



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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See Page 4 for
changes scheduled
this week.

November 16, 2014

Parish Office

770 - 432-8579

Fax. 770 - 432-8570

Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday—Friday
9:00AM—7:00PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Closed Wednesday 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00AM—8:00PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Preschool Office

770-293-1267

Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SOLAMENTE CON CITA

English Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 12 Noon

Wednesday:6:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Thursday:7:00 PM

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

Breakfast with Santa Desayuno con Santa

Saturday, December 6th
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Social Hall



PRESENTED BY

St. Thomas'
Women's Auxiliary

Includes:

Full Breakfast

Keepsake Photo with Santa

Children's Shopping Spree

(most gifts are \$1 to \$3)

Ticket Prices:

Adult & Up to 2 Persons: \$22

Each additional Person: \$4

Tickets on Sale After Masses

on Nov. 15-16, 22-23, and Nov. 29-30

or call Priscilla at 404-849-8772

Desayuno con Santa

6 de diciembre (9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) - Salón Social

Boletos a la venta después de Misa o llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para más información.



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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)

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



Adopt-A-Family For Christmas

In the past STA families and ministries have adopted families for Christmas through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

The Adopt-A-Family Program has been such a rewarding and blessed experience for those that have participated that SVdP continues to make it available to the broader STA parish community. If you and your family or ministry would like to personally adopt and help a family less fortunate than your family, this is a great opportunity to enhance and bless your Christmas spirit by sharing your material blessings with others.

For more information about Adopt-A-Family contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

SVdP de Santo Tomás: Adopta una Familia esta Navidad

En el pasado las familias y ministerios de Santo Tomás han adoptado familias para la Navidad a través de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SVdP.) El Programa de Adopción de una Familia ha sido una experiencia tan gratificante y bendecida para los que han participado, que SVdP de nuevo lo ofrece a la comunidad en general.

Si usted, su familia o su ministerio le gustaría adoptar personalmente y ayudar una familia menos afortunado, esta es una gran oportunidad para intensificar y bendecir su espíritu de la Navidad compartiendo sus bendiciones materiales con otros.

Para más información favor de llamar a Don Sabbarese al 770-435-3024. Gracias.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Advent Giving Tree Gift Collection Begins!!

We encourage you and your family to participate in this St. Thomas Advent tradition by selecting an ornament from the Giving Tree located in Commons. Each ornament lists a simple gift request; these items will be given as Christmas gifts to our neighbors in need through eleven local organizations and ministries supported by parishioners and ministries at our church. For example:

- St. Vincent de Paul and Cobb Christmas give toys, books, gift cards, and warm clothing to children and teenagers who would otherwise have no gifts under their Christmas trees.
- St. Thomas ministries which help support Crossroads Soup Kitchen, Central Presbyterian Night Shelter, and Open Door Shelter need your help to provide gifts of warm clothing and personal care items to homeless people.
- Your generosity provides gifts for senior citizens at Autumn Breeze Nursing Home and terminally ill patients at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home.
- Your gifts of food help the Missionaries of the Poor provide nourishment to the poor of Jamaica. Your gifts of diapers and wipes allow the Pro-Life Ministry to support families in need who have young children.
- Gift certificates help the Habitat for Humanity and the House of Dreams ministries provide new homeowners with household necessities and women beginning a new job with clothing and personal care items.



Árbol de Regalos

Nuestra parroquia estará recolectando donaciones para el Arbol de Regalos del 15 de noviembre al 7 de diciembre.

Tomen un adorno de papel del árbol, compren y envuelvan el artículo que aparece listado, coloquen el adorno de papel en el regalo a manera de colilla. Traigan sus regalos de vuelta al Área Común a más tardar el 7 de diciembre.

How to participate in the 2014 Advent Giving Tree Collection:

It's easy as 1-2-3-4!

1. **REMOVE** one or more paper ornaments from the Giving Tree in the Commons area.
2. **BUY** the listed gift.
3. **WRAP** it nicely and **ATTACH** the paper ornament securely to the gift.
4. **PLACE** the gift under the Giving Tree by the Second Sunday of Advent, December 7th.



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

Coats4All Clothing Drive: Please, give us your unused, unwanted, but serviceable coats for those in need!

Now collecting any sized coats, from infants to full-sized adults! We do this to help members of our community, our parish especially, who may have the misfortune of not having proper cold weather gear this winter. Please drop donations in the designated collection boxes that are available in the Commons Area and the Break Room near the kitchen through December 14th. For more information please contact the Knights of Columbus Community Director at: 770-569-3286, e-mail: trey@blancher.net

Abrigos Para Todos: Abrigos usados en buen estado para las personas necesitadas:

Ayuda a los Caballeros de Colón en la campaña de recolección de abrigos de todas las tallas (niños y adultos)

Con su apoyo, lograremos ayudar a aquellos en nuestra parroquia y nuestra comunidad que desafortunadamente no tienen abrigos adecuados para este invierno. Por favor depositen sus donaciones en las cajas designadas disponibles en el pasillo de la cocina y el Area Común hasta el 14 de diciembre.



Updates for Week 5: November 17-21, 2014
 Actualización para la Semana 5: November 17-21, 2014

Roof Renovations Renovaciones en el Techo

Making progress on the roof!

New roof shingles have been installed on the east side of the church and materials for the ceiling inside the church arrived last week. Framing on the west side is

almost done and the crew is now moving beginning work on the south (and last) side of the church. We pray for our parish during this time of re-construction of our sacred space for worship, for the safety of the laborers, and in thanksgiving for all who have contributed the financial support to make this happen. More updates next week!

¡Vamos progresando con el techo!

El tejado en el costado este de la iglesia ha sido instalado. Materiales para el cielorraso llegaron esta semana. Los trabajadores continúan su labor en el costado oeste y sur del edificio. Rogamos por nuestra parroquia durante esta renovación de nuestro espacio sagrado, por la seguridad de los trabajadores, y damos gracias a todos los que han participado con su apoyo económico. ¡Más noticias la próxima semana!



Photo on the left:
 New roof has been installed on the east side of the church!

Top Left Photo:
 Inside the church, demolition of the west side glass panels!



CHANGES ON MASS SCHEDULE
 Beginning January 3, 2015, all Masses will take place in the Social Hall due to construction work in the church.

ENGLISH MASSES:
 Saturdays: 4:30PM
 Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM
 12:00PM, 4:30PM



CAMBIOS EN HORARIO DE MISAS
 A partir del 3 de enero del 2015 TODAS LAS MISAS tendrán lugar en el Salón Social debido a trabajos de construcción en la iglesia.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:
 Sábado: 6:00PM y 7:30PM
 Domingos: 6:00AM, 1:30PM, 3:00PM
 6:00PM, 7:30PM, 9:00PM

Coming soon ...

November 18, 2014
 7:30 p.m.
 Social Hall
Ignite! Anniversary
 See Page 4 for important changes on this celebration!

November 20, 2014
 8:15 p.m.
 Classroom #2
Genetically Modified Organisms
 Learn more during this series hosted by the Threats to Freedom Ministry.
 For more information
 404-578-6681.

November 23, 2014
 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Social Hall
Health Fair
 Free mammogram vouchers will be available, as well as blood pressure and cholesterol tests.

November 27, 2014
 9:00 a.m.
 Main Sanctuary
Thanksgiving Mass
 Bilingual Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

changes scheduled
for this week



cambios Programados
Para esta semana

Monday, 17 NOV

12:00 p.m.
English Mass
Social Hall

Lunes, 17 NOV

7:30 p.m.
Misa en español
Salón Social

Tuesday, 18 NOV

12:00 p.m.
English Mass
Social Hall

Martes, 18 NOV

No actividades en la iglesia

Wednesday, 19 NOV

6:30 a.m.—English Mass
Community House
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Adoration
Community House
7:00 p.m.—English Mass
Community House

Miércoles, 19 NOV

7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Adoración
Casa de la Comunidad

Ignite! is going on Recess!

Celebrate the 7th Anniversary of Ignite! at Saint Thomas the Apostle and take part in the final Ignite! program to be held on Tuesday, November 18th.

Ignite! Offers a night of prayer, praise, music and worship with fellow parishioners. Light dinner is served before the program.

This will be the final Ignite! Program before an indefinite hiatus during the upcoming holidays, sanctuary/commons renovations, the second season of ARISE, and more!

Come on your own or encourage your ARISE groups to join the Ignite! community of friends for the special evening of prayer, song, scripture, and sharing of faith stories on **Tuesday, November 18th:**

- Dinner at 6:15 p.m.
- Ignite! program in the Social Hall (due to sanctuary roof renovations) at 7:30 p.m.

And SAVE THE DATE –

April 17th-19th 2015 – for an exciting new Saint Thomas Parish Retreat! (More information to come!)

Parish Mission: December 15th -17th.

By Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.
SAVE THE DATE!

Our parish Mission is scheduled to be from December 15th to 17th from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every night.

The mission will be led by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio. D'Ambrosio earned his Ph.D. in theology and biblical interpretation under the guidance of the renowned Avery Cardinal Dulles.

In 2001 he left university teaching to direct the www.CrossroadsInitiative.com, an international apostolate of evangelization and renewal.

Dr. D'Ambrosio is a New York Times best-selling author, Catholic TV host, and has appeared on different forums as an expert commentator on Catholic issues.

You can visit his website at www.dritaly.com



Parish Agenda

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM BODY RECALL
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
4:30 PM PSR
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM MISA
8:00 PM EMA CHOIR
8:30 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† **FRANCIS SHERIDAN**
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
6:15 PM IGNITE! DINNER
6:30 PM SVdP
7:00 PM FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
7:30 PM IGNITE!
8:00 PM EMA CHOIR
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
7:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM BODY RECALL
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
7:00 PM MASS
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND
8:30 PM SMALL COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 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 MASS
† **Teresa Motz**
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
8:00 PM MISA
John Granados

Thursday, 20 NOV

7:00 p.m.
English Mass
Social Hall

Jueves, 20 NOV

8:00 p.m.
Misa en español
Salón Social

Friday, 21 NOV

12:00 p.m.
English Mass
Social Hall

Viernes, 21 NOV

7:00 p.m.
NO HAY CAMBIOS
Asamblea de Oración en
la iglesia

Saturday, 22 NOV

NO CHANGES
All Masses in the
Main Sanctuary

Sábado, 22 NOV

NO HAY CAMBIOS
Todas las Misas en
la iglesia, incluyendo bodas
y quinceañeras.

Sunday, 23 NOV

NO CHANGES
All Masses in the
Main Sanctuary

Domingo, 23 NOV

NO HAY CAMBIOS
Todas las Misas en la
iglesia.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

What? Children's Choir to lead music at 4:00pm Christmas Eve Liturgy (English).
For whom? Children in grades Kindergarten through 8 (Grade level is the determining factor, not age)
When and Where Are Rehearsals? Four rehearsals (mark these dates on your calendar!):

- Monday, December 1 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 15 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 22 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Music Room
- TUESDAY, December 23 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Note that there is no rehearsal on Monday, December 8th, because it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

What Is Required? Participating children must:

- Attend at least three of the four rehearsals in order to participate on Christmas Eve.
- BE ON TIME for rehearsal!
- Arrive for Christmas Eve liturgy by NO LATER THAN 3:15 p.m.
- Only the first 50 children registered will be allowed to participate. YOU MUST register in advance.

Register online at: www.stthomastheapostle.org/cc-2014

or contact Patty Smith at 770-241-9343 to receive more information (or 678-626-3940 for SPANISH information.)

NOTE: This year at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, there will be two masses celebrated simultaneously: the children's mass in the Sanctuary and a traditional mass in the Social Hall. If you (or family members or friends) want to attend the children's liturgy in the Sanctuary, you MUST arrive very early for seats. Once capacity has been reached in the Sanctuary, individuals will be directed to Mass in the Social Hall.

St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year will take place as follows:

- Currently enrolled families: January 26–30
- Active parishioners: February 2–6
- Non-Parishioners: February 9 until classes are full.

Meet the Preschool Director on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Office during the months of November and December (except Thanksgiving, the week of November 24th, and Christmas holidays, December 22nd through January 1st.) No pre-registration required.

Our Preschool program serves children who are at least 2 years old by September 1st of the current school year through our young five program. Tuition fees for the 2015-2016 will be available by the week of January 26th. For more information call: 770-293-1267.

Calendar updated as of November 10, 2014.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM BODY RECALL
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
6:00 PM GUADALUPE PLAY REHEARSAL
6:00 PM SVDP BASKET PREP
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
7:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

LIFETEEN FALL RETREAT
8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
9:00 AM THANKSGIVING BASKETS
10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA
10:00 AM RECOVERY INT
11:30 AM QUINCEAÑERAS
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS
2:00 PM QUINCEAÑERAS
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS ADULTOS
5:00 PM Vigil Mass
† John Deleski
7:30 PM MISA
† Ma. de Jesús & Apolonio Sánchez
† Ignacia Pérez

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

LIFETEEN FALL RETREAT
NO PSR
6:00 AM MISA
† Amparo Martínez
7:00 AM HEALTH FAIR
7:30 AM MASS
ANDY WHELAN
9:30 AM MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)
† Ivy Fong-Sam
9:30 AM RCIA
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE)
† Laudana Theodore
Christina Fouche

2:00 PM MISA
† Arturo & Leticia López
1:00 PM AFRICAN KIDS
1:00 PM LEGACY
2:00 PM SP RCIA
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
5:00 PM MASS
PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS
6:30 PM 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY
7:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA
7:30 PM MISA
Amalia Pérez e hijos

Thank You, Saint Thomas!

I would like to say a very special thank you to all of my friends and members of St. Thomas who were praying for me upon hearing that I was hospitalized back in Ireland during my recent trip. I did appreciate this very much.

*Thanks again,
Larry Monteith*

Eucharistic Adoration

Have you ever thought about the fact that there are 168 hours in one week's time? What if you were to commit to spending one of those hours in quiet time in the presence of the Lord each week? It could be life-changing!

Eucharistic Adoration has taken place in our parish all day on Wednesdays since March of 2003.

Perhaps you don't know what you would do. Some suggestions are:

- Talk with Him about what is going wrong in your life as well as what is going right.
- Tell Him how grateful you are for His blessings in your life.
- Be still and savor the quiet.
- Pray for your needs and the needs of others.
- Examine your conscience in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Pray for direction and guidance.

The possibilities are endless!

In the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest, passion and crucifixion, Jesus invited His closest friends to keep watch with Him for one hour. Won't you consider doing the same?

It is important that all the hours from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays be assigned so that the Blessed Lord will not be left unattended in the Community House.

Please call the parish office or send an email to stthomasga@stthomastheapostle.org in order to reserve your hour with Jesus. Blessings await!

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

Lonely people: That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

Mentors of seminarians and religious: That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.



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.

Chichi Abibo
Marc Accilien
Joe Conwell
Pat Deacon
Debbie Morgan
Paul Raines
Nike Samo
Alice Vander

Barbara Butler
Benadeth Egwunwoke
James Hampton
Annette Howard
Evelyn Pacheco
Jacqueline Pearson

Maurice Gourrier
Ann Mattox
Tom O'Donnell
Jack Provost
Chris Scannaliato
John Scannaliato
Pam Smith

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 - Ensign Tanner J. Collins, USN - 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 - PFC Angie Georges, USA - LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC - SFC Charles Granke, USA - PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA - Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG - E3 Jeannie Hanemann, USN - E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN - Maj. Marise James, USAF - CDR Dominic R. Lovello USN - CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA - LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC - HM2 Kenneth Mdntosh, 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

COOKING FOR THE CLERGY

Every Sunday, our priests nourish us with the Bread of Life. We in turn have the privilege of bringing a Sunday Dinner to them. Join together with a friend or make it a family affair while you plan, shop and prepare a meal.

Please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 100 or sign up on the list in the Commons Area.

A big "Thank You" goes out to all the caring cooks who have brought Sunday dinners to our priests throughout the past months.



Contribute to the Altar Flower Fund

A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones.

If you would like to donate to the Altar Flower Fund please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 101 or e-mail:

pvanburen@stthomastheapostle.org
The suggested donation is \$40.



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Las Tortas Locas

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NORCROSS		
6101 S. Norcross Tucker Rd. 770-491-0106	6405 Peachtree Ind. Blvd. 770-368-8747	



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