



# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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  
1st 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

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Sept. 16</b> Mass for Patrick Butcke, deceased
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Sept. 17</b> Mass for James Adams, deceased Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia
<b>Tuesday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 19</b> Mass for Eduardo Macaya, deceased
<b>Wednesday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 20</b> Mass for Sherly Daliet, deceased
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 21</b> Mass for Jim & Cathy Adams, deceased
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 22</b> Mass for Deacon Bill Alexiou, deceased
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Sept. 23</b> Mass for James Adams, deceased
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Sept. 24</b> Mass for Ferdinand Cheri, deceased Mass for Camille Arrington, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. (Sir 27:30—28:7)

**Psalm**— The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12)

**Second Reading**—For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. (Romans 14:7-9)

**Gospel**—Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? (Matthew 18:21-35)

## Readings for the week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ephesian 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
<b>Sunday:</b>	Isaiah 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

## 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

**Sept. 16 & Sept. 17**

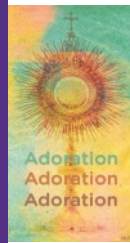
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**Sept. 23rd & Sept. 24th**

In memory of Joe & Jannie Russo

In memory of Ida Faso Pritchard



## 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. There is a need for 1st Friday from 1pm-2pm and Saturday 4am-5am. For more information or to sign-up call Rose Marie Vetrano 205-620-0051 or cell 659-901-8823. *Adoration is held in the Chapel at the Student Center. Adoration will take place on Sept. 15th*

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Sept. 23rd</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	(1) Carol Schmidt (2) Winnie Martinez (3) Alan Cannon	Beth Taylor		Paul Lorino Jim Harris Dennis Malcolm	Mike O'Donnell
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Sept. 24th</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	(1) Gloria Quebadieux (2) Susie Leckness (3) Bruno Navarro (4) Robert Holmes (B) Marius Waleszczuk	Susie Leckness Susan Lumpkin	Dalton Ash (T) (L) Alexandra Acata (T) (L) Makalya Girard Brinley Ash Paolo Acata Audrey Baker	Mike Greenwood Roland Burns Norma Russo	Sarah Burns
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	(1) Cathy Barber (2) Rob Caliento (3) Jasper Levio (4) Jena Evanko (B) Sheila Herringdon	Ed Dale Lisa Dale	Byron Waithaka (T) (L) Atticus Plott Nicole Waithaka Kim Fuentes Anthony Palomino Alex Palomino	Wayne Perrin Val Crofts Brenda Picou	Barbara Youngblood
	<b>12:30 PM</b> <b>(Spanish)</b>	<b>Cuerpo</b> — Lucina Tavera & Maria Pineda <b>Caliz</b> — Aracely, Antonio, Blanca, & Juana	(1) Luis Alberto (S) Jorge (2) Danny (P) Maria Patricia	Fernando Casilla (T) (L) Elizabeth (T) (L) Isabella, Dulce, Clarisa, & Amir	Heron	Magda Rivera, Lupe y Antonio

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**SEPT 17, 2023 TO SEPT. 23, 2023**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 17**  
9:30AM-10:30AM

**MONDAY, SEPT. 18**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21**  
8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22**  
8:30AM-12:00PM OFFICE OPEN  
Adoration begins at noon

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23**  
Adoration ends at noon  
4:00-5:00PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Vigil Mass

## 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/).

## Mass Live Stream

For any who cannot attend Mass due to health concerns, we stream the 5:30 Saturday Mass on YouTube. The YouTube page can be found at [www.stthomascatholic.com/youtube](http://www.stthomascatholic.com/youtube), or you can access the live stream every week at [www.stthomascatholic.com/livestream](http://www.stthomascatholic.com/livestream). You can also find the most recent live stream and link to the YouTube channel on our home page.

## Seminarian Fund Collection

Thank you to all who contributed to the Special Seminarian Fund Collection. Total contributions received totaled \$3,040.00

## Pastoral Staff

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

**MAIN OFFICE** (205) 663-3936

### 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 Aug. 2023 (4 weeks)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$42,400.00	\$43,594.00	\$1,194.00
Building Fund	\$30,400.00	\$24,456.06	\$5,943.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,800.00</b>	<b>\$68,050.06</b>	<b>\$4,749.94</b>

### Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/23—Present

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$95,400.00	\$94,961.02	\$438.98
Building Fund	\$68,400.00	\$51,448.96	\$16,951.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$163,800.00</b>	<b>\$146,409.98</b>	<b>\$17,390.02</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 7/1/23.

## 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 & Homebound

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 the 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. Maybe now is the time to consider that possibility. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Church to help with your decision? The RCIA Process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Thomas are on Tuesday @ 6:30. The classes will be held in the Adult Education Classroom in the Main Church. For more information, please call Fr. Jantz @ 205-663-3936 or Jackie Lampton @ 205-663-3936 or 205-249-1171(cell)

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There's a lot of energy in the air right now at St. Thomas! The Faith Formation program is back in full swing, and it's been amazing to see a record enrollment this year. God has truly blessed our community, and I'm so grateful to be with the people of this parish in this time of growth.

Our Scriptures this weekend speak about the Gospel value of generosity: how it opens our hearts to experience love and forgiveness more deeply. Although we're not officially into our Stewardship Month of October, I would like to take the time this week to highlight one particular opportunity for generosity that's very important to our Diocese: the Catholic Charities and Communities campaign.

For those who are new to our area, or who are new to the Catholic Church, this drive is the annual appeal from our Bishop to support a number of important Catholic ministries and social services in our area. There are lots of national organizations out there with similar names, but this one is purely local. When you hear about our Diocese helping out victims of tornados or providing food to refugees, much of that funding comes through our Catholic Charities campaign. It's an exceptionally worthwhile charity that makes a big difference for people right here in Alabama.

You should be receiving a letter and pledge card about it from the Diocese this week, and I would encourage everyone to prayerfully consider being part of it this year. Last year, our parish raised over \$56,000 for this campaign. Many thanks to everyone who took part. Your generosity continues to make a difference for so many people in need. We'll talk about it at Mass next Sunday, as well, plus have pledge cards available for anyone who didn't receive them in the mail.

Also, a quick update on the special collection we took up in August to assist the seminarians of the Diocese: our parish raised a bit over \$3,000. Our Diocese currently has 19 men in formation, and I'm so grateful that the good people of St. Thomas are committed to helping them through their years of preparation for the priesthood. Please continue to keep Andrew, John Paul, and all of our seminarians in your prayers.

Thank you to everyone for the many ways that you look out for the needs of our parish, our Church, and our neighbors. Through the intercession of St. Thomas and Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, let's continue to be committed to service of the Lord and each other.

God bless,

Fr Jantz

## College Student Mass and Dinner 9/20

St. Thomas Parish sponsors a special Wednesday evening Mass and Dinner for college students each Wednesday while the University of Montevallo is in session. The Mass is celebrated at 5:30pm at the Campus Chapel on the corner of Highland and Moody, and a dinner prepared by teams from the parish follows immediately after Mass. **This Wednesday's team is Bob & Brenda Picou team #6.**

## Youth Group Fall Festival Volunteer's Needed

If anyone interested in helping the youth group in their Fall Festival in donating their time in helping setting up and cleaning up or donating food to sale or even setting up a booth to help them raise money. They are also hosting one Sunday breakfast of each month you can also support them in that way. If more information is needed please call Maria Fernanda at 205-517-0604.

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation first Classes start on **September 10th.**

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

**RCIA: Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 6:30pm.**

## Saturday Morning Mass 10/7

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 October 7th.

## 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 Adult Faith Formation room in the back 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.

## Young Adult Group

The young adult group from ages 18 years old to 35 years old meet on Thursday's at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bianca at 205-612-3698 or Maria at 205-517-0604.

## 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.

## Padre Pio Prayer Group 10/21

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, October 21, 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.

## 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 parish-ioner. Registration forms in both English and Español are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### 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.

### Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Held each Sunday morning, at 9:45am after the rosary. The class will be led by Deacon David Hicks. Classes in September include Part 6 of the Bible and the Church Fathers Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and the 12 approved Marian apparitions Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, and Carmelite Spirituality Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcomed to attend.

### Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

The Ladies Morning Scripture Study are meeting on Wednesday's at 10:00 AM in the St. Joseph's Room with The Eucharist in Scripture. This study will discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study, presented by Dr. Scott Hahn, will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. The Eucharist in Scripture examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible. All ladies are welcome to attend. Call Debbie at 205-616-0920 if you have any questions

### Wednesday Night Scripture Study

We are in our second year of the National Eucharistic Revival. This second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and movements of the Holy Spirit. With this in mind, the Wednesday Night Scripture Study Group will explore Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. We meet each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room. All are invited to attend. Questions? Call Bill or Deb at 205-515-1927.

### Social Concerns Committee Food Drive 9/16-17-23/24

The St. Thomas Social Concerns Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for Shelby Emergency Assistance at each of the Masses on the weekends of Sept. 16-17 and 23-24. Donated items may be left in the gathering space near the Cross on the north side. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Wilstach at 205-531-1495 or Bill Plott at 205-908-8703.

### St. Elias Bingo Luncheon 9/27

Everyone is invited to the St. Elias Bingo Luncheon on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 and include a delicious Lebanese lunch and a free bingo card. They can be purchased at the door along with more bingo cards. Payment may be made by cash or check. Take-outs are available by calling ahead to (205) 837-5566. Free delivery will be made on orders of 10 or more lunches if they are called in on Monday or Tuesday (9/25 or 9/26). All proceeds will go to the orphanages in Lebanon who are in dire need of help. call St. Elias as (205) 251-5057 for more information.

### Women's Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza 9/29-30

The Catholic Women of the Diocese of Birmingham are sponsoring a women's retreat to be led by Immaculee Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide, author of *Left to Tell* and *Our Lady of Kibeho* (and a few other books), on Friday and Saturday, September 29/30, at Our Lady of the Valley parish in Birmingham. The retreat will last from 5:00 - 9:00 PM on Friday, and continue from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday. The cost for the retreat is \$39/person for two people, or \$57.00 for one person. So bring a family member or friend with you! Immaculee gives an amazing testimony to the power of prayer and the love of God. You will leave this retreat on fire for your faith and with an even stronger belief in the power of prayer and God's Divine Providence...and with the knowledge that you had just experienced something incredible. To register, or for more information, go to: [www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats](http://www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats) and click on the Birmingham Retreat. Or contact: John Martignoni, [john@biblechristiansociety.com](mailto:john@biblechristiansociety.com); or Sally Springrose: [sspringrose@gmail.com](mailto:sspringrose@gmail.com).

### K of C Pancake Breakfast 10/1

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 October 1st.**

### Primetimers - 10/10

Summer is almost over & Primetimers is gearing up for another year of get-togethers! We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11am for Mass and potluck. Primetimers is an organization for church members aged 55 and over to get together and enjoy some fellowship. Please join us -- what a great way to get to know other members of our church!



## 24° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Pedro se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: "Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? ¿Hasta siete veces?" Jesús le contestó: "No sólo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete". - Mt 18, 21-22

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### Necesitamos Ministros y Lectores

Necesitamos personas para ayudar siguientes ministerios como Lectores, Ministros Eucarísticos, y con acontecimientos especiales. Póngase en contacto con la Directoras Magda Rivera, Laila García o Marisa. Para más información o si usted está interesado llame a la oficina 205-663-3936.

### Festival de Otoño del Grupo Juvenil

Feligreses que estén interesados en ayudar en el Festival de Otoño, pngase en contacgto con Maria Fernanda al 205-517-0604.

### Curso Isaías 9/22,23 & 24

El retiro será en Santo Tomás el 22 de Septiembre, 23 y 24. Para más información comunicarse con Gerardo Villegas al 205-732-4938.

### Desayuno del Ministro Hispano 9/24

Ministerio hispano desayunará el 2o, 3r, y 4o Domingo de cada mes entre 8:30am hasta 11:00am. Nuestro primer Desayuno Hispano será el Domingo, **24 de Sept.** Comunicarse con Gricelda al 478-5110.

### Hora Santa 9/29

El grupo de oración en español de Santo Tomás tendrá Adoración con el Santísimo el **29 de Septiembre a las 7:00 p. m.** hasta las 9:00 p.m. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y pasar tiempo con Jesús.

### Santo Tomás te invita para la festival Navideño 12/10

Con el coro Inmaculada que se llevar acavo el 10 de Diciembre 2023 Las practicas son los Martes a las 6:30p.m.

### Retiro de Sanacion 10/20-21

Retiro de Sanacion será impartido por el Padre Roberto Gómez y el Padre Emilio Gómez del Salvador para más preguntas por favor comunicarse con Maria Pérez al 205-451-2915.

## LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

**Primera Lectura:** Cosas abominables son el rencor y la cólera; sin embargo, el pecador se aferra a ellas. (Sir 27, 33-28, 9)

**Salmo:** El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso. (102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12)

**Segunda lectura:** Si vivimos, para el Señor vivimos; y si morimos, para el Señor morimos. (Romanos 14, 7-9)

**Evangelio:** Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? (Mateo 18:15-20)

### Lecturas Para La Semana

**Lunes :** 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

**Martes:** 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

**Miercoles:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 el jueves:

**Jueves:** Ephesian 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

**Viernes:** 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

**Sabado:** 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

**Domingo:** Isaiah 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

## Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Hay mucha energía en el aire ahora mismo en Santo Tomás! El programa de Formación de Fe está nuevamente en marcha y tenemos una inscripción récord este año. Dios realmente ha bendecido a nuestra comunidad y estoy muy agradecido de estar con la gente de Santo Tomás en este momento de crecimiento.

Las Escrituras de este fin de semana hablan del valor evangélico de la generosidad: cómo abre nuestros corazones para experimentar el amor y el perdón más profundamente. Aunque no estamos oficialmente en nuestro Mes de la Corresponsabilidad en octubre, quisiera tomar el tiempo esta semana para resaltar una oportunidad particular de generosidad que es muy importante para nuestra Diócesis: la campaña de Caridades y Comunidades Católicas.

Para aquellos que son nuevos en nuestra área, o que son nuevos en la Iglesia Católica, esta campaña es el llamado anual de nuestro Obispo para apoyar unas importantes ministerios católicos y servicios sociales en nuestra área. Hay muchas organizaciones con nombres similares, pero ésta es puramente local. Cuando escuchas que nuestra Diócesis está ayudando a las víctimas de tornados o dando alimentos a los refugiados, gran parte de eso proviene de la campaña de Caridades Católicas. Es una organización benéfica excepcionalmente valiosa que hace una gran diferencia para gente aquí en Alabama.

La Diócesis está enviando una carta y una tarjeta de promesa esta semana, y animo a todos a que consideren en oración ser parte este año. El año pasado, nuestra parroquia recaudó más de \$56,000 para esta campaña. Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron. Su generosidad continúa haciendo la diferencia para tantas personas necesitadas. También hablaremos de ello en la Misa del próximo domingo y además tendremos tarjetas de compromiso disponibles para cualquiera que no las haya recibido por correo.

Además, una breve actualización sobre la colecta especial que hicimos en agosto para ayudar a los seminaristas de la Diócesis: nuestra parroquia recaudó un poco más de \$3,000. Nuestra Diócesis tiene actualmente 19 hombres en formación y estoy muy agradecido de que la buena gente de Santo Tomás esté comprometida a ayudarlos durante sus años de preparación para el sacerdocio. Continúe manteniendo a Andrew, John Paul y a todos nuestros seminaristas en sus oraciones.

Gracias a todos por las muchas maneras en que velan por las necesidades de nuestra parroquia, nuestra Iglesia y nuestros vecinos. Por la intercesión de Santo Tomás y de la Santísima María, Siempre Virgen, sigamos comprometidos al servicio del Señor y de unos a otros. 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.

#### **Primer Sábado Misa Mensual 9/2**

Nuestra próxima misa mensual será el 2 de Septiembre a las 10:00 AM.

#### **Platicas Prebautismales 09/11**

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

**Lunes Septiembre 11 a las 6:00pm.** Para las clases con Magda Guerrero al 205-663-3936.

**Catequesis para niños** Domingos | 9:30 A.M.-10:45

### **Preparaciones para los adultos**

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940

#### **Grupo de Jóvenes**

Los Miercoles a las 7:00pm

#### **Grupo de los Jóvenes Adultos**

Los Jueves a las 7:00pm

#### **Preparaciones para quinceañeras**

Magda Rivera | 643-2659

RosaMaria Angel | 205-901-0470

#### **Estudio Bíblico**

Los Martes| 6:30pm

#### **Grupo De Oración**

El Viernes a las 6:45pm

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#### **Defensores de Anulación**

Póngase en contacto con el Diácono David o Ann Hicks al 205-663-3936.

#### **Hora Santa**

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

#### **Grupo de Alcoholicos Anonimos**

Santo Tomás a las 7pm a 8:30pm, los Lunes, Martes, y Jueves. Para mas informacion llamar a: **Victor** 205-223-3676; **Jose** 205-230-6634; **Benjamin** 205-586-5812