



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 23, 2014

### Parish Office

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### Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday—Friday

9:00AM—7:00PM

Tuesday: 9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

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### Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00AM—8:30PM

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

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Matthew 5:44-45



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**Pastor:** Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Andrews Kollanoor, 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)



## Ash Wednesday March 5th

### English Masses with Distribution of Ashes

6:30 a.m. (Social Hall)

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
(Main Sanctuary)

### Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m. (with Communion)  
1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (Bilingual) with Ashes

5:00 p.m.

NO Adoration on Ash Wednesday.

## Miércoles de Ceniza 5 de marzo

### Misas en Español con Distribución de Cenizas

6:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. (iglesia)

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
(Salón Social)

### Liturgia de la Palabra & Distribución de Cenizas

8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. (con Comunión)  
1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

### Liturgia de la Palabra para niños (Bilingüe)

Distribución de Cenizas  
5:00 p.m.

NO Adoración ese día



Let us pray for our Archdiocese of Atlanta as it begins the Annual Appeal inspired by God's command that we shall LOVE our neighbor as ourselves, that our parish may participate successfully.

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](http://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.

Victoria Annan  
Robert Boassy  
Gertie Cantrell  
Deacon Don Kelsey  
Cordelia Kelly  
David Murray  
Anthony C. Ogbugo  
Remi Oyo  
Ovidio Salinas  
Tina Zarazua

Erick Santana  
John Santana  
John Scannaliato  
Marie Chery Schuster

Innocenza Ardito  
Lou Bradley  
Richard Ivy

Eugene Burkholder  
Sonjanique Ferrell  
Richard Gaeta  
Paul Schlieffe  
Bob Wagner



## 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](mailto: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.

PFP 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 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 • 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  
Jim and Cindy Hagan in loving memory of  
✠ Danielle Hagan



Offerings for our Altar Flowers will be suspended during the season of Lent. Please consider making donations for our Easter Flower Fund. Envelopes available in the Commons Area next month.

**Preschool Registration for 2014-2015 School Year is OPEN!**

Preschool Registration has begun for current and new families but there are some spaces left! Families are welcome to visit on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for a tour.

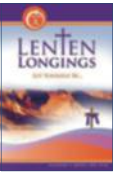
Our preschool program serves children who are 2 years of age through 5 by September 1st of the current school year. Our teachers are trained in First Aid, CPR and AED, and participate in several professional development workshops each year. They are here to nurture and teach your little one while you have some time for yourself.

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



**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 of the Lord.

**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.

**Story Time is BACK!**

**Thursdays 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.

**Coming soon ...**

**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 Page 4.



**March 25**  
7:00 p.m.  
Main Sanctuary  
**Healing Service**  
Longing for healing? Bring your struggles or whatever makes you feel half alive! See Page 6 for details.

## 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% is evenly 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



## LEGACY Retreat (College-Age Ministry)

LEGACY RETREAT!! On the weekend of February 28th to March 2nd, Legacy will be going on retreat to focus on the lesser-known side of prayer - recognizing God when He communicates with us! The retreat will be held at Red Top State Park in cabins by beautiful Lake Allatoona. The cost per person is \$60. Please contact Laura Purisima at (336) 407-8177 by Wednesday, February 26th if you want to join in this blessed weekend of prayer, fun, and drawing near to our Heavenly Father!

## Prayers needed for our Confirmandi



This coming Tuesday, February 25th, more than 70 young men and women of our parish will receive the great gifts of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation.

May God give them a heart for Christ, that they may use these gifts to live and spread the good news of Jesus wherever they may go in life.

May their sponsors become integral companions on their journey, sharing with them the life of Christ in the sacraments and in daily living.

May their families and church communities throughout life encourage them in faith and be encouraged by them, minister to them and be ministered by them.

May it be that the hours their teachers and mentors have shared with them bear great fruit as they go through life saying heartfully: *"Here I am, Lord, I come to do Your will!"*

## PARISH AGENDA—February 24-March 2, 2014

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
 9:30 AM BODY RECALL  
**12:00 PM Mass**  
 † Evelyn Orsak  
 4:30 PM PSR & 1ST EUCHARIST PREP  
 7:00 PM PSR & 1ST EUCHARIST PREP  
 7:00 PM JUST FAITH  
**7:30 PM MISA**  
 8:00 PM EMA CHOIR  
 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
**12:00 PM Mass**  
 5:00 PM CONFIRMATION PREP MTG  
**7:00 PM CONFIRMATION**  
 7:00 PM REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE  
 7:00 PM SVDP  
 8:00 PM CONFIRMATION RECEPTION  
 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA



### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**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 NEW EVANGELIZATION  
 7:00 PM PSR  
 7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND  
 8:00 PM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
 8:00 PM SUNDAY AM CHOIR  
 8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY  
 10:00 AM STORY TIME  
 6:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1<sup>o</sup>  
 6:30 PM ROSARY  
 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 7:00 PM EVENING BIBLE STUDY  
**7:00 PM MASS**  
 7:00 PM PSR  
**8:00 PM MASS**

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.

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.



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.



**Noche de Casino**

Sábado, 1º de marzo, a las 6:30 p.m. en el Salón Social.

Venta de fichas a la salida de la Misa (\$25—incluye aperitivos y botanas)

**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

**Servicio de sanación**

Martes, 25 de marzo, a las 7:00 p.m. con el Padre Matthew Linn, S.J.

Calendar updated as of February 17, 2014.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

SINGLES RETREAT  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
9:30 AM BODY RECALL  
12:00 PM **Mass**  
† **Eileen Phagan**  
6:00 PM INEA  
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL  
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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

SINGLES RETREAT  
9:30 AM ESOE CONVALIDATION  
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA  
10:00 AM RECOVERY INT.  
11:00 AM PROM DRESS EXCHANGE  
11:30 AM VALENCIA CONVALIDATION  
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS  
2:00 PM REYES QUINCEAÑERA  
3:30 PM **CONFESSIONS**  
4:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
5:00 PM **Mass**  
† **Russell Veney**  
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS  
6:30 PM CASINO NIGHT  
7:30 PM **Misa**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

SINGLES RETREAT  
6:00 AM **MISA**  
**BRIAN OLVERA**  
7:30 AM **MASS**  
**People of St. Thomas**  
9:30 AM **MASS**  
**THANKSGIVING TO ALL SAINTS**  
*NURSERY AVAILABLE*  
9:30 AM PSR  
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
11:00 AM AFRICAN CHOIR  
11:00 AM RCIA TEAM MTG

11:15 AM PSR & FIRES  
11:30 AM **MASS**  
† **Esmeina Paranada**  
*NURSERY AVAILABLE*  
12:15 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN  
1:00 PM ENGLISH BAPTISM  
2:00 PM **Misa**  
*GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE*  
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD  
5:00 PM **MASS**  
6:30 PM LIFE NIGHT  
6:30 AM CONSOLING HEART OF JESUS  
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION  
7:30 PM **Misa**  
† **Raymundo Parra**  
9:00 PM VANDERBILT STUDENTS

Daily Readings **Monday, February 24th:**

- JAS 3:13-18
- PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15
- MK 9:14-29

**Tuesday, February 25th:**

- JAS 4:1-10
- PS 55:7-8, 9-10A, 10B-11A, 23
- MK 9:30-37

**Wednesday, February 26th:**

- JAS 4:13-17
- PS 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11
- MK 9:38-40

**Thursday, February 27th:**

- JAS 5:1-6
- PS 49:14-15AB, 15CD-16, 17-18, 19-20
- MK 9:41-50

**Friday, February 28th:**

- JAS 5:9-12
- PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12
- MK 10:1-12

**Saturday, March 1st:**

- JAS 5:13-20
- PS 141:1-2, 3 AND 8
- MK 10:13-16

**Sunday, March 2nd:**

- IS 49:14-15
- PS 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
- 1 COR 4:1-5
- MT 6:24-34

## Let us pray...

O Lord,  
 you are kind and merciful.  
 Like a compassionate father  
 you do not deal with us  
 according to our sins  
 but according to  
 your own holiness.  
 Help us to strive  
 to be more like your Son  
 and to love one another.  
 Amen.

*Courtesy of: RCL Benziger*

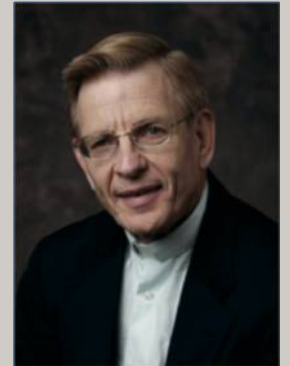
## Healing Mass on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The **Annunciation** is the Marian feast celebrating the creation of the fullness of Jesus' life. Wherever there is a focus on Mary—from Lourdes to Guadalupe—people are healed.

Do you long for healing? Then this is a night to bring your struggles or whatever makes you feel half alive. We will pray with one another for healing and end with the option to receive the anointing of the sick. The Annunciation's creation of life is to be experienced now, not just 2000 years ago.

**Join us on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. for a  
 Healing Service led by Fr. Matthew Linn, S.J.**

Father Matthew Linn, S.J., a world renowned speaker and author on healing, is coming to help us focus on the hurts of this past year so that we might be more fully alive to experience the year ahead of us.



## Gospel Reflection

**Today's Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

**The Gospel in Life**

God has bound himself to us, first in the Covenant with Israel and definitively in the new Covenant forged with all humanity in the Body and Blood of Jesus. Our relationships with one another are linked in that quest to share God's holiness. Jesus joins together the Commandment to love one's neighbor with the same command to share God's holiness and perfection.

**Discussion Starters****Adults:**

- What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do so?

**Children:**

- When have you or someone you know insisted on "having the last word" in an argument?
- What happened afterwards?

*Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger*

## Around the Archdiocese

**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](mailto:mdannenfelser@olachurch.org)

**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](mailto:LWestcott@guesthouse.org)

Register online at [www.NCCAToday.org](http://www.NCCAToday.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](mailto:sscardasis@archatl.com)

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