

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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May 5, 2013

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

Horario de Misas en Español 7:30 PM Lunes: 8:00 PM Jueves: 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

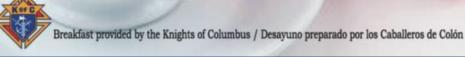
Breakfast for Nom! Desayuno para Hamá

Social Hall

Domingo, 12 de mayo de 8:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m. Salón Social

MOTHERS EAT FREE! LAS MAMÁS COMEN GRATIS

See more details on Page 5. Ver más detalles en la Página 5.



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Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108) Parochial Vicars: 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 • Deacons Office (x106) Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)

May 5, 2013



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

Offertory/Ofertorio April 27-28, 2013

Budgeted (Proyección)	
Actual (Real)	
Shortfall (Pérdida)	

FY 2013 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real

To Date Budget (Proyección)	\$1,672,000.00
To Date Actual (Real)	
To Date Shortfall (Pérdida)	\$533,356.00

Operating Financial Statement (8 months) Costos de Operación (8 meses) as of February 28, 2013

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Revenue (Ingresos)	.\$1,492,862.00
Expenses (Gastos)	
Assessment Owed to Archdiocese	\$228,089.00
(Deuda con la Arquidiócesis) FY 201	2/2013
Loss from Operations	\$234,038.00
(Pérdida por Operaciones)	

Total Assessments\$1,060,498.00 still owed to Archdiocese from 2010/2013 (Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis del 2010/2013)

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

Goal (Meta)	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged to Date Compromisos hasta la fecha	. \$2,449,584.00
Pledges Deleted for non-Payment . Compromisos eliminados debido a falta	
Net Pledges after Deletions Compromisos netos	. <u>\$2,216,734.00</u>
Collected to Date Recolectado hasta la fecha (Includes monies transferred from Hispanic M	
Campaign Expenses Gastos de Campaña	*/

Net Funds to Date					\$ \$1,606,840		
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Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)1,309

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2013	6 (Week 13)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2013	(Semana 13)
Goal (Meta)	.\$144,515.00
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) .	\$148,698.00
Paid to date (Pagos)	\$53,455.00
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).	721

In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones

Please pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List.

Dave Beard Jairo Castro Constance Roberts Josie Alexis Alvaro W. Caniz Pamela Smith Estela Valdes Gerardo Valdes Fr. Gene Barrette, M.S. Marisol Mancilla Fr. Andrian Pleus Elena María Salazar Mike Southwood

Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list above. The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

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 / Oremos por nuestros soldados

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 CWO5 Kevin Scott Bera, USMC Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA 2LT Adam Fisk, 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 LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA Christopher Sandoval 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.

Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas para el próximo domingo May 18, 2013—Ascension of the Lord



First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

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

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños April 20-21, 2013 Treasure (Tesoro): \$478.96



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Children's Envelopes available in the Commons Area. Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): ♥ Helping in the house (Ayudar en la casa) ♥ Behaved (Me porté bien) ♥ Loving others and helping (Amar y ayudar) ♥ I'm going to receive Holy Communion (Voy a recibir la Primera Comunión) ♥ Being good in school (Portarme bien en la escuela) ♥ I did my homework by myself (Hice la tarea yo solo) ♥ I did what my Mom told me to do (Hice lo que mi mamá me pidió) ♥ To pray (Rezar) ♥ Help people in my class (Ayudar a la gente en clase) ♥ Behaved well on my camping (Me porté bien en el campamento) ♥ Making bed (Tendí la cama) ♥ Joshua and Hassel were good with Mom & Dad (Joshua y Hassel se portó bien con Mamá y Papá) ♥ Shared about my religion (Compartí mi religión ♥ I held the door opened for a stranger (Sostuve la puerta a un extraño) ♥

6th Sunday of Easter / VI Domingo de Pascua

Kids Corner



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! - Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Wanted: Future kings and queens to royally rock VBS Register now to reserve your spot at the royal castle where kids will learn to *Stand Strong For God*. **Date:** June 10th - 14th **Time:** 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. **Location:** Social Hall **Ages:** 3 through 5th grade.

6th grade through adult royal volunteers needed for VBS! Registration Forms available outside the PSR Office (2nd floor) or call 770-432-5296 for more information.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) year is coming to an end.

Thanks to everyone who supported the program this year!

Registration forms are being sent home with all the children registered in classes or home schooling this year. Please fill the forms out and return them to the Religious Education office as soon as possible to ensure that your child will have a spot in our program next year. Forms will be available for new students starting July 1st. For more information please call 770-432-5296.

Supper Club



All families with school age children are welcome! Join us on Saturday, **May 18th from 3:00 p.m.** until dark at the playground area behind the church. Bring a potluck dish and drinks to share. Let's build community through food, fun and fellowship! For more information contact Melanie Meder at medermelanie@yahoo.com or call 678-368-6646.

Preschool Summer Camp



Looking for children ages 3 – 6 (ages as of 9/1/2013) to join the fun! Mark your calendars for: June 17-20, June 24-27, July 8-11 and July 15-18 Cost: \$125 per week—Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Space still available. Please call 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 to sign up your child.

St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Interested in getting information about our Preschool program? Contact Monica Signoret at 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 or visit: www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool

Pastoral Council—

Are you a good candidate?

We are looking for parishioners who meet the following criteria:

- Registered parishioners
- At least 18 years of age
- Baptized, practicing Catholics
- Dedicated to the mission and spiritual welfare of the parish
- Willing to listen and be open -minded towards the ideas of others for the good of the whole parish
- Willing to work with the pastor who is the spiritual leader of the parish

Is God calling you to serve our parish through this unique ministry? If you are interested, or want to learn more about the ministry of the Parish Pastoral Council, please call Mila Johnson 404-713-9633.

Estamos en busca de feligreses Católicos activos, mayores de 18 años que deseen trabajar junto al párroco por el bien de la parroquia. Interesados en formar parte del Consejo Pastoral, por favor llamar a Mila Johnson al 404-713-9633.

Coming soon ...

May 11

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary

First Communions

Please pray for the children in our parish that will be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

May 18-19

After all Masses Commons Area **Bake Sale!** Get your ovens ready!

Support our Spring Bake Sale with monetary donations or baked goods. May 18-19 All Masses Main Sanctuary **Pentecost** Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts! Remember to wear RED on this day.

May 27 9:00 a.m. Main Sanctuary **Memorial Day Mass** A special liturgy honoring those who made the



PARISH LIFE—VIDA PARROQUIAL

Pre-Evangelization

Classes for the upcoming **Evangelization Retreat in August** begin next month!

Our Pastor, Fr. Brian, and Fr. Molina are delighted to invite you to participate in the preevangelization sessions prior to attending the Evangelization Retreat, scheduled on August 19th -August 25th.

The pre-evangelization classes are a pre-requisite to help prepare you to have a personal encounter with the living Jesus at the August Evangelization Retreat.

Two schedules available:

Mondays

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. May 13th to August 12th Classroom #4

Saturdays

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. May 18th to August 17th Classroom #4

For more information please contact John Casey at 770-432-8579, Ext. 130 jcasey@stthomastheapostle.org





Habitat for Humanity: Unity Through Love

Help Build Hope-Building houses with Habitat for Humanity has long been an important part of Saint Thomas the Apostle's ministry to poor families in our community. This year, the people of St. Thomas, together with people from the other Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faith communities of the Cobb Interfaith Coalition, will build our 19th Habitat for Humanity home. We're kicking off this year's fundraising effort with a goal to raise \$10,000 for building materials. Please consider a \$30 donation. Checks should be made payable to "Northwest Atlanta Habitat." Just place your donation in the weekly offertory. Please give what you can.

We are, also, in need of volunteers to help with construction; no special skills required! On the job training is provided. Please contact Tony Pearson-Clarke at pearsonclarke@bellsouth.net to volunteer. God Bless you for your continued generosity and for your prayers.

Hábitat para la Humanidad: Unidad a través del Amor

Avúdanos a construir una vivienda digna para una familia de escasos recursos. Consideren una donación de \$30 que nos ayudará a comprar materiales de construcción. También estamos buscando voluntarios que ayuden durante la construcción. No experiencia necesaria. Interesados por favor escribir a Tony Pearson-Clarke at pearsonclarke@bellsouth.net.

Mission Trip—Fall 2013:

The Saint Thomas the Apostle 23rd Annual Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica to work with the priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th to Sunday, October 13th, 2013. All adult parishioners are welcome. Cost is approximately \$800. For details, please contact Brian Durham via e-mail at: CoMayo3948@aol.com. Space is limited.

Viaje Misionero a Jamaica del 9 al 13 de octubre. Costo: \$800. Interesados llamar a la Oficina Parroquial.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

If your certification expires in 2013 or the 1st Quarter of 2014, we invite you to participate in any of the upcoming Re-certification Seminars:

- Saturday, May 18th: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.-Main Sanctuary. OR
- Saturday, June 22th: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Main Sanctuary

Interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

We welcome your active participation and look forward to your attendance at either of the upcoming Training Seminars mentioned above. If you would like to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during our regular Mass schedule, please contact the Parish Office 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.



Updated April 29, 2013

PARISH AGENDA-May 6-12, 2013

TUESD

MONDAY, MAY	6
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM	Mass
†	Rosemarie Bonesteel
6:00 PM	INEA
	KOFC 1ST DEGREE
7:00 PM	EMA CHOIR
	1ST EUCHARIST PRACTICE
7:30 PM	MISA
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

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9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM	Mass
†	Alfred Gourrier
6:00 PM	INEA
	ENGLISH CLASS
6:30 PM	DISCIPLES PARENTS MTG
7:00 PM	BEREAVEMENT GROUP
	EMA CHOIR
	SVDP
	1ST EUCHARIST PRACTICE
8:00 PM	Apoyo a la Familia

EDNESDAY,	MAY 8
6:30 AM	Mass
†	Vincenti Mendy
7:00 AM	ADORATION
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM	TEA FOR MOMS
6:45 PM	BENEDICTION
7:00 PM	Mass
	Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM	TOWN HALL MEETING ENG
7:00 PM	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND
8:00 PM	SMALL COMMUNITIES

† 8:00 PM	Nelson Villavicencio MISA
7:00 PM	Mass
	CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM	THIRSTY THURSDAY
6:30 AM	Rosary
12:00 PM	TEA FOR MOMS
	STORY TIME
10:00 AM	BIBLE STUDY
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL

THURSDAY, MAY 9

6th Sunday of Easter / VI Domingo de Pascua

Mother's Day Parish Breakfast—May 12th



Mother's Day Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **Mothers eat for free!** Everyone else only \$6. Please come and enjoy our delicious breakfast items after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses.

Menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, grits, fruit cocktail, coffee and orange juice.

Desayuno del Día de las Madres—Mayo 12

Mamás comen GRATIS! Precio del desayuno para el resto: \$6. Los Caballeros de Colón les invitan a este desayuno parroquial el 12 de mayo de 8 a.m. a 11:00 a.m. El menú incluye huevos, tocino, salchichas, panqueque, coctel de frutas, café y jugo de naranja.

Mother's Day Cards now available!

There is no better gift than the gift of prayer! Give the gift of a spiritual bouquet for that special mother in your life. Cards available in the Commons Area. Please return Offering Envelopes to the Parish Office by Friday, May 10th.

Tarjetas para el Día de las Madres

¡Qué mejor obsequio que el regalo de la oración! Ofrece un bouquet espiritual a esa madre especial en tu vida. Tarjetas disponibles en el Área Común. Por favor completar y regresar los Sobres de Ofrenda a la Oficina Parroquial a más tardar el 10 de mayo.

Enter the table-scape competition



The Women's Auxiliary invites you to participate in a fundraising TABLE-SCAPE COMPETITION, on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Taylor-Brawner Banquet Hall, in Smyrna.

Tables will consist of a six-person team. The entrance fee is \$150.00 per table. Three Atlanta Designers will be judging the event and awarding trophies.

Deadline for registration is May 30th! For detailed information and registration, call Rose Levitan at 770-434-9606.



Town Hall Meeting with Fr. Brian (in English) Wednesday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. Social Hall

Our Pastor, Fr. Brian, will be holding another Town Hall Meeting in English this Wednesday night for the purpose of listening to the concerns or observations of our parishioners. Let's not miss the opportunity to speak to him in this open forum. Let your voice be heard!

Fr. Jim's 40th anniversary of priesthood

Fr. Jim Kuczynski, M.S. (our former Pastor) invites our prayer as he observes his 40th Anniversary as a priest at Mary Queen Parish in Texas, where he now serves as Pastor.

Fr. Jim will have a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, May 18th, at 5:30 p.m. at Mary Queen Church 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546-4551.

God bless Fr. Jim with many more years of service to the Catholic Church. *Ad Multos Annos!*

FRIDAY, MAY 10

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9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM	BODY RECALL
12:00 PM	Mass
	In Thanksgiving to the
	Sacred Heart of Jesus
6:00 PM	ENGLISH CLASS
	INEA CLASS
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW-UP

SATURDAY, MAY 11 8:00 AM ULTRE

9:00

10:00 12:30 2:00 3:30 **5:00 7:3**

0 AM	Ultreya
0 AM	SPORT LEAGUES
0 AM	1ST EUCHARIST (GROUP C)
	RECOVERY INT
0 PM	TOSCANO BAPTISM
0 PM	1ST EUCHARIST (GROUP D)
0 PM	CONFESSIONS
0 PM	VIGIL MASS
†	Nicole Bates Smith
0 PM	VIGIL MASS
	Fam. González

SUNDAY, MAY 12 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension of the Lord

6:00 AM	MISA
+	Benjamín Ayala
7:30 AM	Mass
†	Palma Ancona
8:00 AM	MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
9:30 AM	Mass
+	Eliomond Accilien
1:00 AM	LEGION OF MARY

1:30 AM	Mass
+	Johnson Family
2:00 PM	MISA
+	Beatriz Vázguez
Ť	Antonio & Gerardo Pérez
5:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
5:00 PM	Mass
	People of St. Thomas
7:30 PM	MISA
†	Miguel Angel Pineda

Faith Formation / Formación Religiosa

Today's Gospel Reflection

Reflection for Families:

This reading is especially helpful when parents have to explain death to their children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps us and our families when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family:

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would be with us in the world until he returned for us. Take a look in your parish bulletin, local newspaper, or at school, work, or in your neighborhood and list as many examples as you can where you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world. If you notice someone on your list who needs to be reminded that the Spirit is active in their lives, call or visit them and let Jesus' presence be seen through you.

Discussion Starters:

- This week I saw the Holy Spirit's presence in . . .
- One time I know the Holy Spirit was really guiding me was when . . .
- It helps me to know that Jesus is coming back for us especially when I think about . . .

Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger

Job Opening—Youth Minister

Our parish seeks a full time Teen & Middle School Minister. Our parish of 4500 families has an already established "LifeTeen" Program.

Responsibilities: Sunday "LifeNights," Confirmation Formation Program, Service Projects, Outreach to Teens (for program's growth) and to Adults (as potential core members), Adult Core formation, Retreats, Organize fundraising for the different LifeTeen sponsored events and a monthly spiritual/social activity with our Middle School "Edge" Group.

Qualifications: A Roman Catholic whose spirituality reflects the ecclesiology of the Vatican II Council with the teachings of Catechism of the Catholic Church. One who understands and values the practice of the faith and our Church's moral teachings. The applicant must be a person (bilingual English-Spanish) who works well in community in collaboration with the Parish Staff. The candidate needs to be a self-starter who would take initiative to build up the ministry among the Teens & Youth. A B.A. in Religious Education or Theology with Youth Ministry experience is a must. A F/T position is available. Salary commensurate with qualifications.

Please send resume to: Saint Thomas the Apostle Religious Education Department, Attention: Sue Senecal, DRE 4300 King Springs Rd. Smyrna, GA. 30082, Fax 770-432-8570, Email: ssenecal@stthomastheapostle.org

Youth of the Year

Congratulations to Diana Martínez (pictured below with the Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory, D.D. after Confirmation Mass on March 19, 2013.) Diana received the award of Youth of the Year for being a witness of her faith by participating in various ministries in our church as well as encouraging other to support our church and our priests. May God Bless You, Diana!



Baccalaureate Mass



Attention Graduating Class of 2013

Plan to attend our LifeTeen Mass on Sunday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Baccalaureate Mass.

Please wear your cap and gown to Mass. We line up in Commons and process in. Cake and punch will be served in the Social Hall after Mass.

For more information, please call the Department of Religious Education at 770-432-5296.

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