



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:00AM—7:00PM

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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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

*God of our desert journeys,
 you know our needs and our hearts.
 You fashioned us in secret and love us intimately.
 We ask your blessing on our goings
 and our comings in the week ahead.
 May your spirit sustain us,
 your Word impel us,
 and your desire for us incite us to do good
 and to choose life for the sake of the world you so love.
 Bless us in Jesus' name. Amen.*



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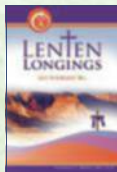
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Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)

Lenten Longings:
Week 1



Let Yourself Be
LED

Jesus emphasized the connection between faith and action, between what we believe and what we do. In that spirit, consider one of the following suggestions or use these ideas to help develop one of your own:

This week, keep a daily journal of your awareness of God's presence in the ordinary events and moments of your day. Try to designate a simple daily happening, like your morning shower, as a time to pause and be mindful of God who makes such simple gifts available to you.

Make a decision to visit the sick or imprisoned, to prepare a meal for someone who lives alone, or to serve meals in a soup kitchen as a way to adore the God who waits to be revealed in those who are poor and forgotten.

Give God thanks for desires stirred, insights gleaned, directions clarified, decisions reached, and for the gift of one another's openness and sensitivity. Pray the Our Father and conclude with the prayer on today's bulletin cover.



Lenten Longings courtesy of RENEW International

Photo courtesy of Dan Shipko



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.



Innocenza Ardito
Lou Bradley
Yareli Calderón
Eugene Funderburk
Marge Kimmeeek
Angelica Proaño
Rodolfo Proaño

Pete Coppola
Eduardo Cortés
Frank Hopkins
Beulah McDaniel
Terrence Sakor
Theresa "Tessie" Wilson

Victoria Annan
Robert Boassy
Gertie Cantrell

Deacon Don Kelsey
Cordelia Kelly
David Murray
Anthony C. Ogbugo
Remi Oyo
Ovidio Salinas
Tina Zarazua
Eric Santana
John Santana
John Scannaliato

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.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on more than 85 young parishioners during a Mass at Saint Thomas the Apostle on Tuesday evening, February 25th. Let us continue to pray for them as they set out upon their lives as adult Christians that they may always be followers and servants of the Lord.

Gladis Aguirre
 Jorge Alvarado
 Gloria Alvarez
 Francisca Amador
 Yoana Amador
 Claudia Amaya
 Felix Amaya
 Jeanette Ascencio
 Julieta Ascencio
 Alex Bergeron
 Jose Bustamante
 Dulce Caldera
 Luz Elena Camunez
 Denia Carbajal
 Vanessa Carbajal
 Jonathan Carrillo
 Emmanuel Castrejon
 William Chukumah
 Luis Cipriano
 Florencio Collazo
 Nicholas Collins
 Jennifer Coronado
 Petra Correa
 Katherine Cuevas
 Desiree De La Rosa
 Rosalinda Diaz
 Stephanie Diaz
 Cesar Dominguez
 Dennis Dominguez

Mitzy Dominguez
 Shamadi Dominguez
 Karla Espinoza
 Gulfredo Franco
 Edgar Galeno (Perez)
 Amber Gomez
 Crystal Herculano
 Lindsey Herculano
 Edwin Hernandez
 Ronaldo Hernandez
 Madeleine Lassogna
 Jane Ikebukwu
 Jesus Izaguirre
 Joanna Jasso
 Alexandria Jenkins
 Cristal Jimenez
 Chandler Kasprovicz
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 Kristine Lopez
 Michael Lopez
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 Leticia Mejia
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 Anthony Sanchez
 Efrain Sanchez
 Anibal Silva
 Nicholas Sinclair
 Fatima Soriano
 Sarah Storey
 Stephany Suarez
 Cristian Torres
 Emely Torres
 Laura Valles
 David Vaughn

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



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

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 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

Fish Fry every Friday before the Stations of the Cross! Enjoy white fish and baked salmon after 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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 journey
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 10-16, 2014

MONDAY, MARCH 10

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 9:30 AM BODY RECALL
- 12:00 PM Mass**
† **Jacqueline McCormick**
- 4:30 PM PSR
- 6:00 PM LIVING STATIONS REHEARSAL
- 7:00 PM JUST FAITH
- 7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 7:30 PM Misa**
- 8:00 PM EMA CHOIR
- 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM Mass**
† **Eleanor Wieland**
- 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 6:00 PM INEA
- 6:15 PM IGNITE! DINNER
- 6:30 PM SVDP
- 7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
- 7:00 PM DISCIPLES CLASS
- 7:30 PM IGNITE!
- 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE**
- 7:00 AM ADORATION
- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM OVER 50's
- 7:00 PM LENTEN LONGINGS
- 7:00 PM Mass**
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 7:00 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
- 7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
- 8:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
- 8:00 PM SUN AM CHOIR PRACTICE
- 8:30 PM EVANGELIZED COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- 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 EVENING BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00 PM Mass**
† **George Patrick Garger**
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 8:00 PM Mass**
† **Josefa Vázquez**

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.

WEEKLY DAYS OF REFLECTION: Wednesdays during Lent Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center Cost: \$35.00

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

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 light 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.

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

Campaña de Alimentos
Para ayudar a los pobres en Jamaica. Solicitamos donaciones de latas de atún y sacos grandes de harina 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 niña adicional.

Calendar updated as of March 3, 2014.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 AM BODY RECALL
12:00 PM MASS
5:30 PM FISH FRY
5:30 PM MORENO WEDDING REHEARSAL
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
6:00 PM INEA
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
9:00 PM EMA CHOIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM SUN AM CHOIR PRACTICE
9:00 AM CONFESSIONS
10:00 AM CORO DE NIÑOS
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
10:00 AM RECOVERY INT.
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS
2:00 PM MORENO WEDDING
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
5:00 PM MASS
† **Russell Veney**
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS
7:30 PM MISA
Ann Domínguez
7:00 PM FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 AM MISA
People of St. Thomas
7:30 AM FOOD DRIVE PACKING
7:30 AM MASS
† **Frank Schroder, Sr.**
9:30 AM MASS NURSERY AVAILABLE
† **Sue Lovello**
9:30 AM PSR
9:30 AM RCIA
11:00 AM AFRICAN CHOIR
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:15 AM PSR & FIRES
11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS

11:30 AM MASS NURSERY AVAILABLE
† **Veronica McGraw**
12:15 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
12:30 PM AFRICAN PARISHIONERS APO
12:30 PM SP RCIA
1:00 PM AFRICAN KIDS
2:00 PM MISA
GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE
DIVINA VOLUNTAD
5:00 PM MASS
† **Irene Phagan**
6:30 AM CONSOLING HEART OF JESUS
6:30 PM LIFE NIGHT
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
7:30 PM MISA

A New experience in Catholic Radio is now on the air!

Parishioners John Lynch and Brent Masters have begun broadcasting an exciting, high-energy and faith-filled radio podcast aptly named "The Catholic Cast."

During their 1-hour weekly show, John and Brent explore what it means to journey with God living the Catholic life and have a lot of fun along the way.

So join them LIVE every Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on their internet home **BlogTalkRadio.com/ TheCatholicCast** and be part of the biggest party of Catholic Radio. If you can't listen live, you can always log on and hear all the episodes 24/7 as well as getting an inside look at upcoming Catholic Casts.

The party's on at:
BlogTalkRadio.com/
TheCatholicCast



Lenten Food Drive

As we continue our Lenten Food Drive, each week we are featuring a testimonial from a member of St. Thomas the Apostle who has been to Kingston, Jamaica. Here is Jackie Williams story:

I have known challenges in my life but certainly not hardships. I have heard, read, and seen on TV situations similar to the poor of Kingston, but not close up. Even now I still see in my mind the frugal rice bowls for meals. I also still see the beautiful faces of the residents. I can feel their love and remember experiencing their joy. I worked hard, but according to the veteran volunteers the shelters have come a long way since the early days. Blessings are everywhere - we have only to look!

I wanted to make the trip to Jamaica for several years. Everything came together and once I got there I began to wonder if this was such a good idea. God is amazing! This was such a powerful trip on several levels. Of course there was the work in the shelters with the residents - it will be with me for a long time. Then there was the impact of the brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor - such commitment and selflessness. To observe the brothers with the residents was love in motion - tenderness, patience, compassion. In other words - Jesus. The group of volunteers also had a tremendous influence on my Jamaican experience. The bonding, support and camaraderie along with a healthy dose of laughter softened the events of the day. Wrap all this up with lots of prayer time and church music with an island flavor and this was my Jamaica!

Jackie Williams Oct. 2013

Please keep Jackie, and all the members of the Missionaries of the Poor in your prayers. God has truly blessed us all.



FOOD DRIVE

Weekend of March 15-16
Please bring donations of:

Tuna Fish
(largest cans possible)
and Flour
(5lbs and up)

Around the Archdiocese

FIRE AND FAITH

Sunday, March 16th at 5:00 p.m. at Catholic Shrine of Immaculate Conception 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr SW (Atlanta)

A musical celebration of 150 years of continued faith, service, and ministry in honor of Father Thomas O'Reilly's heroic actions in saving several churches and civic buildings in the Capitol Hill area of downtown Atlanta during the Civil War. For more information call 404-521-1866 or visit: www.catholicshrineatlanta.org

MAKING GREAT FILMS

Thursday, March 27th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Christ the King (Atlanta)

How are good movies made? Christian movies are booming; this is an opportunity to get an "insider's view" of a great new film in the making. Producer Daniel Rabourdin presents a trailer and shares stories of a film being made now in Atlanta and France: *Hidden Rebellion, Apocalyptic Catholic Resistance to the French Revolution*. Help the world to learn the significance of this genocide, the Catholic resistance to it, and how it connects to the struggles our world is facing today. Contact Daniel at 205-370-3542 or TheHiddenRebellion@gmail.com or visit www.HiddenRebellion.com

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