



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 24, 2015

Parish Office

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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

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: ... 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM

Adoration

Wednesdays: 7:00 AM-6:45 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM

Jueves: 8:00 PM

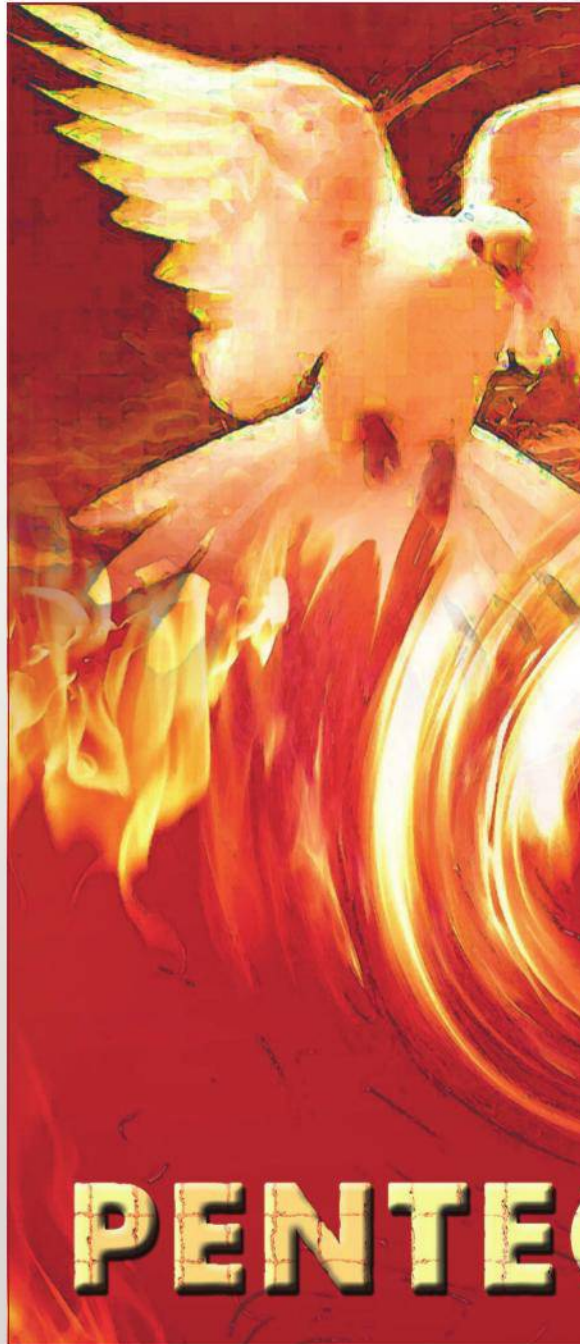
HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Sábado: 6:30 PM

Domingo: 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM,
7:30 PM

Confesiones:

Antes de Misas, los fines de semana.



We are just a week away from our jubilee inaugural kickoff, a whole year of celebration for the 50th anniversary of our parish!

Are you ready

Saint Thomas the Apostle?

Celebrate UNITY in Community!

Saturday, May 30th

12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

See Page 3 for details.

Sólo falta una semana para la inauguración del Año de Celebraciones por el 50 Aniversario de nuestra parroquia!

¿Están todos listos en Santo Tomás el Apóstol?

Celebremos UNIDAD en Comunidad!

Sábado, 30 de mayo

12:00 medio día a 5:00 p.m.

Ver Página 3 para más detalles.

PENTECOST

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

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick:

Help bring some peace and joy to the Catholic elder in our community. The Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick serves any Catholic unable to attend mass and receive communion. Please contact the Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick if you have someone in your family or you know of someone in the St. Thomas Community who is unable to attend mass. Contact the Parish office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.

Training is available;
appreciation is guaranteed!

Please prayerfully consider your unique gifts and talents for this ministry of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick.

Help is needed to serve in the following Assisted Living facilities:

Brookdale Vinings Assisted Living:

About 3.5 miles from church (Cumberland Pkwy)

Time Commitment: Visit only 2 hours a month, or more often if you'd like.

Contact: Martha Boyle at 404-696-4976 or jboyle@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving at Brookdale Vinings Assisted Living.

Woodland Ridge Nursing Home:

About 1 mile from the church (S Cobb Drive)

Time Commitment: Rosary & Communion once a month on a Wednesday or a Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Sharon Kowal at 770-439-5459 if you are interested in serving at Woodland Ridge Nursing Home.



In Our Prayers / En nuestras oraciones

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.

Emily Flowers
Beverly D. Harris
Cordelia Kelly
Greg Nowland
Deacon Al Samoranski
Roger LaVigne

Patricia Dzomeda
Melanie Dzomeda
Julius Iko
Afanou LiLi
Amaka Okobi
Tony Oparaji
Rose Rakestraw
Austin Valentine

Joy Hanusek
Jaime López
Cecile Minyono
Donna Mohring
Leona Morales
Tom O'Donnell
Evelyn Pacheco
Jean Provost

Prayer Line / Cadena de Oración

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 / Orando por nuestras tropas

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:

ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN
Ensign Tanner Collins, USN
E5 Spencer Hanemann, USN
HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN
A1C Earl Zachary Shelton, USAF

We ask that you call the Parish office with the names of your loved ones so that we can have a current list. Thanks!

FIDELES: Prayer group for men (Rosary on Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m.)

FIDELES is a prayer group for men with a special devotion to Jesus and his Blessed Mother.

Beginning on Thursday, May 28th, FIDELES members meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Church to pray the rosary, followed by meditation, in the presence of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to come as a guest to our weekly prayer sessions. Men are encouraged to learn more about this devotion and consider joining our FIDELES cell.

Please contact Deacon Mark Mitchell if you have any questions at mmitchell@stthomastheapostle.org



Coming Soon

May 30, 2015
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Church grounds
Eve of Jubilee

Jubilee kick off event, celebrating our parish 50th anniversary in 2016. See page 3 for info.

June 27, 2015
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Construction of new home
Habitat for Humanity

Please contact our Habitat coordinator if you would like to help with this year's project. See Page 4.

June 28, 2015
11:30 a.m.
Main Sanctuary
Re-Dedication of our church

Save the date for this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Zarama.

June 12, 2015
7:15 p.m.
Social Hall
Holy Hollywood

Save the date for a fun filled family comedy: *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*



The EVE is almost here...
let the countdown begin!

All the members of Saint Thomas the Apostle
are invited to:

The Eve of Jubilee: Journey into the Decades
Potluck Kickoff Event
Saturday, May 30th, 2015
from Noon-5:00 p.m.
in the parking lot of our church!

YOU play a very important role in our 50th
anniversary celebration!

Here are the simple rules to the Eve:

1. Please bring a potluck dish to share and a chair/blanket to sit on.
2. Please help by donating canned sodas (no bottles) and bottled water (plastic only) in the Commons Area.
3. Then for fun come dressed up as your favorite decade starting with the 60s because we were founded in 1964, going right into the 70s, 80s, 90s, and beyond for a festive day of fellowship and fun! Hope to see you there!

For more information e-mail:
perpetuan@yahoo.com

Noche del Jubileo: Viaje a través de las Décadas

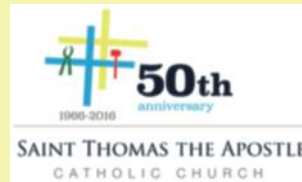
Marca tu calendario para la Inauguración Oficial
del 50 Aniversario de nuestra parroquia (1966-
2016)

Sábado, 30 de mayo, 2015
de 12 medio día a 5:00 p.m.

- **Celebra con nosotros la unidad en la comunidad!**
- **Escoge una década, y vístete a la moda a partir de los años 60's**
- **Trae un platillo para compartir**
- **Informes al e-mail:
perpetuan@yahoo.com**

Let the countdown begin! ¡Qué comience la cuenta regresiva!

Next June 05, 2016 we will have the culminating Mass for the 50th Anniversary as a Parish dedicated to Saint Thomas the Apostle. Therefore, it is more than necessary to begin the countdown for some a momentous occasion. Fifty years is not a short time when it comes to living out life in Christ on earth. So, come and help us begin our Jubilee Countdown. Month by month we will be blessed to have different ministries helping us to learn more about our parish's history and it's life in Christ.



In Judaism and Christianity, the concept of the Jubilee is a special year of remission of sins and universal pardon. In the Biblical Book of Leviticus, a Jubilee year is mentioned to occur every fiftieth year, in which slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest. In the event there is enslavement to sin or someone is imprisoned by someone or something that hurts his or her relationship with the Lord in our Parish, let us ask Jesus for the graces necessary to be contrite and forgiven. Let us ask for liberation from that which holds us back from being more loving and generous with others during this Jubilee. Let us pray for UNITY IN COMMUNITY here among our parishioners. It's fun to be one! That's why we will begin the countdown with a **Pot Luck Festivity on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m.** Let's show our love for being parishioners of Saint Thomas the Apostle. Come one, come all!

Your presence is a blessing to all of us.

Fr. Brian

El próximo año, el día 5 de junio del 2016, culminaremos la celebración del 50 Aniversario de la parroquia dedicada a Santo Tomás el Apóstol. Por lo tanto, es necesario iniciar la cuenta regresiva para esta ocasión tan especial. Cincuenta años no es poco tiempo cuando se trata de vivir en Cristo aquí en la tierra. Así que les invito a que nos ayuden a iniciar la cuenta regresiva del Jubileo. Mes a mes seremos bendecidos con la participación de diferentes ministerios que nos ayudarán a conocer la historia de nuestra parroquia.

En el judaísmo y el cristianismo, el concepto de Jubileo es un año especial de pausa por nuestros pecados y

el perdón universal. En el libro del Levítico, se menciona un año de jubileo cada 50 años, en el cual los esclavos y prisioneros eran liberados de sus deudas y la piedad de Dios se manifiesta particularmente. Si somos prisioneros o hay algo que nos hiere en nuestra relación con el Señor, en nuestra parroquia, roguemos a Jesús que nos conceda la gracia necesaria para arrepentirnos y ser perdonados. Roguemos para que seamos liberados de todo aquello que nos impide amar y ser generosos con nuestros hermanos en este Jubileo. Roguemos por UNIDAD EN LA COMUNIDAD aquí en nuestra parroquia. ¡Es hermoso ser uno solo! Por eso, demos inicio a estas festividades con un **Convivio el próximo sábado, 30 de mayo, de 12 medio día a 5:00 p.m.** Mostremos nuestro gozo de ser feligreses de Santo Tomás el Apóstol. ¡Vengan todos!

Su presencia es una bendición para todos nosotros.

Padre Brian



Help us DECORATE For the Eve of Jubilee

Many hands make light work! We, the members of Saint Thomas the Apostle 50th Anniversary Jubilee Committee, NEED YOU! We are having a decorating party for our Eve of Jubilee: Journey into the Decades potluck kickoff event. Please join us on Friday, May 29th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by the Parish office. The eve is coming and we want to be all ready to celebrate!

Necesitamos Ayuda para DECORAR la iglesia

Digan "QUESO!" Nuestra parroquia se prepara para celebrar su 50 Aniversario! Como parte de esta conmemoración, estaremos haciendo un directorio fotográfico y queremos que todas las familias participen! Habrá citas del 14 de junio al 18 de julio. Regístrate en línea en nuestra página web:

www.stthomastheapostle.org/pictorial-directory-2015

Pictorial Directory

Sign up for your PHOTO SESSION for the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Pictorial/Networking Directory. Appointments available from June 14th to July 18th. For more details or information please contact Lauren Russell at (808) 285-4124 or minilauruss@gmail.com

Sign Up online at www.stthomastheapostle.org/pictorial-directory-2015

Directorio Fotográfico

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Habitat for Humanity



So glad you asked!

Saint Thomas the Apostle is a member of the Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition.

This year's build will begin on June 27th.

There are several ways YOU can help.

1. Financial donation-In the past we have asked for \$40 but any amount would be greatly appreciated.
2. Volunteer-We are looking for people to help on the build weekends. The time is typically 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3. If you or anyone you know has an unwanted vehicle (car, truck, van, boat), it can be donated to Habitat for Humanity. It is a very easy process and you will get a tax receipt.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Laura McIntosh, at 678-332-6619 or lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net



Parish Life

Eve of Jubilee

The year long celebration of the 50th Parish Anniversary (1966-2016) begins next week! Celebrate UNITY in Community during our Potluck and Kickoff event on Saturday, May 30th atb 12 Noon. Bring a dish to share. Donations of bottled water (plastic) and canned soda are needed. See Page 3 for additional details.

Recovery International: Self-Help Mental Health program

If you or someone you know is struggling with stress, tension, anxiety, panic, mood disorders, fatigue, sleeplessness, worry, anger, fear, helplessness, hopelessness, you are not alone! *Recovery International* can help. Please contact Alicia García at 678-665-5233 or e-mail: aligarpr@gmail.com

Programa de Ayuda y Autoestima: *Si tú, o alguien a quien tú conoces sufre de estrés, tensión, ansiedad, pánico, fatiga, preocupación, furia, miedo, no están solos! Recovery International puede ayudar. Contacta a Alicia García al 678-665-5233 o vía e-mail al: aligarpr@gmail.com*

Eucharistic Ministers needed to serve the homebound

Help bring some peace and joy to the Catholic elder in our community. See Page 2 for details.

Pew Angels



Volunteers needed to help straighten the books and materials in our pews. If you are available on Mondays and/or Fridays before the 12 Noon Mass, your help is appreciated. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 100.

Necesitamos voluntarios para acomodar los materiales de las bancas. Si estás disponible los lunes o viernes, antes de la Misa en inglés de medio día, por favor contacta a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 100.

Altar Flowers



Would you like to have a special way to remember a loved one? Is someone in your life celebrating an anniversary or a special birthday? For any of these occasions or more, you are invited to request flowers for the altar. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the Commons Area. Suggested donation: \$40.

Flores para el altar: *Por favor anota tu nombre e intención en la lista disponible en el pizarrón del Área Común. Las Flores del Altar nos permiten recordar de manera especial a un ser querido o una fecha de aniversario o cumpleaños especial. Se sugiere una donación de \$40.*

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY
9:00 AM MASS
IN THANKSGIVING FOR DANIEL & KIMBERLY

TUESDAY, MAY 26

12:00 PM MASS
† ENRIQUE PIZARRO
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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
IN THANKSGIVING FOR DANIEL & KIMBERLY
7:30 AM ADORATION
6:00 PM PIZZA & PRAYER
5:30 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM MASS
† EEVANGELINE EJIUGU
7:00 PM VBS LEADERS
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, MAY 28

10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 PM MISA
† ADÁN MENDOZA

Gear up for Vacation Bible School:

Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12th, from: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per child

All children who were 3 years old before September 1, 2014 through grade 5 are welcome!

Registration ends on Friday, May 22nd (limited space!)

For more information call the PSR office at 770-432-5296.



The coolest week of summer!
VBS: June 8th to June 12th

Pre-Matrícula de Catecismo

Pre-Matrícula para el año 2015-2016 para estudiantes que se encuentran activos actualmente. Hay tiempo hasta el 30 de junio. (La cuota de inscripción subirá de precio el 1º de julio.)

- Todos los estudiantes deben volver a registrarse cada año.
- Traer Hoja de Pre-matrícula
- Copia del certificado de Bautismo de su hijo (aún cuando haya sido bautizado en Santo Tomás) para estudiantes que recibirán sacramentos el año 2015-2016.
- La mitad del pago de matrícula es requerido (cantidad exacta en efectivo o cheques solamente)
- La matrícula para nuevos estudiantes será del 1º de julio hasta el 24 de julio.
- Para más información llamar al 770-432-5296.

Escuela Bíblica de Verano (VBS)

Del 8 al 12 de junio para niños de 3 años hasta 5to grado. Costo: \$30 por niño.

El registro termina el 22 de mayo (cupo limitado)

Llama al 770-432-5296 para más información.

PSR Pre-registration 2015-2016

Parish School of Religion (PSR) PRE-REGISTRATION for the 2015-16 school year is now open for all returning students till June 30th . Pre-printed registration forms have been sent home with current PSR students. All students must register each year.

- You must bring your Pre-Registration form to register
- A copy of your child's Baptism certificate is needed (even if Baptized at St. Thomas) if your child is receiving a sacrament during 2015-16
- A minimum payment of 50% of the total fee is required to register (exact cash or personal checks are acceptable)
- PSR FEES WILL INCREASE JULY 1ST FOR ALL STUDENTS
- New student registration for PSR begins July 1—July 24.
- More information at 770-432-5296.

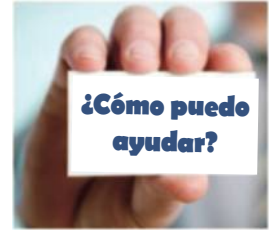
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Hábitat para la Humanidad



¡Qué bueno que preguntaste!

Nuestra parroquia es parte de la Coalición de iglesias de Smyrna, la cual ayuda a construir proyectos de vivienda cada año, a través del programa Hábitat para la Humanidad.

La construcción del proyecto de vivienda de este año inicia a finales de junio.

Hay varias formas en las que tú puedes ayudar

1. Donaciones de dinero. En el pasado hemos solicitado \$40 pero cualquier cantidad es bienvenida.
2. Voluntarios: Buscamos personas que estén dispuestas a ayudar a construir los fines de semana. No se requiere experiencia.
3. Carros, botes, camiones pueden ser donados a Hábitat para la Humanidad.

Para más información, llamar al 678-626-3940 o escriban al e-mail: Imcintosh1843@bellsouth.net



Calendar updated as of May 18, 2015

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 12:00 PM MASS
- IN THANKSGIVING FOR DANIEL & KIMBERLY
- 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 6:00 PM SPANISH REHEARSAL
- 6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA
- 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER
- 7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW-UP
- 8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
- 10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA
- 10:00 AM RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL
- 12:00 PM **EVE OF JUBILEE KICK OFF**
- 2:00 PM MARTINEZ WEDDING
- 2:00 PM QUINCEAÑERA
- 3:00 PM CONFESSION
- 4:30 PM MASS
- + ANDY KAISER
- 4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA
- 6:30 PM MISA
- BRISA ZAVALA

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- TRINITY SUNDAY
- 6:00 AM MISA
- + EUSTOLIA GODINEZ MENDEZ
- 7:30 AM MASS
- 9:30 AM MASS
- + NICK CASTRACANE
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:30 AM MASS
- + CELESTINE CHIKERE
- + CELESTINE OKERE

- 2:00 PM MASS
- + EVELIO HERNÁNDEZ
- 5:00 PM MASS
- IN THANKSGIVING FOR DANIEL & KIMBERLY
- 7:30 PM MISA

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños:
May 16-17, 2015

Treasure (Tesoro): \$962.06
 Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): ♥ I play with my sister (Juego con mi hermana) ♥ I'll be good to my Dad (Seré bueno con Papi) ♥ Coming to church (Vengo a la iglesia) ♥ I work hard in school (Trabajé duro en la escuela) ♥ I made breakfast for my Mom (Hice desayuno para mamá) ♥ Took out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ I helped with my party (Ayudé con mi fiesta) ♥ I let my friend go first! (Dejé que mi amiga llegara primero) ♥ I helped my teacher (Ayudé a mi maestro) ♥ Walked Gracie, our dog (Saqué la perrita a caminar) ♥ I helped Mommy with the laundry (Ayudé a mamá a lavar ropa) ♥ Said "Bless you" to other (Le dije a alguien "Bendiciones") ♥ I did all my chores (Hice todas mis tareas) ♥ Be good every day (Ser bueno cada día) ♥ made my bed (Tendí mi cama) ♥ I was patient (Fui paciente) ♥ I made my bed and dressed without help (Tendí mi cama y me vestí sin ayuda) ♥ Cheering up a sad boy (Levantándole el ánimo a un niño) ♥ I like the church. It is the best! (Me gusta la iglesia. Es la mejor!) ♥ I lost weight (Perdí peso) ♥ I study for my test (Estudié para mi examen) ♥ I helped my brother, Carlitos (Ayudé a mi hermano Carlitos) ♥ I played and helped somebody (Jugué y ayudé a alguien) ♥ Help people (Ayudar a la gente) ♥ A big help on Saturday (Ayudé mucho el sábado) ♥



Children's Envelopes available in the Commons Area.
 Invite your children to participate during the Mass offertory by depositing their envelopes in the basket near the altar.

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions



Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

Around the Archdiocese

Career Quest: A Job-Seeker Ministry

Meetings at the Catholic Church of St. Ann (Marietta) at 6:30 p.m.

For more information visit: <http://st-ann.org/career-quest/home>

Schedule for the month of MAY 2015:

- 5/19: "Creating Your Value Proposition" by Dave Gallagher
- 5/26: "Starting or Re-Starting Your Job Search" by Susan Nofi

Smyrna Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 25th at 9:30 a.m. • Smyrna City Hall

The City of Smyrna, the Smyrna Veterans Committee, Veterans Memorial Association of Smyrna, American legion Post 160, and the Smyrna Rotary will sponsor Smyrna's Memorial Day Ceremony at the Twentieth Century Veterans Memorial, between City Hall and the Library. The Ceremony is free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the Smyrna Community Center, 200 Village Green, Smyrna, GA.

Catholic Homeschool Conference

Friday, May 29th at 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. • Cobb Galleria Centre (Rooms 102, 103, 104)

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Georgia Homeschool Conference. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information please visit www.ihmconference.org or e-mail: info@ihmconference.org

50th and 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration in 2015

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 at 12:00 Noon (St. Brigid Catholic Church - Johns Creek, GA)

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1965 and 1955 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information, or contact, Daniel West at dwest@archatl.com or 404-920-7631.

Eucharistic Congress: First Communicants to participate in the processions!

June 6 • Georgia International Convention Center—College Park

Archbishop Gregory invites all First Communicants and their parents to take part in the morning and/or afternoon processions on June 6th for this year's Eucharistic Congress. Those who would like to participate should wear their First Communion dresses and suits and arrive at 8:00 a.m. for the morning procession and 4:30 p.m. for the afternoon. This is a special moment for the First Communicants and the church community, so come and be an important part of the day.

Eucharistic Congress: Catholics reunite and celebrate!

June 5-6 • Georgia International Convention Center—College Park

This year the Eucharistic Congress is celebrating its 20th Anniversary Friday night, June 5th and all day Saturday, June 6th and the admission is FREE. Come join the celebration that offers a host of events that include Masses with Bishop Talley and Archbishop Wilton Gregory, a variety of sessions (tracks) in different languages on Saturday, a host of excellent speakers, including Father Barron author and narrator of the Catholicism Series, Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday.

The Eucharistic Congress is held at the Georgia International Convention Center. Parking is free but limited. St. Thomas will offer a bus on Saturday, June 6th providing a minimum of 20 people purchase a bus ticket in advance. The bus ticket cost is \$10 a person and tickets will sold after all Masses on the week-ends of May 23 and 24 and May 30 and 31.

Any questions please contact Linda or Michael in Adult Faith Formation at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 or 131.