



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 22, 2017

## Parish Office

**Main Phone: 770 - 432-8579**

Fax. 770 - 432-8570

## Regular Office Hours

**Monday—Friday**

9:00 AM—8:00 PM

Closed Wednesday 1 PM-3 PM

## Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

## Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00 AM—8:00 PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

## Preschool Office

770-293-1267

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Monday—Thursday

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

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## English Mass

### Schedule

Monday: 12 Noon  
Tuesday: 12 Noon  
Wednesday: **8:15 AM** & 7:00 PM  
Thursday: 7:00 PM  
Friday: 12 Noon  
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM  
11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

## Confession:

Saturdays: 3:00 PM

## Adoration

Wednesdays: **9:00 AM**-6:45 PM

## Horario de

### Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM  
Jueves: 8:00 PM  
Sábado: 6:30 PM  
Domingo: 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM &  
7:30 PM

## Confesión:

Sábados: 5:30 PM

Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

**stephen  
MINISTRY.**

**TRAINING STARTS FEBRUARY 27.**  
MORE INFORMATION IN TODAY'S BULLETIN FLYER.

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**Pastor:** Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)

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▪ **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett ▪ Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson ▪ Deacons Office (x106)

**Extraordinary  
Schedule of Masses  
January 30-February 3**

**Monday, January 30**

12 Noon English Mass

7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Cancelled

**Wednesday, February 1**

8:15 a.m. English Mass

12 Noon English Mass

7:00 p.m. English Mass

Cancelled

**Thursday, February 2**

12 Noon English Mass

7:00 p.m. English Mass

Cancelled

8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Cancelled

**Friday, February 3**

12 Noon English Mass

**Blessing of the Throats**

Thursday, February 2 at 12 Noon Mass

Main Sanctuary



The Feast of Saint Blaise will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2.

According to a source, while Saint Blaise, a physician, was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

In many places on the day of his feast the blessing of St. Blaise is given: two candles are consecrated, generally by a prayer, these are then held in a crossed position by a priest over the heads of the faithful or the people are touched on the throat with them. At the same time the following blessing is given: "May Almighty God at the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, preserve you from infections of the throat and from all other afflictions". Then the minister makes the sign of the cross over the faithful.

Please join us on Thursday, February 2 for 12 Noon Mass, and receive the blessing.

**Mass Schedule  
changes on  
Wednesdays!**

Effective immediately, there will be a permanent change in the English Mass Schedule: There will no longer be a 6:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays. The new time will be 8:15 a.m. followed by Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesdays,  
9:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m.**

**Main Sanctuary**

Come and spend some special time in the presence of God.

Adoration begins at 9:00 a.m. and closes with Benediction (a short prayer service) at 6:45 p.m.

**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.

Sionnie Gernaat  
Gloriana Salinas  
Patty Smith

Baby Sofia Stoller  
Kimberly Kwurue  
Susan Walsh

Lisa Armstrong  
Louis Caruso  
Marty Rom  
Stephen Young

**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, USN  
Capt. Chisom Ezeoke, USAF  
FC2 Spencer Hanemann, USN  
HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN

**A Note of Gratitude**

*To my dear friends  
at Saint Thomas  
the Apostle, I want  
to thank you for  
your prayers, love  
and concern during  
my recent illness.*

*Thanks be to God  
for my successful  
surgery and recovery.  
God bless you all!*

*Sincerely,  
Sandy Lillig*



**Tickets will be sold after Masses on  
January 21-22 and January 28-29**

# Father Daughter DANCE



**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

**Sábado, 11 de febrero, 2017**

The Excitement begins at 5:30 p.m.  
in the Social Hall. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Dancing until 10:00 p.m.

## Father-Daughter Dance

Tickets will be sold after all Masses  
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## Faith Enrichment

### The "One Thing" Is Three Wisdom

*Weekly series begin:  
Sundays, January 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
for ten sessions.*

The series of Father Michael Gaitley will unlock the "one thing" of the Holy Trinity. You already know a lot about your Catholic faith. Fr. Michael will lay a theological foundation for the knowledge you already have resulting in it all being tied together. This Wisdom will more deeply affect your personal life and your ability to share your faith with confidence.

It will also enhance your experience of the Mass. With humor and ease, Fr. Gaitley skillfully unlocks the "one thing," the key to the Church's wisdom, and the greatest mystery of the Catholic faith: the Most Holy Trinity.

It's a unique and powerful experience of the faith. The communion of the Holy Trinity is the source and criterion of truth in every relationship. Whether you're new to the faith or a cradle Catholic, this material will unlock the treasures of Catholicism in a way that is clear, concise, and compelling.

### Sundays:

- January 22, 29
- February 5 skip, 12, 19, 26
- March 5, 12, 19, 26
- April 2

### Location:

Community House

### Contact:

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

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

## Other opportunities for Spiritual Growth:

### ■ Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

*Wednesdays*

*9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. (Main Sanctuary)*

### ■ FIDELES

#### Men's Prayer Group:

*Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.*

*(Main Sanctuary)*

Rosary with Adoration. Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469.

### ■ Bible Study:

*Thursday morning or evening sessions available.*

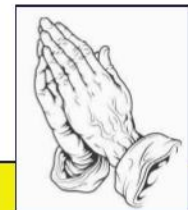
Contact: Linda Veit at 678-626-3961.

### ■ Saturday Morning

#### Men's Prayer Group:

*Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.*

*(Main Sanctuary)*



### ■ La Salette Holy Rosary

#### 5th Sunday of the Month

*Sunday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m. (Main Sanctuary)*

*This is an OPEN invitation to ALL Parishioners.*

*Please join the Knights of Columbus in the recitation of the LaSalette Holy Rosary.*



Youth Ministry

**LifeTeen Bible Study****First meeting:****Wednesday, January 25, 2017****7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.****Life Teen Room**

LifeTeen Bible Study continues on the following dates:

- February 8
- March 15
- March 22
- March 29
- April 5
- April 12
- April 26

**EDGE NIGHT: NEXT MONTH!**

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Religious Education 770-432-5296.

**Service Opportunities:****Ministry of Visitation to the Sick  
HELP NEEDED on Thursday afternoon for  
Delmar Gardens**

The Ministry of Visitation to the Sick is looking for a person who is *interested and* committed to visiting and getting to know the wonderful residents of Delmar Gardens (less than 1 mile from the church.)

Every Thursday, from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

- Say the Rosary and distribute Communion to a group of residents at Delmar Gardens. Then, visit Catholics who are bedridden to say prayers and administer Communion.
- Any person interested needs to be committed to the time this ministry demands.
- We serve to 15-18 residents.
- You do not have to be a Eucharistic Minister, just someone who cares.

If you would like to be a part of this very fulfilling ministry, please contact Sharon Kowal at 678-665-5459.

**Volunteer for our Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

Reaching out to families in need. Volunteers needed for food pantry, hotline, and other capacities. Training provided.

Please leave a message at the SVdP Hotline: 678-626-3939.

**Stephen Series**

Our parish has recently enrolled in the Stephen Series. Those training for Stephen Ministry will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, hurting, or experiencing other stresses in life.

A Leader's Training Course is coming in February, 2017, for all of those who would like to serve in this new ministry.

Please contact Don Sabaresse at: dsabm@yahoo.com or call 770-435-3024.

**Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick**

is in need of more ministers. If you are a current Eucharistic minister, and interested in a special ministry of bringing the Body of Christ to our homebound and hospitalized parishioners, please contact Don Sabaresse at: dsabm@yahoo.com or call 770-435-3024.

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, our next training class is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017.

**This Week in our Parish****MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
 4:30 PM PSR  
 6:30 PM ARISE CLOSING MEETING  
 7:00 PM PSR  
**7:30 PM MISA**  
 † SILVESTRE VAZQUEZ  
 8:00 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN  
 8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY  
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
 6:30 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS  
 6:45 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 7:00 PM CREDO CHOIR  
 7:00 PM ENG RCIA  
 7:00 PM SVDP  
 8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
 8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

**8:15 AM MASS**  
 9:00 AM ADORATION  
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
 1:30 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY  
 6:45 PM BENEDICTION  
 7:00 PM LT BIBLE STUDY  
**7:00 PM MASS**  
 † STEPHEN OKUN  
 7:00 PM PSR  
 7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND  
 8:00 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY  
 10:00 AM STORY TIME  
 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR  
 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY  
**7:00 PM MASS**  
 † CARLOS JOSÉ YEPEZ  
 7:00 PM PSR  
**8:00 PM MISA**  
 † AMELIA MANDUJANO





**St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool**

**Preschool Registration:**

Preschool registration for the 2017-2018 school year will take place as follows:

- Currently enrolled families.....January 23-27
- Active parishioners.....February 6-10
- Non-Parishioners .....February 13 until classes are full.

**Preschool Tours:**

If you would like to come and visit our school, meet the Director in the main office of the church on *Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.*

Our Preschool program serves children from 18 months through young five.

Tuition fees for the 2017-2018 will be available the week of January 23 at [www.stthomastheapostle.org](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org) or in the Commons Area of the church.

**Holy Hollywood**

*Friday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. (Social Hall) Doors open at 6:15 p.m.*



Featured presentation:

**THE RAILWAY MAN** (Rated R)

Based on the remarkable bestselling autobiography, THE RAILWAY MAN tells the extraordinary and epic true story of Eric Lomax (Colin Firth), a British Army officer who was tormented as a prisoner of war at a Japanese labor camp during World War II.

Decades later, Lomax discovers that the Japanese interpreter responsible for much of his treatment is still alive, and sets out to confront him and his haunting past, in this powerful and inspiring tale of heroism, humanity and the redeeming power of love. This is a serious film and not for children.

**Inclement Weather and Holiday closing:**

Just a reminder to all our Parish School of Religion (PSR) families:

We follow the Cobb County School calendar. If Cobb schools are closed because of a holiday, the PSR classes closest to that holiday will be canceled. Please keep the PSR calendar handy for quick reference.

In addition, when Cobb County is closed because of INCLEMENT WEATHER, SO ARE WE!

Watch WXIA-11 Alive Emergency Weather Network for school and church closings.

**CANCELACIONES DEBIDO AL MAL TIEMPO Y DIAS FERIADOS:**

Nuestra Escuela de Catecismo sigue el Calendario Escolar del Condado de Cobb. Si las escuelas del condado de Cobb están cerradas debido a días feriados, las clases de Catecismo más cercanas a esa fecha son canceladas. ¡Por favor mantengan el calendario de Catecismo a la mano!

También les recordamos que cuando el condado de Cobb cierra debido a mal tiempo, también se cancela Catecismo.

Sintonicen el Canal WXIA-11 Alerta del Tiempo para mantenerse informado acerca de cancelación de actividades en escuelas e iglesias.

**This Week in our Parish**

Updated on January 17, 2017

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM MASS
- † THE BANGUILAN FAMILY
- 6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL
- 7:00 PM HOLY HOLLYWOOD
- 7:00 PM MATRIMONIOS MTG
- 7:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

- 8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
- 9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
- 10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
- 3:00 PM CONFESSION
- 4:30 PM MASS
- † BILL & EILEEN HARDING
- 6:30 PM MISA
- † MARCELINA AVIÑA

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

- 6:00 AM MISA
- PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS
- 7:30 AM MASS
- † ROGER KIMPEL
- 9:30 AM MASS
- GISELE ACCILIEU
- 9:30 AM PSR
- 10:00 AM RCIA
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:15 AM PSR & FIRES
- 11:30 AM MASS
- † JURIC FAMILY
- 11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
- 12:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 (CONT)**

- 2:00 PM MISA
- † AGUSTÍN SALAS
- † LEONOR QUEZADA
- † LIBRADA AZPETIA
- 2:00 PM SP RCIA
- 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
- 5:00 PM MASS
- BETTY ALFRED
- MIMOSE PIERRE
- 6:00 PM LIFETEEN NIGHT
- 6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
- 6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
- 7:30 PM MISA
- COMUNIDAD NUEVO RENACER

## Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual  
January 14-15 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted .....	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual .....	\$36,961	\$34,025
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$211	(\$744)

**FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date  
And Last year Comparison**

Budgeted .....	\$1,065,750	\$1,037,301
Actual .....	\$1,080,463	\$1,069,508
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$14,713	\$32,207

**Operating Financial Statement  
For the 4 months ending 11/30/2016**

Operating Revenue.....	\$1,346,010
Operating Expenses .....	(\$1,198,566)
Operating Revenue over Expense .....	\$147,444

Total Assessments .....\$1,017,760  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 11/30/16

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2016 (Week 52)  
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2016 (Semana 52)**

Goal (Meta).....	\$157,700
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) .....	\$314,749
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos).....	\$195,441
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal .....	\$37,741
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado) .....	124%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	1,334

**Children's Offertory  
Ofertorio de los Niños  
January 7-8, 2016**

Total .....\$824.00

♥ I helped my grandma (Ayudé a mi abuelita) ♥ I washed the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ I cleaned the car (Limpíé el carro) ♥ I made my bed (Tendí mi cama) ♥ I shared my tablet with my sister (Compartí mi tablet con mi hermana) ♥ I prayed (Hice oración) ♥ I came to Mass, happy, to pray for my family (Fui a Misa feliz, a pedir por mi familia) ♥ I picked up my toys (Recogí mis juguetes) ♥ I took out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ I watched less TV (Vi menos televisión) ♥

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!



### Monthly Newsletter

Have you been receiving your short monthly newsletter from the Saint Thomas Jamaica Outreach Ministry? If not or if you wish to be placed on the list please email: [CoMayo3948@aol.com](mailto:CoMayo3948@aol.com)

These short emails keep you updated about:

- Our annual Lenten Food Drive
- Jamaican mission trips
- Fr. Ho Lung concerts
- Retreats
- Egg laying chickens we purchase to support our sister parish in Kingston Jamaica.
- General news about the Missionaries of the Poor

You wish also call Brian Durham at 770-421-0839.

### Pro-Life events in January 2017

#### Georgia March for Life (Marcha por la Vida)

January 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Liberty Plaza (Atlanta, GA)

COME MARCH WITH US AS WE SUPPORT LIFE!

The Georgia Right to Life organization will hold the annual "Georgia March for Life" at Liberty Plaza, across from the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta.

Join our Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus Council, and march with us in support of the Sanctity of Life from conception until natural death.

For more information, visit: [facebook.com/GeorgiaMarchForLife](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaMarchForLife)

#### Mass for the Unborn and Stand for Life 2017

January 23 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Christ the King

On the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision to legalize abortion.

Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. and the Stand for Life begins at 11:30 a.m. A light reception will be at the Cathedral's Kenny Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### 9 Days for Life Novena

January 16-24

This year, January 23 marks the U.S. Bishops' Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Please visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website to sign up for the 9 Days for Life novena beginning in mid-January:

[usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/2016-9-days-for-life-novena.cfm](http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/2016-9-days-for-life-novena.cfm)



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