SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Parish Office 770 - 432-8579 Fax. 770 - 432-8570

August 3, 2014

Summer Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00AM—5:00PM Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM Closed August 4-8, 2014

Religious Ed. Office 770 - 432-5296

Summer Office Hours Monday to Thursday 10:00AM—5:00PM

Preschool Office 770-293-1267 Regular Office Hours Monday—Thursday 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Engl	ish Mass
Sc	hedule
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

Horario de Misas en Español

PM

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 **SIGN UP NOW!**

Registration cards available in Commons Area

Meet New Friends Deepen Faith Encounter Christ



Season 1 begins in October 2014. See Page 3 for details!



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Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108) Parochial Vicars: Rev. Jojo Chettiyakunnel, 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)

August 3, 2014



Feed the Hungry Ministry

Each Saturday, a group of parishioners from Saint Thomas the Apostle meets to distribute sack lunches to some of "the least of our brothers" on Hollowell Parkway.

A small caravan - led by a Toyota pickup truck affectionately called "the sled" – rolls down the old Bankhead highway making 4 stops to hand out food. In 3 ½ years, they have never missed a Saturday! They are serving a need that is great, evidenced by the hungry faces that greet them at each stop.

Among those served are a surprising number of homeless people. They sleep in abandoned cars, in sheds, behind buildings or in wooded areas. Many are working poor, living hand to mouth washing cars; some suffer mental and/or physical disabilities; a large number suffer with addiction. Often, the lunch they receive will be their only meal for the day.

<u>A full lunch bag includes: 2 sandwiches, 2</u> <u>hard-boiled eggs, 1 soft fruit, chips, donut/</u> <u>pastry and water</u>. We are blessed with a growing team of dedicated volunteers and donors; still, we often run short of enough food for all who come to us for a meal. During these summer months, we see a growing number of children and elderly.

Please consider donating any of the following:

 Meat and cheese sandwiches on wheat bread (NO bologna or PB&J please)

- Hard boiled eggs
- Soft fruit (e.g. bananas, oranges)
 Bottled Water

If you would like to help, please contact Pauline Bullard-Moore 678-234-6907 or Jo Baldwin 770-333-4659 for additional information.

> "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35

Saint Thomas the Apostle Kids Make a Difference!

Thanks to our Vacation Bible School kids, Saint Thomas the Apostle church raised & donated \$450.00 to Group Cares, Operation Kid to Kid, an international mission project. Our donation will provide clean water to children in India. In addition, during the summer of 2014, Group Care will host home repair and community service mission trips across the United States and several other countries bringing hope to communities, as well as elderly and disadvantaged residents through service.



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.

Kathy Thomas Jerilyn Messer Brianna Maciel V. Eduardo Marques C. Joe Conwell Evelyn Pacheco Perla R. Romero Brenda Taylor Kathy Thomas James Hampton Tom O'Donnell Christopher Ogbugo Elisabeth Ogbugo Joanfavor Ogbugo Ifedma Okocha Hugo Sola

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 • ET3 Carolyn D. Brewer, USN • Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA • Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA • Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC • SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG • SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA • LT Rogelio Espinosa, USN • Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA • 2LT Adam Fisk , USA • Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA • LCpl Michael A. Garcia, USMC • 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 • Seaman Héctor Sánchez, USN • Specialist Darleni Sandoval, USA • CPT Anna Smith, ARNG • S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA

Community Outreach

Support our Saint Vincent de Paul Society Pantry: The food inventory, generously supplied by our church members and local businesses, is constantly being depleted and always in need of donations. In addition to staple foods, canned items, household items, cleaning supplies, and baby diapers, we are also collecting school supplies during the summer. Please leave donations in the plastic buckets located in the Commons Area.

Feed the Hungry Ministry: Help us feed "the least of our brothers" on Hollowell Parkway. This church ministry distributes **sack lunches with meat and cheese sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, soft fruits and bottle water** are distributed every Saturday morning on Hollowell Parkway. For more information, see left column on this page.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ARISE! Begins in October—Sign up NOW!

While you are soaking up the summer sun and fun, we want to remind you of our parish's First Season of the new spiritual renewal process called *ARISE! Together in Christ* that is sweeping the parishes across the country right now.

This fall there will be an opportunity for parishioners to participate in small faith-sharing communities that meet in homes and other locations throughout the parish over the course of six weeks.

Over the next three years we will have the opportunity to reflect on basic Gospel themes such as:

Season 1	Fall 2014	Encountering Christ Today
Season 2	Lent 2015	Change Our Hearts
Season 3	Fall 2015	In the Footsteps of Christ
Season 4	Lent 2016	New Heart, New Spirit
Season 5	Fall 2016	We Are the Good News!

How will ARISE Together in Christ help this parish? ARISE enables people to:

- deepen their faith,
- develop a closer relationship with Christ,
- grow in community and
- reach out in service to others.

For this program to succeed, your commitment and participation is highly needed, please sign up now!



ARISE Sign-up continues through the month of August. Cards are available in Commons to complete and drop in the designated box.

For more information please contact:

Michael Okuto at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 or e-mail: mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org Linda Veit at 770-432-8579 Ext. 131 or e-mail: lveit@stthomastheapostle.org

Parish School of Religion (PSR) - **REGISTRATION CLOSED!**

PSR Registration is CLOSED for the 2014-2015 school year. If you have not registered your children, you will be put on a waiting list or you may Homeschool on their first year of PSR (Parish School of Religion Classes.) Contact the Office of Religious Education for more information: 770-432-5296 (Monday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Catecismo: INSCRIPCIÓN CERRADA!

La inscripción para Catecismo para el año 2014-2015 está cerrada. Si sus niños no fueron registrados a tiempo, serán colocados en lista de espera o también pueden enseñarles en casa el primer año de Catecismo. Contacta la Oficina de Catecismo para más información: 770-432-5296 (Lunes a Jueves, de 10:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.)

Become a catechist for the school year 2014 - 2015!

Call the Parish School of Religion (PSR) office at 770-432-5296 or contact Sue Senecal via e-mail at ssenecal@stthomastheapostle.org

¿Deseas servir como Catequista? Contacta la Oficina de Catecismo al 770-432-5296 o vía e-mail a: ssenecal@stthomastheapostle.org

Coming soon ...

August 4-8 All Week Parish Offices **CLOSED ALL DAY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST** due to inventory.

August 12 12:00 p.m. Social Hall **Over 50's** Make new friends and join the fun on this monthly lunch! Please

bring a dish to share.

August 12 7:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary Ignite! A night of music, prayer, worship and faith stories! Light dinner served in the Social Hall at 6:15 p.m. Bring dessert to share. August 24, 2014 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Holy Family **Catechist Faith Formation Day** See page 4 for additional details.

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Join the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Parish Choir!

Contact: Patty Smith, Director of Music Ministry psmith@stthomastheapostle.org or 770-241-9343

The 9:30 a.m. Choir rehearsals will start soon; we will resume singing at Mass in September. Male and female singers of high school age and older are encouraged to join this joyful and friendly group. You do not need to be able to read music! But you do need to love singing, spending time with great people, and giving praise to God. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining, you must contact Patty Smith for specifics BEFORE ATTENDING A REHEARSAL.



Sacraments for Adults: Classes in English begin September 7th! See Page 6 for details.

Knights of Columbus now recruiting new members!

Looking for a few eligible Catholic men (18 and older and fully initiated) who would like to become a member of the Saint Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council. Come and be part of a society that grows in Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.



Be on the lookout for one of our Knights the green pin (ASK ME <u>ABOUT KOC?)</u> during our weekend Masses on August 9th and 10th. Or visit Bill Russell at the Welcome Desk after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We will also be hosting a **First Degree Ceremony in the Saint Thomas Community House on Thursday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m.** For more details or questions, please feel free to contact Bill Russell at 808-285-6623.

Catechist Faith Formation Day Conference

<u>Teaching the Gift of God's Forgiveness: Catechist Faith Formation Day Conference</u> Saturday, August 23rd, 8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m., Transfiguration Catholic Church. FREE EVENT.

Keynote and featured speakers presentations (including our pastor, Fr. Brian!) 60 workshops available ranging from classroom management, technology in the classroom, theology classes, methodology classes for specific age groups and storytelling. Lunch is included.

Registration deadline is August 13th. Register online ONLY at: www.catechistconference.wordpress.com Walk-ins can NOT be accommodated.

Jamaica Mission Trip 2014



The St Thomas the Apostle 24th annual mission trip to Kingston Jamaica to work with the priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor is scheduled for Oct 15-20, 2014 (Wednesday-Monday) All adult parishioners are welcome. Cost is approximately \$800. Space is limited. For more information please contact: **Brian Durham for details at 770-421-0839.**

PARISH AGENDA—August 7-10, 2014

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

PARISH (OFFICES	CLOSED
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12:00 PM	Mass
†	Dianna Delameter
7:30 PM	Misa
	Araceli Razo
	Delia Razo
8:00 PM	EMA CHOIR
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION CHOIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED!

 12:00 PM
 Mass

 †
 Joseph M. Sheridan

 6:00 PM
 CORO DE NIÑOS

 7:00 PM
 SVDP

 8:00 PM
 EMA CHOIR

 8:00 PM
 EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

 8:15 PM
 APOYO A LA FAMILIA

DNESDAY, AUGUST 6	
RISH OFFICES CLOSED!	
6:30 AM	MASS FOR PEACE
7:00 AM	ADORATION
12:00 PM	Over 50's
6:45 PM	BENEDICTION
7:00 PM	Mass
	Angie Georges
7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND
8:30 PM	SMALL EVANGELIZED
	COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED!

6:30 PM ROSARY

- 7:00 PM LEGACY COLLEGE (AWAY) 7:00 PM EVENING BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM MASS
 - Angelica Proaño
- 8:00 PM MISA
 - † Salvador Castañeda

The Parish Office and the Religious Education Office <u>will be closed</u> the week of August 4-8 due to inventory. Please make note!

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My dearest parishioners of St. Thomas,

I was so a mazed with the outpouring of your love, affection and support especially on the bay of the farewell Mass and gathering. The amount of food prepared and brought numerous people and shared together as one community was a wonderful expression of your generosity. The 9.30 choir for the Thanksgiving Mass and the Latino, Philipino and African cultural dances were heally a joyful surprise! I am grateful to you for your affirmative words & deeds, Cards and gifts! You always inspired me through your deepfaith, proyer life, Charitable activities and socioreligious celebrations! More so you shared my joys and sorrows accepting meas a member of your tamily. I will never be able to thank you enough! I miss you all! I miss the vibrant liturgical celebrations, wonderful choirs, dedicated ministers, spirited staff and loyal maintenance Crew, etc. etc. Please be assured that you have a priest thinking of you all, praying with you and for you, somewhere out here in Sulphur, Louisiana!

Greetings of gratitude to Fr. Brian Sheridan, Fr. Paul Rainville, Fr. Jaime Molina and Fr. Jojohn Chellizakunnel and also to Deacons Michael, Earl and Mark. Special thanks to Mr. Bill and Mrs. Lauren Russel and members of ministry of hospitality for organizing well the forewell gathering with the fastor Fr. Brian. Last but not least thank you very much Mr. Gus Scannapieco, the administrator! With much love, lots of prayers and great gratitude _ the bellemmit for andrews ms P.S. -Please continue your prayers for me, I need it always!

Photos from Fr. Andrews' farewell Mass and party last spring available at: www.flickr.com/photos/stta



Fr. Andrews Kollannor, M.S. Former Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Calendar updated as of July 28, 2014.

MISA (EN EL PARQUE) Agustin Lopez

DIVINA VOLUNTAD

Eileen P. Phagan

PRE-EVANGELIZATION

People of St. Thomas

12:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN

MASS

7:30 PM MISA (en la iglesia)

2:00 PM

4:00 PM

5:00 PM

7:00 PM

Send a note to Fr. Andrews at: Fr. Andrews Kollannoor, M.S. Our Lady of La Salette Catholic Church 602 N Claiborne St.—Sulphur, LA 70663

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED!

12:00 PM	Mass
	Guiteau Levelille
5:00 PM	CARREÑO QUINCEAÑERA
6:00 PM	Coro de Niños
6:00 PM	SPANISH REHEARSAL
6:30 PM	ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM	CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
8:00 PM	ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
9:00 PM	EMA CHOIR

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8:00 AM	SUNDAY AM CHOIR	
8:00 AM	Ulterya	
9:00 AM	BAUTISMOS	S
10:00 AM	RECOVERY INC	
11:00 AM	Coro de Niños	
11:30 AM	ARREGUÍN QUINCEAÑERA	
2:00 PM	COMMUNITY WEDDINGS	
3:30 PM	CONFESSIONS	
4:00 PM	ESTUDIANTINA	
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass	
†	Carmel Byrne	
7:30 PM	MARÍA NIÑA YOUTH	

7:30 PM Misa (Iglesia)

Rufino & Yolanda Rivera

SUNDAY, AUG	UST 10
6:00 AM	MISA
	Adrian Arellano
7:30 AM	Mass
	Philip & Aline Bushey
9:30 AM	MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)
†	David Beard
11:00 AM	AFRICAN CHOIR
11:00 AM	LEGION OF MARY
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9:00 PM ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

11:30 AM MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE) Julia Manuwuike +

La Oficina Parroquial y l<u>a Oficina de Catecismo estarán cerradas</u> del 4 al 8 de agosto por inventario. ¡Por favor tomen nota!

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

R.C.I.A. Starting soon, register now!



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE 18 + WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic, but has not completed the Initiation Sacraments?
- Was baptized in another religion and wants to become Catholic?
- Is unbaptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic religion?
- Is Catholic, has been away from the church and needs a refresher course?

Requirements:

<u>Certificate of Baptism (for those</u> <u>baptized) – MUST be provided no</u> <u>later than September 30th after which</u> you cannot participate without one.

Become a Sponsor!

Each person must have a sponsor 18 years or older. Sponsors are to attend all the preparation sessions in a supportive role. Sponsors must meet the requirements listed on the right of this page. If you need help finding a sponsor, please contact the office.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

For more information please contact:

Michael Okuto at mokuto@sttheapostle.org or 770-432-8579 Ext. 122

or Linda Veit at veit@sttheapostle.org 770-432-8579 Ext. 131.

Want to grow in your faith? Want to help others grow closer to God? BECOME AN R.C.I.A. SPONSOR!

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. Share with them this faith journey by becoming a SPONSOR DURING THE 2014-15 R.C.I.A. Program

Sunday mornings, beginning September at 9:30 a.m. followed by sessions in Adult Faith Formation Building. Sacraments will be celebrated at the 2015 Easter Vigil

AS A SPONSOR:

- You would be a supportive friend for someone who has chosen to become a member of the Catholic Church
- You would pray for your candidate to seek and follow God's will
- You DO NOT need to be an expert in Catholicism or be able to answer all the questions your candidate may have. Just be there to support them and encourage their questions
 The St. Thomas RCIA Team will be there to help
- Your own knowledge and faith will grow with theirs!

Other notes:

- Sponsors must be confirmed and in good standing with the Catholic Church
- Sponsors are required to attend RCIA sessions
- You do not have to be a parishioner at St. Thomas to be a sponsor. (But must be a registered parishioner at another Catholic parish.)

Interested in becoming an R.C.I.A Sponsor? Please contact:

Michael Okuto mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 Linda Veit lveit@stthomastheapostle.org 770-432-8579 Ext. 131

Clases de Sacramentos para Adultos (R.I.C.A.)

CONOCES A ALGUIEN MAYOR DE 18 AÑOS QUE SEA MAYOR Y QUE:

- Esté interesado(a) en ser católico(a)?
- · Fue bautizado pero no ha recibido su Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación?
- Fue bautizado(a) en otra religión y quiere convertirse al Catolicismo?
- No está bautizado(a) pero quisiera conocer más sobre la Fe Católica?
- Es Católico(a) pero ha estado alejado de la Iglesia por un tiempo y necesita refrescar sus conocimientos de la fe?

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (R.I.C.A.) Sacramentos para Adultos INSCRIPCION ABIERTA: Domingo, 27 de agosto de 12:00 p.m. a 2:00 p.m.

en el edificio de Educación para Adultos (Vieja Rectoría)

Requisitos:

<u>Certificado de Bautismo (para aquellos que están bautizados)</u> - Debe entregarse el día de la inscripción: 27 de agosto

Padrinos:

Cada persona debe tener un padrino o madrina mayor de 18 años, que tengan sus sacramentos de iniciación, que puedan comulgar (estar casados por la Iglesia si están casados) y que sean activos en su fe. Los padrinos deben asistir a clases con los candidatos y servir de apoyo durante esta jornada de preparación. Si quieres servir como padrino o madrina para sacramentos de adultos, o si necesitas ayuda para conseguir padrinos de sacramentos de adultos, por favor comunícate con Miguel Mendoza al 678-350-1394.

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