



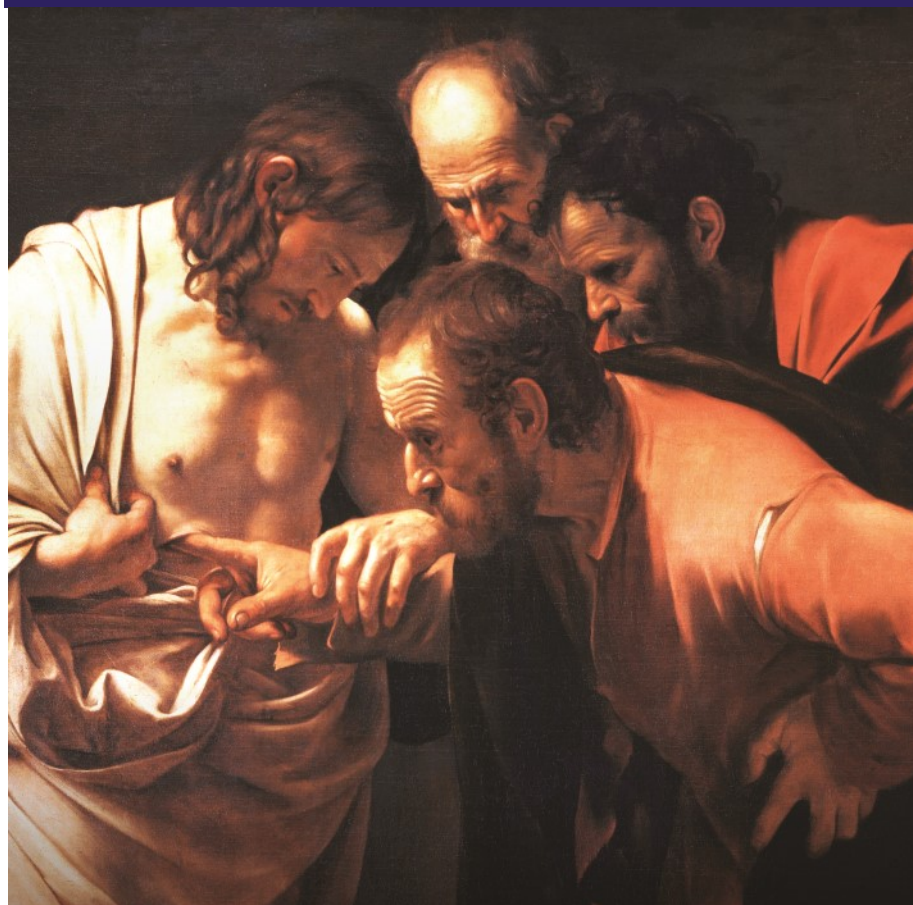
# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 THE DIVINE MERCY•



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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### 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 Session)

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Visit [stthomascatholic.com](http://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, April 15**

**5:30 PM** Mass for Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, April 16**

**8:00 AM** Mass for Deacon Bill Alexiou

**11:00 AM** Mass for Intention of Nancy Olvey

**12:30 PM** Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

**Tuesday, April 18**

**9:00 AM** Communion Service

**Wednesday, April 19**

**9:00 AM** Mass for MaryAnn McMyler, deceased

**Thursday, April 20**

**9:00 AM** Mass for Intention of Kathy Rivera

**Friday, April 21**

**9:00 AM** Mass for Tullie & Betty Hollis, deceased

**Saturday, April 22**

**5:30 PM** Mass for Concetto Ballaera deceased.

**Sunday, April 23**

**8:00 AM** Mass for Deacon Bille Alexiou

**11:00 AM** Mass for Intention of Carla Serio

**12:30 PM** Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— All who believed were together and had all things in common. (Acts 2:42-47)

**Psalms**— This is the day the lord has made ; let us rejoice and be glad. (118:2-4, 13-15,22-24)

**Second Reading**— God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3-9)

**Gospel**— Eight day later Jesus came and stood in their midst. (John 20:19-31)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21

## 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

**April 15th & April 16th**

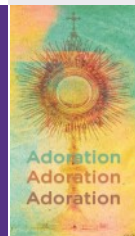
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**April 22nd & April 23rd**

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## 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 take place on April 21st**

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 22nd</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	(1) Kyle Lusk (2) Tena Whitworth (B) Jean Graffo	Winnie Martinez		Pat Taylor Bill Drescher Walter Lee	Jerry & Mary Pax
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 23rd</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	(1) Martha Waleszczuk (2) Teresa Navarro (3) Christy Ash (4) Tad Carins (B) Laura Kaylor	Susie Leckness Susan Lumpkin	(T) Jackson Holmes (T) Asli Navarro (T) Trent Seaborn Gigi Seaborne William Natarean	Mike Greenwood Roland Burns Norma Russo	Sarah Burns
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	(1) Michael Fisher (2) Mary Lowery (3) Cathy Crofts (4) heather Sabo (B) Sue Caliento	Lisa Dale Michelle Stamps	(T) David McClary Abraham Gallo Christopher Gallo Antony Palomino	Bill Richardson Jasper Levio Lee Travis	Judy Lemieux
	<b>12:30 PM</b> <b>(Spanish)</b>	© Aracely Aguirre © Antonio Lopez (S) Juan Vazquez (S) Graciela Pineda	(1) Jorge (S) Luis Alberto (2) Danny (P) Gregoria	(T) Fernando Camila Rivera Griselda Villegas Yosgart Gutierrez	Heron	Magda Rivera, Lupe y Antonio

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**APRIL 16, 2023 TO APRIL 22, 2023**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

8:30 AM—11:00 PM

No Hispanic Breakfast

9:30 AM-10:45 AM

No Faith Formation

No RCIA

**MONDAY, APRIL 17**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

8:30AM-12:30pm OFFICE OPEN

Adoration begins at noon

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

Adoration ends at noon

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/](http://www.stthomascatholic.com/online-giving/).

## 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.

## Pastoral Staff

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

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### PASTOR

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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 March. 2023

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$41,200.00	\$43,792.99	\$2,592.99
Building Fund	\$28,000.00	\$31,154.51	\$3,154.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,200.00</b>	<b>\$74,947.50</b>	<b>\$5,747.50</b>

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$401,700.00	\$418,761.26	\$17,061.26
Building Fund	\$273,000.00	\$293,328.24	\$20,328.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$674,700.00</b>	<b>\$712,089.50</b>	<b>\$37,389.50</b>

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,

Once again, a happy Easter to everyone! As we continue with this special season, we mark Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend. Sunday is the final day of the Divine Mercy Novena, which started on Good Friday, and we'll have special devotions at 9:30am in the church to observe it publicly.

It's only recently that we've started calling this Sunday "of Divine Mercy," coming from St. John Paul II's piety, but it is a beautiful expression of this season. The title captures the ancient meaning of our faith in words that speak to us today. By considering how God's infinite mercy reached us through his Son's death and rising, we enter more deeply into the Easter spirit of joyful gratitude.

Even if you're not able to join us at the parish Divine Mercy devotions, I'd encourage everyone to add one of the great prayers of the Chaplet to your devotions this week. Here's a favorite one of mine:

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."

Through the intercession of Blessed Mary, the Mother of Mercy, and St. Thomas, our patron, may we all experience the Lord's Divine Mercy in the holy season of Easter.

God bless,  
Fr. Jantz

### Primetimers Mass & Luncheon 5/9

The next Primetimers Mass & Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 9th. Any parishioners over the age of 55 are welcome to join us for an 11am Mass followed by a potluck lunch & social time! What a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners!

### 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 April include: April 16th Divine Mercy Celebration, April 23rd Apostolic Succession, April 30th: Consecration to Our Lady: 33 days to Morning Glory. All are welcome to join us for these presentations. For more information, please contact Deacon David.

### Sympathy

St. Thomas Parish offers our sympathy to the Adams family of the death of Jim Adams a long time parishioner. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes are in session.

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 classroom each Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Maria Maldonado at 205-517-0604.

### Scholarships by the Ladies Auxiliary

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### 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.

### K of C Pancake Breakfast 05/07

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. **Our next Breakfast is May 7th.**

### 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 May 6th.

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### National Day of Prayer Breakfast

The American Village will be having a National Day of Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 4th, 8:00AM. This year's speaker is Phyllis Hoffman DePiano founder and chairman of the board of Hoffman Media. Tickets are \$30 per person. To make a reservation, please call 205-665-3536 ex 1045 or email [jwasyluka@americanvillage.org](mailto:jwasyluka@americanvillage.org).

### Annulment Advocates

Annulment Advocates: St Thomas parish currently has two diocesan tribunal certified advocates for the marriage annulment process. Deacon David and Ann Hicks are available to serve as advocates for parish members that may have questions about the annulment procedures or may be considering the annulment process. Please contact Deacon David or Ann Hicks if you have questions or need further assistance.

### Divine Mercy Sunday 4/16

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 16 at 9:30AM on the main church. The celebration will include Benediction and praying of the Chaplet. If any questions, please call Rose Marie Vetrano at 205-370-6618.

### Lenten Cross Ministry Thank You

St. Thomas Lenten Cross, again you all went above and beyond on your generosity for supporting the Shelby Emergency Assistance and Bibb County Sav-A-Life. Thank you all so much for your blessing.

### Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center 5/19

19th Annual Golf Fore Life Friday, May 19, 2023 - Highland Park Golf Course \**New Time*: Registration 7:45AM • SHOTGUN START 9:00AM Box Lunch Following Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is **\$250** (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize a foursome to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a **Hole Sponsor, \$500.00**, or a half Hole Sponsor, **\$250.00**. Our signage is beautifully done and let's others know of your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: **205.447.8796 • [golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org)**.

### Padre Pio Prayer Group 5/20

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, May 20th, 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](mailto:angkolar@att.net) or 205-410-2033. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio... pray for us!



## 2° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Jesús añadió: "Tú crees porque me has visto, dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". - Jn 20, 29

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### CRS Tazon de Arroz

Un recordatorio amistoso de que sus tazones de arroz vencieron el Jueves Santo, pero aún pueden traerlos a la oficina. Gracias feligreses de Santo Tomás.

### Cruz de Cuaresma Garcias

Santo Tomás las Cruz de Cuaresma, nuevamente todos ustedes hicieron todo lo posible por su generosidad para apoyar la Asistencia de Emergencia de Shelby y el Condado de Bibb Sav-A-Life. Muchas gracias a todos por su bendición.

### Desayuno del Ministro Hispano 4/23

El Desayuno Hispano es el 23 de Abril a las 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.

### Domingo de la Divina Misericordia 4/16

La parroquia de Santo Tomás celebrará la Divina Misericordia el Domingo 16 de Abril a las 9:30 a. m. en la iglesia principal. La celebración incluirá la Bendición y el rezo de la Coronilla. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a Rose Marie Vetrano al 205-370-6618.

### Sábado por la Mañana 5/6

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás tendrá Misa a las 10 am el primer Sábado de cada mes en honor a Nuestra Señora. La misa del próximo Sábado por la mañana será el 6 de Mayo.

### LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

**Primera Lectura:** Todos los que creían estaban juntos y tenían todas las cosas en común (Hechos 2:42-47)

**Salmo:** Este es el día que hizo el señor; regocijémonos y alegrémonos. (118;2-4, 13-15,22-24)

**Segunda Lectura:** Dios nos ha hecho renacer para una Esperanza viva por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos (1 Pedro 1:3-9)

**Evangelió:** Ocho días después, Jesús vino y se puso en medio de ellos. (Juan 20:19-31)

### LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hechos 4:23-31; Juan 3:1-8
Martes	Hechos 4:32-37; Juan 3:7b-15
Miércoles:	Hechos 5:17-26; Juan 3:16-21
Jueves:	Hechos 5:27-33; Juan 3:31-36
Viernes:	Hechos 5:34-42; Juan 6:1-15
Sábado:	Hechos 46:1-7; Juan 6:16-21
Domingo:	Hechos 2:14-22-33; 1 Pedro 1:17-21

### Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Una vez más, ¡felices Pascuas para todos! Mientras continuamos esta temporada especial, hoy celebramos el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Marca el último día de la Novena de la Divina Misericordia, que comenzó el Viernes Santo, y hay devociones especiales a las 9:30 am en la iglesia para observarla públicamente.

Es solo recientemente que comenzamos a llamar a este domingo "de la Divina Misericordia," proveniente de la espiritualidad de San Juan Pablo II, pero es una hermosa expresión de la temporada. Capta el significado antiguo de nuestra fe en palabras que nos hablan hoy. Al considerar cómo la infinita misericordia de Dios nos alcance a través de la muerte y resurrección de su Hijo, recibimos más profundamente el espíritu pascual de gozosa gratitud.

Incluso si no puede unirse a nosotros en las devociones parroquiales de la Divina Misericordia, animo a todos a agregar una de las grandes oraciones de la Coronilla a sus devociones de esta semana. Aquí está uno de mis favoritos:

"Oh Dios Eterno, en quien la misericordia es infinita y el tesoro de compasión inagotable, vuelve a nosotros Tu mirada bondadosa y aumenta Tu misericordia en nosotros, para que en momentos difíciles no nos desesperemos ni nos desalentamos, sino que, con gran confianza, nos sometamos a Tu santa voluntad, que es el Amor y la Misericordia Mismos. Amen."

Por intercesión de Santísima María, la Madre de la Misericordia, y de Santo Tomás, nuestro patrón, que todos experimentemos la Divina Misericordia del Señor en la santa temporada de Pascua.

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

**Lunes 5/8 a las 6:00pm.** 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

Los Viernes a las 6:45pm

### Grupo de Jóvenes

Los Miercoles a las 7:00pm

Grupo de los Jóvenes Adultos

Los Jueves a las 7:00pm

### Preparaciones para los adultos

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940

### Preparaciones para quinceañeras

Magda Rivera | 643-2659

RosaMaria Angel | 205-901-0470