



# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



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“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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  
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. 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 Bishop Fernand Cheri, deceased Mass for Camille Arrington, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia
<b>Tuesday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 26</b> Mass for
<b>Wednesday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 27</b> Mass for Debbie Rankin, deceased
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 28</b> Mass for Dr Donald Ivie , deceased
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Sept. 29</b> Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Sept. 30</b> Mass for Patrick Butcke, deceased
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Oct. 1</b> Mass for Bishop Fernand Cheri, deceased Mass for Camille Arrington, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Isaiah 55:6-9)

**Psalm**—The Lord is near to all who call upon him.  
(Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18)

**Second Reading**— Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c 24, 27a)

**Gospel**—The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. (Matthew 20:1-16a)

## Readings for the week

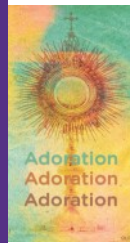
<b>Monday:</b>	Ezekiel 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 6:7-8; Luke 8:19-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ezekiel 9:5-9 ; Luke 9:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Haggai 1:1-8 ; Luke 9:7-9
<b>Friday:</b>	Daniel 7:9-10 13-14; John 1:47-51
<b>Saturday:</b>	Zechariah 2:5-9 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45
<b>Sunday:</b>	Ezekiel 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

## 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. 23rd & Sept. 24th  
In memory of Joe & Jannie Russo & Ida Faso Pritchard  
In honor of Terri & David Harris  
Sept 30rd & Oct 1st  
In memory of James Holman  
In memory of William & Mary Brock



## 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. 30th</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	(1) Kyle Lusk (2) Tena Whitworth (3) Brenda Picou	Winnie Martinez	Mary Katherine Shirley Angel Salgado	Mike Gerrells David Higdon Ron Hoff	Cathy Bailey
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Oct. 1st</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	(1) Tad Cairns (2) Mary Hester (3) Sarah Burns (4) Marha Waleszczuk (B) Lucy Mallery	Matt Stitt Mike Ash	Hazel Navarro (MC) Anna Green (T) (L) Lily Phillips Mary Martinez Mark Mathu Iker Cuenca	Ken Radigan Marty Spellicy Loralyn Watson	Bruno Navarro
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	(1) Judy Lemieux (2) Debra Levio (3) Edie Richardson (4) Shawn Howard (B) Angel Coyle	Mary Lowery Paula Blevins-Russell	Wes (T) (L) Elizabeth (T) (L) Salvador, Landon, Adrian, Angel, & Fatima	Bill Richardson Jasper Levio Lee Travis	Judy Lemieux
	<b>12:30 PM</b> <b>(Spanish)</b>	<b>Cuerpo</b> – Juana y Maria P. <b>Caliz</b> – Maria Pineda, Graciela P., Aracely, & Antonio	(1) Rosa Maria (S) Luis Alberto (2) Gerardo (P) Vidal	Fernando Casilla (T) (L) Camilla Rivera (T) (L) Christopher, Omar, Lucero, Julian, & Marlom	Heron	Magda Rivera, Lupe y Antonio

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**SEPT 24 , 2023 TO SEPT. 30, 2023**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24**  
9:30AM-10:30AM

**MONDAY, SEPT. 25**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28**  
8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**  
8:30AM-12:00PM OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30**  
4:00-5:00PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Vigil Mass

## St. Thomas Facebook

St. Thomas Parish Facebook page can be found by searching "St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Montevallo, AL." with the picture of Saint Thomas. You can also find the Facebook link at the bottom of the church website.

## 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/).

## Pastoral Staff

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

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

### PASTOR

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& Michael Whitfield  
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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 Sept. 12, 2023. 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,

It's always a bit dangerous to compare ourselves with other people. Sometimes, we look at how much more someone else is able to do, and we feel inadequate or unworthy. Or on the other hand, we think that we "measure up" favorably to someone else, and we can start to feel a sense of pride. This week's Gospel parable pushes back against both of these tendencies.

Jesus tells the story of a group of workers. Some of them started at the jobsite at the crack of dawn, while others weren't hired until the very end of the day, but all of them received the same pay. It seems unfair to our human sensibilities, but on a spiritual level it makes perfect sense. Each of us is part of God's work because he's invited us to participate in it. And the common thread among all of us is that, no matter how early or how late we've come to be part of the Lord's plan, we've all said "yes" to him.

We're going to be talking a lot about stewardship over the next month or so: the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that God has blessed us with and that we are called to give back to him. I think this parable is a good way to frame our reflection. We shouldn't compare how much or how little we're able to do with other people. If we all focus on responding "yes" when God calls us, we'll all receive his abundant blessings.

A reminder again about the Catholic Charities and Communities campaign that continues this week. This is an important fundraising effort that helps many people in our community: disaster relief, social services, and ministries that touch lives across our Diocese. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of this annual appeal from our bishop. If you haven't received one in the mail, you'll find pledge cards in the gathering space this weekend.

Many thanks to everyone for your commitment to being faithful co-workers with the Lord Jesus. Sustained by the intercession of St. Thomas and Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, let's celebrate his on-going love and care for us.

God bless,  
Fr Jantz

## College Student Mass and Dinner 9/27

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 Laila and Carolina team #1.**

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

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. 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.

## Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation are Held each Sunday morning, at 9:45am after the rosary. Classes in September and October include the 12 approved Marian apparitions Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Carmelite Spirituality Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Filioque Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Francis video #4 Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Bible the Church Fathers Part Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Pope St. Pias X, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed to attend.

## 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 parishioner. 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.

## Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

The Ladies Morning Scripture Study are on Wednesday's 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. Our first session will be Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room. All are invited to attend. Questions? Call Bill or Deb at 205-515-1927.

## Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza 9/29-30

The Catholic Women of the Diocese of Birmingham are sponsoring a 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). Contact Sena Higdon at 205-908-2951 if you want to share price of tickets.

## 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!

## Magnificat Prayer Breakfast 10/22

The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast will be held at St. Elias Maronite Church in the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come to hear our speaker, Adrienne Price, a cantor/soloist of sacred music who has experienced a miraculous healing. A Ticket is \$20 and includes a catered breakfast. Tickets are available online at [BirminghamMagnificat.org](http://BirminghamMagnificat.org) or by contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259 or from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets are sold at the door or after October 22nd.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter 10/20-22

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Come Drink the Water of Renewed Love" Give your marriage the gift of attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – a weekend-long retreat to focus on each other, find deeper intimacy, rekindle your romance, and revitalize your marriage – and leave with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Consider the commitment that you made to your spouse and make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first years together. **October 20-22, 2023 – St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Alabama.** You can get more information or register online at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

## Youth Group Fall Festival 11/5

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.



## 25° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?' De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos". - Mt 20, 15-16

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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.

### Formación de Fe 9/24

Formación de Fe tendrá una junta de padres de familia el Domingo, 24 de Sept. a las 9:30AM

### Hora Santo 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.

### Desayuno del Ministro Hispano 10/8

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

### Retiro de Sanación 10/20-21

Retiro de Sanación 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.

### Grupo Juvenil Festival de Otoño 11/5

El festival de otoño del grupo juvenil será el 5 de Noviembre a partir de las 2 p.m. Necesitamos puestos desde comida hasta juegos. También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar con la configuración y limpieza. Para más información comunicarse con Maria Fernanda al 205-517-0604.

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

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

### LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

**Primera Lectura:** Busquen al Señor mientras lo pueden encontrar, invóquenlo mientras está cerca. (Isaías 55:6-9)

**Salmo:** Bendeciré al Señor eternamente. Un día tras otro bendeciré tu nombre y no cesará mi boca de alabarte. (145: 2-3 8-9 17-18)

**Segunda lectura:** Hermanos: Ya sea por mi vida, ya sea por mi muerte, Cristo será glorificado en mí. (Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a)

**Evangelio:** "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un propietario que, al amanecer, salió a contratar trabajadores para su viña. (Mateo 18:15-20)

### Lecturas Para La Semana

**Lunes :** Ezequiel 1: 1-6; Lucas 8: 16-18

**Martes:** Ezequiel 6: 7-8; Lucas 8:19-21

**Miercoles:** Ezequiel 9:5-9 ; Lucas 9:1-6

**Jueves:** Ageo 1:1-8 ; Lucas 9:7-9

**Viernes:** Daniel 7:9-10 13-14 Juan 1:47-51

**Sabado:** Zacarias 2:5-9 14-15a; Lucas 9:43b-45

**Domingo:** Ezequiel 18:25-28 ;Salmo 25 4-5 6-7 8-9 Phil 2:1-11 ; Mateo 21:28-32

### Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Siempre es un poco peligroso compararnos con otras personas. A veces, nos fijamos en los grandes hechos de otras personas y nos sentimos inadecuados o indignos. O, por otro lado, pensamos que "estamos a la altura" de otra persona y podemos empezar a sentir orgullosos. La parábola del Evangelio de esta semana rechaza ambas tendencias.

Jesús cuenta la historia de un grupo de trabajadores. Algunos de ellos comenzaron su trabajo al amanecer, mientras que otros no fueron contratados hasta el final del día, pero todos recibieron el mismo salario. Parece injusto para nuestra sensibilidad humana, pero al nivel espiritual tiene mucho sentido. Cada uno de nosotros es parte de la obra de Dios solo porque nos ha invitado a participar. Y importa cuán temprano o tarde hayamos llegado a ser parte del plan del Señor—la única cosa importante es que todos le hemos dicho "sí".

Hablaremos mucho sobre la mayordomía durante el próximo mes: los dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro que Dios nos ha dado y que estamos llamados a devolverle. Creo que esta parábola es una buena manera de encuadrar nuestra reflexión. No deberíamos comparar lo mucho o lo poco que podemos hacer con otras personas. Si todos nos concentramos en responder "sí" cuando Dios nos llama, todos recibiremos sus abundantes bendiciones.

Quisiera dar otro recuerdo sobre la campaña de Caridades y Comunidades Católicas esta semana. Este es una importante colección de fondos que ayuda a muchas personas en nuestra comunidad: ayuda para víctimas de desastre, apoyo para servicios sociales católicos y ministerios que afectan vidas en nuestra Diócesis. Gracias por considerar en oración ser parte de este llamamiento anual de nuestro obispo. Si no has recibido una tarjeta de compromiso por correo, las encontrarás en el espacio de reunión este fin de semana.

Muchas gracias a todos por su compromiso de ser fieles colaboradores del Señor Jesús. Sostenidos por la intercesión de Santo Tomás y María Santísima, Siempre Virgen, celebremos su continuo amor y cuidado por nosotros.

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 10/7**

Nuestra próxima misa mensual será el 7 de Octubre a las 10:00 AM.

#### **Platicas Prebautismales 10/02**

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

**Lunes Octubre 02 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**

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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