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



•SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



# 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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 | 10.00  |

## **COMMUNION SERVICE**

| Tuesdav | 9:00am   |
|---------|----------|
| Tuesuay | 3.00aiii |

## **CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY MASS**

| Wedneso  | day                           | 5:30pm      |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| (Student | t Center Chapel / During Scho | ol Session) |

## **HOLY DAY MASSES**

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Nov.4

Mass for Roy Czajkauski, deceased 5:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 5

Mass for Melba Orticle, deceased 8:00 AM 11:00 AM Mass for Hayden Boutwel, deceased 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

Tuesday, Nov. 7

9:00 AM Mass Communion Service

Wednesday, Nov. 8

9:00 AM Mass for Jose Sanchez del Rio, Prayer Society

Thursday, Nov. 9

9:00 AM Mass for Juliett Dumazert, deceased

Friday, **Nov. 10** 

9:00 AM Mass Charlie Robedeau, deceased

**Nov. 11** Saturday,

5:30 PM Mass for All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, **Nov. 12** 

MA 00:8 Mass for Deacon Bill Alexiou, deceased 11:00 AM Mass for Jerry Owens, deceased 12:30 PM Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

**Monthly Altar Flowers** Nov. 4th & Nov 5th In memory of In memory/honor of Nov. 12th & Nov. 19th

In memory/honor of Zula Bishop

In memory/honor of

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations (Malachi 1,14-2,2.8-10)

Psalm—In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Ps 130,1.2.3)

**Second Reading**— We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother-

cares for her children. (1 Tes 2,7-9.13)

**Gospel**—"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on

the chair of Moses (Matthew 23,1-1)

## Readings for the week

Monday: Rom 11.30-36; Luke 14,12-14 Philippians 2,5-11; Luke 14,15-24 Tuesday Wednesday: Romans 13,8-10; Luke 1425-33 Thursday: Ezekiel 47,1-2.8-9.12; Jhon2,13-22 Friday: Romans 15,14-21; Luke16,1-8

Romans 16,3-91.16 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 Saturday:

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 Sunday:

## **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. 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 Nov. 17th.

|                       |                       | Adoration   |  |  |  |                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------|
|                       |                       | EUCHARISTIC<br>MINISTERS  | LECTORS  | ALTAR SERVERS  | USHERS                                       | SACRISTANS                      |
| Saturday Nov.<br>11th | 5:30 PM               | (1) Kyle Lusk<br>(2) Beth Taylor<br>(3) Winnie Martinez   | Winnnie<br>Martinez  | Mary Katherine Shirley<br>Angel S, James L                             | Mike Gerrells<br>David Higdon<br>Ron Hoff    | Joanne Butcke                   |
| Sunday<br>Nov.12th    | 8:00 AM               | (1) Lucy Mallery<br>(2) Pat Dale<br>(3) Tad Cairns<br>(4)Mary Hester<br>(B) Sarah Burns           | Matt Sitt<br>Mike Ash  | Hazel (MC) Anna (T)(L)<br>Lily P. Mary M. Mark M<br>Iker C, Andre      | Norma Russo<br>Marty Spellicy<br>Benito Nava | Angela Smith                    |
|                       | 11:00 AM              | (1) Edie Richardson<br>(2) Shawn Howard<br>(3) Judy Lemieux<br>(4) Angel Coyle<br>(B) Debra Levio | Angel Coyle<br>Paula Blevins-<br>Russell                         | Wes (T) Elizabeth (T)<br>Salvador, Landon, Adrian,<br>Angel , Fatima   | Michael Fisher<br>Wayne Perrin<br>Val Crofts | Judy Lemieux                    |
|                       | 12:30 PM<br>(Spanish) | Cuerpo – Graciela Danny<br>Caliz-Maria P.P Fernando<br>Maria P. Blanca                            | (1) Luis Alberto<br>(S) Yoandra<br>(2) Patricia A<br>(P) Gegoria | Fernando (T)(MC) Camila<br>Christopher, Omar L<br>Lucero Julian Marlom | Heron  | Magda Rivera,<br>Lupe y Antonio |

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

NOV. 5, 2023 TO NOV. 12, 2023

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5** 9:30AM-10:30AM

MONDAY, NOV. 6 8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, NOV. 7 8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

THURSDAY, NOV. 9 8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, NOV. 10 8:30AM-12:00PM OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

4:00-5:00PM Reconciliation 5:30PM Vigil Mass

**Parish Office Hours** 

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

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

#### 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." 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/.

#### **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.

Parish Telephones

Parish Phone: 205-663-3936 Fax: 205-663-0657

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Collection for Oct. 2023 (5 weeks)

|                      | BUDGET      | ACTUAL      | DIFFERENCE |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Offertory            | \$53,000.00 | \$58,208.44 | \$5,208.44 |
| <b>Building Fund</b> | \$38,000.00 | \$29,756.96 | \$8,243.04 |
| Total                | \$91,000.00 | \$66,603.64 | \$3,034.60 |

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

| Total         | \$327.600.00 | \$300.939.02 | \$26,660,98 |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Building Fund | \$136,800.00 | \$103,010.29 | \$33,789.71 |
| Offertory     | \$190,800.00 | \$197,928.73 | \$7,128.73  |
|               | 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 7/1/23.

Pastoral Staff

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

MAIN OFFICE (205) 663-3936

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CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Anna Clair , Drew Roberts & Michael ccm@stthomascatholic.com

#### **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.

#### **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 possibly 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 is on Tuesday @ 6:30 pm The classes will be held in the St. Joseph's Classroom in the Main office building. 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,**

Many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make our Stewardship Month such a success. From the lay leaders who helped with the ministry fair, to everyone who was so generous with committing to support the church in many ways, to the staff members who worked behind the scenes to make it all come together—thank you very much. It's fitting that we conclude this time with a celebration, at our Youth Fall Festival. This Sunday afternoon (November the 5th), starting at 2pm. I look forward to seeing

Still, even as begin to get ready for the big holiday celebrations, November is a more solemn time of year. Maybe it's because the changing of the leaves colors reminds us how things change, and the falling of the leaves reminds us that our time is short and precious. In the Church, November is a time when we call to mind our departed loved ones, and also a time when we recall the basic realities of our life. For the next few bulletin letters, I would like to help us reflect on what we Catholics call "the Four Last The youth group meets in the St. Anthony Things:" death and judgment, heaven and hell.

I know that all sounds very serious. But I don't bring it up because I want to be gloomy, or because my neighbors had some spooky Halloween decorations! I think we should think about those things, because it helps keep everything in perspective. When we remember that life is short and eternity is long, it helps us make much better decisions. And speaking from my own experience, when I make a point of keeping this in focus, I feel not only closer to God, but I also feel much happier in every other aspect of life.

There's a quote I like from St. Sharbel Makhluf, a 19th-century monk from Lebanon: "Do not start anything on earth if it does not end in heaven. Do not walk on a path on earth that does not lead to heaven." That's the healthiest perspective we can have on the Last Things. The mystic's words remind us that the stakes are high, and that our choices now can set us on a path that leads to eternal joy.

So let's ponder our priorities over the coming month while as a parish community we remember our dearly departed ones and reflect on the Last Things. Through the intercession of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and our patron Saint Thomas, let's learn to live each day in the light of eternity.

God bless,

Fr Jantz

#### **Stewardship Weekend Thank You**

Thank you to all the parishioners who have returned their pledge cards for the coming year. St. Thomas is grateful for your generosity. If you have not yet returned your pledged card, please do so at your earliest convenience. As of 10/30/23, Offertory pledges received total \$251,043.00 and Building Fund pledges received total 119,277.00

#### College Student Mass and Dinner 11/8

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 & Carolina#1.

#### Faith Formation

Faith Formation first Classes start on September 10th.

Grade 1st-10th:Sun.9:30-10:45a.m RCIA: Tuesday, 6:30pm.

#### Saturday Morning Mass 12/2

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 Dec. 12th.

#### **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

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 11/18

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, Nov 18, 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.

## 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**

## **Social Concerns Committee: Angel Tree**

The annual St. Thomas Parish angel Tree is scheduled to be standing in the Gathering Space on All Saints Day. Once again the Angels will come from Shelby Emergency Assistance and Bibb county DHR. These are children who, without your generosity, otherwise most likely would not have a Merry Christmas. A change this year is that the agencies have asked that gifts be tagged but not wrapped. Remember take the top part tape it to the gift and the bottom part fill out and put in the glass jar. All Angel gifts are to be returned by November 19th.

#### **Adult Faith Formation**

Adult Faith Formation continues Sunday mornings between the masses at 945am after the rosary. The schedule for November and December include: Nov 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> with Father Jantz, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Defending the faith, No Class Nove 26<sup>th</sup>, Senses used in reading the Bible December 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Gospel of Mark with Father Cook, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Pope St Pius X December 17<sup>th</sup>, Christmas break December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. All are welcomed to attend.

## **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.

#### **Book of Remembrance**

There will be a Book of Remembrance in the gathering area for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones for remembrance at the Masses during November. This book will be placed on the altar for the month of November.

## Parish Festival Youth Group Fundraiser 11/5

The youth group will be hosting a Fall Festival which any ministry is interested in raising money for their ministry can set up a booth. You would have to bring your own table, tent, and food each ministry will be responsible to clean their own area. 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.

#### Primetimers - 11/14

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!

#### We're Back!

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting are scheduled for the following dates. November 12, 2023 January 14, 2024 March 10, 2024 May 12, 2024 Time: 7pmPlace: St Joseph Room.

#### **Hispanic Minister's Breakfast 11/12**

The Hispanic Breakfast is April 12th at 8:00 am to 10:45 am. If you would like to make a donation or help with Hispanic Ministry, please contact Gricelda at 205-478-5110.

#### **Green County Food & Coat Collection 11/12**

The St Thomas Knights are repeating the food and coat collections for the people of Green County as was done last year. Please bring non-perishable food items and/or new or gently used coats for kids ages infant to 18 to the masses. There will be collection boxes in the gathering space for both. The collection boxes will be available from Saturday, September 30, through Sunday, November 12. Monetary donations can also be made by putting them in an envelope marked "Green County" and putting them into the collection baskets at mass or dropping them off in the church office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass with Blessing of the Bread 11/23

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM on Thanksgiving Day with the tradition of blessing of the bread. Please bread your bread that you will be using for your Thanksgiving dinner.

# MINISTERIO HISPANO



## 31ER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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"Ustedes, en cambio, no dejen que los llamen 'maestros', porque no tienen más que un Maestro y todos ustedes son hermanos. A ningún hombre sobre la tierra lo llamen 'padre', porque el Padre de ustedes es sólo el Padre celestial. No se dejen llamar 'guías', porque el guía de ustedes es solamente Cristo. Que el mayor de entre ustedes sea su servidor". - Mt 23, 8-11

## Grupo Juvenil Festival de Otoño Gracias

El grupo de jóvenes quisiera agradecer a todos los que participaron y vinieron a apoyar a la parroquia y al grupo de jóvenes con el Festival de Otoño. También organizan un desayuno dominical cada mes. También puedes apoyarlos de esa manera. También organizan un desayuno dominical cada mes. También puedes apoyarlos de esa manera. Si necesita más información, llame a María Fernanda al 205-517-0604.

#### ¡Estamos de Vuelta!

La reunión de Damas Auxiliares está programada para las siguientes fechas. 12 de noviembre de 2023 14 de enero de 2024 10 de marzo de 2024 12 de mayo de 2024 Hora: 7:00 pm Lugar: Salón San

## Santo Tomás Angel Tree 11/19

Una ves mas los regalos del Angel Tree Seran donados A Shelby Energency Assistance y Bibb County DHR .Como cada año estran los angeles en el árbol por favor tomar la parte de abajo y llenarla y ponerla en un contenedor Este año sera diferente los regalos seran etiquetados pero no envueltos. Tambien estan buscando donadores de papel para envolver y moños.

## Misa de Acción de Gracias con bendición del pan 11/23

st. Thomas Parish celebrará la misa a las 10 00 am el día de Acción de Gracias con la tradición de la bendición del pan. Traiga su pan que usará para su cena de Acción de Gracias para ser bendecido.

#### Celebrando a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 12/11-12

Santo Tomás los invita a venir a celebrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 11 de diciembre a partir de las 10:00 p. m. con el Rosario, y a las 11:00 p. m. cantando hasta la medianoche, después se servirá chocolate caliente con pan dulce. El martes 12 de diciembre habrá una Misa a las 6:00 p.m. con una procesión y Rosario en la iglesia y luego una recepción en el Salón Parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos.

#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**Primera lectura**— Yo soy El rey Soberano, dice el Señor de los ejercitos Mi nombre es temible entre las naciones (Malachi 1:14-2,2.8-10)

**Psalm**—Señor Conservame en Paz (Ps 130:1.2.3)

Second Reading— Nosotros somos Amables Entre Nosotros ,como

una Madre que amamanta Asus Hijos (1 Tes 2:7-9.13)

**Gospel**—Los escrivas y fariseos se han sentado en la catedra d e Moises (Matthew 23:1-1)

#### Readings for the week

Monday: Romanos 11.30-36; Lucas 14,12-14
Tuesday Filipenses 2,5-11; Lucas 14,15-24
Wednesday: Romanos13,8-10; Lucas 1425-33
Thursday: Ezequiel 47,1-2.8-9.12; Lucas2,13-22
Friday: Romanos 15,14-21; Lucas16,1-8

Saturday: Romanos 16,3-91.16 22-27; Lucas 16:9-15 Sunday: Sabiduria 6:12-16; 1 Tesalonicenses 4:13-18;

Mateo 25:1-13

## Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Muchas gracias a todos los que han trabajado tan duro para que nuestro Mes de Compromiso tenía mucho éxito. Desde los líderes laicos que ayudaron con la feria ministerial, hasta todos los que fueron tan generosos al comprometerse a apoyar a la Iglesia, hasta los miembros del personal que trabajaron detrás de escena para que todo saliera bien, muchas gracias. Es apropiado que concluyamos este tiempo con una celebración en nuestro Festival Juvenil de Otoño. Este domingo por la tarde (5 de noviembre), a partir de las 2 de las tardes. ¡Espero verlos allí!

Aún así, incluso cuando comenzamos a prepararnos para las grandes celebraciones navideñas, noviembre es una parte del año más solemne. Tal vez sea porque el cambio de color de las hojas nos recuerda cómo cambian las cosas, y la caída de las hojas nos recuerda que nuestro tiempo es corto y precioso. En la Iglesia, noviembre es un momento cuando recordamos a nuestros queridos difuntos, y también un momento cuando recordamos las realidades básicas de nuestra vida. Para las próximas cartas, me gustaría ayudarnos a reflexionar sobre lo que los católicos llamamos "las cuatro postrimerías" (o las Cuatro Cosas Finales): la muerte y el juicio, el cielo y el infierno.

Sé que todo suena muy serio. ¡Pero no lo menciono porque quiera ser sombrío! Creo que deberíamos pensar en esas cosas, porque ayuda a mantener todo en perspectiva. Cuando recordamos que la vida es corta y la eternidad es larga, nos ayuda a tomar decisiones mucho mejores. Y hablando desde mi propia experiencia, cuando me esfuerzo en mantener esto enfocado, no sólo me siento más cerca de Dios, sino que también me siento mucho más feliz en todos los demás aspectos de la vida.

Hay una cita que me gusta de San Sharbel Makhluf, un monje libanés del siglo XIX: "No empieces nada en la tierra si no termina en el cielo. No vayas por un camino en la tierra que no conduzca al cielo". Esa es la perspectiva más saludable que podemos tener sobre las Cosas Finales. Las palabras del místico nos recuerdan que hay mucho en juego y que nuestras decisiones ahora pueden encaminarnos por un camino que nos lleve al gozo eterno. Entonces, reflexionemos sobre nuestras prioridades durante el próximo mes mientras, como comunidad parroquial, recordamos a nuestros queridos difuntos y reflexionamos sobre las cosas finales. Por intercesión de María Santísima, Siempre Virgen, y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, aprendamos a vivir cada día a la luz de la eternidad.

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 11/4

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

Platicas Prebautismales 11/06

Deben registrase 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

El Viernes a las 6:45pm

**Platicas Pre-Prematrimoniales** 

Seran Anunciadas las fechas

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** 

llamar a: **Victor** 205-223-3676**; Jose** 205-230

-6634**; Benjamin** 205-586-5812