



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:00AM—7:00PM

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Tuesday 10AM—5PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Regular Office Hours

Monday—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

Adoration

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM-6:45 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



Casino Night and Live Auction
March 1st - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall
Tickets on Sale after Masses! See Page 5. for details.



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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. • 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)

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños: January 25-26, 2014

Treasure (Tesoro): \$696.19

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): ♥ Be a good kid (Ser buen niño) ♥ I helped my Mom (Ayudé a Mamá) ♥ We helped clean up (Ayudamos a limpiar) ♥ I read a lot this weekend (Leí mucho este fin de semana) ♥ I listened to my Mom (Hice caso a mamá) ♥ I love my Mom (Amo a Mamá) ♥ I took care of my baby sister (Cuidé a mi hermanita) ♥ Shared with friends (Compartí con mis amigos) ♥ I love Jesus (Amo a Jesús) ♥ I am good (Soy buena) ♥ Be nice (Ser bueno) ♥ Please pray for my grandpa that just passed away (Tueguen por mi abuelito que falleció) ♥ I listened at school (Presté atención en la escuela) ♥ Took out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ I sang to God (Canté para Dios) ♥ I vacuumed the carpet (Aspiré la alfombra) ♥ I cleaned my room (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥ Helped Daddy clean the yard (Ayudé a papa en el jardín) ♥ I obeyed (Fui obediente) ♥ I played nice (Jugué bien) ♥ Be nice to my sister (Ser bueno con mi hermana) ♥ I washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥



Children's envelopes available in the Commons Area. Children are invited to write their good deeds and bring them to the Altar during the offertory in the Mass.



Your financial support for the work of our parish, our Archdiocese and our Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to give Him glory and express our gratitude. Help us reach our parish goal of \$141,000.

Visit: www.archatl.com/aaa for more information.

In Our Prayers

We ask you to take a moment to pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list below. The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.



Innocenza Ardito
Lou Bradley
Richard Ivy

Eugene Burkholder
Sonjanique Ferrell
Richard Gaeta
Paul Schlieffe
Bob Wagner

Elva Buehler
Eduardo Cortés
Esteban Hernández
Ken Lenz
Mary Maurer
Erik Santana
María Sesmas

Prayer Line

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

PFPA Andrew Ashibuogwu, USA • PVT Michael Ashibuogwu, USA • Sgt. John R Beuth ANG • 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 • LT Rogelio Espinosa, USN • Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrell, 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 • CPT Ana Maria Hartwig, USA • Maj. Marise James, USAF • LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello USN • 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 • Specialist Darleni Sandoval, USA • CPT Anna Smith, ARNG • S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA

Altar Flowers



The Flowers this weekend are being offered by Carmelita Carsley in memory of † Norman Samuel Carsley



Would you like to have a special way to remember a loved one? Are you celebrating an anniversary? Is there someone in your life celebrating a special birthday? For any of these occasions or more, you are invited to request flowers for the altar. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the Commons Area. Suggested donation: \$30.

Flores para el altar: Por favor anota tu nombre e intención en la lista disponible en el pizarrón del Área Común. Las Flores del Altar nos permiten recordar de manera especial a un ser querido o una fecha de aniversario o cumpleaños especial. Donación sugerida: \$30.

Our Preschool children at work making pasta!!



Fettuccine anybody? St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool students enjoyed making pasta from scratch, a few days ago!

Registration for Preschool 2014-2015 is now open!

For more information, please contact:
 Monica Signoret at: 770-293-1267 or e-mail:
 msignoret@stthomastheapostle.org



Story Time is BACK!

Thursday, February 20th at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom #2



Children are invited to use their imagination and creativity! This fun-filled program features a different story each week, followed by crafts and supplemental activities.

Children of all ages are welcome. Parent/guardian must be present.
 Join Ms. Sue and Ms. Penny each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom #2!
 For more information please call 770-432-5296.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

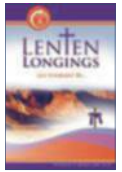
Just A Reminder about days off

We follow the Cobb County School calendar. If Cobb schools are closed because of a holiday the PSR classes closest to that holiday will be canceled. Please keep the PSR calendar handy for quick reference.

When Cobb County is closed because of INCLEMENT WEATHER SO ARE WE! Watch WXIA-11 Alive Emergency Weather Network for school and church closings.

Lenten Longings

Let Yourself Be...



Even though the new year has just started it's never too early to start thinking about Lent.

During the coming Lenten season we invite you to join us for a six-week retreat, *Lenten Longings: Let Yourself Be...*, a faith sharing program from our friends at Renew International.

The weekly sessions will reflect on Scripture and talk about how our faith applies to our everyday lives. It's a great way to make Lent a more meaningful season as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

The sessions will be held in the Adult Faith Formation Building from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning the first week of week of Lent on, Wednesday, March 12th and concludes on Wednesday, April 16th .

A sign-up sheet is available in Commons Area. The book fee is \$8.00.

Any questions please contact Adult Faith Formation 770 432-8579
 Linda Veit Ext. 131 or Michael Okuto Ext. 122.

Coming soon ...

February 23
 7:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
 Social Hall
Fellowship Sunday
 Enjoy doughnuts and coffee with other fellow parishioners!
 See Page 5 for details about this gathering.

March 1
 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 Social Hall
Prom Dress Exchange
 See Page 5 for more details.

March 1
 7:00 p.m.
 Social Hall
Casino Night
 See details on Page 5.

March 15
 7:00 p.m.
 Social Hall
Father-Daughter Dance
 A special night for fathers and their daughters.
 More details on this page.



Knights of Columbus

Interested in becoming a Knight?

Calling all Catholic men... Are you interested in becoming a "KNIGHT?" The Knights of Columbus Council 12386 will be hosting a 1st Degree Event (becoming a member) on **Thursday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the St Thomas of Apostle Community House.** Refreshments will be served. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Russell at 808-285-6623 or Deacon Michael Garrett (Grand Knight) at 770-319-0351.

The 60/40 Raffle, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus:

Three prizes:
 1st Prize: 40% of ticket sales
 2nd Prize: 15% of ticket sales
 3rd Prize: 5% of ticket sales
 Remaining 40% even split between the Council and St. Thomas the Apostle.
 Ticket Sales will be over a three month period starting this weekend of February 8th and 9th thru April.
 First Drawing will take place at the end of April.

Father-Daughter Dance

Presented by the Women's Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 15th in the Social Hall

5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. dinner

SPACE IS LIMITED. BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

- Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting next weekend
- \$40 per Father-Daughter couple, \$15 each additional girl
- Proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Includes:

- Dinner, Dancing, Wrist Corsage, Photo
- Prizes, American Girl Doll
- FUN, FUN, FUN
- Suggested ages for girls: 4 years and up
- Substitute Dads welcome



Coats & Blankets Needed for the homeless



In light of Pope Francis and our late parishioner, Bob Burke, **we have a goal to reach out to the homeless of the Atlanta area with coats, jackets, and blankets to help them endure this unusually severe cold of Winter.** Therefore, donations continue being accepted on a table in the Commons Area. St. Vincent de Paul Society will store them in its shed and those working with the JustFaith Ministry will give them away on Saturday mornings with the food that is distributed. Volunteers are welcome to help especially during the weekdays.
 Please contact Paul Susko at 678-468-6206 or via e-mail paulsusko@hotmail.com Thank You very much!

Plastic Bags needed!

Lenten Food Drive begins in a couple of weeks and we are in need of plastic grocery bags. Check for holes and do not bring damaged bags but recycle instead. Among other things, these bags are used by the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica to distribute food. We will collect bags on Sunday, March 9th.



PARISH AGENDA—February 17-23, 2014

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NO PSR
 9:30 AM BODY RECALL
12:00 PM MASS
 7:00 PM HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
 7:00 PM JUST FAITH
7:30 PM MISA
 7:30 PM MINISTROS DE EUCHARISTIA
 8:00 PM EMA CHOIR
 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

12:00 PM MASS
 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
 7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
 7:00 PM SVdP
 8:00 PM EMA CHOIR
 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
 7:00 AM ADORATION
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 9:30 AM BODY RECALL
 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM ENGLISH MASS
 7:00 PM PSR
 7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 7:00 PM NEW EVANGELIZATION
 7:00 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
 7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND
 8:00 PM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
 8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
 10:00 AM STORY TIME
 6:30 PM ROSARY
 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL
 7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 7:00 PM LEGACY COLLEGE MINISTRY
 7:00 PM PSR
7:00 PM MASS
8:00 PM MASS

Fellowship Sunday: February 23rd



Come and join us for some "Fattening Doughnuts" and some "Irish Coffee" and let's celebrate the upcoming Mardi Gras and St Paddy's Day. Wear green and collect some beads. Hope to see you there!

Fellowship Sunday will be held on: **Sunday, February 23rd from 7:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Social Hall**



Casino Night: Saturday, March 1, 2014



The Women's Auxiliary of St Thomas the Apostle presents: **CASINO NIGHT 2014**

Tickets on sale Weekends of Feb 15/16 & Feb 22/23

- \$25.00 advanced sale or \$30.00 at the door.
- Includes: \$1000.00 in chips and Complementary Appetizers.
- Additional \$1000.00 worth of chips available for \$10.00
- Raffle and Live Auction will be held.

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m. Doors open. 7:00 p.m. Gaming starts

Where: Social Hall

All proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

For more information please contact Ann Corrigan at 770-943-5004 or amc014@att.net

Prom Dress Exchange

Saturday, March 1st, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Social Hall)

Need a prom dress? Want to upcycle dresses, shoes, or accessories to prevent waste?

Join us to find your prom dress. "Leave what you can and take what you need" – anyone can participate – give, take or both! Together we can share with our neighbors and prevent unnecessary waste. New to you is as good as new!

Please consider bringing your gently used dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses to the exchange.

Be sure these items are clean and ready to wear!

Have items you would like to share or exchange and cannot attend the event?

Want to volunteer during the Prom Dress Exchange?

E-mail Mary Beth Beebe at marybeth.lahatte@gmail.com or

Estela Martinez at mtzestela@gmail.com, or call Sue in the PSR office at 770-432-5296.

Join us as we care for creation as a community.

Ministerio Hispano

Baile de Padres e Hijas

Sábado, 15 de marzo, a las 5:30 p.m. en el Salón Social.

Boletos a la venta a partir del 22-23 de febrero después de Misas. \$40 por pareja de padre e hija. \$15 por cada niña adicional. Para niñas de 4 años en adelante.

Si tu papá no puede estar presente puedes pedirle a tu hermano, abuelo, etc. a que te acompañe.



Donaciones para los Pobres

Estamos solicitando abrigos y cobijas en buen estado para ayudar a los vagabundos durante esta época de frío. Por favor dejen sus donaciones en el Área Común.

Intercambio de Vestidos de Fiesta (Prom)

Sábado, 1º de marzo a las 11:00 a.m. en el Salón Social Trae vestidos, zapatos, bolsos y accesorios, y lleva a casa un vestido diferente. Para más informes contacta a Estela Martínez vía e-mail: mtzestela@gmail.com

Junta de Ministros de Eucaristía

Lunes, 17 de febrero a las 7:30 p.m. en la iglesia. **Ministros actuales y nuevos deben asistir**

Calendar updated as of February 11, 2014. Mass Intentions not available at time of publication

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 9:00 A.M. PRESCHOOL
- 9:30 AM BODY RECALL
- 12:00 PM Mass**
- 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 6:30 PM LIVING STATIONS PRACTICE
- 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
- 9:00 PM EMA CHOIR
- 10:00 PM MINI-CORE LOCK-IN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
- 9:00 AM EVANGELIZATION
- 10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
- 10:00 AM RECOVERY INT.
- 1:00 PM CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
- 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS**
- 4:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 5:00 PM Mass**
- 7:30 PM Misa**
- 9:00 PM MARÍA NIÑA YOUTH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 6:00 AM Misa**
- 7:00 AM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
- 7:30 AM Mass**
- 9:30 AM Mass**
- NURSERY AVAILABLE
- 9:30 AM PSR
- 9:30 AM RCIA
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:00 AM AFRICAN CHOIR
- 11:15 AM PSR & FIRES
- 11:30 AM Mass**
- NURSERY AVAILABLE

- 12:15 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
- 12:30 PM SP RCIA
- 2:00 PM Misa**
- GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE
- DIVINA VOLUNTAD
- 4:00 PM **Mass**
- 6:30 PM LIFE NIGHT
- 6:30 AM CONSOLING HEART OF JESUS
- 7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
- 7:30 P Misa**

Daily Readings

Monday, February 17th:

- JAS 1:1-11
- PS 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76
- MK 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18th:

- 1 JAS 1:12-18
- PS 94:12-13A, 14-15, 18-19
- MK 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19th:

- JAS 1:19-27
- PS 15:2-3A, 3AB-4AB, 5
- MK 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20th:

- JAS 2:1-9
- PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
- MK 8:27-33

Friday, February 21st:

- JAS 2:14-24, 26
- PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
- MK 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 22nd:

- 1 PT 5:1-4
- PS 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6
- MT 16:13-19

Sunday, February 23rd:

- LV 19:1-2, 17-18
- PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
- 1 COR 3:16-23
- MT 5:38-48

Listen to the daily readings online!

If you have access to the internet, you can listen to the daily readings online by visiting the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and clicking on any of the dates listed at:

www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For February 2014



For the Elders:

That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

For the Collaboration in Evangelization:

That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity.

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Reflection for Families

Life is full of choices for us and for our children. What to wear, what to cook, what to watch on television, what game to play on our computers. Every choice we make involves an exercise of free will, which is how we grow in goodness and mature in faith. Talking with our children about the more critical choices: how to treat others how to acknowledge mistakes and own up to them, how to reach out to those in need — can never begin too early.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

At mealtime, talk together about the day's choices, from the most basic to the more complex. As a parent you might talk about choices made at work, in traffic, at a social gathering. You might talk about the American enthusiasm for freedom, and the responsibility that comes with that freedom — to make moral choices in all we do.

Discussion Starters

- Today I decided to . . .
- I could have done what instead? And the consequence might have been . . .?
- The most difficult decision I have ever faced in my call to truly follow Jesus was when . . .

Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger

Around the Archdiocese

Free Workshop on Addiction and Recovery

Tuesday, April 1st (Spanish) and Wednesday, April 2nd (English) the Cathedral of Christ the King

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Kenny Hall. The program, which runs from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., includes a complimentary lunch. There is no charge for this workshop. If you can only join us for part of the day please feel free to do so. For more information, please call 1-800-626-6910, Ext. 1200 or email Louise Westcott at LWestcott@guesthouse.org Register online at www.NCCAToday.org

Mass of Healing for Anyone Impacted by Addiction

Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, in Brookhaven

This monthly Mass is for those suffering with any kind of addiction, as well as anyone who is impacted by the addiction of someone else. All are welcome to come and share in this Eucharistic celebration of healing and grace. Info: mdannenfelser@olachurch.org

Regina Caeli Academy Open House

Sunday, February 23rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal Church
400 Holcomb Bridge Road Norcross, GA 30071

Now accepting applications for the 2014-15 academic year. Please visit our website at www.rcahybrid.org or contact Nikki Hand at 678-294-6321 or nhand.atl@rcahybrid.org

Vehicles needed!

The Office of Vocations is in need of used automobiles. If you have a vehicle that you might want to donate to the Office of Vocations please call Sally Scardasis at 404-920-7463, or email her at sscardasis@archatl.com

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