



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 30 2015

Pastor:

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Rev. Jojo Chettiyakunnel, M.S. (x128)

Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M.

Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (x193)

Deacons: (x106)

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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



A "Golden Celebration"

for

Fr. Paul Rainville

Please join us on

Saturday, September 19th

to say Thank You to

Fr. Paul for his 50 years of service
to the people of God.

The celebration begins with Mass at 4:30 p.m. celebrated
by Fr. Paul followed by a potluck dinner in the Social Hall.

So get out your favorite recipes and sign-up in Commons!
Last names beginning with **A through K** please bring main dish,

L through S please bring a vegetable or salad, and

T through Z please bring a dessert for this gala event.

Seating is limited. Please sign up in Commons
if you are planning to attend.



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

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 Peggy Reed in memory of her daughter, †Donna Robinson

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.

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| Mariana Balcells | María Almazán | Ann Anokam |
| David Clark | Juan Anaya | Maurice Assatikoue |
| Hernández García Fam. | May French | Bire Ikoé |
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| Porfiria Maldonado | Rocío Juárez Bolaños | Amaka Okobi |
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| Tom O'Donnell | Carol McHugh | Tony Oparaji |
| Bob Reese | Raúl Sánchez Mejía | Rose Rakestraw |
| Patricia Siegel | Kristen Smith | Austin Valentine |

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: Wednesday: 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.

LEGACY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Attention all young adults, whether you are in college or working on your career.
 Mark your calendars!!

We will be kicking off the fall semester on
Sunday, September 13th!

This semester we will be exploring prayer: why we pray, how we pray, and the challenges to prayer.

So come join us in the Adult Faith Formation Center after 5:00 p.m. Mass for pizza, prayer, and praise and worship!

For more information, contact Ron and Laura Purisima by calling or texting (336) 407-8177

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

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 or Lauren Russell at (808)285-4124, 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 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 OR

Deacon Mark Mitchell at 770-438-.0539 / mmitchell@stthomastheapostle.org

**Parish Office Closed on Monday 9/7 = Labor Day
Oficina Parroquial cerrada el 7 de septiembre**

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM ELECTIONS INSPECTION
12:00 PM MASS
† **FR. GENE BARRETTE**
1:00 PM ELECTIONS INSPECTION
7:30 PM MISA
† **GILMA ORTIZ**
† **MARTINA DE ORTIZ**
8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† **FR. GENE BARRETTE**
7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
7:00 PM SVdP
7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE
† **FR. GENE BARRETTE**
7:30 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM OVER 50's
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM MASS
† **RYAN ARUN**
7:00 PM WELCOME MINISTRY
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:00 PM MASS
† **FR. GENE BARRETTE**
7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
8:00 PM MISA

FAITH FORMATION ROCKS!



**Help! We Need Somebody!
Help! Not Just Anybody!
Help! You Know We Need
Somebody ... HELP!!!**

Help is definitely needed! What are you waiting for? Come join the band of faith sharers and become a catechist! It's fantastically fun and faith filled. We cannot do His work without YOU! Still auditioning for catechists in our Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th grade programs, please prayerfully consider this ministry! Please email ssenecal@stthomatheapostle.org or call 770-432-5296 for details.

Habitat for Humanity: Update



We would like to extend a huge Thank You to the following:

- Those of you who volunteered your time to work on the Build
- Those of you who made a financial donation
- The Knights of Columbus for providing a delicious lunch on Landscaping Day

If you haven't donated yet, it is not too late. Please make your check to Habitat for Humanity and put it in the Collection Basket.



Advertise in our bulletin!

Mark Fitzgerald, Sales Representative from Diocesan Publications, will be visiting our parish from **September 8-11 and September 21-25.**

Business owners interested in advertising in our bulletin can make an appointment with

Mark by calling: 404-307-7016 or by email at mfitzgerald@diocesan.com

Calendar updated as of August 24, 2015

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
+ FR. GENE BARRETTE
5:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
7:00 PM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP
7:30 AM PLÁTICAS PREBAPTISMALES
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

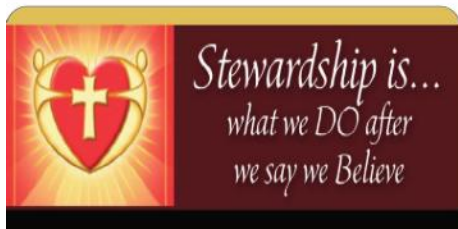
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM MEDER BAPTISM
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
11:30 AM QUINCEAÑERAS
2:00 PM SALGADO WEDDING
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:30 PM MASS
+ CHARLES DeMATTO
4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA
6:30 PM CONSAGRACIONES MARÍA NIÑA
6:30 PM MISA
+ FR. GENE BARRETTE
8:30 PM ADORACIÓN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:00 AM MISA
+ INEZ DE LEÓN
7:30 AM MASS
+ ANN & ANTHONY YORIO
9:30 AM MASS
+ BLANCHE TURLAN
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM MASS
+ FR. GENE BARRETTE
12:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
1:00 PM ENGLISH BAPTISMS

2:00 PM MASS
PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS
4:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
4:00 PM HOLY LAND TRIP PLANNING 1
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
5:00 PM MASS
+ AGAPITO MONTEIRO
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
7:30 PM MISA
+ ENCARNACIÓN YAÑEZ



**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual
August 22-23, 2015 vs 2014**

| | FY 2015-16 | FY 2014-15 |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Weekly Actual | \$29,074 | \$28,746 |
| FYTD | \$271,666 | \$265,896 |

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

Total Assessments\$1,309,098
still owed to Archdiocese as of 06/30/15
(Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis hasta el 30 junio, 2015)

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 30)

Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 30)

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| Goal (Meta)..... | \$149,300 |
| Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) | \$270,405 |
| Paid to date (Pagos recibidos) | \$124,866 |
| Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)..... | 84% |
| Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)..... | 1,193 |
| Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida)..... | \$24,434 |

**Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
August 22-23, 2015**

Total\$707.67

I helped my Mom (Ayudé a mamá) ♥ I cleaned up my room (Limpié mi cuarto)♥ I cleaned my room (Limpié mi habitación) ♥ I prayed to God (recé a Dios) ♥ I followed my schedule when my Mom went to work and I stayed with my grandfather (Seguí el horario que mi mamá me dejó cuando salió a trabajar y me dejó con mi abuelito) ♥ I tried my best (Hice mi mayor esfuerzo) ♥ Doing my chores (Hice mi tarea) ♥ I helped to clean the cage (Ayudé a limpiar la jaula) ♥ Put away my toys (Guardé mis juguetes) ♥ Going to church (Fui a la iglesia) ♥ Made my bed (Tendí la cama) ♥ I helped my dad at work (Ayudé a mi papa en el trabajo) ♥ I went to confession (Me confesé) ♥ I behaved at school (Me porté bien en la escuela) ♥ I helped a friend (Ayudé a un amigo) ♥ Coming to church (Fui a la iglesia) ♥ I shared with my friend (Compartí con mi amigo) ♥ I had a good week at school and home (Tuve una Buena semana en la escuela y en mi casa) ♥ I said "Yes Mam" to my mommy (Dije "Si Señora" a mi mamá ♥ Jesus never breaks your heart (Jesús nunca rompe te corazón) ♥ Being nice (Fui bueno) ♥ Washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ I danced in front of my class (Bailé delante de la clase) ♥ Being respectful to my teachers (Fui respetuoso con mis maestros) ♥ Feeding my dog (Le di de comer al perrito) ♥ Being a very good boy (Fui un buen niño) ♥ Rescued a dog (Rescaté a un perrito) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area.

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

Universal: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.



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>. Upcoming presentations:

- 9/1: Networking and Job-Search (no speaker)
- 9/8: Selling Yourself, presented by Dan Jourdan
- 9/15: The Creative Job Search: How to stand out, get noticed & get hired (by Tom Nixon)
- 9/22: Staying Motivated in Your Job Search, presented by John Marotto
- 9/29: Creating Your Value Proposition, presented by Dave Gallagher

Forgiveness: Finding Freedom of Heart

September 11-13, 2015 at Monastery (Conyers, GA)

It is hard to forgive others or God for what hurts and it can be harder still to forgive ourselves.

This retreat provides tools for receiving and giving the forgiveness that provides lasting joy and freedom of heart. Contact Patti at the Monastery in Conyers for a reservation: 770-760-0959 or retreat@trappist.net

First Annual Blue Mass: for all public safety officials and first responders

Friday, September 11th at 10:30 a.m. at Cathedral of Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

The Archdiocese of Atlanta will celebrate its first annual Blue Mass for all public safety officials and first responders. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be the Mass celebrant. There will also be a blessing of badges. All are invited to attend this Mass to pray and show appreciation for those who serve and protect the public. A small reception at Kenny Hall will follow.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: For those hurting after abortion

September 11-13, 2015

PATH (Post Abortion Treatment and Healing) will be offering a retreat that could lead to wholeness and healing. PATH also offers Bible Studies starting at various times of the year. Compassionate, confidential care is available to women, men, siblings, grandparents, and friends affected by abortion. Contact Mary Ann McNeil for details at 404-717-5557 (voice mail) or e-mail Mary Ann at pathmcmneil@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.healingafterabortion.org for details.

FREE Facilitator Training Session

September 17th 9:30-12:30 at Holy Spirit Church (Atlanta, GA)

Anyone interested in learning how to be an effective facilitator for a small group is welcome. No experience is necessary just a desire to serve, by sharing your time to help other women and yourself grow in your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. To register, please e-mail info@proclaimmyword.org by September 14, 2015.

National Catholic Singles Single Catholics of all ages in Atlanta

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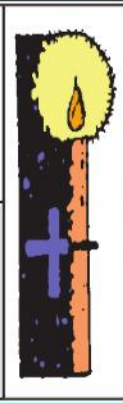
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