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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

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5, 2014 MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA 5 de marzo del 2014

Ash Wednesday: March 5th

(NO Adoration)

English Masses & Distribution of Ashes

6:30 a.m. (Social Hall) 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Main Sanctuary)

Liturgies of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Bilingual) & Distribution of Ashes 5:00 p.m.

Miércoles de Ceniza

(NO habrá Adoración)

Misas en Español & 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.

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Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence during Lent



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of universal fasting and abstinence. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed throughout Lent:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday (Mar. 5), Good Friday (April 18) and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

During the season of Lent, all Catholics are called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect a deep desire for conversion of heart. Also they are called to pray fervently for those Catechumens and Candidates who will celebrate the Easter Sacraments with the Church this year. May this Lent lead all to a deeper union in Christ with one another.



Lenten Food Drive 2014

Turn to Page 6 and learn how your donations and prayers can make a difference in the lives of the Poorest of the Poor In Kingston, Jamaica.

If you would like to be part of our Mission Trip this coming Fall-2014, e-mail: CoMayo3948@aol.com

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.

Bonnie Caruso
Pete Coppola
Eduardo Cortés
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Terrence Sakor
Theresa "Tessie" Wilson

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Erick Santana John Santana John Scannaliato Marie Chery Schuster

Innocenza Ardito Lou Bradley



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.

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



Let us pray for our Archdiocese of Atlanta as it continues 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 God glory and express our gratitude. Help us reach our parish goal of \$141,000!

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

Lent events for children (Eventos de Cuaresma para Niños)



Ash Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word for Children Wednesday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

Miércoles de Ceniza: Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños Miércoles, 5 de marzo a las 5:00 p.m. en la iglesia

Ways of the Cross for Children:

Friday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

VíaCrucis para Niños:

Viernes, 7 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia

Support our Lenten Food Drive:



Children who attend PSR are invited to bring donations for the Jamaica Outreach Ministry this Lent. Items needed: Band-Aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap. Bring your donations to PSR class.

Families are also asked to support the Jamaican Outreach Ministry through weekly donations. See Page 6 for more details.

Los niños que asisten a Catecismo pueden traer donaciones para el Ministerio de Ayuda a Jamaica. Los artículos que estamos recolectando son: curitas, cepillos y pasta de dientes, jabón. Trae tus donaciones a la clase de Catecismo.

Las familias también pueden participar con donaciones semanales. Ver la columna en español en la Página 5 para más información.

Preschool Registration for 2014-2015 School Year is OPEN!



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



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9th. Please remember to set your clocks ahead!

Father-Daughter Dance

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 sold after all Masses or call Priscilla at 404-849-8772
- \$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

Coming soon ...

March 11

7:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary

Ignite!

A night of music, prayer and worship! Join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. *Ignite!* begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

March 15

7:00 p.m. Social Hall

Father-Daughter Dance

A special night for fathers and their daughters. More details on this page.



Lenten Fridays

7:00 p.m.

Main Sanctuary

Stations of the Cross

See Page 4 for complete schedule. Fish Fry available in the Social hall before the Stations.

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 4 for details.

The Ways of the Cross

Join us in prayer on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.



March 7th

Children's Stations of the Cross led by the Knights of Columbus and our Deacons

March 14th

Stations of the Cross presented by our Candidates and Catechumens of the RCIA

March 21st

Living Stations of the Cross A dramatic portrayal of the Ways of the Cross presented by our LifeTeen

March 28th

Stations of the Cross Presented by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Thomas

April 4th

Bilingual Stations of the Cross (outdoors) presented by the Knights of Columbus

April 11th

Spanish Stations of the Cross presented by our Hispanic Community

Beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th, these days of Lent provide all of us with an opportunity to grow in faith. Our fasting, prayer and charity to the poor allow us to grow in holiness and prepare us to celebrate the great events of our faith during the Easter Triduum of April 17-19, 2014.



IGNITE!

Get inspired, enriched & transformed on your spiritual iournev

Tuesday, March 11th - 7:30 p.m.

Ignite! is an evening where parishioners gather together to encounter the Living Jesus in music, prayer, scripture and in the testimony of a fellow pilgrim in the journey.

We are inspired, enriched and transformed. We grow more passionate about our faith.

Make Ignite! part of your spiritual journey and join us on

> Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

You may also join us for dinner beforehand beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Please bring a dessert to share, and also bring a friend!



HEALING SERVICE

On the Solemnity of the **Annunciation of the Lord** Led by Fr. Matthew Linn, S.J. Tuesday, March 25th - 7:00 p.m.

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.

Father Matthew Linn, S.J., a world renowned speaker and author on healing, will lead us in prayer.

The Annunciation's creation of life is to be experienced now; not just 2000 years ago.

RECONCILIATION

Lenten Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. **Lenten Penance Service:** Tuesday, April 1st - 7:00 p.m.

Make special plans to receive the Sacrament of Penance at least one time during the 40 days of Lent. This sacrament is a great gift to us sinners from Our Lord. No one likes to admit that they are sinners, that they need forgiveness, that they are not living the Christian life as best they can. Yet, when we avail ourselves of the graces of the sacrament. God can do wonders in our lives. Please don't pass up a chance to meet the Lord in this great sacrament of forgiveness.

Our parish offers the opportunity for confession on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. During this period of Lent you can also receive the sacrament of penance every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. or plan to attend our Penance Service on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH AGENDA—March 3-9, 2014

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL 9:30 AM 12:00 PM MASS 4:30 PM **PSR** 7:00 PM **PSR** 7:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 3

BODY RECALL Anne Sodipo JUST FAITH 7:30 PM MISA 8:00 PM EMA CHOIR 8:00 PM **EVANGELIZATION CHOIR**

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL 12:00 PM Mass **Mangan Family** 2:00 PM DECORATE FOR LENT 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM

CORO DE NIÑOS BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY 7:00 PM DISCIPLES CLASS 7:00 PM SVnP **EMA CHOIR** 8:00 PM 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 NO PSR

ASH WEDNESDAY SEE BULLETIN COVER FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA VER HORARIO COMPLETO DE **MISAS Y CENIZAS** EN LA PORTADA DEL BOLETIN

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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 MASS **Daylinda Pastrana** 7:00 PM **PSR** 8:00 PM Mass

Spiritual Growth during Lent

LENTEN LONGINGS: Let yourself be...



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 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 at 770 432-8579 Linda Veit Ext. 131 or Michael Okuto Ext. 122.

DAY OF REFLECTION: Sunday, March 9th - 2:00 p.m. Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center Cost: FREE

Theme:

"Seeking God in all Things: The Sacredness of Creation"

Join Catholics from around the Archdiocese for a day of reflection centered on St. Ignatius's teaching that God can be found in every one, in every place and in everything.

Join us for prayer followed by reflections, periods of quiet for meditation, and walks around Ignatius House grounds to connect with creation. Stay to celebrate Mass at 5:00 p.m. and then taste locally-grown, organic food as you explore the resource fair for spiritual exercises and Lenten actions.



Learn more about this free event, RSVP to join us, and find resources to enrich your care for creation at:

www.facebook.com/ CatholicsCaringforCreation

The event is free & open to all.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Sunday, March 23rd - 2:00 p.m.

Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center Cost: \$25.00

Theme:

"From Fasting to Joy"

The St. Thomas Women's Auxiliary encourages all women to participate in this Lenten retreat presented by Martha Smith (Spiritual Director of St. Jude Catholic Church in Sandy Springs)

The day consists of the lecture, reflection times, and Mass followed by a light dinner. If you would like to carpool with other ladies of the parish, we will meet in the back parking lot of the church (near the rectory) at 1:15 p.m. Departure will be at 1:30 p.m. sharp to arrive on time for 2:00 p.m.

Sign up will be after Masses the weekends of March 8th-9th and 15th-16th. The cost of \$25.00 is required at that time as we have to give a head count for dinner. Checks may be made out to STWA.

For more information please contact Sharon Kowal at 770-439-5459 or e-mail: sharonkowal@att.net

Ministerio Hispano

Miércoles de Ceniza 5 de marzo, 2014.

Horario de Misas y Distribución de Cenizas disponible en la portada del boletín de hoy.

Campaña de Alimentos

Para ayudar a los pobres en Jamaica. Solicitamos donaciones de crema de cacahuate en envases plásticos (vidrio NO) y avena para la próxima semana.

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

VíaCrucis

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 8:00 p.m. (excepto el 11 de abril, a las 7:00 p.)

VíaCrucis Bilingüe: Abril 4 a las 7:00 p.m.

Confesiones en Cuaresma

Sábados a las 9:00 a.m. y 3:30 p.m. Servicio Penitencial: 1º de abril a las 7:00 p.m.

Baile de Padres e Hijas Sábado, 15 de marzo, a las 5:30 p.m. en el Salón Social. Boletos a la venta después de Misas o llamar a la Ext. 101. \$40 por pareja de padre e hija mayo de 4 años. \$15 por cada

Calendar updated as of February 24, 2014.

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| FRIDAY, MARCH 7 | | SATURDAY, MARCH 8 | | SUNDAY, MARCH 9 | | 11:30 AM | Mass |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| 9:00 AM | Preschool | 8:00 AM | ULTREYA | Daylight-Saving Time Begins | | † | Comfort Ogbebor |
| 9:30 AM | BODY RECALL | 9:00 AM | CONFESSIONS | | | | NURSERY AVAILABLE |
| 12:00 PM | Mass | 9:30 AM | HANDS ON MASS | 6:00 AM | MISA | 12:15 PM | Pre-Evangelización |
| | Todd & Ashley Druhot | 10:00 AM | María Niña | | People of St. Thomas | 1:00 PM | AFRICAN KIDS |
| 5:30 PM | FISH FRY | 10:00 AM | Coro de Niños | 7:30 AM | Mass | 2:00 PM | RITE OF ELECTION |
| 6:00 PM | Coro de Niños | 10:00 AM | RECOVERY INT. | 9:30 AM | Mass | 2:00 PM | Misa |
| 6:00 PM | INEA | 1:30 PM | HANDS ON MASS | † | Shirley Daly | | GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE |
| 6:30 PM | ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR | 3:30 PM | CONFESSIONS | | NURSERY AVAILABLE | 4:00 PM | DIVINA VOLUNTAD |
| 7:00 PM | CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP | 4:00 PM | ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR | 9:30 AM | RITE OF SENDING | 5:00 PM | Mass |
| 7:00 PM | STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 5:00 PM | Mass | 9:30 AM | PSR | † | Cyprian D'Sa |
| 8:00 PM | ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN | † | Andrew Torpie | 11:00 AM | LEGION OF MARY | 6:30 PM | LIFE NIGHT |
| 9:00 PM | EMA CHOIR | 7:30 PM | MISA | 11:00 AM | AFRICAN CHOIR | 6:30 AM | CONSOLING HEART OF JESUS |
| | | † | Enriqueta Martínez M. | 11:15 AM | PSR & FIRES | 6:30 AM | LIFENIGHT |
| | | 9:00 PM | Adoración Nocturna | | | 7:00 PM | PRE-EVANGELIZATION |
| | | 9:00 PM | María Niña Youth | | | 7:30 PM | Misa |

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel:

Matthew 6:24-34

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family: Place a bowl on the family table, along with several strips of paper and a pencil or pen. Invite family members to write down things they are worried about, and to place their worries in the "worry bowl" all through the coming week. As the family gathers, pray: God of peace, we place before you all the things we are worried about. Thank you for caring for our every need. Amen."

Discussion Starters:

- Something I am worried about today is ...
- God shows his care for me bv ...
- This week I will show God's care for others by ...

Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger

Lenten Food Drive

As we begin our Lenten Food Drive, each week we will feature a testimonial from a member of St. Thomas the Apostle who has been to Kingston, Jamaica. Our first one is from Paul Susko:

People say the trip to Jamaica changed their life. I'm not sure what that means but for me it changed much of how I think. Watching the MOP brothers tirelessly and lovingly care for those so very much impaired residents was something to behold. As opposed to the abject poverty in the surrounding slums, a strong sense of spirituality was always apparent inside the walls of each shelter among these poorest of the poor and the brother. The small amount I did was graciously appreciated and I could feel it.



Weekend of March 8-9 Please bring donations of:

Peanut Butter (in plastic only containers, please) and **Oatmeal**

Shortly after I got home, I started giving away many of my clothes and things I thought previously I needed. It was a good feeling giving them to people that actually did need them. As for the Jamaican Outreach Ministry itself, I decided to purchase a 2,000 lb. pallet of food that will be sent directly to the shelters. This will be done in conjunction with our annual Lenten Food Drive.



One of my favorite residents I particularly enjoyed was Roger at Faith Centre. He couldn't speak and had Cerebral Palsy. He loved to throw a Frisbee with anybody that would oblige. After 20 about minutes I had to leave, but as I was leaving he raised three fingers indicating he would like three Frisbees. So, along with my pallet of food I will be sending three glow-in-the-dark Frisbees.

I am confident that anyone who experiences this trip will undoubtedly be a better person.

Please keep Paul, Roger, all the members of the MOP, and the poor throughout the world in your prayers. Thank You and God Bless you.

Around the Archdiocese

Lenten Day of Reflection

Wednesdays during Lent at 9:30 a.m.—Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center

Beginning Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and each Wednesday through the Season of Lent, come

for a day of prayer and quiet with God in the peaceful settings of Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center. The Day of Reflection begins with Gathering at 9:00 a.m. The first Prayer Point is at 9:30 a.m. The suggested donation of \$35 includes lite breakfast, soup & salad lunch. The day concludes following mass by 3:00 p.m. Register online at www.ignatiushouse.org under "Retreats & Programs/ Days of Reflection" or call 404-255-0503.

Mass of Healing for Anyone Impacted by Addiction

Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.—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

CTK BELIEVES

Tuesday, March 11th from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Christ the King (Kenny Hall)

A once-a-month speaker series ministry, promotes dialogue around integrating faith in the work life for both business men and business women. Guest speaker: The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, S.L.D. Metropolitan Archbishop of Atlanta.

To register for the event go to www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/BELIEVES

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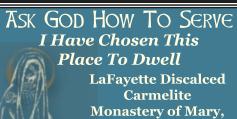
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