



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 20, 2015

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9:00AM—8:00PM

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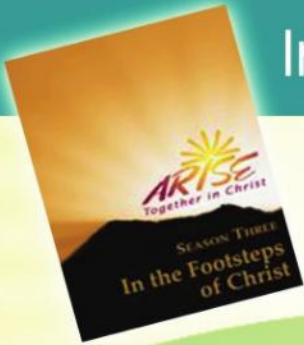


ARISE  
Together in Christ  
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**Meet New Friends**  
**Deepen Faith**  
**Encounter Christ**

Season Three:  
**In the Footsteps of Christ**



6-week program begins  
on October 11<sup>th</sup>

For more information see Page 3 or  
contact the Adult Faith Formation Department  
770-432-8579 - Ext. 131



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

**Thank You for the Condolences.**

*Please know that I am very grateful for the expressions of sympathy and prayerful support during the recent passing of my uncle, +Mr. Patrick Shannon, in Hartford, Connecticut. It was his request that I officiated his wake and funeral which I did with sadness a few weekends ago. Being blessed with a wonderfully large family gave me much happiness for the birth of so many and now much sadness for the deaths of so many. Thank you for your kind sympathies.*

*Father Brian*

Second Collection NEXT weekend:  
**Atlanta St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul empowers people, regardless of their background, race, ethnicity, or faith, to achieve stability and self-sufficiency. Last year, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia provided nearly \$15 million in support to more than 126,000 people, providing vital programs to feed, shelter, clothe, and educate the poor with a spirit of compassion, respect and dignity. St. Vincent de Paul has been serving Georgia for more than 110 years.

Thanks for your generosity!

**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.

Francis Ahamioje  
Salvador Ascencio  
Seyl Boyede  
Dot Fick  
Nancy Nmesoma Irebusi  
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Everett Nelson  
Normand Rainville

Ron Johnson  
Olga Cecilia Muñoz  
Verónica Muñoz  
Tom O'Donnell

**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!

**The Altar flowers this weekend are being offered by  
Marie C. Jarjue in memory of  
Edward, Elizabeth, Anna and John Jarjue**

**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

**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

## Arise Season III Group sessions begin next month!

**ARISE Season III is quickly approaching and we invite all to join for the six-week sessions centered on the main subject matter "In the Footsteps of Christ".**

The focus of this new session will be on some of the key themes of Catholic social teaching, in particular: acts of charity and works of justice. What a perfect time to look at these themes after Pope Francis visits the United States in September, as the Season of Advent approaches, and as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord at Christmas... perfect timing!

### Things to know about ARISE Season III:

1. Small group sessions begin the week of October 11th and conclude the week of November 15th.
2. Since each Season has its own subject matter, you can join Season III without having attended Season I and/or Season II.
3. There are presently approximately about 20 groups formed; however, new groups can be formed for Season III.
4. If you are already in a small group your facilitator will be contacting you shortly regarding confirmation of your return for Season III.

**For more information regarding being part of an ARISE Group please contact Linda Veit (Adult Faith Formation) at 678 626-3961.**



## The 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade

**Saturday, October 10th  
12:00 Noon at the Memorial Garden**

*America Needs Fatima* is a campaign to capture the heart and soul of America with the Message of our Lady of Fatima. In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three young children with a message of warning and hope for humanity. If the world did not convert, the Blessed Mother said there would be much suffering, famines and wars.

To avert such disasters, Our Lady asked for prayer, penance and other measures.

She also promised that "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

The Message of Our Lady of Fatima is still timely for us today. There are many problems in our country and throughout the world that will only be solved with prayer.

**Join the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade next month, in our parish!**

For more information, call Mable Johnson at 770-883-9994 or visit the *America Needs Fatima* website at: ANF.org



## Coming soon ...

October 4, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
Church grounds  
**Blessing of the Pets**  
All pets welcome (must be in cages or leashed.)  
See Page 4.

October 10, 2015  
12:00 Noon  
Memorial Garden  
**2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade**  
See Page 5 for details.

October 14, 2015  
6:30 p.m.  
New Rectory  
**Meet & Greet**  
Learn more about the events that our Women's Auxiliary has planned.  
See Page 4 for details.

October 30, 2015  
6:30 p.m.  
Church Parking Lot  
**Trunk or Treat**  
A fun and safe way for your children to wear their costumes and collect candy!  
Details coming soon!



**Blessing of the Pets:**

**Saturday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the church grounds**

Calling all furry, feathered or scaled creatures! All pets are welcomed to receive a special blessing on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, on Saturday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in our church grounds (tree area next to the Memorial Garden.)

To ensure that all the companions get along peaceably, please have your pet on a leash or in a secure carrier for the safety of the other animals. You may bring your favorite stuffed animals for a blessing too!

**Bendición de Mascotas**

*Sábado, 3 de octubre a las 9:00 a.m. en los jardines de la iglesia*

*TODAS las mascotas son bienvenidas. Por favor traer sus mascotas en jaulas o mantenerlas bajo control con correas en todo momento. Animales de peluche también son bienvenidos!*

**Advertise in our bulletin!**

Mark Fitzgerald, Sales Representative from Diocesan Publications, will be visiting our parish from **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](mailto:mfitzgerald@diocesan.com)

**Spring Festival 2016: Planning Meeting on Monday, September 21st**

Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Faith Formation Building  
Bring your ideas, contacts, and talent to our very first brainstorming session for our Jubilee year Spring Festival, to be celebrated on April 30, 2016!  
We need you- -and a friend- -to make our festival a success!  
Please contact Nina Delk, Festival Chairperson, at 770-722-3409 or e-mail [nad105@live.com](mailto:nad105@live.com)

**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.*

**Support the Cancer Home Raffle Tickets available next weekend!**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help cancer Home cares for incurable cancer patients who are unable to pay for adequate nursing care elsewhere. Tickets for the Auxiliary Fund Drive to Help Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home will be sold next weekend, **September 26th-27th, after all Masses.** Donation is \$5.00 a book of 6 tickets or \$1.00 per ticket. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

**Fr. Gene's DVD Now Available at the Parish Office!**

This video in loving memory of Fr. Gene Barrette, M.S. was presented during the Memorial service offered in our parish, on July 15th, and it is now available at the Parish Office. Suggested donation: \$5.00. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.

**Women's Auxiliary Meet & Greet: Calling all Women of St Thomas the Apostle**

Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.— New Rectory (back parking lot)  
Come join the Women's Auxiliary for a fun social evening! Find out what our ministry does to support our parish and the great fellowship we have each month. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Linda Pesoli at 201-873-3085 or e-mail: [lpfjfree@yahoo.com](mailto:lpfjfree@yahoo.com)

**This week in our Parish**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

NO PRESCHOOL  
NO PSR  
12:00 PM MASS  
† PATRICIA SIEGLE  
7:00 PM SPRING FESTIVAL MTG  
7:30 PM MISA  
† ROMAN RAYON  
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

NO PRESCHOOL  
12:00 PM MASS  
† BERNARD VENEY  
1:30 PM TEEN LECTOR TRAINING  
7:00 PM JUBILEE MTG  
7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY  
7:00 PM SVDP  
7:30 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR  
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

NO PRESCHOOL  
NO PSR  
6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE  
† RAÚL BAFFI  
7:30 AM ADORATION  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
6:45 PM BENEDICTION  
7:00 PM MASS  
SONIA MONCAYO  
7:00 PM PSR  
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND  
8:00 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

NO PRESCHOOL  
NO PSR  
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY  
6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY  
7:00 PM MASS  
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING  
8:00 PM MISA  
† DUSTIN RIVERA



## JustFaith

### Are you longing to reconnect with your faith and a small community?

*JustFaith* is a program that uses books, videos, prayer, and dialogue about some of the most difficult topics of the day, offers face-to-face encounters with the poor, and explores what our Faith tradition says about addressing injustice in our world.



#### For more information, contact:

- PJ Edwards at PJ@JustFaith.org o
- Linda Veit at LVeit@stthomastheapostle.org
- 678-626-3961

#### *JustFaith* Information session:

Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m.  
in our Adult Faith Formation Center



The *JustFaith* group will meet Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning on October 22nd. Location to be announced.

***“An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.”***

– Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 2013, Ch.4, #183

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

In order to serve you better, we have extended our office hours!

#### Beginning on

**Monday, September 14th**, the new Office Hours will be:

**Monday through Friday**  
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Saturdays (NEW!)**  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Closed of Wednesdays**  
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



### NUEVAS HORAS DE OFICINA

Con el afán de servirles mejor, hemos extendido nuestras horas de oficina.

A partir del 14 de septiembre, el nuevo horario será:

**Lunes a Viernes**  
9:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

**Sábados (¡NUEVO!)**  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Cerrado los miércoles**  
de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Calendar updated as of September 14, 2015

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NO PRESCHOOL  
8:00 AM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP  
12:00 PM **MASS**  
† BERNARDINA RELAMPAGOS  
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL  
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP  
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN  
EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP

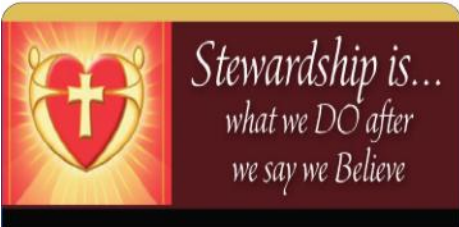
#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA  
11:30 AM HASTY BAPTISM  
2:00 PM QUINCEAÑERAS  
3:00 PM CONFESSION  
4:30 PM **MASS**  
† DAVE TROUGHTON  
4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
6:30 PM **MISA**  
ISRAEL AGUIRRE

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NO PSR  
6:00 AM **MISA**  
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS  
7:30 AM **MASS**  
DELE ADEKUNLE  
9:30 AM **MASS**  
† ROSE RAKESTRAW  
† ROFELIX OBI  
9:30 AM RCIA  
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS  
11:30 AM **MASS**  
† JOANNA SCANNAPIECO

2:00 PM **MASS**  
COSME ACEVEDO  
2:00 PM SP RCIA  
5:00 PM **MASS**  
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
YOUTH GROUP & FAMILIES  
6:00 PM LEGACY  
6:00 PM LIFETEEN NIGHT  
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE  
7:30 PM **MISA**  
† EVER SANTANA VEGA



**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual  
September 12-13, 2015 vs 2014**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted .....	\$35,769	\$37,500
Weekly Actual .....	\$33,149	\$34,145
<b>Shortfall .....</b>	<b>(\$2,620)</b>	<b>(\$3,355)</b>

**FY2016 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date  
And Last year Comparison**

Budgeted .....	\$393,459	\$412,500
FYTD .....	\$378,911	\$369,269
<b>Shortfall .....</b>	<b>(\$14,548)</b>	<b>(\$43,231)</b>

**Operating Financial Statement  
For the year ended 6/30/2015**

Revenue .....	\$2,722,356
Expenses .....	(\$2,730,531)
<b>Shortfall .....</b>	<b>(\$8,175)</b>

Total Assessments .....\$1,309,098  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 06/30/15

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 33)**

**Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 33)**  
*Goal (Meta)*.....\$149,300  
*Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)* .....\$270,975  
*Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)* .....\$131,710  
*Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)*.....88%  
*Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)*.....1,202  
**Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida)**.....**\$17,590**

**Children's Offertory  
Ofertorio de los Niños  
September 12-13, 2015**

Total .....\$849.92

Doing my homework (Hice mi tarea) ♥ Cleaned the table (Limpié la mesa) ♥ I came to church (Vine a la iglesia) ♥ helped my Mom (Ayudé a Mamá) ♥ Washing dishes (Lavé platos) ♥ I helped babysit the dogs (Ayudé a cuidar los perros) ♥ Got to take my class cat home for being good (Me dejaron llevar el gato de la escuela a la casa por buen comportamiento) ♥ I cleaned up all the toys (Limpié todos los juguetes) ♥ Helped people in need (Ayudé a gente necesitada) ♥ I was nice to my twin sister, Iromi (Me porté bien con mi gemela, Iromi) ♥ I prayed every night (Recé todas las noches) ♥ I behaved (Me porté) ♥ made good choices (Tomé buenas decisiones) ♥ I got up to go to school (Me levante para ir a la escuela) ♥ I prayed for my friend who was hurt (Recé por mi amiga que se lastimó) ♥ I obeyed my parents (Obedecí a mis papas) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area.  
Ask your child to write his/her good deed of the week and encourage him/her to deposit the envelope in the special basket near the altar, during the offertory.  
Plant the seeds of a generous heart!

**Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions**

**Universal:** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Evangelization:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.



**Around the Archdiocese**

**40 Days for Life: Help save Lives**

September 23—November 1 (410 Villa Rica Way Marietta GA 30064)

Our community will join with hundreds of other cities participating in 40 Days for Life, a life saving campaign made up of three components: Prayer & fasting, Community Outreach and Peaceful Vigil to protect mothers and babies. Vigil Prayer takes place from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during those 40 days. For more information, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

**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:

- 9/22: Staying Motivated in Your Job Search, presented by John Marotto
- 9/29: Creating Your Value Proposition, presented by Dave Gallagher

**Monastery Fall Festival & Health Fair**

Saturday, October 3, 2015 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at Monastery (Conyers, GA)

Celebrate with us, a joyful harvest of family fun and good health on the monastery grounds featuring a bountiful day of fun filled activities for the entire family.

Come and enjoy our annual Fall Festival and Health Fair. Free parking. Admission is FREE!

**CTK BELIEVES**

Tuesday, October 13th, 2015, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Christ the King (Atlanta, GA)

Nancy Coveny, Executive Director at The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, will lead a discussion at BELIEVES entitled "Helping me to say 'Yes' Lord – Learning to serve God with the gifts He has given us."

To register for the event go to [www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/BELIEVES](http://www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/BELIEVES)

Donation: \$10

BELIEVES, a once-a-month speaker series ministry, promotes dialogue around integrating faith in the work life for both business men and business women. To learn more about BELIEVES visit [www.believesatwork.org](http://www.believesatwork.org).

**National Catholic Singles Single Catholics of all ages in Atlanta**

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