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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 27, 2015

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9:00AM-8:00PM

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#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

678-626-3939 (English Hotline) 678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

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# BAKE SALE October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> after Mass

Baked donations accepted until Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. See more details on Page 4

Venta de Pasteles: 3 y 4 de octubre Ver Página 4 para más detalles.



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

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Thank You for the Condolences.

On behalf of my brother, Andy Boyle's family, I wish to thank my parish family of Saint Thomas the Apostle for all of your thoughts, prayers, Mass intentions, and outpouring of Christian love shared on his sudden death.

John Boyle—Parishioner

Second Collection NEXT weekend: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

There are dozens of families in our community who need assistance every week – sometimes with rent, a utility payment or just to lend an ear and help them through a rough patch.

You can make a difference by giving a monetary donation to our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul during the Second Collection, next weekend October 3rd-4th.

Please make checks payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to volunteer as a case worker, please leave a message at 678-626-3939.

Thanks for your generosity!

The Altar flowers this weekend are being offered by Ellen Troughton: "In thanksgiving for my marriage to my beloved husband Dave Troughton."

#### 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.

Jim Mangan Larry McMichen Iris Nava Tom O'Donnell Christopher Sola Francis Ahamioje
Salvador Ascencio
Seyl Boyede
Dot Fick
Nancy Nmesoma Irebusi
Jonathan Joiner
Elizabeth Ogbugo
Sola Ogungbe
Ada Oti

Philip Bushey Jean Butler Lucas Dorronsoro Ann Mattox Everett Nelson Normand Rainville

#### **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

Janet Thomas

#### **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**

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

### Misas en Español

#### HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Sábado: ......6:30 PM

#### HORARIO DURANTE LA SEMANA

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.
- Since each Season has its own subject matter, you can join Season III without having attended Season I and/or Season II.
- There are presently approximately about 20 groups formed; however, new groups can be formed for Season III.
- 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.





#### **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 678-626-3961
- LVeit@stthomastheapostle.org

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

# Coming soon ...

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 23, 2015 7:00 p.m. Social Hall

#### **Holy Hollywood**

Save the date for our next movie presentation.
Movie to be announced!

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!

# Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Feast Day Tuesday, October 6th at 10:45 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary

Are you often tired and frustrated with the pressures of everyday life? Have you thought that maybe there is an easier way? Pray the Rosary. Pray without ceasing!

Join your fellow parishioners as we honor **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Feast Day (Tuesday, October 6th at 10:45 a.m.)** We will provide a rosary for you if you need one, a copy of the rosary, and the 15 Promises given by Our Lady to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche to those who faithfully say the rosary. We look forward to praying with you as a community! The feast was first established by Pope Pius V and extended to the entire church by Pope Clement XI.



#### 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: lpflyfree@yahoo.com

#### **Annual Fall Bake Sale** after masses, next weekend (October 3rd-4th)



Stop by the Commons Area after Mass and pick up a tasty treat or two. Donations of baked goods, individually wrapped, will be accepted before each Mass but no later than the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, on October 4th. All proceeds benefit our parish. The Women's Auxiliary thanks you for your support.

Participa en la **Venta Anual de Pastelitos y Galletas** organizada por las Damas Auxiliares. Compra pastelitos a la salida de la Misa el 3-4 de octubre.

Aceptamos donaciones de pasteles o galletas empacados individualmente antes de las Misas, hasta las 11:30 a.m. del domingo, 4 de octubre. Todos los fondos son para nuestra parroquia.

#### **Health Fair** next Sunday, October 4th, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Social Hall)



Health Ministry is having a Health Fair on Sunday, October 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The nurses will offer FREE blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar screening.

Please stop by the Social Hall on Sunday morning.

**Feria de la Salud:** Domingo, 4 de octubre, de 7:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Salón Social Las enfermeras estarán ofreciendo examines GRATIS para medir la presión, el colesterol y el azúcar en la sangre. Les esperamos en el Salón Social el próximo domingo por la mañana.

#### This week in our Parish

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL 12:00 PM Mass + JOSEPH CHUKUMA 4:30 PM PSR 7:00 PM PSR 7:30 PM MISA MARÍA DE LA CRUZ GÓMEZ FLORINA GRIMALDO LETICIA CERVANTES 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

JESDAY, SEP	TEMBER 29
9:00 AM	Preschool
12:00 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
7:00 PM	READERS MTG (SH)
7:00 PM	SVDP
7:30 PM	<b>EVANGELIZATION CHOIR</b>
8:15 PM	APOYO A LA FAMILIA

/EDNESDAY,	SEPTEMBER 30
6:30 AM	Mass for Peace
7:30 AM	ADORATION
9:00 AM	PRESCHOOL
6:45 PM	BENEDICTION
7:00 PM	Mass
+	ATALIE ANDRESSEN
7:00 PM	PSR
7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND
8:00 PM	SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, O	CTOBER 1
9:00 AM	Preschool
10:00 AM	BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM	STORY TIME
6:00 PM	FIDELES ROSARY
7:00 PM	Mass
+	LEONA FERARDOS
7:00 PM	JUSTFAITH MEETING
7:00 PM	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:00 PM	PSR
7:30 PM	FIDELES MEETING
8:00 PM	MISA
†	DUSTIN RIVERA

#### **Celebration of the feast of Our Lady of La Salette:** September 19, 2015



On behalf of Fr. Jojo, Fr. Paul, Fr. Brian and the Pastoral Council, we'd like to say, "thank you" to all the ministries and parishioners who helped to make the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette celebration a successful and rewarding one...

"You will make it known to all my people."



#### **Congratulations Fr. Paul** 50th Anniversary of Priesthood

At the La Salette Feast Day Mass, Fr. Paul was recognized for his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood. Family members from New Hampshire attended Mass and joined our celebration.

A Papal Blessing was presented to Fr. Paul on this momentous occasion.

We are very grateful to Fr. Paul for his remarkable example of commitment to the





### **Story Time:** Introducing young children to books, rhymes, and fun crafts!

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., beginning on October 1st - (Classroom #2)



Join us for Story Time, every Thursday during the school year. Preschool age children (1-5 years) are welcome to join Ms. Sue and Ms. Penny for an hour, and explore fun filled read aloud books, create a related craft, and chill with a tasty snack.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Hope to see some familiar as well as new faces each Thursday morning!

#### Trunk or Treat: Safe and fun environment for kids to Trick-or-Treat

Friday, October 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in our upper parking lot



All children are welcome to come dressed as a Saint or in your Halloween

There will be loads of candy and treats given out during the event. Mark your calendar now so that you and your children will not miss this special, fun evening!

#### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE SUCCESS OF TRUNK-OR-TREAT!!!

If you are interested in decorating your car/van/truck/SUV for Trunk-or-Treat, donating a cake for the cake walk, or volunteering, please contact Lori Rodgers at 770-432-5296 Ext. 124 or Irodgers@stthomastheapostle.org

We are also looking for individual wrapped candy donations and game prize donations.

The candy and prizes can be turned into the Religious Education Office.

# 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



#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL 12:00 PM MASS 6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL 6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP 7:30 PM PLÁTICAS PREBAUTISMALES 8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN **EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW UP** 

# **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

BAKE SALE CORN MAIZE (AWAY) 9:00 AM BLESSING OF THE PETS 10:00 AM María Niña HENSLER RENEWAL OF VOWS 10:15 AM 11:30 AM **Q**UINCEAÑERAS 2:00 PM TORRES WEDDING 3:00 PM CONFESSION 4:30 PM Mass CHARLES DEMATTO 4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR 6:30 PM MISA **ROBERTO CABEZAS** 

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

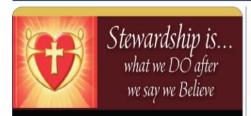
6:00 AM JUAN & MINERVA LÓPEZ 7:30 AM HEALTH FAIR 7:30 AM MASS MARIE VIGGIANI 9:30 AM MASS ATALIE ANDRESSEN + 9:30 AM 9:30 AM **RCIA** 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY 11:15 AM PSR 11:30 AM Mass CARMEN ALVIZÚA

#### Calendar updated as of September 21, 2015

12:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR 1:00 PM ENGLISH BAPTISMS 2:00 PM MISA CONCEPCIÓN MALDONADO MARGARITA PEDRAZA RAFAEL DE LA CERDA 2:00 PM SP RCIA 2:30 PM RCIT CLASS 4:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR 5:00 PM Mass **BLANCHE TURLAN** 6:00 PM LEGACY 6:00 PM LIFETEEN NIGHT 6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE

7:30 PM

MISA **DUSTIN RIVERA** 



# Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual September 19-20, 2015 vs 2014

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted	\$35,769	\$37,500
		\$34,145
Shortfall	(\$1,366)	(\$3,355)

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

Budgeted	\$429,228	3	\$450,000
FYTD			
Shortfall	(\$15,914	)(	(\$49,760)

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

Revenue	\$2,072,239
Expenses	(\$2.730.531)
Shortfall	
	(+,,

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

#### Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 34) Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 34)

Goal (Meta)	149,300
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)	270,975
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)	3135,821
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado)	91%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)	1,202
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida)	\$13,479

# Children's Offertory Ofertorio de los Niños September 19-20, 2015

	September 19-20, 2015
Total	\$849.92

I helped my Mom (Ayudé a mi mamá) ♥ I cleaned my room twice! (¡Limpié mi cuarto dos veces!) ♥ Saying "I am sorry" (Dije "Io siento") ♥ Made food for my Mom (Hice comida para mi Mamá) ♥ Helped my brother (Ayudé a mi hermano) ♥ I came to church (Vine a la iglesia) ♥ I cleaned the table (Limpié la mesa) ♥ I read with mom each day (Leer con Mami cada día) ♥ I washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ Taking my homework to school (Llevé mi tarea a la escuela) ♥ Helping with my dog (Ayudé con mi perro) ♥ I helped my Grandma (Ayudé a mi abuelita) ♥ Helped making breakfast (Ayudé a hacer el desayuno) ♥

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!

#### **FREE Photo Portraits:** LAST WEEK TO PICK UP PORTRAITS!



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.

#### **Around** the Archdiocese

#### 40 Days for Life: Campaign to save lives continues!

September 23rd—November 1st (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

#### 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:

- 9/29: Creating Your Value Proposition, presented by Dave Gallagher
- 10/6: Starting Your Job Search presented by Susan Nofi
- 10/13: Job Search Blueprint 13 Interviews & 6 Job Offers presented by Jana Jenkins

#### Monastery Fall Festival & Health Fair

Saturday, October 3rd, 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." Register online at: 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.

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

October 23-25, 2015 Hilton Atlanta Northeast Hotel

The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship, Mass with Archbishop Gregory and more! Space is limited. For more information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com

#### Engaging Spirituality (21-week program by Just Faith Ministries)

Monday, October 26th at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center

The twenty-one week journey includes centering prayer, guided meditation, scripture reading, and a true deepening of relationships as the group looks at today's world and the critical realities of our day. For more information contact Maria Cressler, Executive Director of Ignatius House, at mcressler@ignatiushouse.org



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