

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SOLAMENTE CON CITA

FAQ'S about Giving WHAT IS THE 2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL?



The Archdiocese of Atlanta conducts an annual campaign (as is the case in most dioceses in the United States) to help fund the work of its offices and ministries throughout north and central Georgia. The Appeal commences in January and concludes in December of 2016. The Appeal will include an in-pew pledge process held on the two weekends prior to Ash Wednesday.

WHAT IS THE IN-PEW PROCESS AND WHY ARE WE USING IT?

The in-pew process is designed to reach parishioners directly in their seats at Mass. Parishioners will be directed through the process step-by-step by the pastor or his designee as representatives of the Archbishop. It is used because it gives parishioners who may not be registered in a parish or who did not respond to the Archbishop's letter an opportunity to give.

WHY SHOULD PEOPLE GIVE?

We should give because we are grateful for the gifts that God has given us in our lives and because of the great good that our giving brings to the world.

I ALREADY SUPPORT MY PARISH, ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

The Annual Appeal provides the opportunity to support our wider Church family, the Archdiocese of Atlanta, as well as our own parish ministries. When we say the Creed, we reaffirm the fact that we are members of the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." We are saying that we believe that every parish and every parishioner is responsible not only for his or her parish, but also for the well-being of the Church throughout the archdiocese and the world.

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL?

Jesus Himself gave us a guideline, "Share from your substance, not from your surplus." You are the best judge of what this means for you—not just what you can afford, but what God is calling you to do. We do offer a guide—at least one percent of your income to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, five percent to your parish, and four percent to other charities and/or second collections, but always giving according to your means.

HOW WILL MY GIFT BENEFIT THE PARISHES OUTSIDE OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA?

The offices of the archdiocese are available to provide support to all parishes regardless of location.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal funded the education of priests currently serving in your parish. Catechists who are teaching the children of your parish receive training and support through our Office of Formation and Discipleship. Engaged couples receive pre-marital counseling retreats. All of these are examples of the wide variety of services provided by archdiocesan offices and ministries to parishes and parishioners across the archdiocese.



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

Knowing, Living and Sharing Our Faith



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." However, more than one Scripture passage is fulfilled in this gospel. The words and deeds of Jesus fulfill the Scripture passage from Isaiah about the coming of salvation: glad tidings for the poor, liberty for captives, sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed. The words and deeds of the people fulfill the Scripture passages about rejecting and killing God's prophets: they question Jesus' origins, become furious at His words, and act to destroy Him. Which Scripture passages do you hear? Which do we fulfill?

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

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.

Mª Elena Covarrubias Severiano Jiménez Jaime López John O'Donnell Adriana Sandoval Carole Acker Barbara Johnson Sarah Lowder Mary Steinbock Teresita Suárez Ayleen Tovar Fr. Leo Holleran, M.S. Teresa Illarga Normand Rainville Talia Shegogue Lily Sims

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 • Ensign Tanner Collins, USN • LCPL Manuel Kendrick, USMC • CDR Dominic R. Lovello, USN • HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN • SrA Earl Zachary Shelton, USAF

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament Every Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Main Sanctuary

Pew Angels

The Pew Angels Ministry is looking for more volunteers to help straighten up the pews before and after the weekend masses.

Help is needed on Monday and/or Friday mornings

and/or Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please call the Parish Office if you are willing to help.

Pray the Rosary with us!

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

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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.



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

Adoration: Wednesdays: 7:00 AM-6:45 PM

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Sábado: 6:30 PM

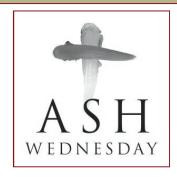
Domingo: 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 7:30 PM

HORARIO DURANTE LA SEMANA

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

Ash Wednesday Schedule: February 10th Horario de Miércoles de Ceniza: 10 de febrero



English Masses and Ashes

7:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. (All in the Main Sanctuary)

Bilingual Mass and Ashes

12:00 p.m. (Main Sanctuary)

Bilingual Liturgy of the Word and Ashes

9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (All in the Main Sanctuary)

Spanish Masses and Ashes

6:00 a.m. (Main Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Jim R. Miller Park (Marietta, GA)

Preschool Liturgy of the Word and Ashes

9:15 a.m. English (Memorial Garden)

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Ashes 5:00 p.m. English (Main Sanctuary)

Misas en español con Cenizas

6:00 a.m. (En la iglesia)
7:00 p.m. Jim R. Miller Park (Marietta, GA)

Misa Bilingüe con Cenizas

12:00 p.m. (En la iglesia)

Liturgia de la Palabra Bilingüe con Cenizas 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., y 11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., y 3:30 p.m. (En la iglesia)

Misas en inglés con Cenizas

7:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., y 8:00 p.m. (En la iglesia)

Liturgia de Preescolar con Cenizas

9:15 a.m. Inglés (Jardín Memorial)

Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños (con cenizas) 5:00 p.m. Inglés (En la iglesia)

Ash Wednesday (February 10th) is a day of fasting and abstinence. El Miércoles de Ceniza (10 de febrero) es un día de ayuno y abstinencia.

Abstinence and

Fasting

Abstinencia y

Ayuno

Church Regulations regarding Fast and Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating

of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age

but not yet 59, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

Reglamento Iglesia respecto Ayuno y Abstinencia Durante la Cuaresma

La *abstinencia* de carne (animal o ave) debe ser observada por todos los católicos de 14 o más años de edad el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. Esta obligación prohíbe el

> consumo de carne, pero no los huevos, productos lácteos, o condimentos de cualquier tipo, a pesar de que tengan grasa animal.

> **Ayuno** significa limitarse a una comida completa en un día de ayuno. Católicos de 18 a 59 años de edad, están

obligados a ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. En los días de ayuno, dos refrigerios pequeños están permitidos si es necesario para mantener la fuerza. Sin embargo, estos refrigerios en conjunto no pueden ser iguales a una comida completa. Además, comer alimentos sólidos entre comidas no está permitido en los días de ayuno.

Blessing of the Throats

BLESSING OF THROATS will be offered on

Wednesday, February, 3rd

- At the 6:30 a.m. Mass,
- at a 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
- and at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- All are welcome.

The Blessing of the Throats is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on February 3rd, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste.

Two candles blessed on February 2nd, Candlemas Day or better known as the Feast of the Presentation, are put together in the form of a cross and applied to the throat under the chin while offering the following prayer by the Priest or Deacon:

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may you be delivered from every ailment of the throat and any other ailment in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit."

Amen





LifeTeen Band **Guitarists and** Instrumentalist needed!

Our contemporary band is in need of awesome lead and rhythm guitarists AND a flutist or violinist. Our Life Teen Band ministers at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Life Teen Mass, Ignite!, retreats, and other events.

Interested musicians of high school age OR OLDER should contact Patty Smith (psmith@stthomastheapo stle.org or 770-241-9343) for more information and to set up an audition. In addition to 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass every week (setup at 4:00 p.m.), band members must be available for 7:30 rehearsals on Wednesday evenings.

Casino Night 2016

Saturday, February 20th—Social Hall



Casino Night Saturday, February 20th Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Gaming begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale February 6th-7th and February 13th-14th

Social Hall

- \$25 advanced sale
- \$30 at the door
- Includes \$1000 in chips
- Additional \$1000 chips for \$10
- Complementary appetizers
- Raffle and Silent Auction
- All proceeds benefit Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
- Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary

Noche de Casino Sábado, 20 de Febrero Puertas abren 6:00 p.m. Juegos a las 7:00 p.m.

Boletos a la venta el 6-7 de febrero v 13-14 de febrero

\$25 preventa

Salón Social

- \$30 el día del evento
- Incluye \$1000 en chips
- Chips adicionales por
- Botanas GRATIS
- Rifa y Subasta Silenciosa
- Todos los fondos recaudados serán para beneficio de Santo Tomás el Apóstol
- Patrocinado por las Damas Auxiliares

Parish Life Join our parish



Arise IV

New season begins the week of February 14th

See Page 6 for more details! • • • • • • • • • •

Pre-Evangelization: Weekly Sessions in English Beginning in February If you are interested in attending our Evangelization retreat in April 2016 you must attend preevangelization sessions, beginning next month. Please call the Parish Office

Pantry Items Needed Support our St. Vincent de Paul Society's efforts.

at 678-626-3950 for more

information.

Our pantry helps many families in need in our community. Please consider donating: Spaghetti sauce, tuna, ketchup, toothpaste and toilet paper. Please leave donations in plastic bins, in the Commons Area.

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL

12:00 PM MASS

4:30 PM 1ST EUCHARIST PARENT MTG

4:30 PM PSR

6:00 PM EVANGELIZATION

7:00 PM 1ST EUCHARIST PARENT MTG

7:00 PM PSR

7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN

7:30 PM MASS

8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL

12:00 PM MASS

7:00 PM JUBILEE PLANNING MTG

7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS

7:00 PM SVpP

8:00 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN

8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 6:30 AM MASS

† LEAH MCFADDEN

7:00 AM ADORATION

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL

9:30 AM LITRUGY OF THE WORD

12:00 PM OVER 50'S

6:30 PM SVDP RECRUITING

6:45 PM BENEDICTION

7:00 PM MASS

† TRACY BENDEN

† ELEANOR BENDEN

7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION 7:00 PM PSR

7:00 PM WELCOME MINISTRY

7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND

8:00 PM LIFETEEN MISSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL

10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

10:00 AM STORY TIME

6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

7:00 PM MASS

† PATRICIA GEYER

7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION

7:00 PM 1ST EUCHARIST PARENT MTG

7:00 PM PSR

7:30 PM FIDELES MEETING

8:00 PM MISA

AZAHALIA MONCAYO IVAN MONCAYO

DALIA MONCAYO

Vida Parroquial

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.

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. Registrate el 11 de febrero a las 8:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Para más informes por favor contactar a los líderes de comunidades.

Biblias a la venta! Biblia Latinoamericana

Disponibles en la Oficina Parroquial

- Biblia Latinoamericana
- Tapa dura
- Letra Grande
- Marcadores en las hojas

Middle School One Day Retreat: February 27th Retiro para estudiantes de 6 a 8 grado de escuela

1-Day Retreat 6th-8th Grade Students Saturday, February 27th 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Social Hall

Cost: \$40.00 per student Includes: Snack, Lunch, Dinner, and a T-Shirt

A day of Praise and Worship, Talks, Small Groups, and Lots of FUN for Middle-schoolers!! Only 60 spots available! Register NOW!

Retiro de 1-Día Estudiantes con edades de 6 a 8 grado Sábado, 27 de febrero 9:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. Salón Social

Costo: \$40.00 por estudiante Incluye: Botanitas Almuerzo, Cena y Playera

Un día de Alabanza y Adoración, Temas, Pastoreo, v DIVERSIÓN!! ¡Sólo 60 espacios disponibles! ¡Regístrate AHORA!

Questions? /Preguntas?:

Danny Hernandez (EDGE Coordinator) 678.626.3937 (Office) dhernandez@stthomastheapostle.org

St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool

Registration 2016-2017 Schedule

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

- Currently enrolled families: January 25th 29th Active parishioners: February 2nd - 4th
- Non-Parishioners: February 8th until classes are full



Preschool Tours: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Meet a Preschool Staff Member at the main Parish Office. No appointment necessary.

- St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool operates under the supervision of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Office of Catholic Schools.
- Our teachers are trained in First Aid, CPR and AED, and participate in several professional development workshops each year.
- Our Preschool program serves children from 2 years old through young 5.
- Information about tuition fees for the 2016-2017 will be available this week at www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool or in the Commons Area of the church.

This Week in our Parish

Updated on January 25, 2016

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 WINTER RETREAT

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL

12:00 PM MASS

5:00 PM RETREAT RECONCILIATION

6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL

6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR

7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER

7:30 PM MATRIMONIOS PLANNING

7:30 PM PLÁTICA PREBAUTISMAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 WINTER RETREAT

8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR

10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA

11:30 AM RODRÍGUEZ QUINCEAÑERA

3:00 PM CONFESSION

4:30 PM MASS

† SR. PAT BLANCHETT

4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR

5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS

6:30 PM MISA

ALLISON MONCAYO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:00 AM MISA

PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS

6:00 AM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

7:30 AM Mass

+ BOR REESE

9:30 AM MASS

ELIZABETH NÚÑEZ THANKSGIVING

9:30 AM PSR

9:30 AM RCIA

11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY

11:15 AM PSR

11:30 AM Mass

JURIC FAMILY THANKSGIVING

12:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 (CONT.)

1:00 PM BAPTISM

2:00 PM MISA

† RAFAELA SALAS

† Constantino Gonzalez

2:00 PM SP RCIA

4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD

4:00 PM PLAY REHEARSAL 5:00 PM MASS

6:30 PM Consoling the Heart

7:30 PM MISA

LETICIA HUERTA

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Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual January 23-24, 2016 vs. 2015

		FY 2016	FY 2015
Budge	eted	. \$35,769	\$37,500
Week	ly Actual	. <u>\$31,618</u>	\$26,907
Surpli	us/(Shortfall)	(\$4,151)	(\$10,593)

FY2016 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$1,073,070	\$1,125,000
Actual	\$1,101,125	\$1,008,506
Surplus/(Shortfall).	\$28,055	(\$116,494)

Operating Financial Statement For the 5 months ending 11/30/2015

Operating Revenue	\$1,222,200
Operating Expenses	
Operating Revenue over Expense	

Total Assessments\$1,255,812 still owed to Archdiocese as of 11/30/15

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2016 (Week 1) Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2016 (Semana 1)

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Goal	(Meta) \$1.	57,700
Total	Pledged (Compromisos totales)	\$345
Paid t	to date (Pagos recibidos)	\$230
Surplu	us/(Shortfall) to Goal(\$15	7,470)
Perce	ent Paid to Goal <i>(Porcentaje pagado)</i>	0%
Numb	per of Donors (No. de Donantes)	5

Children's Offertory Ofertorio de los Niños January 23-24, 2016

Total\$851.53

▼ I helped cook (Ayudé a cocinar) ▼ Loving my siblings (Amo a mis hermanos) ▼ I was nice (Fui buena) ▼ I helped my Mom in Kroger and chose favorite doughnuts for Joaquin (Ayudéa a Mamá en Kroger y escogí las donas favoritas de Joaquín) ▼ I didn't fight with my family (No pelear con mi familia) ▼ Being nice to my nephew (Fui bueno con mi sobrino) ▼ I cleaned the basement (Limpié el sótano) ▼ I have been good in Texas (Me porté bien en Texas) ▼ I helped making cupcakes (Ayudé a hacer cupcakes) ▼

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 Moment

Un Momento de Corresponsabilidad

n today's second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passages in the Bible: a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christian community at Corinth for its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love for God and others?

n la segunda lectura de hoy, encontramos uno de los pasajes más hermosos y familiares para nosotros en la Biblia; la recitación de 15 características del amor cristiano leídas generalmente en las bodas y en las celebraciones de aniversarios. Por supuesto, no era esto lo que San Pablo tenía en mente cuando él estaba reprendiendo a la comunidad cristiana en Corinto por su falta de amor. Él amonestó a los miembros de la comunidad para que ejercitaran una mejor corresponsabilidad del amor cristiano. La práctica de la paciencia, la humildad, la alegría, la verdad, la paz, la afirmación y la esperanza, son caminos a través de los cuales los buenos corresponsales ponen el amor en acción. ¿Habrá uno o dos de estos atributos en los que podamos trabajar para crecer en nuestro amor por Dios y por los otros?

Source: International Catholic Stewardship Council

Arise! IV: New Heart, New Spirit

Beginning the week of February 14th

It's that time again! Join us for Arise Season IV New Heart, New Spirit

- The Arise! Program begins the week of February 14th and will continue for six consecutive weeks through the week of March 20th.
- Season IV: New Heart, New Spirit will take us on a journey guided by the message proclaimed and celebrated in the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week.
- The themes each week will prepare us for the wonderful celebration of the Easter Vigil, while also taking time to reflect on the times we are exposed to temptation and can fall into sin.

Please join us this Lenten Season "and ARISE" as we are renewed and strive to live as the children of light.



If you are in a group please confirm Season IV with your Facilitator. For those interested in joining a group there is a sign-up in Commons Area for the next three weeks. Contact Linda in Adult Faith Formation with any questions or for more information on the ARISE program.

Linda Veit: 678-626-3961—Adult Faith Formation Iveit@stthomastheapostle.org

Alerta de Inmigración! Niños menores de 18 años de edad que no viven con sus papas o solo viven con uno pueden aplicar para su residencia!

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