



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 5, 2017

Parish Office

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Regular Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00 AM—8:00 PM

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Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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770-293-1267

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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

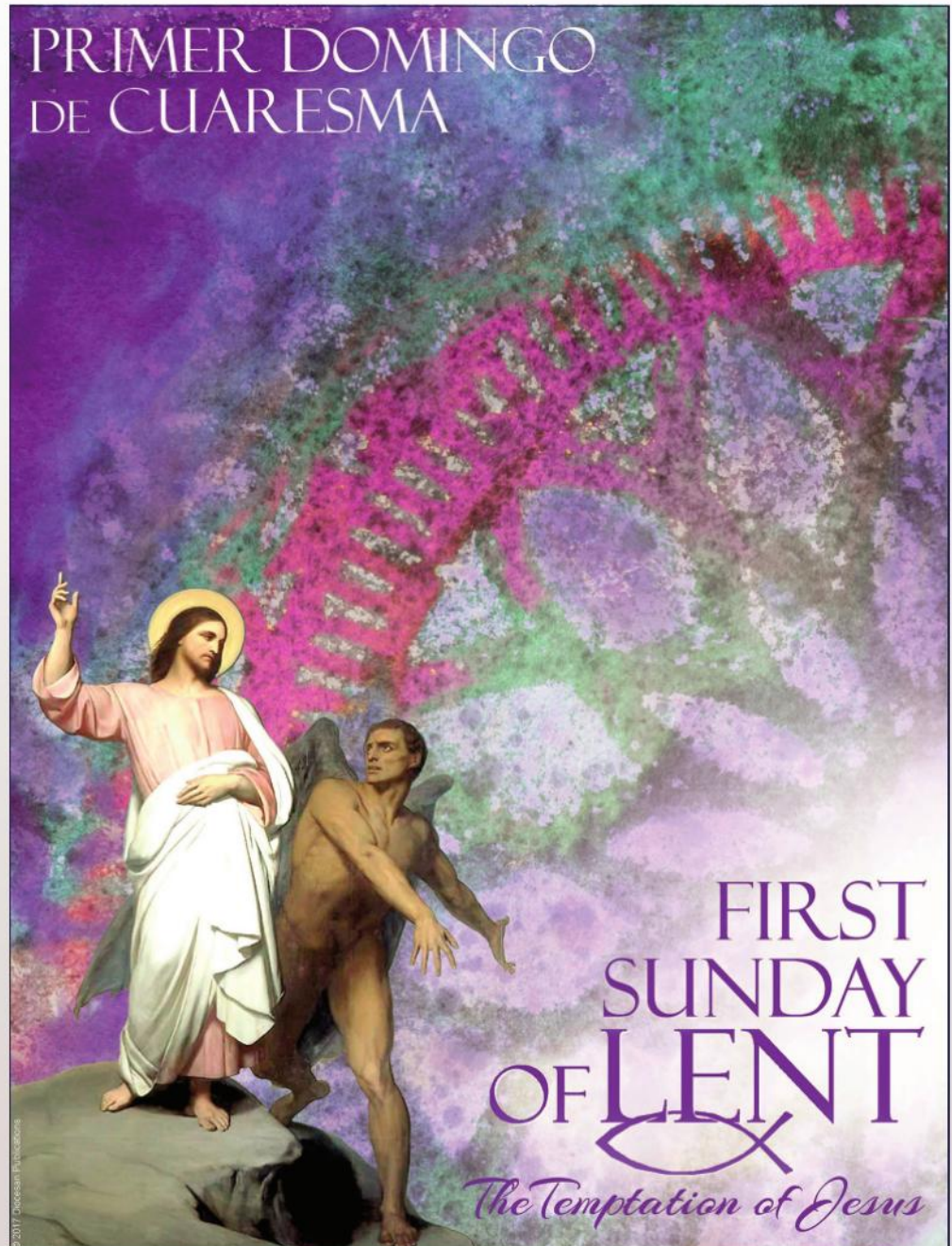
Horario de Misas en Español

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



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

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Jojohn Chettiyakunnel, M.S. (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. • Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193)

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



ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

Today we wish to recognize those who not only support our parish, but have also made a gift or pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When each of our individual gifts is combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the archdiocese, each contributor makes a very real difference in the ability of the archdiocese to provide ministries and services. On behalf of those who will be served by your contributions, thank you for your support.

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to make a pledge or a gift this year, but still desire to be a part of the 2017 campaign, please visit our website at appeal.archatl.com or you may contact Nancy Stoehr 404-920-7600 or annualappeal@archatl.com.

Hoy queremos reconocer a todos aquellos que no solo apoyan a nuestra parroquia sino que también han hecho una donación o un compromiso a la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo Cuando se combina cada una de nuestras donaciones individuales con las donaciones de otros miles de feligreses a través de la Arquidiócesis, cada contribución hace una diferencia significativa en la capacidad de la Arquidiócesis para proporcionar ministerios y servicios. Gracias por su apoyo.

Aquellos que no han tenido la oportunidad de hacer un compromiso o una donación este año, pero que aún desean ser parte de la campaña, por favor visiten nuestra página de Internet appeal.archatl.com o contacten a Nancy Stoehr en el 404-920-7600 o en annualappeal@archatl.com

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.

Guadalupe Corona
James Fernandez
Sionnie Gemaat

Louis Caruso
Kimberly Gristead
Tim Richmond
Sylvia Rojas
Marty Rom
Patty Smith

James Casey
Gilberto García
Sandra Haynes
José Luis Hernández
Francisca Salgado
José Sánchez
María Zepeda

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:

- FA Austin Cyr, USCG ▪ PVT Derek Collins, USA
- LTJG Tanner Collins, USN ▪ ET2 Carolyn Deacon, USN
 - CAPT Chisom Ezeoke, USAF
 - FC2 Spencer Hanemann, USN
- HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN ▪ LT Jeff Ramey, USMC



Live Lent!

Wednesdays in Lent

Beginning March 8

through April 12.

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Adult Faith Formation Building

NEW PROGRAM FOR LENT! The six weeks focus on the Sunday Gospels. However, the book takes you through the 40 days of Lent, including Holy Week, so your Lenten journey can continue each day at home, between the Wednesday gatherings.

Join us every Wednesday for an evening of scripture, prayer, and faith sharing, as we reflect on the weekly Sunday Gospels.

Book cost is \$6.00 and space is limited.

Contact Linda Veit at 678-626-3961 to sign up!

These books are also available for our current Small Faith Community groups to use during Lent, or anyone interested in starting a new group. Sign-up is not required for the groups; however, please contact Linda Veit at 678-626-3961 to order the books.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Friday 3/10:

- Stations led by RCIA

Friday 3/17:

- Stations led by Women's Auxiliary

Friday 3/24:

- Stations led by Knights of Columbus

Friday 3/31:

- Stations led by Youth Ministry

Friday 4/7:

- Stations led by Hispanic Ministry

Penance Service

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Penance Service

**Tuesday, April 4
at 7:00 p.m.**

Main Sanctuary

**Servicio Penitencial:
Martes, 4 de abril
a las 7:00 p.m. (iglesia)**

Additional Dates available at other parishes in the area.
See Page 6.



Jamaican Outreach Mission

People say the trip to Jamaica changed their life. I'm not sure what that means but for me it changed much of how I think. Watching the MOP brothers tirelessly and lovingly care for those so very much impaired residents was something to behold. As opposed to the abject poverty in the surrounding slums, a strong sense of spirituality was always apparent inside the walls of each shelter among these poorest of the poor and the brothers.

The small amount I did was graciously appreciated and I could feel it. Shortly after I got home, I started giving away many of my clothes and things I thought previously I needed. It was a good feeling giving them to people that actually did need them. As for the Jamaican Outreach

Ministry itself, I decided to purchase a 2,000 lb. pallet of food that will be sent directly to the shelters. This will be done in conjunction with our annual Lenten Food Drive.

One of my favorite residents I particularly enjoyed was Roger at Faith Centre. He couldn't speak and had Cerebral Palsy. He loved to throw a Frisbee with anybody that would oblige. After about 20 minutes I had to leave, but as I was leaving he raised three fingers indicating he would like three Frisbees. So, along with my pallet of food I will be sending three glow-in-the-dark Frisbees.

I am confident that anyone who experiences this trip will undoubtedly be a better person.

Paul Susko



Next weekend, March 11/12 we collect tuna fish 12 oz or 4 lb and flour.

Come help us pack on Sunday March 12 from 8:00AM-10:00AM in the Social Hall.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Lenten Collection

PSR Jamaica Collection Parents Please Help your Child to remember to bring the following items to catechism class, during Lent, for our "PSR" Jamaica collection...

Week One

- + March - 5, 6, 8, 9,
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Reusable Grocery Bags



Lenten Fish Fry:

Items Offered:

- Fried Tilapia
- Baked Salmon
- Rice Pilaf / Macaroni & Cheese
- Green Beans / Hush Puppies / Cole Slaw

Prices:

- Tilapia Plate: \$7.00
- Salmon Plate: \$10.00
- Tilapia Dinner for 4: \$25.00
Additional kids: \$3.00 each

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays during Lent



5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Venta de Pescado: Viernes de Cuaresma

Se ofrecerá:

- Tilapia (mojarra) frita
- Salmón horneado
- Arroz Pilaf / Ejotes / Mac & Cheese / Ensalada de Repollo
- Hush Puppies (Bolitas de masa de maíz fritas)

Precios:

- Plato de Tilapia: \$7.00
- Plato de Salmón: \$10.00
- Cena para 4 Tilapia: \$25.00/
Niños adicionales: \$3.00 c/u

Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry

The following donations are needed:

Cooking Oil, Grape or Strawberry Jelly, Canned Fruit, Shampoo, Pancake Syrup & Laundry Soap.

Please leave donations in the plastic bins located in Commons Area.

Lunch Break Gatherings:

Pot Luck

March 8 at 12 Noon

Social Hall

Due to March 1 being Ash Wednesday, the Lunch Break Gathering ministry will have their Potluck Lunch the following week, March 8, at 12 noon in the Social Hall. **All are welcome!** Just bring your favorite potluck dish, side dish, or dessert and be part of the fellowship during the week, here at St. Thomas the Apostle.

GOT ROSARY?

Please join the *Fideles Men* in the Parish during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Faith-sharing, and Scriptural Rosary of our Most Blessed Mother each Tuesday Morning in the Main Sanctuary, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Men, if you are interested in learning more about Fideles, contact cell leader Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News:

There are only few PSR classes left... Last class this year will be the last week in March for everyone:

- March 26 for Sunday classes
- March 27 for Monday classes
- March 29 for Wednesday classes
- March 30 for Thursday classes

Watch for registration forms for the 2017-18 PSR year to be sent home with your child in March. To assure that your family gets the time and day you need for next year PLEASE turn in forms before July 1, 2017.

Save the Date for VBS Pre-Registrations Forms will be sent home with pre-school and elementary students during March. The last day to register for VBS is Friday, May 19.



VBS: June 12-16
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Fundraiser Thank You Fellow Parishioners!



The Knights of Columbus and the Parish Respect Life Ministry want to thank everyone in the St. Thomas community who supported our Baby Bottle Drive last fall. Thanks to your generous support we raised a total of \$18,074.

We also want to thank Father Brian, Theresa Southwood, Diane Bauer, María Galván and the office staff for their help in processing the monies we collected. They went well above and beyond the call of duty in their help. And finally we want to thank Estela, Danny and the Life Teens for their help distributing and collecting the baby bottles.

The Knights have already used their share of the money raised. Our \$9,037, along with matching funds from our Supreme Council, was used to purchase new ultrasound machines and peripheral equipment for the Pregnancy Aid Clinic's Roswell and Forest Park locations. The new equipment was delivered a few days before the end of 2016.

The Respect Life Ministry is using their share of the money raised to provide long term assistance to the mothers-to-be who choose life for their unborn babies. They pay for prenatal doctor's visits and basic necessities such as diapers, formula, cribs and car seats and clothes for the babies once they are born.

Your generosity as a Parish has helped make all these things possible!

Bill Bauer	Jennifer Tran	Telma Acosta
Grand Knight	Co-chair	Co-chair
K of C Council 12386	Respect Life Ministry	Respect Life Ministry

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† DAYLINDA PASTRANA
4:30 PM PSR
6:30 PM MONDAY NIGHT SP CHOIR
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
7:00 PM PSR
7:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY
7:30 PM MISA
† MARÍA ELIZABETH DE MOLINA
8:30 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN
8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
THE GIBSON FAMILY
6:30 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
6:45 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
7:00 PM CREDO CHOIR
7:00 PM ENG RCIA
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
7:00 PM SVdP
8:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

8:15 AM MASS
SISTER ITA
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS LIFE
9:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK GATHERING
6:30 PM WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM LIVE LENT!
7:00 PM MASS
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:00 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

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
† RODOLFO PROAÑO
7:00 PM PSR
8:00 PM MISA
SEÑORA DE LA PAZ

Habitat for Humanity (H4H)

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish is a long time member of the Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition. A HUGE thanks to all of you who have financially supported and/or volunteered with our Ministry. This year's build will begin earlier than usual-on April 29.

Here are several ways YOU can help.

1-Financial donation

In the past we have asked for \$40 but any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please make your checks out to St. Thomas and put Habitat or H4H in the memo line. There will be envelopes available.

2-Volunteer

We are looking for a few people to help on the build weekends. The time is typically 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Laura McIntosh, 678-332-6619 or lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net.



Hábitat para la Humanidad (H4H)

Nuestra parroquia Santo Tomás el Apóstol ha sido parte de la Coalición de Hábitat Cobb Interfaith. Queremos dar un GRAN agradecimiento a todos los que han apoyado económicamente y/o se han ofrecido como voluntarios con nuestro Ministerio. La construcción de este año comenzará antes de lo habitual, el 29 de abril.

Hay varias formas en las que USTED puede ayudar.

1-Donación financiera:

En el pasado hemos pedido \$40 por familia, pero cualquier cantidad sería apreciada grandemente. Por favor haga sus cheques a nombre de St. Thomas y ponga Hábitat ó H4H en la línea de memo. Habrá sobres disponibles.

2-Voluntario:

Estamos buscando algunas personas para ayudar en los fines de semana de construcción. El horario es típicamente de 8:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea ser voluntario, comuníquese a la Oficina Parroquial al 678-626-3940 o envíe un correo a: lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net

Youth Ministry



LifeTeen Bible Study

Next meeting:
Wednesday, March 15
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Life Teen Room

LifeTeen Bible Study continues on the following dates:

- March 22
- March 29
- April 5
- April 12
- April 26



EDGE NIGHT: NEXT MONTH!

Wednesday, March 8 = Cancelled!

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

This Week in our Parish

Updated on February 27, 2017

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:30 AM JAMAICA MINISTRY BOXES
12:00 PM MASS
5:30 PM ANUNOBI REHEARSAL
5:30 PM FISH FRY
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
8:00 PM ADORACIÓN CHOIR
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM ULTREYA
8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
9:00 AM ADAMS FUNERAL
9:00 AM ATLANTA ARCH. COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
11:30 AM ANUNOBI WEDDING
3:00 PM CONFESSION
4:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
4:30 PM MASS
† BRUNO RISTAU
5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
6:30 PM MISA
MOISÉS ZUNAGA
8:30 PM ADORACIÓN

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

6:00 AM MISA
† MARIA TELLEZ
† GERARDO BOTELLO
6:30 AM FOOD DRIVE PACKING
7:30 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
PEOPLE OF SAINT THOMAS
9:30 AM PSR
10:00 AM RCIA
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:30 AM MASS
ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
11:15 AM PSR AND FIRES
11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 (CONT)

2:00 PM MISA
† MANUELA JUÁREZ
† ANTONIO JUÁREZ
2:00 PM SP RCIA
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
5:00 PM MASS
† JOSEPHINE HONAN
6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
7:30 PM MISA
† HILARIO HERCULANO

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual
February 25-26, 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual	<u>\$34,296</u>	<u>\$35,288</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	(\$2,454)	(\$481)

FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$1,286,500	\$1,251,915
Actual.....	<u>\$1,300,571</u>	<u>\$1,285,742</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$14,321	\$33,827

Operating Financial Statement
For the 7 months ending 1/31/2017

Operating Revenue.....	\$1,787,520
Operating Expenses	(\$1,664,215)
Operating Revenue over Expense	\$123,305

Total Assessments \$1,004,224
still owed to Archdiocese as of 1/31/17

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 2)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 2)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales).....	\$32,046
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)	\$19,630
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal	\$142,570
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....	12%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)	127

Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
February 25-26, 2017

Total\$869.58

♥ I listened to my Grandma (Obedecí a mi abuelita) ♥ I cleaned my room (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥ I helped to clean the kitchen (Ayudé a limpiar la cocina) ♥ I served breakfast to Mom and Dad (Hice desayuno para mami y papi) ♥ I picked up my toys (Recogí mis juguetes) ♥ I gave my Mom an orange (Le di a mamá una naranja) ♥ I took care of my siblings (Cuidé a mis hermanitos) ♥ I invited Evelyn to the movie theater (Invité a Evelyn al cine) ♥ I feed my pets every day (Doy de comer a mis mascotas cada día) ♥

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!

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Around the Archdiocese

Penance Services in our Deanery Area

Consider the following dates for additional Penance Services in our area:

- **March 16** Transfiguration (Marietta)
- **March 22** Holy Family (Marietta)
- **March 23** Saint Clare (Acworth)
- **March 27** Saint Joseph (Marietta)
- **March 28** Saint Michael (Woodstock)
- **March 30** Saint Catherine (Kennesaw)
- **April 5** Saint Ann (Marietta)

Fortunate and Faithful Families Lenten Mass and Meeting

Sunday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.

The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Topic: "Building Bridges of Hope and Love in a World of Uncertainty and Division." Henry Gracz will be the presenter. Discussion following the presentation. This gathering is specifically planned for parents and families with LGBT members but is open to all allies and friends of Fortunate and Faithful Families. Please join us for this time of spiritual nourishment and fellowship on your Lenten journey. For further information, go to our website ffatl.org

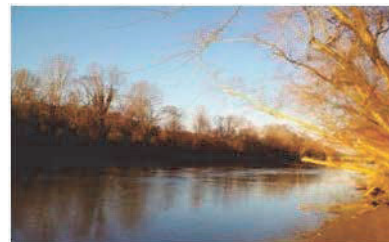
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- Every Wednesday in Lent 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. A Day of Reflection
- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. March 7- April 11 "Fully Awake & Truly Alive"
- Silent Weekend Retreats
- o Women Only March 10-12 Journey into the Desert
- o March 17-19 Spring Awakening-New Life
- o Matthew Linn, SJ March 24-26 Living Life Fully in Light of Eternity
- o April 7-13 Individually Directed

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