



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 8, 2015

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SOLAMENTE CON CITA

GIVING TREE 2015

ARBOL DE REGALOS

November 14th - 15th
through December 6th
See Page 6 for details.

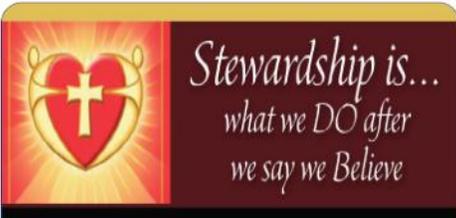
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for additional information.

Ver Página 6 para más detalles.

The Giving Tree



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



**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual
October 31-November 1, 2015 vs 2014**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted	\$35,769	\$37,500
Weekly Actual	\$38,805	\$40,379
Surplus/Shortfall	\$3,036	(\$2,879)

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

Budgeted	\$608,073	\$637,500
FYTD	\$590,340	\$569,190
Shortfall	(\$14,697)	(\$65,512)

**Operating Financial Statement
For the 3 months ending 9/30/2015**

Revenue	\$828,906
Expenses	(\$679,310)
Shortfall	(\$149,596)

Total Assessments\$1,256,155
still owed to Archdiocese as of 9/30/15

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 40)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 40)**

Goal (Meta).....	\$149,300
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)	\$273,982
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)	\$156,650
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....	105%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	1,220
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida).....	\$0

Thank You Saint Thomas the Apostle people!

**Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
October 31-November 1, 2015**

Total\$836.63

I made my homework (Hice la tarea) ♥ I went to school (Fui a la escuela) ♥ I got good grades (Saqué buenas calificaciones) ♥ Wash the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ I didn't have any food waste (No desperdicié comida) ♥ I made my friend believe in God (Logré que mi amigo creyera en Dios) ♥ I helped my mommy (Ayudé a mi mamá) ♥ I helped my sister (Ayudé a mi hermanita) ♥ I helped a friend study so he could pass a test (Ayudé a un amigo a estudiar para que pasara el examen) ♥ I help my mom clean the house. Yay!!! (Ayudé a mamá a limpiar la casa) ♥ I walked the dog for Mama (Saqué a caminar al perro) ♥ I prayed for a person (Oré por una persona) ♥ I gave toys to kids (Di juguetes a los niños) ♥ I was an Angel at Trunk-or-Treat (Me vesti de angel para Trunk-or-treat) ♥

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!

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.

Priscilla Garcia
Pat Jester
Rita Powell
Sandy LaHouse
Oscar Murillo
John O'Donnell
Francisca Salgado
Omar Sánchez
Maria Voss

Salvador Ascencio
Maddax Levdansky
María Pavone
María Sánchez

Peggy Jorban
Fr. Jim O'Connor
Aniela Rivas
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!

Coming soon ...

Sunday, November 15
7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Social Hall
Health Fair

Blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol & vision screenings. FREE Flu shots courtesy of Walgreen. Bone density screening will not be available.

Tuesday, November 17
7:30 p.m.
Main Sanctuary
Ignite

See Page 3 for more information.



Ignite is BACK! Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary



Come on your own or encourage your ARISE groups to join the Ignite! community of friends for the special evening of prayer, song, scripture, and sharing of faith stories.

Join us on Tuesday, November 17th.

Light dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Ignite! program in the Main Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING:

PROCLAIMING THE WORD: Lectors Meeting

Monday, November 9th in the Social Hall starting promptly at 6:30 p.m.

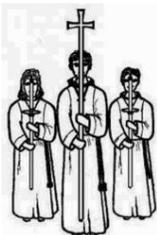
A final reminder of our meeting Monday evening, November 9th in the Social Hall starting promptly at 6:30 PM.

A light meal will be served. While mandatory for all active lectors of the Parish, the session is also open to all those

interested in joining the ministry. Candidates are asked to contact Terri Carlin at 678-898-3635 if they would like to attend.

Altar Servers Training

Saturday, November 14th at 11:30 a.m. Main Sanctuary



Adults and Children! If you have ever thought you might like to assist the Priests, and serve the Altar during Mass, please plan to attend the Altar Server Training Class, Saturday, November 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

in the Main Sanctuary. Children, if you have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you are eligible to serve the Altar.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Michael at 770-319-0351. God bless you, and I hope to see you there!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Seminar

Saturday, November 21th at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Attention to all active members of Saint Thomas the Apostle, 16 years of age or older who have received the sacrament of Confirmation, have good qualities of Christian life, faith & morals, and are willing to serve Holy Communion with dignity. We invite you to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please plan to attend the training on November 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Contact Deacon Earl Jackson at email: foothills3@aol.com, or call 504-495-2392.

**Knights of Columbus
November Events**

Thursday, 11/12

Community House at 7:30 p.m.

Sort Coats 4 All donations –

Saturday, 11/14

11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Parish

4th Degree Exemplification

Thursday, 11/19

Community House at 7:40 p.m.

Monthly Officers Meeting

Saturday, 11/21

50th Anniversary Founders Banquet

following the 4:30 p.m. Mass

Our Council is preparing the dinner for this event.

Sunday, 11/29

Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass

5th Sunday Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Coats 4 All Drive

Collection of coats continues through the weekend of 11/7 & 11/8.

See Page 4 for details.

Keep Christ In Christmas Cards and Monastery Goods Sale

Our annual sale of baked goods and other treats from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers and Keep Christ in Christmas cards starts after all Masses the weekend of 11/14 & 11/15 and continues through the weekend of 12/12 & 12/13.

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 DURANTE LA 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



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Founders' Mass and Dinner

The Saint Thomas the Apostle
Jubilee Committees Present

**The Founders' Mass and Dinner
Celebrating Our Past
and Remembering Our PIONEERS**

**Saturday, November 21st
4:30 p.m.**

Please join us in celebrating our parish
and its founding members on
**Saturday, November 21st, 2015
at the 4:30 p.m. Mass
and Dinner to follow
in the Social Hall.**

Tickets for this event are
\$25 for adults and
\$12 for children 12 and under.

Tickets will be available for purchase
after all weekend Masses beginning
next weekend through November 15th.

The special event is open to all our
brothers and sisters of the parish.
We hope you can join us for a night of
remembering our parish history as we
journey closer to our golden
50th anniversary jubilee.

SAINT THOMAS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—DAY OF REFLECTION

"Advent: Understanding God's Mercy as We Hope in the Lord"

Presented by: Carla Heinsch (Former STA Youth Minister)

November 14, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Light lunch to be served

The Women's Auxiliary invites you to join for a Day of Reflection as we dive deeper into the themes of hope and mercy in light of Pope Francis declaring this Advent season as the beginning of the Year of Mercy. What is mercy? How does it work in our lives? How do we have hope when so we see so much suffering and loss? How are we called to be an agent of mercy in the world? Come and join the women of the parish as we dive into a day of prayer, reflections, and build community as we prepare our hearts for receiving God's mercy this Advent.

Community Outreach:

Coats 4 All Drive

Collection of Coats: LAST WEEKEND TO BRING DONATIONS = November 7th-8th.

We have two collection boxes in Commons for your donations.

We thank you for your generous contributions so far. Please continue to help us make this year another successful year of helping the needy and homeless stay warm this winter.

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

A rewarding and blessed experience

In the past STA families and ministries have adopted families through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The adopt-a-family experience has been such a rewarding and blessed experience that SVdP continues to make it available to the broader STA parish community. If you and your family or ministry would like to personally adopt and help a family less fortunate than your family, this is a great opportunity to enhance and bless your Christmas spirit by sharing your material blessings with others.

For more information about Adopt-A-Family contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

The Giving Tree

Next weekend (November 14-15) begins our annual Christmas Giving Tree gift collection.

Turn to Page 6 to learn more about the organizations that we are supporting through the Giving Tree. Deadline to bring gifts: Sunday, December 6th.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM **MASS**
† BOB BURKE
4:30 PM PSR
6:30 PM LECTORS MEETING
7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM MISA
† ROSA MARIA DE LEON
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM ARISE!
12:00 PM **MASS**
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:00 PM LITURGICAL COORDINATORS
7:00 PM SVdP
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VETERAN'S DAY
6:30 AM **MASS FOR PEACE**
TOM O'DONNELL
7:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
5:00 PM SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING
6:30 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM ARISE!
7:00 PM **MASS**
† M. CARMEN VALENCIA ARROYO
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:00 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM STORY TIME
6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM **MASS**
PSR
7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
7:30 PM KofC COAT SORTING
8:00 PM **MISA**
† TOMÁS ARREOLA

Breakfast with Santa



Hi Boys & Girls!

I will be in the Social Hall on Saturday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Please join me for breakfast and a photo.
Enjoy shopping in Santa's workshop.
Hope to see you there!*

SAVE THE DATE...

*It will be fun!
Be good – I am watching...
Santa*

Moms & Dads: Tickets for **Breakfast with Santa** go on sale the weekend of November 15-16.

Preschool Registration

Saint Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Preschool registration for the 2016-2017 school year will take place as follows:

Currently enrolled families:

- January 25-29, 2016

Active parishioners:

- February 1- 4, 2016

Non-Parishioners:

- February 8, 2016 until classes are full.

If you would like to come and visit our preschool, meet our Director in the Main Office of the church on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the months of November and December 2015. No pre-registration required.

Please note that the preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving the week of November 24th, and for Christmas December 22 through January 1st.

Our Preschool program serves children from 2 years old through our young five.

Tuition fees for the 2016-2017 will be available by the week of January 25, 2016 at www.stthomastheapostle.org or in the Commons Area of the church.



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Misa y Cena de Los Fundadores

Los Comités del Jubileo de la Iglesia Santo Tomás el Apóstol presentan:

La Misa y cena de Los Fundadores de nuestra parroquia Celebrando nuestro Pasado Y Recordando a nuestro pioneros

Sábado, 21 de noviembre Misa en inglés a las 4:30 p.m.

Les invitamos a participar en esta celebración parroquial junto con nuestro miembros fundadores **Sábado, 21 de noviembre, 2015 Misa en inglés a las 4:30 p.m. Seguida de Cena en el Salón Social**

Boletos para este evento a la venta a partir del próximo fin de semana: **\$25 Adultos \$12 Niños menores de 12 años.**

Boletos a la venta a la salida de las Misas hasta el 15 de noviembre.

Todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas están invitados a participar y recordar la historia de nuestra parroquia con motivo de la celebración del jubileo por nuestro 50 aniversario el próximo año.

Calendar updated as of November 2, 2015

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM **Mass**
- † **GEORGE PATRICK GARGER**
- 6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
- 6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
- 8:00 PM EDGE LOCK-IN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 8:00 AM ULTREYA
- 8:00 AM SUNDAY 6AM CHOIR
- 9:00 AM CHILDREN'S BAPTISM
- 10:00 AM DAY OF REFLECTION (SEE P.4)
- 11:30 AM ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
- 2:00 PM PHILIPPINE NURSES
- 3:00 PM CONFESSION
- 4:30 PM **Mass**
- † **FR. DYER**
- † **CHRIS HARDING**
- 4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 6:30 PM **Misa**
- JORDAN AGUIRRE**
- 8:30 PM ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 6:00 AM **Misa**
- † **GUILLERMINA TAPIA**
- 7:00 AM HEALTH FAIR (SEE P.2)
- 7:30 AM **Mass**
- PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS**
- 9:30 AM **Mass**
- † **DECEASED MEMBERS OF LEGION OF MARY**
- 9:30 AM PSR
- 9:30 AM RCIA
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS
- 11:15 AM PSR
- 11:30 AM **Mass**
- † **MARIE McMULLEN**

- 12:30 PM APO MEETING
- 2:00 PM **Misa**
- ARTURO LOPEZ**
- LARISSA LOPEZ**
- BIANCA LOPEZ**
- 2:00 PM SP RCIA
- 4:00 PM ARISE!
- 5:00 PM **Mass**
- † **EILEEN PHAGAN**
- 6:00 PM LEGACY
- 6:00 PM LIFETEEN NIGHT
- 7:30 PM **Misa**
- ELENO SAMANIEGO**
- MAXIMA CRUZ**

From the Giving Tree of Needs to the Christmas Tree of Love

Next weekend (November 14th-15th) begins our annual Christmas Giving Tree gift collection.

Since 1983, during the season of Advent, the parishioners of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church have been sharing God's love by reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Each ornament on the Giving Tree expresses a need of some person in our community who is poor, homeless, elderly, or infirm.

How to participate in the 2015 Advent Giving Tree Collection:

1. **REMOVE** one or more paper ornaments from the Giving Tree in the Commons area, beginning next week.
Toma uno de los adornos del Arbol de Regalos, disponible en el Area Común a partir de la próxima semana.
1. **BUY** the listed gift.
Compra el regalo listado en el adorno de papel.
3. **WRAP** it nicely and **ATTACH** the paper ornament securely to the gift.
Envuelve el regalo y asegura firmemente el adorno de papel en el regalo
3. **PLACE** the gift under the Giving Tree by the First Sunday of Advent, December 6th.
Trae tu regalo de vuelta al Area Común a más tardar el domingo, 6 de diciembre.



Your gifts will be distributed to grateful recipients through one of the following organizations, which serve the poor and neglected in our area:

- **Autumn Breeze Nursing Home**, located in Marietta, is home for about 120 elderly men and women who are no longer able to care for themselves on their own. The Saint Thomas the Apostle community gives new sweat suits to the residents at Christmastime.
- **Central Presbyterian Night Shelter** is open November 1–March 31 to provide overnight hospitality, including dinner, a warm place to sleep, and a bag lunch for the following day, to about 100 men without a permanent residence. Our gifts of warm sweatshirts have helped many at this shelter.
- **Crossroads Community Ministries**, located in Midtown Atlanta, serves 3500 homeless people every year. The generosity of parishioners has provided thermal underwear, hats, gloves, and warm socks for the guests of this soup kitchen.
- **Cobb Christmas** is an all-volunteer organization that was started 30 years ago to assist the clients of Cobb Family Resources. Gifts of toys from Saint Thomas have helped the children of low-income families enjoy a brighter Christmas.
- **Missionaries of the Poor** serve the poorest of the poor in Kingston, Jamaica through several ministries. The members of Saint Thomas' Jamaican Outreach Ministry attempt to live Christ's gospel through their efforts on behalf of the Missionaries. Every Christmas, Saint Thomas has provided several hundred pounds of canned tuna for the poor of Kingston.
- **The Saint Thomas Pro-Life Ministry furnishes disposable diapers and wipes to mothers and their children in crisis situations.**
- **The Open Door Community** seeks to create a loving relationship with some of the most neglected and outcast of God's children—the homeless and those in prison. They provide breakfasts, lunches, and showers for people without a permanent place to call home. Saint Thomas sends flannel work shirts, jeans, underwear, toiletries, warm blankets, sweaters, and coats to Open Door through the Giving Tree.
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home**, staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorn, has provided comfort, in the form of compassion and free nursing care, to thousands of terminal cancer patients since opening in 1939. Saint Thomas sends nightgowns, pajamas, candy, slippers, socks, CDs, throw blankets, and gift certificates to brighten the lives of these people.
- **The Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Saint Thomas** will provide Christmas gifts to boys and girls in our community who might not otherwise receive anything.

The Giving Tree: Dates to remember

Weekend of November 14-15, 2015

Weekend of December 5-6, 2015

Select ornaments from the Giving Tree

Last weekend to bring in your gifts for the Giving Tree

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