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November 22, 2015

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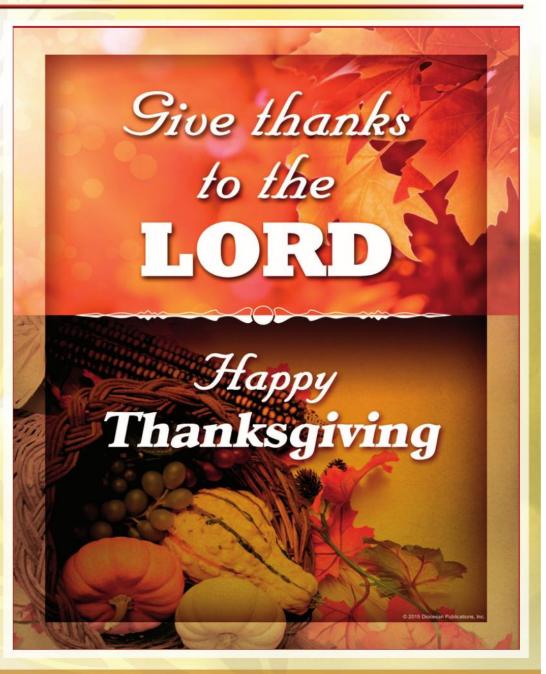
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Celebrating 50 years of UNITY in COMMUNITY Celebrando 50 años de UNIDAD en COMUNIDAD

November 22, 2015

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Stewardship is... what we DO after we say we Believe

Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual November 14-15, 2015 vs 2014

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted	\$35,769	\$37,500
Weekly Actual	<u>\$35,596</u>	<u>\$31,023</u>
Surplus/Shortfa	all (\$173)	(\$6,477)

FY2016 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date And Last year Comparison

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Budgeted	\$715,380	\$750,000
		<u>\$676,151</u>

Operating Financial Statement

For the 3 months ending 9/30/2015	
Revenue	\$828,906
Expenses	
Shortfall	(\$149,596)

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

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 42) Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 42) Goal (Meta).....\$149,300 Total Pledged (Compromisos totales)......\$276,072 Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)......\$162,997 Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....109% Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).......1,265 Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal\$13,697

Thank You Saint Thomas the Apostle people!

Children's Offertory Ofertorio de los Niños November 7-8, 2015

Total

....\$827.01

I went to school (Fui a la escuela) ♥ I have been good with my parents (Fui bueno con mis papás) ♥ I helped my Nanny to get stuff out of the car (Ayudé a mi niñera a sacar cosas del carro) ♥ I love Jesus and my family (Amo a Jesús y a mi familia) ♥ Good listener (Presté atención)
Gave sister candy and let her use the TV (Le di dulces a mi hermana y la dejé usar la TV) ♥ I helped my Mommy (Ayudé a mi Mami) ♥ I spent time with my family (Pasé tiempo con mi familia) ♥ I helped my teachers (Ayudé a mis maestros) ♥ I helped cleaning the house (Ayudé a Chloe toda la semana) ♥ I helped taking care of my cousin (Ayudé a cuidar a mi primo) ♥ I did my hornework of this week (Cumplí con la tarea de esta semana) ♥ I cleaned my bedroom (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥

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!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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.

Salvador Ascencio Betty Collins Trish Jackson Peggy Jorban Luis Lucero Rosemary Maruish

- Diane Brothers Benjamín Correa Epifania Diaz Maddax Levdansky Jan Maerz María Antonia Oropeza
- Priscilla Garcia Pat Jester Rita Powell Sandy LaHouse Oscar Murillo John O'Donnell Francisca Salgado Omar Sánchez Maria Voss

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:

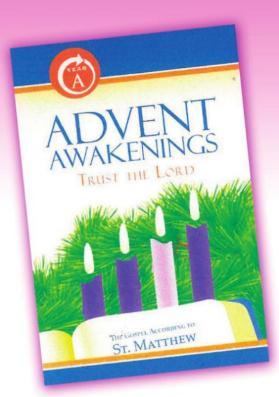
CDR Dominic R. Lovello, USN • ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN Ensign Tanner Collins, USN • E5 Spencer Hanemann, USN HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN • SPC Dakota Nash, USA • A1C Johana Tatia, USAF • A1C Earl Zachary Shelton, USAF

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 ...

December 5 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m. Social Hall **Breakfast with Santa** See bulletin cover for details.

Now through December 6 After all Masses Commons Area **Giving Tree** See Page 6 for details. Bring gifts by December 6th.



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ADVENT Awakenings

As Advent approaches, so do all the obligations that go along with getting ready for Christmas. The shopping, wrapping, decorating and planning make for busy schedules. The commercial frenzy often smothers the religious significance of the holiday.

This year, step out of the whirlwind and attend Advent Awakenings:

Say Yes to God beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2nd for four consecutive weeks.



ADVENT AWAKENINGS

Wednesday Series begin on December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Building

> For more information contact Linda Veit at 678-626-3961 in Adult Faith Formation or e-mail: lveit@stthomastheapostle.org

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

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HORARIO DURANTE LA SEMANA

Lunes: .	 7:30 PM
	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

Community Outreach

Adopt-a- Family for Christmas

A rewarding and blessed experience

In the past Saint Thomas the Apostle 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 Saint Thomas the Apostle 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 (See Page 6)

Participate in this Saint Thomas Advent tradition by selecting an ornament from the Giving Tree located in Commons. Each ornament lists a simple gift request; these items will be given as Christmas gifts to our neighbors in need through eleven local organizations and ministries. Please see Page 6 for details. Bring gifts by Sunday, December 6th.

Children's Christmas Choir: REGISTER IN ADVANCE! Coro Navideño de Niños: ¡Registrarse con anticipación!

What? Children's Choir to lead music at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy (English) Coro Navideño de Niños (se presentarán en la Misa en inglés de Nochebuena) For whom?

Children in grades Kindergarten through 8

(Grade level is the determining factor, not age)

When and Where Are Rehearsals?

Four rehearsals (mark these dates on your calendar!):

- Monday, November 30 5:45 p.m. 6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- WEDNESDAY, December 9 5:45 p.m. 6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 14 5:45 p.m. 6:45p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 21 5:45 p.m. 6:45p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

Note that the 2nd week of rehearsal is on Wednesday because of the Monday/Tuesday

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

What Is Required? Participating children must:

•Attend at least three of the four rehearsals in order to participate on Christmas Eve. •BE ON TIME for rehearsal!

•Arrive for Christmas Eve liturgy by NO LATER THAN 3:15 p.m.

Only the first 50 children registered will be allowed to participate. For your children to be guaranteed songbooks and practice CD, **YOU MUST register in advance** by submitting:

- •Names, gender, ages and grades of children
- Parent/guardian names
- Phone numbers
- -Indicate whether your children have sung in the Christmas choir in previous years

Practice materials will be available beginning Saturday/Sunday, November 21/22. Contact Patty Smith at the 9:30, 11:30 or Sunday 5:00pm mass, or make other arrangements with her to pick up materials so that your children can learn the songs and have fun from the first day!

You can register your children online at:

www.stthomastheapostle.org/ccc-2015

or you can send info to Patty Smith via email psmith@stthomastheapostle.org or submit your information by phone to Patty at 770-241-9343.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, NOV		TUESDAY, NO NO PRESCHOOL	/EMBER 24
NO PSR		12:00 PM	MASS
12:00 PM	MASS	+	CHARLES HOELZER
+	TONY RUCCO	4:00 PM	LECTORES MARÍA NIÑA
7:30 PM	MISA	7:00 PM	SVDP
+	JESÚS HERNÁNDEZ TRUJILLO	7:30 PM	IGNITE!
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION CHOIR	8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
		8:15 PM	APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 NO PRESCHOOL NO PSR 6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE

	JUSTAINE LOMINY
':00 AM	ADORATION
5:30 PM	SANCHEZ REHEARSAL
6:45 PM	BENEDICTION
':00 PM	Mass
+	DAVID THORNTON
7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND
30 PM	SMALL FAITH COMM

UNITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 THANKSGIVING DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO PRESCHOOL NO PSR

9:00 AM BILINGUAL MASS + CARLOS CASANOVA



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2015

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** are on sale now. November 28th-29th = Last weekend to get tickets

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.





Thanksgiving Holiday

Please notice the following changes: Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 27th: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on both days & will re-open on November 30th.

Pastoral Council

Congratulations to the 11 parishioners that are serving in our Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is a consultative body, which makes recommendations on matters of major pastoral concern to the Parish Pastor.

- Lauren Russell Chairperson
- Miguel Mendoza Vice-Chairperson
- Kathy Boehm Secretary
- Nina Delk Reception Committee/Spring
- Blessing Unique
- Mike Tocco
- Chidozie Onwuliri
- Celestin Kabanda
- Sionnie Gernnat
- Linley Savary
- Adriana Amegadzie

Calendar updated as of November 15, 2015

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
NO PRESCHOOL	

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9:00 AM	MASS
2:00 PM	SÁNCHEZ CONVALIDAT
4:00 PM	DUEÑAS WEDDING
6:00 PM	SP REHEARSAL

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM BAUTISMOS GUARDADO WEDDING 11:30 AM 2:00 PM APO CHRISTMAS PARTY 2:00 PM MENDEZ WEDDING 3.00 PM CONFESSION 4:30 PM MASS **MCGRATH & GARGER FAMILIES** 4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR 6:30 PM MISA RODOLFO SAMANIEGO

PSR	
6:00 AM	MISA
7:30 AM	Mass
+	GLADYS MCDONALD
9:30 AM	MASS
+	BEN MCDANIEL
11:00 AM	LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM	MASS
	WINIFRED UGOKWE
12:30 PM	ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
12:30 PM	K OF C ROSARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

NO

1:00 PM	APO PLAY REHEARSAL
:00 PM	Misa
	NATALIA GONZÁLEZ
	RAÚL CASTILLO
4:00 PM	ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
:00 PM	Mass
+	MARY AGNES ZINKE
:30 PM	Misa
+	ERNESTINA LORETO

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 December 5-6, 2015

Last weekend to bring in your gifts for the Giving Tree

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