



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 10, 2016

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9:00 AM—8:00 PM

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Closed Wednesday 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

Closed on Sunday

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#### Regular Office Hours

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Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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#### Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SOLAMENTE CON CITA

# END *of* LIFE Seminar

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Social Hall**

### Come learn more about:

- Catholic burials and cremation
- Advanced directives
- Will planning
- How we can give from our estates to help the church long after we are gone.

### The panelists for the seminar include:

- **Monsignor Churchwell:** Vicar for Senior Priests, speaking on Catholic Ethics and Advance Directives.
- **Nancy Convey:** Executive Director of The Catholic Foundation, addressing questions on a Catholic Legacy,
- **Attorney Cynthia Horton:** covering Will and Estate Planning,
- **Our Pastor, Fr. Brian:** speaking on planning funerals.

**Pre-Registration Required! Call: 678-626-3961**



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



## The Baptism of the Lord—Year C

### Filled with Expectation

The people in today's gospel looked to John the Baptist to be the long-awaited Messiah. It was precisely their expectation—misdirected though it was—that kept them looking for the Messiah. John redirected them from himself to the person of Jesus, the “beloved Son” of God. Our own baptism with “the Holy Spirit and fire” initiates us on a journey of discovery not only of who Jesus is, but also who we are in him. What great expectations!

Source:  
*Living Liturgy: Spirituality, Celebration, and Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities Year C (2016)*

### 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.



## In Our Prayers En Nuestra Oraciones

### Bulletin Sick List

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.

Melissa McLeod  
Bonnie Regan  
Regina Slack

Eliana Hopkins  
Teresita Suárez  
Saturnino De la Paz

Salvador Ascencio  
Peggy Jordan  
John O'Donnell  
Paulina Galván

### 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

### Praying for our Troops / Orando por Nuestras Tropas

We also 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 currently serving in the military:

ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN • CDR Dominic R. Lovello, USN • HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN

### Consoling the Heart of Jesus

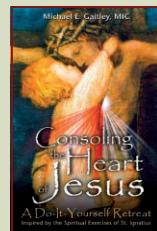
Sundays, January 17th through March 29th  
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Community House

This series gives us an awareness of God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy, showing us the way to console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely.

To register, contact:

**Peggy Yorio**  
404-904-0622  
gpwhelan@gmail.com

**Clarence Burkholder**  
770-432-5020  
cnkburk@gmail.com



## Schedule of Masses / Horario 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

## The Jubilee of Mercy and its Holy Doors

### El Jubileo de la Misericordia y sus Puertas Santas

**T**he Archbishop of Atlanta designated seven church buildings as locations for the Holy Doors of Mercy.

These seven designated Holy Doors of Mercy will be opened on either a Feast Day or a Solemnity by one of our Bishops (see inset on the right.)

A holy door or *porta sancta* was first used in the fifteenth century as a ritualistic expression of conversion. Pilgrims and penitents pass through a Holy Door as a gesture of leaving the past behind and crossing the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, and from darkness to light. Even today these rituals are associated with prayer, pilgrimage, sacrifice, confession, and indulgences.

The Holy Door only finds meaning when the believer associates the door with Christ. Jesus is the Door!

It is fitting that a Holy Door be situated within a church building. The door of the Church is the *ianua ecclesiae* – “the silent witness to all the moments of our lives.” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, About the Jubilee Door, 1999).

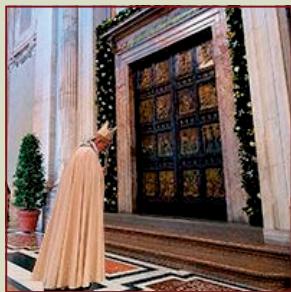
#### Where's the [unofficial] Door of Mercy at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish?

On December 8, 2015, Father Brian Sheridan, as Pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, announced that its Door of Mercy is the door going into the Reconciliation Room (off the chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.) This door is one that the penitent passes through to seek the Forgiveness and Mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Within that room is a life-sized image of Jesus as the Lord of Divine Mercy.

**Father Brian encourages his parishioners to avail themselves to the Mercy of God through the confession of their sins.**

- The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
- The **Penance Service for Lent 2016** will be on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Praise God for His Mercy. His Mercy endures forever.



*“There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation. To him alone can the words of the Psalmist be applied in full truth: ‘This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter.’”*

*Pope Francis*

**E**l Arzobispo de Atlanta designó siete Puertas Santas en diferentes iglesias locales (ver recuadro a la derecha.)

Estas Puertas Santas son abiertas en un Día de Guardar o Solemnidad por uno de nuestros Obispos.

La idea de una puerta santa o *porta sancta* fue usada por primera vez en el Siglo XV como una expresión ritualística de conversión. Los peregrinos y penitentes pasan a través de la Puerita Santa como un gesto de dejar atrás el pecado y recibir la gracia, la esclavitud por la libertad, de la oscuridad a la luz. Aún hoy, estos rituales son asociados con la oración, peregrinaje, sacrificio, confesión, e indulgencias.

La Puerta Santa sólo cobra sentido cuando el creyente la asocia con Cristo. ¡Jesús es la Puerta! Es apropiado que una Puerta Santa sea designada en las iglesias. La puerta de la Iglesia es testigo silente de todos los momentos de nuestras vidas.”

(Adaptado de la Conferencia de Obispos de los Estados Unidos, USCCB, About the Jubilee Door, 1999).

#### Dónde está la Puerta [no oficial] de la Misericordia en Santo Tomás el Apóstol?

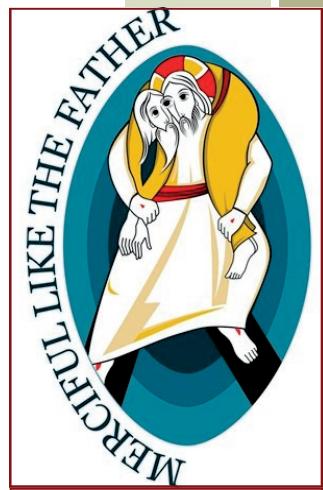
El 8 de diciembre del 2015, nuestro párroco, el Padre Brian R. Sheridan, anunció que la Puerta de la Misericordia en nuestra parroquia es la puerta del confesionario (ubicado junto

a la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas.) A través de esta puerta, el penitente pasa a buscar Perdón y Misericordia en el sacramento de Reconciliación. Dentro del confesionario, hay una imagen del Cristo de la Divina Misericordia.

**El Padre Brian invita a todos a que obtengan la Misericordia de Dios confesando sus pecados.**

- El **Sacramento de la Reconciliación** se ofrece los sábados por la tarde, de 3:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m. o por cita.
- El **Servicio Penitencial de Cuaresma 2016** será el martes, 23 de febrero a las 7:00 p.m.

Alaba a Dios por su Misericordia. Su Misericordia dura para siempre.



Official Holy Doors  
Puertas Santas Oficiales

The following is a list of the designated Holy Door location in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Visit any of these churches during the Year of Mercy.

A continuación una lista de las Puertas Santas designadas en la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta. Visita cualquiera de estas iglesias durante el Jubileo de la Misericordia.

**Cathedral of Christ the King**  
(Opened on December 8, 2015)  
Atlanta, GA

**Our Lady of the Americas**  
(Opened on December 12, 2015)  
Lilburn, GA

**Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**  
(Opened on January 01, 2016)  
Atlanta, GA

**Saint Philip Benizi**  
January 25, 2016 at 12 noon  
Jonesboro, GA

**The Basilica of the Sacred Heart**  
February 2, 2016 at 12:10 p.m.  
Atlanta, GA

**Monastery of the Holy Spirit**  
February 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.  
Conyers, GA

**Holy Vietnamese Martyrs**  
February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Norcross, GA

## Leaf-Raking Day

**January 16th  
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon  
Community House**

All men of our Church are invited to join the efforts of the Knights of Columbus in cleaning the Community House grounds.

**Items you must bring:**

- Rake
- Work gloves
- 2 Leaf trash bags

**Teens: come and earn service points!**

Park in the Church lot. Rain backup day will be Saturday, January 23rd. Coffee, water, and donuts provided by the Knights of Columbus.



*Act, and God will act;  
work, and He will work.*

*St. Joan of Arc*

## This Week in our Parish

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM MASS**
- 4:30 PM PSR
- 6:00 PM EVANGELIZATION MTG
- 7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 7:30 PM MISA**
- 8:00 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM MASS**
- 6:00 PM CHILDREN'S BAPTISM CLASS
- 6:30 PM LITURGY MEETING
- 7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
- 7:00 PM SVDP
- 8:00 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN
- 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:30 AM MASS**
- 7:00 AM ADORATION
- 9:00 PM PRESCHOOL
- 6:30 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
- 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
- 7:00 PM MISA**  
† GEORGE PATRICK GARGER
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
- 8:00 PM LT MISSION TRIP MTG

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
- 10:00 AM STORY TIME
- 6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
- 7:00 PM ARISE 3 CLOSING
- 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 7:00 PM MASS**  
ARISE GROUPS
- 7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING
- 8:00 PM MISA**  
RITO AGUIRRE

## Pastoral Council Meeting

**Monday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Faith Formation Bldg**

If you have any questions about issues pertaining to the vision and development of the parish, please bring them to the attention of the Pastoral Council members:



**Kathy Boehm** at 216-224-6061 or kathyfortboehm@gmail.com

**Lauren Russell** at 808-285-4124 or minilauruss@gmail.com

## Coming Soon

### ARISE Season III Closing Celebration:

**Thursday, January 14th**  
All group members are encouraged to attend. Please contact your ARISE facilitator for details about the Mass and Potluck celebration on that evening.



### Health Fair

**January 17th  
7:00 a.m. in the Social Hall**

Nurses will be available to do Cholesterol, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Tests, available for free.



### Spring Festival Meeting

**Monday, January 25th**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Adult Faith Formation**

Bring your ideas, contacts, and talent to our planning meeting for our Jubilee year Spring Festival, to be celebrated on April 30th. 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

## Holy Hollywood presents: O Brother, Where Art Thou

### Holy Hollywood

**Friday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:15 p.m.)  
Social Hall**



*O Brother Where Art Thou* is a humorous look at one of the oldest epic stories. Based loosely on Homer's Odyssey, our broken heroes, led by George Clooney, are escaped convicts on the run. Their adventures lead them into more trouble. They are searching for their hidden treasure. Ultimately, it is REDEMPTION.

The film pokes fun at politics and many other aspects of life during the early twentieth century.

Rated PG-13, however language and some violence in the film tells us that this story is not for children. 103 minutes long

- Doors to the Social Hall open at 6:15 p.m. and the movie begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.
- Soft drinks and snacks will be available. Feel free to bring something to eat or drink before or during the movie.
- A group facilitated discussion will be conducted immediately at the end of the movie so please plan to join us.

## Próximamente

### Pre-Evangelización: Clases semanales Diferentes horarios disponibles

Las personas interesadas en vivir su Retiro de Evangelización en abril 2016 deben iniciar sesiones de pre-evangelización este mes. Interesados por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.



### Feria de la Salud

17 de enero

### Salón Social

Tendremos enfermeras disponibles para hacer toma de presión, medición de azúcar en la sangre y colesterol. Todos los exámenes son gratuitos.



### Retiro de Parejas

**Viernes, 11 de febrero**  
**8:00 p.m. en la iglesia**  
**13-14 de febrero todo el día**  
**en el Jim R. Miller Park**

Costo: \$70 por pareja.  
Regístrate el 11 de febrero a las 8:00 p.m. en la iglesia.  
Para más informes por favor contactar a los líderes de comunidades.

## Holy Tamale Sale: \$1,502.22 profit for Teens' Mission Trip! \$1,502.22 de ganancia para el Viaje Misionero de los Jóvenes!

Shout out to our awesome Teen Missionaries who worked so hard during the Tamale Sale on December 20, 2015!



- The teens were in charge of the preparation of the food and actually making the tamales.
- Their parents were also instrumental in making this project a success.
- More than \$2,000 were raised on that weekend.

The teens sold a total of 154 Dozen Tamales! That is 1,848 tamales hand crafted and cooked with love, one by one!

The Tamale Sale was part of the teens' efforts to raise funds for their upcoming Mission Trip, in June 2016.



### Missed the Tamale Sale?

You can still support the teens' Mission Trip by donating money, which will help to cover the cost of the trip, as the teens bring the good news to other young people.

For more information about the Mission Trip and other programs that enrich our youth, please contact: Estela Martinez, Youth Director, at 678-626-3936.



**1,848**  
**Tamales Sold!**  
**Tamales Vendidos!**



Felicitaciones a nuestro fantástico grupo de jóvenes misioneros que trabajaron durante la Venta de Tamales del 20 de diciembre.

- Los jóvenes estuvieron a cargo de preparar la comida y también hicieron los tamales.
- Sus padres también ayudaron a que este proyecto fuera un éxito.
- Se recaudaron más de \$2,000 ese fin de semana.

¡Los jóvenes vendieron 154 docenas de tamales! ¡Eso equivale a 1,848 tamales individualmente preparados y cocinados con amor!

La Venta de Tamales es parte del esfuerzo de los jóvenes para recaudar fondo para su Viaje Misionero, en junio 2016.

### ¿No alcanzaste a comprar tamales?

Aún puedes apoyar los esfuerzos de estos jóvenes donando dinero para cubrir el costo de su Viaje Misionero.

Para más información, contacta a Estela Martínez, Directora de la Pastoral Juvenil, al 678-626-3936.

## This Week in our Parish

Updated on January 4, 2016

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
12:00 PM MASS  
† HELEN BARTALAN  
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL  
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR  
9:00 AM LEAF-RAKING DAY  
9:00 AM PASTORAL COUNCIL RETREAT  
11:30 AM HERNÁNDEZ WEDDING  
2:00 PM QUINCEÑERAS  
3:00 PM CONFESSIONS  
4:30 PM MASS  
† BERNARD VENEY  
4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
6:30 PM MISA  
MIGUEL ROMAN, JR.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:00 AM Misa  
PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS  
7:00 AM HEALTH FAIR  
7:30 AM MASS  
† MARLENE GLEASON  
9:30 AM MASS  
DAVID LYLE SIMMONS  
MARIA CARILLO  
9:30 AM RCIA  
11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS  
11:30 AM MASS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 (CONT.)

- 12:15 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN  
12:30 PM APO MEETING  
1:00 PM DOVERMAYER BAPTISM  
2:00 PM Misa  
† JORGE CONTRERAS  
† GUILLERMO ALVAREZ  
2:00 PM SP RCIA  
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD  
5:00 PM MASS  
6:30 PM CONSOLING THE HEART  
7:30 PM MISA  
DIANA LÓPEZ

## Weekly Donations Report

### Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

#### Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual December 26-27, 2015

Budgeted.....	\$35,769
Weekly Actual.....	\$28,184
Christmas 2015 Collection .....	\$31,332
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal .....	\$27,747

#### Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual January 2-3, 2016 vs. 2015

##### FY 2016              FY 2015

Budgeted .....	\$35,769.....	\$37,500
Weekly Actual .....	\$46,784.....	\$39,147
Surplus/Shortfall .....	\$11,015.....	\$1,647

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

Budgeted .....	\$965,763.....	\$1,050,000
FYTD.....	\$999,577.....	\$927,288
Surplus/Shortfall .....	\$33,814.....	<u>(\$122,712)</u>

Operating Financial Statement For the 4 months ending 10/31/2015	
Revenue.....	\$1,022,314
Expenses.....	<u>(\$909,015)</u>
<b>Surplus.....</b>	<b>\$113,299</b>

Total Assessments ..... \$1,254,101  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 10/31/15

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 49) <i>Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 49)</i>
Goal (Meta)..... \$149,300
Total Pledged ( <i>Compromisos totales</i> )....\$282,573
Paid to date ( <i>Pagos recibidos</i> ).....\$187,237
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal .....
Percent Paid to Goal ( <i>Porcentaje pagado</i> ).. 125%
Number of Donors ( <i>No. de Donantes</i> ).....1,268

**Thank You Saint Thomas the Apostle people!**

#### Children's Offertory Ofertorio de los Niños January 2-3, 2016

Total ..... \$1,062.99

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!

## A Stewardship Prayer for the New Year

### Oración de Corresponsabilidad para el Nuevo Año

**G**racious and Loving God,  
The old year has passed  
and a new year begun.

We thank you for Your active presence in our busy lives, for the opportunities given, and for blessings received. As we embrace a new year, breathe freely through us and renew our spirits with fresh resolve and purpose.

Give us the grace to be good stewards of all that You have entrusted to us and to serve You with generous, compassionate and loving hearts.

Bless our days ahead.

Give us the courage to be faithful. And show us how to proclaim the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

**D**ios bueno y generoso,  
El año ha pasado y un nuevo año comienza.

Te damos gracias por tu presencia activa en nuestras vidas ocupadas, por las oportunidades que nos da y por las bendiciones recibidas. A medida que acogemos este nuevo año, respira libremente a través de nosotros y renueva nuestros espíritus con fresca determinación y propósito.

Danos la gracia de ser buenos administradores de todo lo que has confiado a nosotros y servirte con corazones generosos, compasivos y amorosos. Bendice los días que tenemos por delante.

Danos la valentía de ser fieles. Y muéstranos cómo proclamar la Buena Nueva de Tu Hijo , Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

## Change of Address or Telephone

### Cambio de Dirección o Teléfono



If you have any contact information changes, please fill out the attached form and return to the Parish Office via the collection basket or in the mail.

Si se ha cambiado de dirección o teléfono, por favor complete esta forma y regresela a la Oficina Parroquial.

- New Parishioner. Please send me a Registration Form.**  
Nuevo miembro. Por favor envíenme una Hoja de Registro.
- Change of Address / Phone Number.**  
Cambio de Dirección / Número Telefónico.
- Moving. Please remove me from Parish Mailing List.**  
Me he mudado. Ahora pertenezco a otra parroquia.

Name (Nombre): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Dirección): \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. or Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Número de Teléfono): \_\_\_\_\_

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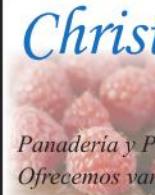


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