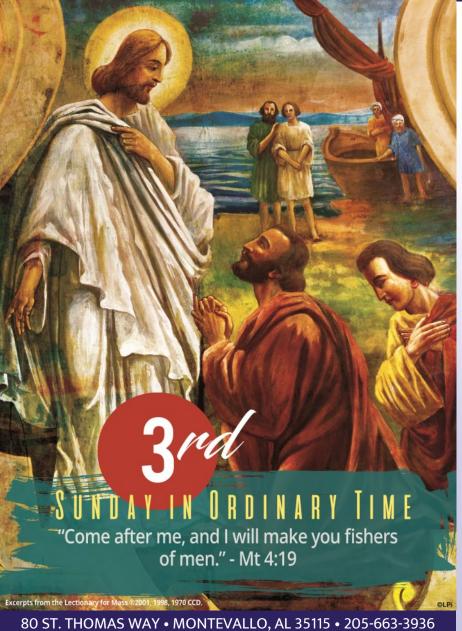
St. Thomas Catholic Church PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



• SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



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
First Saturday of each month	10:00am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday	9:00am

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY MASS

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

HOLY DAY MASSES

Visit <u>stthomascatholic.com</u> 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, January 21

5:30 PM Mass for Jerry Mahon, deceased

Sunday, January 22

8:00 AM Mass for Robert (Bob) McGraw, deceased 11:00 AM Mass for Demetrius Lane, deceased 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Tuesday, January 24

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, January 25

9:00 AM Mass Intention of Esther Zagar

Thursday, January 26

9:00 AM Mass for Dr. William B. Weber, deceased

Friday, January 27

9:00 AM Mass for Michael Davis, deceased

Saturday, January 28

5:30 PM Mass Intention of Richard & Norma Baker

Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM Mass for Tullie & Betty Hollis, deceased
11:00 AM Mass Intention of Maria Valencia
12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Monthly Altar Flowers

Jan. 21st & Jan. 22nd In memory/honor of Jewel Ash Chism In memory/honor of Bob Shiller Jan. 28th & Jan. 29th In memory/honor of Jane & Sarah Cairns

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading— I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)

Psalm— Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146:6-7,8-9,9-10)

Second Reading— God chose the weak of the world.

(I Corinthians 1:26-31)

Gospel— Blessed are the poor in spirit. (Matthew 5:1-12a)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

 Monday:
 Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20

 Tuesday:
 Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43

 Wednesday:
 Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

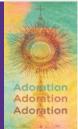
Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 2021; Mark 6:30-34

Sunday: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

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



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 February 3rd & February 17th

		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Jan. 28th	5:30 PM	Winnie Martinez (1) Carol Schmidt (2) Alan Cannon (B)	Alan Cannon		Pat Taylor Bill Drescher Walter Lee	Joanne Butcke
Sunday Jan. 29th	8:00 AM	Lucy Mallery (1) Pat Dale (2) Mary Hester (3) Tad Cairns (4) Sarah Burns (B)	Kyle Lusk Susan Lumpkin	Dalton Ash (T) Alexandra (T) Brinley Ash Audrey Paolo	Nathan Tucker Roger Epperson Keith Brown	Gloria Quebadcaux
	11:00 AM	Cathy Bar ber (1) Jena Evanko (2) Angel Coyle (3) Jasper Levio (4) Rob Caliento (B)	Michelle Stamps Paula Blevins-Russell	David (T) Abraham Christopher Hallie	Wayne Perrin Val Crofts Brenda Picou	
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Graciela Pineda © Juana Vazquez © Maria Pineda (S) Maria Perez (S)	Jorge (1er) Danny (2) Luis Alberto (Salmo) Gregoria (Peticiones)	Elizabeth (T) Isabella Dulce Yosgart	Heron Patrick	Lupe, Antonio, y Magda

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

JAN. 22, 2023 TO JAN. 28, 2023

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AM-11:00 PM

Hispanic Breakfast

9:30 AM-10:45 AM

Faith Formation

RCIA

Inquiry

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00-5:00PM Reconciliation 5:30PM Vigil 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 ex.109. 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 Dec. 2022

Total	\$69,200.00	\$115,944.22	\$46,744.22
Building Fund	\$28,000.00	\$61,184.34	\$33,184.34
Offertory	\$41,200.00	\$54,759.88	\$13,559.88
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE

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

Total	\$449,800.00	\$480,350.29	\$31,135.29
Building Fund	\$182,000.00	\$197,697.92	\$15,697.92
Offertory	\$267,800.00	\$283,237.37	\$15,437.37
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE

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,

Here's an interesting trend you might have noticed. I remember when I was a kid that Catholics had a reputation of not knowing much about the Bible. But one of the things I've noticed in recent years is that nowadays, Catholics usually know the basic stories of Scripture, and especially the stories of Jesus' life, extremely well—very different than the reputation we used to have! The way that the Church has opened up the treasury of God's Word to the faithful in our native languages over the past 60 years has made a real difference in so many lives. Helping to do that is one of my favorite things about being a priest.

To celebrate that trend—and also to help strengthen it—a few years ago, Pope Francis asked the Church to begin a new tradition: on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time in January, to celebrate the Word of God in a special way. As part of our observance of this Sunday of the Word of God, I'd like to offer a few words here to deepen our reverence for Scripture.

What is the Bible? Very simply, a collection of documents written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that authoritatively witness to how God has revealed Himself to humankind. And the words of Scripture aren't just about the past—through them, God continues to speak to us, testifying to His love and desire for all of us to be saved.

This is why, in 1964, the Second Vatican Council wrote: "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body." In other words, the readings from Scripture in the first half of Mass parallel the receiving of Holy Communion in the second half of Mass. In both, God's Word becomes present to us and gives new life to our spirit.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Queen of the Apostles, and our patron St. Thomas, let's renew our commitment as God's People to listen always to His Holy Word. My prayer is that he will speak to all of us through the words of Scripture, this weekend and every time we gather!

God bless, Fr. Jantz

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.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation Classes

Adult Faith Formation classes take place Sunday mornings in the classroom behind the music rehearsal room from 9:45am-10:45am. The classes use a variety of teaching methods including video and power point presentations and class discussions. Topics for January and February include the Sacramentals on Jan. 22, and the Church Fathers and the Bible DVD Part 4 on Jan. 29, Last things on Feb. 5th with Fr. Jantz, the Four Marks of the Church Feb. 12th, and the Deuterocanonical Books Feb. 19th. All are welcome to join us for these presentations. For more information, please contact Deacon David.

Annual Men's Retreat at the Blessed Trinity Shrine 1/27-29

This retreat offers reflections on the role of Fatherhood, The Source of Masculine Spirituality. The speaker is Fr. Patrick Gilbreath is a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile, currently serving as a parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish in Montgomery, Alabama, he was ordained in 2019 after 7 years in seminary. Check in is Friday, 6:00pm-7:00pm, fee is \$190 per person non-refundable deposit is \$85. Day Hop is \$85 per person and \$40 non-refundable deposit. For more information call 334-855-4474.

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 2023

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 class-room 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.

Saturday Morning Mass

The St. Thomas Parish will have Mass at 10am on the **first Saturday** of every month in honor of Our Lady. The Next Saturday morning Mass will be on Feb. 4th.

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

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.

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.

Santo Niño Festival 1/21

Bishop Steven J. Racia, Very Reverend Justin Ward, and Reverend Sherwin Monteron will be celebrating the Santo Niño Festival on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 10:00 am in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Schedule of Events are 10:00am-10:45am Novena/Multi-dialect Rosary, 11:00am-12:30pm Mass & Procession, and 12:45pm-3:30pm Lunch & Entertainment. Free food (Not a Pot Lock). Bring your family.

Padre Pio Prayer Group 1/21

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, January 21st, at 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood, AL. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer/rosary/adoration and Holy Mass led by Fr. Jim Hedderman. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at angkolar@att.net or 205-410-2033. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio... pray for us!

Ultreya Group 1/26

The Ultreya Group will be meeting Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7pm in the St Joseph room. For questions please call Jasper Levio at (205)-585-4867.

Pre-Valentine's Half-Day Marriage Retreat 2/4-2/11

Join us for a fun and engaging retreat for married and engaged couples! The retreat will take place from 1:30pm-4:30pm at the following location (choose one):

- Saturday, February 4th-Cathedral of St. Paul (Birmingham)
- •Saturday, February 11th-Our Lady Queen of the Universe (Huntsville)

The event is sponsored by the Diocese of Birmingham and Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the event is FREE! Please register at https://tinyurl.com/Catholic Marriage. For more information contact Frank and Kathyrn Wessling at 205-530-3607 or email frank,kathryn. w@gmail.com.

K of C Pancake Breakfast 2/5

The Knights of Columbus provide a pancake breakfast on the First Sunday of each month from 8:30am to 10:30am. Please plan to join us. Next Breakfast is February 5th.

Primetimers Mass & Luncheon 2/9

The next Primetimers Mass & Luncheon will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 Any parishioners over the age of 55 are welcome to join us for an 11am Mass followed by a potluck lunch! - 5 -



Becas de las Damas Auxiliares

Las Damas Auxiliares les invita a las mujeres católicas de Alabama a solicitor 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.

Desayuno del Ministro Hispano 1/22

El Desayuno Hispano es el 22 Enero de 8:00 am a 10:45 am. Si desea hacer una donación o ayudar en el Ministerio Hispano, comuníquese con Gricelda al 205-478-5110.

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 2/6

Las clases de bautismo comenzaron el 6 de Febrero. Estas clases son para miembros de Santo Tomás. Por favor, si asiste a misa en otra Parroquia, por favor reciba sus Clases de Bautismo allí. Si no se registra en el libro para bautismo no puede asiste la clase.

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura: Dejare en medio de nosotros un pueblo humilde y pobre (sofonias 2:3; 3:12 -13)

Salmo: Bienabenturados los pobres de Espiritu; el reino de los sielos esde ellos! (Sal 146:6-7,8-9,9-10)

Segunda lectura:Dios escogio a los deviles del mundo

(1 Corintios 1:26-31)

Evangelio: Bienaventurados los pobres de espiritu (Mateo 5:1-12a)

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 11;32-40: Mc 5:1-20 Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Mc 5:21-43 Heb 712;4-7,11-15; Mc 6:1-6 Miércoles:

Malaquias3:1-4:Heb 2;14-18 Lucas 2:22-40 Jueves:

Viernes: Heb 13:1-8:; Mc 6:14-29

Sábado: Heb 13;15-17,11-14:2021 Mc 6;30-34 Domingo: Is 58;7-10: 1 Co 2:1-5: Mt 5:13-16

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hay una tendencia interesante que quizás hayas notado en los últimos años. Recuerdo cuando era niño que los católicos tenían la reputación de no saber mucho sobre la Biblia. Pero una de las cosas que he notado en los últimos años es que hoy en día, muchos católicos conocen las historias básicas de las Escrituras, y especialmente las historias de la vida de Jesús, muy bien, ¡muy diferente de nuestra reputación en el pasado! La forma en que la Iglesia ha abierto el tesoro de la Palabra de Dios a los fieles en nuestros idiomas nativos durante los últimos 60 años ha marcado una diferencia real en muchas vidas. Una de mis cosas favoritas como sacerdote es el trabajo de seguir ayudando a todos a entender mejor la Palabra de Dios.

Para celebrar esa tendencia, y también para ayudar a fortalecerla, hace unos años, el Papa Francisco nos pidió a comenzar una nueva tradición: celebrar la Palabra de Dios de una manera especial, cada Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario en enero. Como parte de nuestra observancia de este Domingo de la Palabra de Dios, quisiera ofrecer algunas palabras aquí para profundizar nuestra reverencia por las Escrituras.

¿Qué es la Biblia? Muy simple, una colección de documentos escritos bajo la inspiración del Espíritu Santo que atestiguan con autoridad cómo Dios se ha revelado a la humanidad. Y las palabras de las Escrituras no son solo sobre el pasado; a través de ellas, Dios continúa hablándonos, testificando de su amor y deseo que todos seamos salvos.

Por eso el Concilio Vaticano II en 1964 escribió: "La Iglesia ha venerado siempre las Sagradas Escrituras al igual que el mismo Cuerpo del Señor, no dejando de tomar de la mesa y de distribuir a los fieles el pan de vida, tanto de la palabra de Dios como del Cuerpo de Cristo, sobre todo en la Sagrada Liturgia." En otras palabras, las lecturas de las Escrituras en la primera mitad de la Misa son como la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión en la segunda mitad. En esas dos maneras, la Palabra de Dios se hace presente en nosotros y da nueva vida a nuestro espíritu.

Por intercesión de María, la Reina de los Apóstoles, y de Santo Tomás, renovemos nuestro compromiso como Pueblo de Dios de escuchar siempre Su Santa Palabra. ¡Mi oración es que nos hable a todos a través de las palabras de las Escrituras, este fin de semana y cada vez que nos reunamos!

Dios los bendiga, Padre Jantz

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 registrase antes del bautismo en el libro Los Viernes a las 6:45pm 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

Estudio Bíblico

Los Martes 6:30pm

Grupo Carismático

Grupo de Jóvenes

Los Miercoles a las 7:00pm

Preparaciones para los adultos

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940