



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 16, 2012

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00AM—5:00PM

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770 - 432-5296

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10:00AM—6:00PM

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770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday

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

*Third Sunday
of Advent*

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:15-16

El pueblo estaba en la duda, y todos se preguntaban interiormente si Juan no sería el Mesías, por lo que Juan hizo a todos esta declaración: "Yo les bautizo con agua, pero está para llegar uno con más poder que yo, y yo no soy digno de desatar las correas de su sandalia. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y el fuego."

Lucas 3:15-16

*Tercer Domingo
de Adviento*

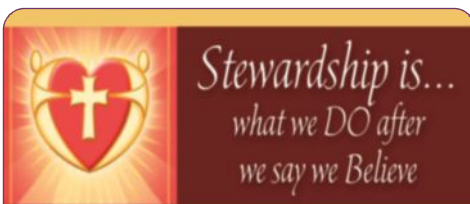


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Pastor: Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. (x108)

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▪ 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 December 8-9, 2012

Budgeted (<i>Presupuesto</i>).....	\$38,000.00
Actual (<i>Actual</i>)	\$21,765.00
Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>)	\$16,235.00

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

To Date Budget (<i>Proyección</i>).....	\$912,000.00
To Date Actual (<i>Real</i>)	\$591,618.00
To Date Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>).....	\$320,382.00



Operating Financial Statement (4 months)
Costos de Operación (4 meses)

Revenue (<i>Ingresos</i>).....	\$827,072.00
Expenses (<i>Gastos</i>).....	\$736,731.00
Assessment Owed to Archdiocese	\$149,096.00
<i>(Deuda con la Arquidiócesis)</i>	
Loss from Operations	\$58,755.00
<i>(Pérdida por Operaciones)</i>	
Additional Assessments	\$975,501.00
still owed from 2010/2011	
<i>(Deudas Adicionales del 2010/2011)</i>	

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

Goal (<i>Meta</i>)	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$3,045,342.00
<i>Compromisos hasta la fecha</i>	
Past Due 12 Payments.....	(\$509,000.00)
<i>12 Pagos atrasados</i>	
Pledges Net of Past Due.....	\$2,536,342.00
<i>Compromisos netos</i>	
Collected to Date	\$1,636,479.00
<i>Recolectado hasta la fecha</i>	
Campaign Expenses.....	(\$245,840.00)
<i>Gastos de Campaña</i>	
Net Funds to Date	\$1,390,639.00
<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>).....	\$180,459.00
Paid to date (<i>Pagos</i>).....	\$118,566.00

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.

Crista Acosta	Paula de Jesus	Alan Knieter	Steve Scheneman
Samuel Bright	Richard Gaeta, Sr.	Linda Laurens	Lenna Spencer
Brandi Dabney	Paula García Patiño	Shirley Loggins	Margaret Spencer
Becky Dillon	Lauren Garger	Dorothy Madson	Dani Sullivan
Chris Campbell	Sandy Haynes	Leona Morales	MaryAnne Sutter
Tara Cantrell	Denisse Hernandez	Nakia Natali	David Troughton, Sr.
Ricky Carreño	Danielle Jinks	Rodolfo Proaño	Kimberly Urióstegui
Bob Contino	Cordelia Kelly	Arellys Ramirez	
Doris Cushing	Gloria Kincer	Mary Ellen Rizzuto	

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, especially: / Recordamos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que se encuentran sirviendo en el ejército, especialmente:

Sgt. John R Beuth ANG	SFC Charles Granke, USA	HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN
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Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA	Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG	PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC
Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC	E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN	Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA
SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG	PFC Brian Harris, USA	Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA
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L.Cpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC	L.Cpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC	CW4 Anthony Veney, USA

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 23, 2012—Fourth Sunday of Advent



First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños December 1-2, 2012



Children's Envelopes available in the Commons Area.

Treasure (Tesoro): \$403.58

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento):

Helped my Mom to rake leaves (*Ayudé a Mami a juntar hojas*) ♥ Prayed for the poor (*Oré por los pobres*) ♥ I cleaned my room (*Limpié mi cuarto*) ♥ Trying to eat my veggies (*Traté de comer mis vegetales*) ♥ Recycling and helping the planet (*Reciclar y ayudar al planeta*) ♥ Being good (*Fui bueno*) ♥ Fold my mother's clothes (*Doblé la ropa de Mami*) ♥ I helped my Mom clean (*Ayudé a mi mamá a limpiar*) ♥ I was very good at school (*Fui bueno en la escuela*) ♥ I gave a dollar (*Doné un dólar*) ♥ I behaved (*Me porté bien*) ♥ I will clean my room (*Limpiaré mi cuarto*) ♥ Respect my parents (*Respetar a mis padres*) ♥ Took my sister outside (*Saqué a mi hermanita*) ♥ I helped a lady cross the street (*Ayudé a una señora a cruzar la calle*) ♥ Going to church (*Ir a la iglesia*) ♥

Our new pastor, Fr. Brian Sheridan, M.S.
 Nuestro nuevo párroco, Padre Brian Sheridan, M.S.



As it was announced last weekend, the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of La Salette 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.

He has served in a number of parishes, including 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 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!

Tal como se anunció el fin de semana pasado, el Superior Provincial de los Misioneros de La Salette ha nombrado al Padre Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. como el Nuevo párroco de Santo Tomás el Apóstol, a partir del 3 de enero del 2013.

El Padre Brian nació en 1954 y fue ordenado el 28 de mayo de 1983 y ha servido en diversas parroquias de los Estados Unidos y misiones extranjeras, incluyendo Clodomira, en Santiago del Estero (Argentina).

¡Ofrezcamos una cordial bienvenida al Padre Brian!

Fr. Jim's Farewell Events

Despedida del Padre Jim

Please join us during the weekend of January 12th and 13th to say "THANKS" to Fr. Jim.

Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, January 12, 2013—6:00 p.m.
 Social Hall

Limited seating due to capacity and fire code regulations.



Open House

Sunday, January 13, 2013
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Social Hall



Join us to thank Fr. Jim for his years of service to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Parish wide event. ALL are welcome!

Cena de Agradecimiento
Sábado, 12 de enero, 2013—6:00 p.m.
Salón Social

Espacio limitado debido al código de incendios.



Convivio General de Despedida

Domingo, 13 de enero, 2013
 10:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.
Salón Social



*Abierto a TODA la parroquia.
 ¡TODOS son bienvenidos!*

Coming soon ...

December 24
 4:00 p.m.
 Main Sanctuary
Children's Christmas Mass
 All children are invited to dress in a simple costume related to the story of the Nativity. More details on page 5.

December 25
 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
 Main Sanctuary
English Christmas Masses
 Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus in our hearts. Spanish Christmas Masses also available at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 8
 7:30 p.m.
 Main Sanctuary
Ignite!
 Join us for an exceptional evening of worship, prayer, music, scriptures and faith stories. Light dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.

January 13, 2013
 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Social Hall
Fr. Jim's Farewell
ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS OPEN HOUSE! See more details on this page.

Christ is your gift at Christmas. What would you give back to Him? *Cristo es tu regalo en Navidad. ¿Cómo puedes responder a Cristo?*

The **Pew Angels Ministry** is looking for more volunteers to help straighten up the pews before and after the weekend masses.

Pew Angels are needed on Monday and/or Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call the parish office if you are willing to help.

Angelitos de las Bancas
Necesitamos voluntarios los lunes y/o viernes de 10:00 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. para ordenar los materiales de las bancas en la iglesia. Si deseas ayudar, por favor llama a la oficina parroquial.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP): Serve the poor and underprivileged in our community through our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Opportunities are numerous with a variety of time commitments. Leave a message at SVdP Hotline at 770-432-8579 Ext 300.

Welcome Ministry: Provide a personal welcome for new parishioners and help them to develop an active life of stewardship within our parish community. Contact Lauren Russell at 808-285-4124 if you are interested in serving.

Knights of Columbus: A fraternal service organization of Catholic men built on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism whose purpose is to support the church, community, family and youth. Open to all practicing Catholic male members of St. Thomas the Apostle, age 18 and older. Contact Membership Director Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469 to learn more about the Knights.

For more volunteer opportunities please visit:
www.stthomastheapostle.org/ministries

St. Vincent de Paul Society Pantry

Just imagine a family seated around a table on Christmas day with bowed heads. They are giving thanks to God for the kindness of people like you who gave so generously to our Giving Tree and to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank making their Christmas day a time of joy.

Keep in mind, though that when the festivities of Christmas have past, the needs in our community to share with our brothers and sisters continues. **Staples can be left in the food bins in Commons or you can contribute monetarily through the 2nd collection for the weekend masses of January 5th and 6th.**

The Altar Flowers for this weekend are offered by Pam Peterman in memory of her sister, Lucy Luczon.



The Parish Office will be closed during Christmas Week and will re-open on January 2nd.

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada durante la semana de Navidad y abrirá nuevamente hasta el 2 de enero.

PARISH AGENDA—December 17—22, 2012

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **Mass**
† **James Hazell**
4:30 PM PSR
5:45 PM CHRISTMAS CHOIR
6:00 PM INEA
7:00 PM PSR
EMA CHOIR
RCIA CHRISTMAS PARTY
7:30 PM **Misa**
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 PM
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **Mass**
† **William Chua Tan**
6:00 PM INEA

6:30 PM CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
7:00 PM LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS
7:30 PM SVdP
8:15 PM APOYO FAMILIAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 AM **Mass**
† **Mario & Lucy Cavaliere**
† **Jackie O'Connor**
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM JUST FAITH
6:00 PM INEA
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM **Mass**
† **Francisco Soto**
7:00 PM CRACK IT OPEN
JUST FAITH
POSADAS (EVANGELIZATION)
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

NO PSR
5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
6:00 PM INEA
6:30 PM ROSARY
7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THIRSTY THURSDAY
7:00 PM **Mass**
† **George Patrick Garger**
8:30 PM **Misa**
† **Jesús Angel**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:00 PM **Mass**
† **Pio Ferandos**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
1:00 PM PUT UP CHRISTMAS TREES
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
5:00 PM **Mass**
† **Bonnie Wade**
7:00 PM POSADAS (SMYRNA)
7:30 PM **Misa**
† **Apolonio Sánchez**
† **Mario de Jesús**
† **Ignacio Pérez**

Around the Archdiocese

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is conducting its annual search for the **Longest Married Couple in the United States** as well as each of the 50 states. Please consider nominating family or friends who are blessed with long marriages.

The nominations should be sent to Dick & Diane Baumbach at: dickanddiane66@bellsouth.net or by calling 321-613-5180. Nominations can also be mailed to Dick & Diane Baumbach at 8934 Puerto Del Rio Dr. #204 Cape Canaveral, FL 32920. To learn more about Worldwide Marriage Encounter please visit: www.wme.org

Attention Catholic Singles

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the Atlanta diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting.

For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org



Christmas Mass Schedule available at the bottom of this page!

Horario de Misas de Navidad disponible al pie de esta página.

No Parish School of Religion (PSR)

From December 23rd to January 8th due to Christmas Holidays. Classes will resume on January 8th.

No habrá Catecismo del 23 de diciembre al 3 de enero *debido a las fiestas navideñas. Las clases continuarán a partir del 8 de enero.*

Children's Christmas Mass on Dec. 24th

Misa Navideña para Niños el 24 de diciembre

ALL CHILDREN of our parish family are invited to come and participate in our Christmas Liturgy especially celebrated for children on **Monday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m** Come in a simple costume, dressed as one of the people or animals in the Nativity Story. Become part of this celebration by being angels, stars, shepherds, wise men, lambs or innkeepers. Mary and Joseph will be waiting. Come help in the telling of this wonderful story on this special, sacred night!

*Todos los niños de la parroquia están invitados a la Misa en Inglés para Niños, el **lunes, 24 de diciembre a las 4:00 p.m.***

Vengan vestidos de pastores, ovejas, estrellas, ángeles, o cualquier otra persona o animal relacionado con la historia de la Natividad. María y José les estarán esperando para rememorar esta noche sagrada.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NO PSR

6:00 AM MISA
† Reyes Martínez
7:30 AM MASS
† Mary Prendergast
9:30 AM MASS
People of St. Thomas
NURSERY AVAILABLE
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM MASS
† Yaminda Mendy
NURSERY AVAILABLE
1:00 PM REESE BAPTISM
2:00 PM MISA
† Ramón Avilio Sandía

5:00 PM MASS
† Charlie Peck
5:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
7:30 PM MISA
† Ruth Valdez
† Rafael Martínez
† Arcadio García

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve—Monday, December 24, 2012

Children's Mass (English) 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass (English) 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Carols & Hymns (English) 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day—Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Midnight Mass (English) 12:00 a.m.
Christmas Mass (English) 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Mass (English) 11:30 a.m.

Horario de Misas de Navidad y Año Nuevo

Lunes, 24 de diciembre del 2012

Misa de Nochebuena (Español) 8:00 a.m.

Martes, 25 de diciembre, 2012

Misa de Navidad (Español) 2:00 p.m.
Misa de Navidad (Español) 7:30 p.m.



Third Sunday of Advent

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:15-16

*Lord,
watch over your people,
who come to you in
confidence.*

*Strengthen the hearts of
those who hope in you.
Give courage to those
who falter because of
their failures.*

*In this holy season of
Advent, lead them closer
to you in hope, by the
power of your
Holy Spirit.*

*May they one day
proclaim your saving
acts of kindness in your
eternal kingdom.
Amen.*

Today's Gospel:

Luke 3:10-18

Reflection for Families

How many times a day do parents, in the young lives of their children, preach this Gospel message: share and don't take more than your share! Especially in the formative years, these are valuable social skills, but they are also life lessons for people of all ages. A part of our human nature wants to hoard—just in case.

This insecurity causes us to share only reluctantly, and if we take a little more than our share, we will have an extra amount in case we find ourselves in need. The message of this Gospel encourages us to change that thinking. If we act as God wants us to, others will share with us as well as we share with them. If we take only what we need, there will be enough for everyone.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Consider ways during this Advent season that your family can share with others. Check your parish bulletin or community news page to see what opportunities might be available for giving to others this holiday season. There might be food or clothing drives, opportunities to visit or assist shut-ins.

How about the old-fashioned idea of caroling—especially to those who can't get out or may be finding this holiday season especially difficult?

Discussion Starters

1. There is much evidence in the world today that people do what John said in this Gospel. One way I see people share (or not take more than their share) is...
2. The hardest thing for me to share is...
3. I will show someone my joy and anticipation for Jesus by...



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