



St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD •



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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PARISH WEBSITE: <http://stthomascatholic.com>

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:30pm
Sundays 8:00am, 11:00am,
12:30pm (Español)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 9:00am
Friday 9:00am
Saturday (1st Sat. each month) 10:00am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 9:00am

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY MASS

Wednesday 5:30pm
(Student Center Chapel / During School Session)

HOLY DAY MASSES

Visit stthomascatholic.com or see the
monthly calendar for Holy Day Mass schedules.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm
(or by appointment)

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

5:30 PM Mass for Melba Ortick, deceased

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM Mass for Sherry Thompson, deceased
11:00 AM Mass Intentions of Sharon & Hayden Boutwell
12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 AM Mass for Patrick Butcke, deceased

Thursday, January 5

9:00 AM Mass Intentions of Marisa Roan

Friday, January 6

9:00 AM Mass for Frances Monk, deceased

Saturday, January 7

10:00 AM Mass for Demetrius Lane, deceased
5:30 PM Mass for Carol Holsomback, deceased

Sunday, January 8

8:00 AM Mass for Sherry Thompson, deceased
11:00 AM Mass for Michael Boe, deceased
12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading—The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(Numbers 6:22-27)

Psalms—May God bless us in his mercy. (Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8)

Second Reading—So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God. (Galatians 4:4-7)

Gospel—Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. (Luke 2:16-21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

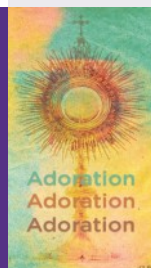
Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~ *Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II*

Monthly Altar Flowers

Jan. 1st & Jan. 2nd
Poinsettias

Jan. 7th & Jan. 8th
Poinsettias



Eucharistic Adoration

Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month. Friday adoration begins at noon and ends on Saturday at noon. For more information or to sign-up call Rose Marie Vetrano 205-620-0051 or cell 205-370-6618. Adoration is held in the Chapel at the Student Center.

Adoration will be January 6th and 20th

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Jan. 7th	5:30 PM	Ed Angelini Brenda Picou Tena Whitworth Beth Taylor	Beth Taylor	Mary Katherine Shirley	Donna & Mike O'Donell
Sunday Jan. 8th	8:00 AM	Mary Hester, Pat Dale Tad Cairns, Lucy Mallery Bruno Navarro Sarah Burns	Ann Mason Susan Phillips	Dalton Ash Alexandra Acata Brinley Ash Audrey Baker Paolo Acata	Sarah Burns
	11:00 AM	Jena Evanko, Angel Coyle Jasper Levio, Rob Caliento Cathy Barber Sue Caliento	Val Crofts Joanne Fondren	David McClary Abraham Gallo Christopher Gallo Hallie	Jena Evanko
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Aracely Aguirre Antonio Lopez Juana Vasquez Maria Perez	Jorge Gerardo Lucero Xochitl	Camilla Rivera Fernando Griselda Villegas Liso Guterrez	Heron Patrick Lupe, Antonio, y Magda

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

JAN. 1, 2023 TO JAN. 7, 2023

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

NO CLASSES

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 AM—4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 AM—4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 AM—4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30 AM—12:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 AM MASS

5:30 PM MASS

St. Thomas Facebook

For any who cannot attend Mass due to health concerns, we stream the 5:30pm Saturday Mass on our Facebook page. The St. Thomas Parish Facebook page can be found by searching “St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Montevallo, AL.”

Faith Direct

Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory and building fund? Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card. If you would like an enrollment form, please call the parish Finance Office at 205-663-3936 x109. You can also enroll at www.stthomascatholic.com/online-giving/.

Pastoral Staff

<http://stthomascatholic.com/pastoral-staff-2/>

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Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, proclaim our belief in the message & mission of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to sharing our time, talent & treasure through worship, spiritual formation & outreach.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parish Telephones

Parish Phone: 205-663-3936

Fax: 205-663-0657

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection for Nov. 2022

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$41,200.00	\$42,631.16	\$1,431.16
Building Fund	\$28,000.00	\$29,441.60	\$1,441.60
Total	\$69,200.00	\$72,072.76	\$2,872.76

Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/22—Present

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$226,600.00	\$228,527.49	\$1,927.49
Building Fund	\$154,000.00	\$136,513.58	\$17,486.42
Total	\$380,600.00	\$365,041.07	\$15,558.93

With the advice of the Parish Finance Council, Saint Thomas Parish does financial planning according to a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. Our current fiscal year began 7/1/22.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Jantz at 205-663-3936 for Baptismal Preparation.

Marriage

Parish Membership and a six month preparation period are required. For weddings, please contact Father Jantz at 205-663-3936.

Ministry of the Sick

Please contact the office at 205-663-3936 if someone is in need of Holy Communion at home/hospital/nursing home.

Membership in the Parish

All Catholic adults 18 and older who regularly participate in the Liturgy here are strongly encouraged to register in the parish. Those who enroll in Faith Formation programs or request Baptism or Marriage in our church should already belong to our parish family. To register, please contact the Parish Office. If you are moving from another parish, please let us know.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Interested In Becoming Catholic?

You may have been coming to Catholic Church for a long time with a family member or with a friend, but you had not thought about the possibility of becoming Catholic. Are you interested in possibly becoming Catholic? Would you consider that possibility now? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Church to consider your decision? If you would like to know more about the RCIA, please call Father Jantz or Jackie Lampton at 205-663-3936.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year, Happy Epiphany, and Happy 8th Day of Christmas! In this special time of year, there is always so much to celebrate. Another year of life, another year full of promise and opportunity, and another year to enjoy God's gifts.

As we welcome the New Year, many people have the tradition of New Year's resolutions, where we take stock of our lives and resolve to make changes for the better. That's a great custom—but I'd add that it's important to keep God as part of it! Beyond just getting back to the gym or cutting back on sweets, we should take the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling us to improve.

Here are a few faith-based New Year's resolutions for us to pray about:

- Daily commitment to prayer
- Start a habit of spiritual reading (the Bible, books about saints, devotional books)
- Give daily Mass a try
- Speaking positively at all times
- Look for humble ways to do good (pick up trash when we see it, choose to park in the back of the parking lot)
- Becoming involved in a new ministry or form of community service

May the Lord pour out his abundant blessings upon us in 2023, through the intercession of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin and our patron St. Thomas.

God bless,
Fr. Jantz

Primetimers Mass & Luncheon 1/10

The next Primetimers Mass & Luncheon will be Tuesday, January 10. Any parishioners over the age of 55 are welcome to join us for an 11am Mass followed by a potluck lunch!

Condolences from the Parish

The Saint Thomas Parish offers its sympathies to Antone & Marilyn Lane and their family for the passing of their son, Demetrius Lane. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus are extending the deadline for applications for their scholarship to January 31st. This is a one-time, \$500 scholarship available to graduating high school seniors. Details and applications are available in the church office.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes are in session.
(first class of the year on 1/8)

Adult: Sun. 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Grade 1st-10th: Sun. 9:30 -10:45 a.m.

Altar Flowers 2022

St. Thomas has a sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one are available in the gathering space. Thank you for your assistance in having flowers for the altar. Altar flowers are \$45.

Rosary on Sunday Mornings

The Sunday Morning Rosary will be in the church after the 8:00am Mass.

Youth Group 8th—12th grade

The youth group meets in the St. Anthony classroom each Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Maria Maldonado at 205-517-0604

Altar Servers Needed

We are in need of additional altar servers for our three English Masses, and our Spanish Mass. Those children who are interested in serving as an altar server will need to have completed their first communion in order to participate. This is a great opportunity for our young folks to become involved in an exciting ministry specifically geared towards them. If you have a child that is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Deacon David or the parish office.

K of C Monthly Meeting

The St Thomas Knights of Columbus meet in the modular building behind the church office at 7PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The 4th degree meeting is immediately after the Council meeting, at about 8PM. There is usually food available at 6:30 before the meeting. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.

Welcome to St. Thomas!

St. Thomas Parish is happy to welcome all people to our faith community. If you live in this area, we invite you to register as a parishioner. Registration forms in both English and Español are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

K of C Religious Store

Religious Articles Store – The Knights of Columbus need volunteers to operate the store after each mass. The store would open immediately after mass and remain open for 30 minutes or until there are no more customers. Initially the intent is to open the store 2 weekends a month, eventually extending to every weekend. If you want to volunteer, please give your name and the mass you attend to the church office.

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study—First Meeting of the Year on 1/11

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study is at 10:00 AM in the St. Joseph's room. We will study "James: Pearls for Wise Living", in which Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith. Meant to help a fledgling Church live out its faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel, the book of James will help you discover wisdom applicable to the present. All are invited to attend. If you have questions, call Debbie Drescher at 205-616-0920.

Wednesday Night Scripture Study

The Scripture Study group are on Wednesday's at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room with "The Early Church: An Exciting Study of the Church's First Five Hundred Years" Discover the extraordinary story of the Church's beginnings—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. Here you will get to know the people and events that shaped its first five hundred years. You will see how the Church Fathers boldly confronted early challenges to the Faith—challenges similar to the ones we face today. You will learn the stories behind the first ecumenical councils and the Roman persecutions and meet many of the men and women who gave their lives to defend the Faith. The heroic stories of the early leaders and martyrs of the Church will strengthen and affirm your own walk of faith. All are invited! Call Bill or Debbie at 205-664-2066 if you have any questions.

Scholarships by the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary invites Catholic Women in Alabama to apply for one of two \$750 scholarships to a college or trade school. The scholarships will be awarded at the K of C Convention in April 2023. For more information call the office at 205-663-3936.

Volunteers Needed for Livestreaming Mass

St. Thomas is looking for 4-5 additional volunteers to help with live streaming the 5:30pm Saturday evening Mass. The process is simple and would involve a Saturday Mass commitment every few weeks. Please contact Jena Evanko or Deacon David if you can assist with this ministry.

Parish Stewardship Pledge Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners who have returned their pledge cards for the coming year. St. Thomas is grateful for your generosity. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. As of Dec. 19, we have pledged \$246,190.00 for offertory and \$138,133.20 for the building fund.

Cantors Needed for English Masses

Additional cantors are needed for all three of our English Masses. If you are interested in becoming a cantor, please contact Ann Hicks at 205-767-0333 or Father Jantz at 205-663-3936.

Birmingham March For Life Mass & Prayer Vigil 1/14

The Annual Respect Life Mass and Prayer Vigil will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023. The Mass will be held at 9am by Bishop Steven Raica at the Cathedral of St. Paul, **2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL**, followed by the Prayer Vigil for the Witness for Life at the Planned Parenthood, **1019 1st Ave. N, Birmingham, AL**, at 10:45am. For any questions, concerns, or more information, contact Birmingham March for Life at 205-447-8796 or visit birminghambmarchforlife.com.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast 1/14

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Black Ministry will commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul Life Center, **2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL**, on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 10am. Fr. Reginald Norman, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport, will be speaking, and the Diocesan Gospel Choir will be singing. Tickets are \$25; to purchase, call the Office of Black Ministry at 205-838-8313.



MARÍA, LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS

María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas y las meditaba en su corazón. - Lc 2, 19

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LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz. (Nm 6,22-27)

Salmo: Ten piedad de nosotros, Señor, y bendícenos. (Ps 67,2-3.5-6.8)

Segunda lectura: Así que ya no eres siervo, sino hijo; y siendo hijo, eres también heredero por voluntad de Dios. (Gal 4,4-7)

Evangelio: Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído. (Lc 2,16-21)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes:	1 Jn 2,22-28; Jn 1,19-28
Martes:	1 Jn 2,29-3,6; Jn 1,29-34
Miércoles:	1 Jn 3,7-10; Jn 1,35-42
Jueves:	1 Jn 3,11-21; Jn 1,43-51
Viernes:	1 Jn 5,5-13; Mc 1,7-11
Sábado:	1 Jn 5,14-21; Jn 2,1-11
Domingo:	Is 60,1-6; Ef 3,2-3a.5-6; Mt 2,1-12

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Feliz año nuevo, feliz Epifanía y feliz temporada de Navidad! En esta parte especial del año, siempre hay mucho que celebrar. Otro año de vida, otro año lleno de promesas y oportunidades, y otro año para disfrutar de los dones de Dios.

Al dar la bienvenida al Año Nuevo, muchas personas tienen la tradición de los propósitos de Año Nuevo. Examinamos nuestras vidas y decidimos hacer cambios para mejorarnos. Esa es una buena costumbre, ¡pero tengo que decir que es importante pensar también de Dios cuando hacemos propósitos! Más allá de hacer ejercicio o comer menos dulces, debemos aprovechar la oportunidad para reflexionar sobre cómo Dios nos está llamando en el Año Nuevo.

Aquí hay algunas resoluciones de Año Nuevo basadas en la fe por las que podemos orar:

- Compromiso diario con la oración
- Iniciar un hábito de lectura espiritual (la Biblia, vidas de santos, libros devocionales)
- Prueba la misa diaria
- Hablar positivamente en todo momento
- Busque maneras humildes de hacer el bien (recoger basura cuando la veamos, elegir estacionarse en la parte trasera del estacionamiento)
- Involucrarse en un nuevo ministerio o forma de servicio comunitario

Que el Señor derrame sus abundantes bendiciones sobre nosotros en 2023, por la intercesión de Santa María Siempre Virgen y nuestro patrón Santo Tomás.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jantz

Becas de las Damas Auxiliares

Las Damas Auxiliares les invita a las mujeres católicas de Alabama a solicitar una (1) de dos (2) becas de \$750 para una Universidad o escuela de oficios. Las becas se otorgarán en la Convención de K de C en Abril de 2023. Para más información llame a la oficina al 205-663-3936.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

HORARIO: OFICINA DEL MINISTRO HISPANO

LUNES– JUEVES: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Y

VIERNES: 8:00AM-12:30PM

Padre Brad Jantz al 205-663-3936

Horario de la Misa Español

los Domingos 12:30 p.m.

Platicas Prebautismales

Deben registrarse antes del bautismo en el libro situado en el espacio a la entrada de la Iglesia.

Para las clases con Magda Guerrero al 205-663-3936.

Catequesis para niños

Domingos | 9:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M.

Hora Santa

Viernes | 6:00pm-7:00pm cada 1er y 3er en la capilla en Montevallo

Lectio Divina

Los Martes| 6:30pm

Preparaciones para los adultos

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940

Beca de los Caballeros de Colón

Caballeros de Colón quiere notificarle que están aceptando solicitudes para la Beca Bryan L. Daniel Memorial para los estudiantes de último año de secundaria que se gradúan la próxima primavera. El estudiante y su familia deben ser miembros de Santo Tomás. Las becas son para un joven y una joven. Las solicitudes están en la oficina de la parroquia.

Clases de Bautismo

Las clases de bautismo comenzaron el 7 de Noviembre. Estas clases son para miembros de Santo Tomás. Por favor, si asiste a misa en otra Parroquia, reciba sus Clases de Bautismo allí. Si no se registra en el libro para bautismo no puede asistir a la clase.