



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 23, 2015

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## Regular Office Hours

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

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## Regular Office Hours

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Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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## 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**

# 70'S PARTY!

## DE REGRESO EN EL TIEMPO!

Continúa celebrando el 50 Aniversario con nosotros.  
ven a Misa el próximo Sábado y Domingo  
con tu mejor ropa de los 70's  
y únete a la fiesta!

## BACK IN TIME!

Continuing celebrating our 50th anniversary,  
come to Mass next Saturday and Sunday with  
□ your best clothes from the 70's  
and join the party!



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CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Celebrating 50 years of UNITY in COMMUNITY Celebrando 50 años de UNIDAD en COMUNIDAD

Adoration will take place in the Community House on Wednesday, August 26th due to installation of sound panels in the church.

*Adoración al Santísimo el miércoles, 26 de agosto, en la Casa Comunitaria debido a instalación de paneles de sonido en nuestra iglesia.*

**Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette**

*Celebra la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de La Salette*

Novena: September 10th-18th  
*Novena: 10-18 de septiembre*

Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette:  
Saturday, September 19th  
*Día de La Virgen de La Salette: Sábado, 19 de septiembre*

More information about festivities available in next weekend's bulletin.

*Más información acerca de las festividades disponible en el boletín de la otra semana.*



**The Altar Flowers this weekend are being offered by Susan McGraw in honor of her husband †Jim McGraw.**

**Support the Altar Flower Fund:**

If you would like to remember a special occasion by donating to the Altar Flower Fund, please contact the Parish Office at 678-626-3940. Suggested offering: \$40.



**Altar Flowers**

**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.

**Mariana Balcells**  
**Bob Reese**  
**Hernández García Family**

**María Almazán**  
**Juan Anaya**  
**May French**  
**Fannie Goodwin**  
**Rocío Juárez Bolaños**  
**Saray López Raygada**  
**Carol McHugh**  
**Raúl Sánchez Mejía**  
**Kristen Smith**

**Ann Anokam**  
**Maurice Assatikoue**  
**Bire Ikoe**  
**Elizabeth Nkemngan**  
**Amaka Okobi**  
**Lucy Olabi**  
**Tony Oparaji**  
**Rose Rakestraw**  
**Austin Valentine**

**The Hopkins Family**  
**Peter Nicholas**  
**Tom O'Donnell**  
**Héctor Polanco**  
**Arminda Vázquez**

**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:

- CDR Dominic R. Lovello, USN • ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN
- Ensign Tanner Collins, USN • E5 Spencer Hanemann, USN
- HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN • SPC Dakota Nash, USA •
- A1C Johana Tatia, USAF • 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!

**Regular Mass Schedule / Horario Regular de Misas**

**ENGLISH MASSES**

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: ..... 4:30 PM  
Sunday: ..... 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

**WEEKDAYS:**

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: ..... 12 Noon  
Wednesday: ..... 6:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
Thursday: ..... 7:00 PM

**Confession:** Saturday: ..... 3:00 PM –4:00 PM  
**Adoration:** Wednesdays: ..... 7:00 AM-6:45 PM

**Misas en Español**

**HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA**

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

**HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA**

Lunes: ..... 7:30 PM  
Jueves: ..... 8:00 PM

**Confesiones:** Antes de Misas, los fines de semana.  
**Adoración:** Miércoles 7:00 AM-7:00 PM / 2do Sábado del mes a las 8:30 PM



**Attention Adults in need of Sacraments!**  
**Rite of Christian initiation (R.C.I.A.) classes**  
**start in a few weeks. 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:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Provide Certificate of Baptism no later than September 30th (when applicable)
- Must have a Sponsor (practicing Catholic)
- Must attend Mass and Class on Sundays

For more information please contact Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:  
 Linda Veit at lveit@stthepostle.org or 678 626-3961.

**Atención Adultos que necesitan sacramentos:**  
**Las clases del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (R.I.C.A.) comienzan en**  
**pocas semanas. ¡Regístrate ahora!**

*Las personas interesadas deben ser:*

- Mayores de 18 años
- Presentar Certificado de bautismo a más tardar el 30 de septiembre (si están bautizados)
- Tener un padrino o madrina que sea Católico practicante
- Asistir a Misa y clases todos los domingos

*Para más información por favor contactar a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa para Adultos al 678-626-3961.*

**Catechists needed!**

Still looking for catechists in our Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th grade programs. Please prayerfully consider this ministry! We cannot do His work without YOU! Please email Sue Senecal at: ssenecal@stthomastheapostle.org or call 770-432-5296.

*¡Necesitamos catequistas urgentemente! Por favor contactar a la Oficina de Catecismo para más información al 770-432-5296.*

**Holy Hollywood: August 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall**



**Featured presentation: To Kill a Mockingbird (129min)**

Join us for movie and discussion about this 1962 American drama film directed by Robert Mulligan. The screenplay by Horton Foote was based on the 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name by Harper Lee. It stars Gregory Peck in the role of Atticus Finch and Mary Badham in the role of Scout. (Rated: PG)

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.—Movie begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall! Popcorn is provided. You are welcome to bring your own dinner and stay for discussion after the movie.

**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 2015-16 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 2016 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:**

**Linda Veit at**

**lveit@stthomastheapostle.org**  
**or call 770-432-8579 Ext. 131**

**Pictorial Directory:  
Information wanted**



**Asking all parishioners for  
HELP in completing our  
Pictorial/Networking Directory.**

For those parishioners who had their photos taken, the information that you provided will be included in the directory. For those parishioners who DID NOT have their photos taken but would like to have their information included in the directory, please email your name, address, and phone #: [minilauruss@gmail.com](mailto:minilauruss@gmail.com)

**Didn't get the chance to get your photo taken but want to have your picture in the directory!** Please submit a 5x7 photo with names of all in the photo along with your information (name, address, phone#).

Do not submit originals, as photo will be sent in for processing of directory and not returned. If it's a professional photo you must have a authorization release form included.

Contact Lauren Russell at 808-285-4124 if you have any questions regarding information or photo to be included in the directory. Please submit your information or photo, no later than Monday, August 24th.

*Las personas que no alcanzaron a tomarse foto para el directorio de la iglesia, pueden entregar fotos de tamaño 5x7 que hayan sido tomadas con otra compañía. (Necesitarán obtener permiso del fotógrafo para usar la fotografía en nuestro directorio.) También podemos incluir su nombre, teléfono y dirección en el directorio aunque no tengan fotografía familiar.*

*Por favor llamar al 678-626-3940 si desean que sus datos sean incluidos en el directorio.*

**FREE Photo Portraits Ready for pick up!**

If your family had a photo taken for our pictorial directory and you have not received your free 8x10 portrait, please check with the Parish Office as many of the photos were sent to our church. The portraits will be available for pick up during office hours until September 30th. If you had a custom order made, the portraits will arrive directly at your home.

*Si tu familia no ha recibido la foto gratis de tamaño 8x10 para el directorio fotográfico, por favor consulta en la oficina parroquial ya que muchos de los retratos fueron enviados directamente a la iglesia. Las fotos pueden ser retiradas en horas de oficina hasta el 30 de septiembre.*

**Over 50's is BACK in TOWN! Next Luncheon: Wednesday, September 2nd**

The Adult Faith Formation department would like to invite all adult parishioners who would like to be part of the Over 50's Ministry to a potluck gathering on Wednesday, September 2nd in the Social Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come and enjoy some delicious food (bring a dish to share), lots of fellowship and maybe a game of BINGO. For more details or information please contact Linda Veit of Adult Faith at (770)432-8579, [lveit@stthomastheapostle.org](mailto:lveit@stthomastheapostle.org) or Lauren Russell at (808)285-4124, [minilauruss@gmail.com](mailto:minilauruss@gmail.com)

**Join the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Choir: Male and female singers wanted!**



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 take place 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.**

Contact Patty Smith, Director of Music Ministry  
[psmith@stthomastheapostle.org](mailto:psmith@stthomastheapostle.org) or call 770-241-9343.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A ten (10) week **Journey from Grief to Healing** OPEN TO ALL!  
Every Tuesday Evening (7:00 p.m.)

From August 25th to October 27th at the Adult Faith Formation Building

**Contact:**

Jackie Williams at 770-366-4049 / [jmw3663@comcast.net](mailto:jmw3663@comcast.net) OR  
Deacon Mark Mitchell at 770-438-0539 / [mmitchell@stthomastheapostle.org](mailto:mmitchell@stthomastheapostle.org)

**CATECHISTS NEEDED! See Page 3 for details.**  
**¡NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS! Ver Página 3 para más detalles.**

**This week in our Parish**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM **MASS**  
SARAY LÓPEZ
- 7:00 PM CATECHISTS MEETING
- 7:30 PM **MISA**
- 8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR
- 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM **MASS**
- 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 7:00 PM JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING
- 7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT
- 7:00 PM CATECHISTS MEETING
- 7:00 PM SVDP SOCIAL
- 8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR
- 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 6:30 AM **MASS FOR PEACE**  
ELLA JOSEPH
- 7:30 AM ADORATION
- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
- 7:00 PM CATECHISTS MEETING
- 7:00 PM **MASS**  
JoANN YORIO
- 7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
- 8:00 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
- 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00 PM **MASS**
- 7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
- 8:00 PM **MISA**  
† ISaura González

**NEW OFFICE HOURS—NUEVO HORARIO DE OFICINA**

Until further notice, the Parish Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

We close from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Please keep this schedule in mind for any services you may need from the Parish Office. Our priests handle their own calendar should you need an appointment. Their contact numbers are on the bulletin cover.

Hasta nuevo aviso, la Oficina Parroquial abrirá de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Lunes a Viernes.

Cerramos los miércoles de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Por favor tomen en cuenta ese horario para cualquier servicio que necesiten de la Oficina Parroquial.

Los sacerdotes coordinan su propio calendario: Padre Brian atiende con cita y Padre Jaime recibe consultas los miércoles y jueves de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. Se ofrecen confesiones en español antes de las Misas, los domingos.



Thanks for your generosity!

The LifeTeen Ministry is grateful for your donations during the fundraiser **Grime to Shine** (August 15th-16th)

The teens had a blast washing windshields, and a total of **\$4,789.96** was collected during the weekend. The funds will be used to cover last year's debt and towards the next retreats that the LifeTeen Program has planned for the upcoming year. Stay tuned!

**CORE Members needed for LifeTeen program**

Are you over 21 years old and interested in leading Teens closer to Christ? Our Youth Group is looking to recruit new **CORE members**.

**What is a CORE member?**

A **CORE member** is a person of faith that wants to share his/her love for their faith with High School teens, and help them on their own faith journey! You do not have to be an expert in theology or an experienced catechist, all you need is to be open to God's will and give it a try!

**CORE members** can participate in one or more of the following Youth activities:

Life Nights (Sundays), Retreats (Fri-Sun), and Confirmation Classes. We encourage all **CORE members** to attend the 5:00 p...m Mass on Sundays.

Please pray about joining us in our mission to bring our teens closer to Christ and to their community!

If interested, please contact **Estela Martinez at 678-626-3936** [emartinez@stthomastheapostle.org](mailto:emartinez@stthomastheapostle.org) **Danny Hernandez at 678-3936-3937** [dhernandez@stthomastheapostle.org](mailto:dhernandez@stthomastheapostle.org)

Calendar updated as of August 17, 2015

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**

CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
 † **JIM McCABE**  
 5:00 PM AMADOR QUINCEAÑERA  
 6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL  
 6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS  
 6:15 PM SUMMERS REHEARSAL  
 6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP  
 7:00 PM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**

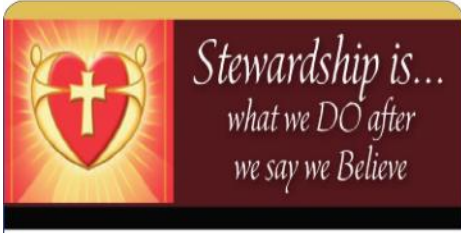
CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
 FOOD SALE AFTER MASSES  
 8:00 AM SUN AM CHOIR  
 10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA GUITAR  
 10:00 AM SUMMERS WEDDING  
 12:00 PM MURILLO ANNIVERSARY  
 2:00 PM QUINCEAÑERAS  
 3:00 PM CONFESSION  
**4:30 PM MASS**  
**BILL & MARY CANTRELL**  
 4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA  
 5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS  
**6:30 PM MISA**  
 † **FR. GENE BARRETTE**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
 FOOD SALE AFTER MASSES  
**6:00 AM MISA**  
 † **INEZ DE LEÓN**  
**7:30 AM MASS**  
**9:30 AM MASS**  
 † **BLANCHE TURLAN**  
 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
**11:30 AM MASS**  
 † **FR. GENE BARRETTE**  
 1:00 PM MONTS DE OCA BAPTISM

**2:00 PM MASS**  
**PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS**  
 2:00 PM SP RCIA REGISTRATION  
 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD  
**5:00 PM MASS**  
 † **AGAPITO MONTEIRO**  
 6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE  
**7:30 PM MISA**





**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual  
August 15-16, 2015 vs 2014**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Weekly Actual .....	\$36,093	\$35,634
FYTD .....	\$242,592	\$237,150

**New Fiscal Year budget  
to be announced in upcoming weeks.**

Total Assessments .....\$1,317,564  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 05/31/15  
(Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis hasta el 31 mayo, 2015)

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 29)  
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 29)**  
Goal (Meta).....\$149,300  
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) .....\$270,031  
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos) .....\$120,535  
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....81%  
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)..... 1,194  
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida)..... **\$28,765**

**Children's Offertory  
Ofertorio de los Niños**

August 15-16, 2015

Total .....\$850.09

I gave my dog Mae Mae food! (Le di comida a mi perrita Mae Mae) ♥ Being good to my dog (Fui bueno con mi perro) ♥ Gave my own money to the offering (Di de mi propio dinero para el ofertorio) ♥ I helped with groceries (Ayudé con las compras) ♥ I helped my Mom (Ayudé a mi mamá) ♥ I got everything ready for school (Alisté todo para la escuela) ♥ I washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area.



**Repair Updates / Actualización de las Reparaciones**

**THE BEAM IS IN! (Thanks be to God!)**

Our main entrance of the Sanctuary through the Commons is finished. We are now awaiting panels to be installed in the Sanctuary that will soften some of the sounds that are harsher due to a ceramic floor and wooden pews without cushions.

**CARPET DONATION:**

We have been blessed to receive a huge donation of commercial carpeting and a few desk chairs... we had to rent a container to house many rolls of brand new carpeting of very high quality. Now we are hoping and praying that there are carpet installers of the parish that could help us install this carpeting in places of our facilities that would benefit from a "floor-lift." Thank you José Luis Trenti for facilitating the pick-up and drop-off of the carpeting as well as so many willing men of the parish who came at a moment's notice to help unload these many rolls, a couple of Thursdays ago.

Please remember in your prayers our benefactors of the parish (known & unknown) who give remarkable so that our parish life and ministry can be supported.

**WISH LIST:** Always keep your parish in mind if you see something that is up for donation that could benefit our property and/or facilities. **What comes to my mind right now are a pick-up truck and/or a golf cart.** The property is large enough to need vehicles such as these.

God bless our cheerful givers! Fr. Brian



Installation of beam: Entrance of our Main Sanctuary  
Instalación de viga en la entrada de la iglesia

**¡LA VIGA HA SIDO INSTALADA! (¡Gracias a Dios!)**

La entrada principal a nuestro santuario desde el Área Común ha sido terminada. Ahora estamos esperando la instalación de paneles que ayuden a amortiguar el sonido que produce el uso de piso cerámico y las bancas sin cojines.

**DONACIÓN DE ALFOMBRA:**

Hemos sido bendecidos al recibir una gran donación de alfombras comerciales y algunas sillas de escritorio ... tuvimos que alquilar un contenedor para albergar muchos rollos de alfombras nuevas de muy alta calidad. Ahora estamos esperando y rezando que haya instaladores de alfombra ("carpeteros") en la parroquia dispuestos a instalar esta alfombrado en algunos lugares de nuestras instalaciones que se beneficiarían con la renovación. Gracias José Luis Trenti por coordinar el levantamiento y entrega de la alfombra, así como tantos hombres voluntarios de la parroquia que con corto aviso vinieron a ayudar a descargar los rollos, hace un par de jueves.

Por favor pidan por las personas generosas (conocidas y anónimas) que con sus donaciones hacen una diferencia en nuestra vida parroquial.

**LISTA DE DESEOS:** Mantengan a su parroquia en mente si ven algo que esté siendo donado y que pudiera beneficiar nuestra propiedad o instalaciones. **De momento se me viene a la mente la idea de una camioneta pick-up y/o un carrito de golf.** La propiedad es suficientemente grande como para necesitar vehículos de este tipo.

¡Qué Dios bendiga a nuestros gozosos donadores! Fr. Brian



Fr. Brian and the Carpet Crew  
Padre Brian y los "Carpeteros"

**Around the Archdiocese:**

Ghana Catholic Community: Mass with the Most Rev. John Yaw Afoakwah, Bishop of Obuasi Diocese **September 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. (Saint Patrick's Catholic Church - Norcross, GA)**  
All Ghanaian Catholics are welcome to join and worship our Lord in our Ghanaian culture.  
For more information, please call 706-386-8592, or 404-259-8086, or 678-663-1045.






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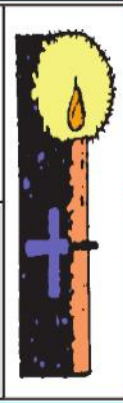
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