

**Training: Saturday,
December 8th
10:30 a.m. in the Main
Sanctuary**

If you're interested in touching the lives of our brothers and sisters by bringing the Body of our Lord to those unable to join us at regular mass services, this is a ministry for you. For more information call Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

Children's Christmas Choir

All children in grades Kindergarten through 8 are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas Choir to lead music at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy (English). **Rehearsals begin THIS Monday, December 3rd.** Pre-registration is required. Contact Patty Smith at 770-241-9343 or sign up online at: www.stthomastheapostle.org/ccc-2012

Coro Navideños de Niños

Para niños desde kínder hasta el Grado 8 que deseen cantar en inglés durante la Misa de Niños del 24 de diciembre. Los ensayos inician ESTE LUNES, 3 de diciembre. Por favor llama a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 101 para dar los datos de tus hijos y recibir materiales de práctica antes de que inician los ensayos.



**Penance
Service**

**Penance
Service**
Tuesday,
December 4th
Main Sanctuary

Let us renew
and recommit
ourselves as
disciples of
Jesus through
the Sacrament
of Reconcilia-
tion.

**Servicio
Penitencial**
Martes
4 de diciembre
Iglesia



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebración Guadalupeana

**Tuesday, December 11th
Martes, 11 de diciembre**

**Jim R. Miller Park
2245 Callaway Road
Marietta, GA 30008**

- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Dance
Danza Matachines
- 8:00 p.m. Enthronement of the Virgin Mary
Entronización de la Virgen
- 9:00 p.m. Living Rosary
Rosario Viviente
- 10:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Misa en Español
- 12:00 a.m. Serenade to our Lady of Guadalupe
Mañanitas a la Virgen

**Wednesday, December 12th
Miércoles, 12 de diciembre**

All Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.
NO events at the park.

*Todas las Misas en la iglesia Santo Tomás.
NO habrá eventos en el parque.*

- 2:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass (Misa en español)**
Blessing of Children and Pregnant Women
Bendición de Niños y Mujeres Embarazadas
- 8:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass (Misa en español)**
Blessing of the Tools
Bendición de Herramientas

For more information please call the Parish Office.
Para más informes llama a la Oficina Parroquial.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:00 AM ULTREYA
- 9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
- 9:30 AM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS
- 10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL
- 10:30 AM EUCHARISTIC MIN. TO SICK
- 11:30 AM MACEDO QUINCEAÑERA
- 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
- 5:00 PM **MASS**
† **Chris Harding**
- 7:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
- 7:30 PM **MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 6:00 AM **MISA**
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS
- 7:30 AM **MASS**
† **Clothilde Miller**
- 8:00 AM WELCOME BREAKFAST
- 9:30 AM **MASS**
† **Elsie Toro**
NURSERY AVAILABLE
- 9:30 AM RCIA
- 11:00 PM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:30 AM **MASS**
† **Helen Emeribe**

- 12:30 PM NURSERY AVAILABLE
- APOSTLES CLASS
- SP RCIA
- 2:00 PM **MISA**
- 5:00 PM **MASS**
† **Ana María Mixco**
- 5:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
- 6:30 PM LIFENIGHT
- CONSECRATION TO JESUS
- LEGACY COLLEGE MINISTRY
- 7:00 PM NOVENA GUADALUPANA
- 7:30 PM **MISA**



Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 7th
7:00 p.m. English Vigil Mass

Saturday, December 8th
9:00 a.m. English Mass

Inmaculada Concepción
Viernes, 7 de diciembre
8:30 p.m. Misa de Vigilia



First Sunday of Advent

“They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand...For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:27-28, 35-36

*As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes **our longing, our desire, our hope.***

Three “advents” or “comings” shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

So, we begin with our longing, our desire and our hope.

Today’s Gospel:

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

Reflection for Families

Children look to their parents to set the pace not only for certain seasons of the year, but for our lifestyles. Parents often load their plates to overflowing and race from one responsibility to the next balancing jobs, homes, and families.

Many teens and young adults who have just emerged from a childhood in these frantic homes have decided clearly that this is not the way they want to raise their own families. Most likely these will be the new, young parents who help their children prepare for Jesus’ return in a thoughtful and prayerful way. This is probably the most important season where parents can show their children by our own actions, what is truly important to us and how we accept the Gospel message of our Savior.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Beginning with this first Sunday of Advent, make a promise as a family to live the message of this Gospel. Clearly, we are cautioned not to get caught up with the busyness of ordinary life—the chores, the eating and drinking.

As a family, think of ways you can slow the pace and take the focus off the “doing” and “getting” and concentrate on “being” and “giving.” You might decide to make more time for family prayer, reach out to someone who has lost hope at this Christmas season, or begin a new tradition that helps you prepare for Jesus’ return.

Discussion Starters

1. One new thing I will do this Advent season to prepare for Jesus’ return is...
2. Sometimes, things in my life fall apart just like the Gospel says will happen to the world before Jesus comes. When things start getting chaotic for me, I...
3. The one person who has helped me slow my life down is...

Come, Lord Jesus! Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

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