



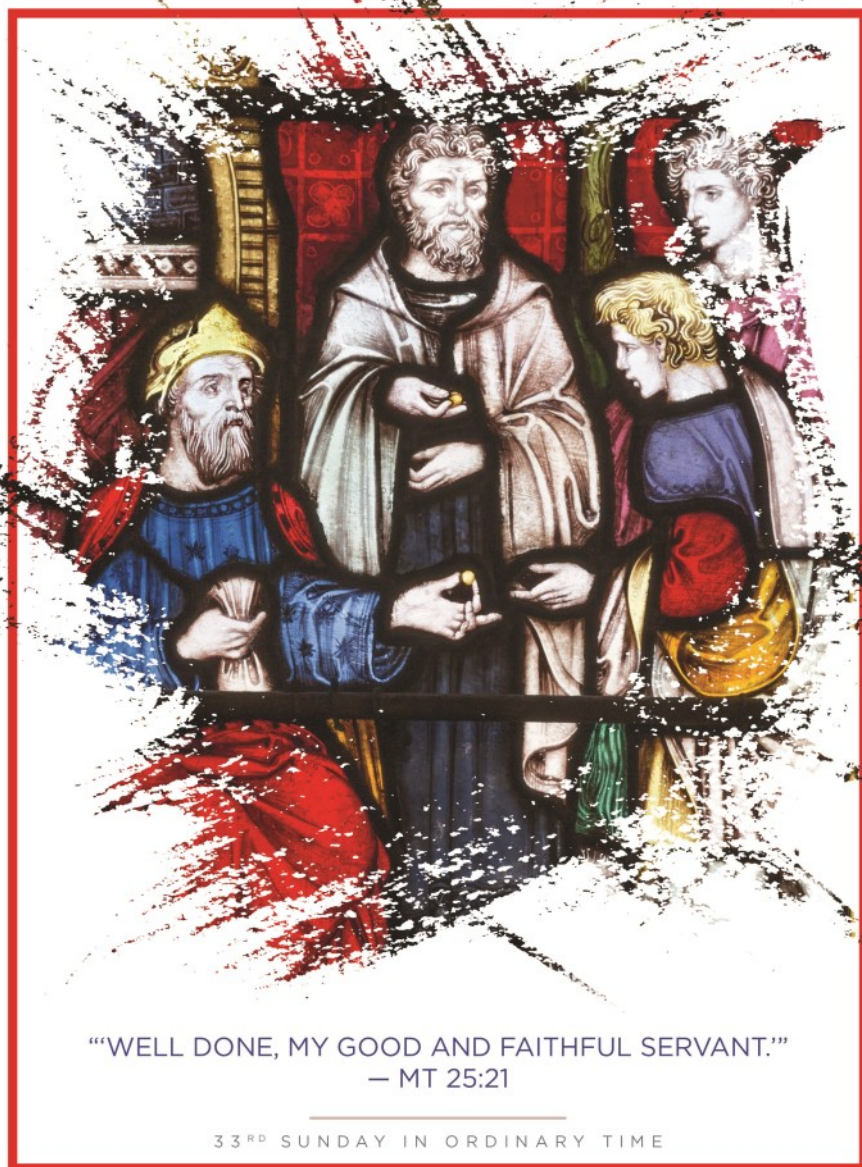
# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

### SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



“WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.”  
— MT 25:21

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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)

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PARISH WEBSITE: <http://stthomascatholic.com>

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Nov. 18</b> Mass for Joe Locascio, deceased
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Nov. 19</b> Mass for Mary Thornton, deceased Mass Intention for Debbie Pardi Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia
<b>Tuesday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Nov. 21</b> Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased
<b>Wednesday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Nov. 22</b> Mass for Eugenia Tatumay, deceased
<b>Thursday,</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving</b> Mass for the People of the Parish
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Nov. 24</b> Mass for Susan Simon, deceased
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Nov. 25</b> Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Nov. 26</b> Mass for Deacon Bill Alexiou, deceased Mass for Jerry Owens, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**— She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. (Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)  
**Psalm**— Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5)  
**Second Reading**— For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. (1 Thes 5:1-6)  
**Gospel**— But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. (Matthew 25:14-30)

## Readings for the week

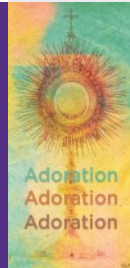
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Mc 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
<b>Sunday:</b>	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## 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

**Nov. 18th & Nov. 19th**  
In memory/honor of  
In memory/honor of  
**Nov. 25th & Nov. 26th**  
In memory/honor of  
In memory/honor of



## 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 Dec. 1st & 15th*

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Nov. 25th</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	(1) Lisa Richard (2) Carol Schmidt (3) Alan Cannon	Mary Keiser	Mary Katherine Shirley Angel Salgado James Leon	Paul Lorino David Higdon Ron Hoff	Cathy Bailey
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Nov. 26th</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	(1) Morris Green (2) Martha Waleszczuk (3) Mary Hester (4) Pat Dale (B) Susie Leckness	Kyle Lusk Jon Thompson	Dalton (T) (MC) Alexandra (T) (L) Makalya, Brinley, Paolo, Audrey	Nathan Tucker Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood	Bruno Navarro
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	(1) Jasper Levio (2) Jena Evanko (3) Sheila Herringdon (4) Cathy Barber (B) Rob Caliento	Lisa Dale Val Croft	Byron (T) (L) Atticus, Nicole, Kim, Anthony, & Alex,	Lee Travis Kelly Scales Joe Vacarella	Barbara Youngblood
	<b>12:30 PM</b> <b>(Spanish)</b>	<b>Cuerpo</b> – Aracely y Antonio Lopez <b>Caliz</b> – Maria P., Maria P., Danny, y Graciela P.	(1) Deyanira (S) Luis Alberto (2) Cristina Angel (P) Yoandra	Fernando (T) (MC) Elizabeth (T) (L) Isabella, Dulce, Clarisa, & Amir	Heron	Magda Rivera, Lupe y Antonio

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**NOV. 19, 2023 TO NOV. 25, 2023**

**SUNDAY, NOV 19**  
9:30AM-10:30AM

**MONDAY, NOV 20**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**TUESDAY, NOV 21**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**THURSDAY, NOV. 23**  
8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE CLOSED  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
10:00AM MASS  
WITH BLESSING OF THE BREAD

**FRIDAY, NOV. 24**  
8:30AM-12:00PM OFFICE CLOSED

**SATURDAY, NOV. 25**  
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." 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/).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 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 Oct. 2023 (5 weeks)

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

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$190,800.00	\$197,928.73	\$7,128.73
Building Fund	\$136,800.00	\$103,010.29	\$33,789.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$327,600.00</b>	<b>\$300,939.02</b>	<b>\$26,660.98</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.



# 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 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,

Continuing with our reflection on the Last Things, this week I'd like to focus on something we usually don't like to think about: the final judgment. Our Gospel today is the famous Parable of the Talents. In it, three stewards who are each entrusted with part of their master's property while he is away, and upon his return, he judges what each of them have done with it.

Usually when we hear this parable, our minds immediately go to the idea of stewardship—and that's very natural! But as we contemplate the Last Things, I think we can also hear an echo of a bigger truth here. I love the words that the Master says to the good stewards: "Come, share your master's joy." Since we are all God's children, every human being has two possibilities within ourselves. We can be like the good stewards, who grew into what they were made to be: open to the infinite and eternal joys of life with God in heaven. Or in our selfishness and fear, we can be like the unfaithful steward, closing ourselves off from God's love and missing out on what we were made to be.

With the final judgment, we know that God will one day set his seal upon the choices we've made. That's a sobering thought. But at the same time, we know that the God who will judge us is our loving Father, and that he's giving us all the assistance we need right now to become people capable of receiving the fullness of his love.

As we come to the holiday season, I am deeply grateful that St. Thomas is a place where so many people have come to experience God's love. Thank you all for showing that love to me and to everyone who walks through our doors. Through the prayers of the Blessed Mother and our patron St. Thomas, let's look at each day in the light of eternity, and resolve to continue to grow in that love. A blessed Thanksgiving to everyone!

God bless,

Fr Jantz

## 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.

## Montevallo/Alabaster Christmas Parade Candy 11/30-12/2

St. Thomas will be participating in the Montevallo Christmas parade on Nov. 30th and also at the Alabaster parade on Dec. 2nd. We are asking for donations for candy for both parades. If you would like to donate a bag of candy that would be a great blessing. Thank you for all your help.

## Social Concerns Committee: Angel Tree

The annual St. Thomas Parish angel Tree is in the Gathering Space. 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. **The agencies have asked that gifts be tagged but not wrapped.** All Angel gifts are to be returned by today (November 19th)

## 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 10/07/23, Offertory pledges received total **\$276,911.00** and Building Fund pledges received total **126,007.00**

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation

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

**Adult Faith Formation 9:45am-10:45am.**

**RCIA: Tuesday, at 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. 2nd.

## 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 12/16

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, Dec. 16, 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. 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

## Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation continues Sunday mornings between the masses at 945am after the rosary. The schedule for November and December include: November 19<sup>th</sup>, Pope St. Pius X, No Class Nov. 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>, Defending the Faith, 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.

## College Student Mass and Dinner

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 No College Campus Ministry team.**

## Greene County Food & Coat Collection Thank You

The St Thomas Knights would like to thank all of those who participated in the Greene County Food and Coat collection. Greene County will not go hungry nor cold, you all have been more giving how wonderful you all have blessed those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

## Ladies Auxiliary Fun with Santa 12/9

Calling all children and those who are young at heart! St. Thomas Ladies Auxiliary will host our Fun with Santa event on Saturday, December 9th from 2:00pm-4:00pm in our parish social hall. Come enjoy a story read by Fr. Jantz, arts and crafts, and a visit with Santa Claus!

## Christmas Choir 12/10

St. Thomas invites you to a bilingual Christmas Choir concert on December 10, 2023 at 6:00PM in the main church. All are welcome.

## Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/11-12

St. Thomas invites you to come and celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 11th starting at 10:00PM with the Rosary, and at 11:00PM singing till midnight, there will be hot chocolate served with sweet bread afterwards. Tuesday, Dec. 12th there will be a Mass at 6:00PM with a procession and Rosary in the church and a reception after in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

## Primetimers - 12/12

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! **Our next luncheon is Dec. 12.**

## Posadas 12/16-23

The Hispanic Community would like to invite you to come or be part of the Posadas starting Dec. 16 till the 23rd. We will meet at the Parish Hall at 6:00pm. A different family will lead each night in asking is there room in the Inn and after at the church say the Rosary, they will also be responsible to bring a snack to give to each child. So if you would like to sign up please call the office at 205-663-3936.

## St. Thomas Advent and Christmas Schedule

Here is the Advent and Christmas schedule for this year and there will be a flyer on the table later in the month of November. Please take one.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

5:30pm Vigil Mass (12/23/23)

10:00 AM Mass

12:30 PM Spanish Mass

5:30pm Vigil Mass (12/23/23)

### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve (Sunday, 12/24)

4:00 PM Family Christmas Mass

9:00 PM Night Mass

#### Christmas Day (Monday, 12/25)

10:00 AM Christmas Mass (English)

12:30 PM Christmas Mass (Spanish)

### Feast of the Holy Family

5:30 PM Vigil Mass (Saturday, Dec. 30)

Sunday, (Dec. 31) 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 12:30 PM

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Monday, 1/1/24)

10:00 AM Mass on Monday, January 1



## Santo Tomás Angel Tree 11/19

Una vez más, los Ángeles vendrán de Shelby Emergency Assistance y del DHR del condado de Bibb. Estos son niños que, sin su generosidad, de otra manera probablemente no tendrían una Feliz Navidad. **Un cambio este año es que las agencias han pedido que los regalos estén etiquetados pero no envueltos.** Todos los obsequios de ángeles deben devolverse el 19 de noviembre.

## 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.

## Auxiliar de Damas ¡Estamos de Vuelta! 12/9

¡Llamando a todos los niños y a los jóvenes de corazón! Santo Tomás Ladies Auxiliary organizará nuestro evento Diversión con Santa el sábado 9 de diciembre de 2:00 p. m. a 4:00 p. m. en nuestro salón social parroquial. Ven a disfrutar de un cuento leído por el P. Jantz, aretes y manualidades, ¡y una visita con Papá Noel!

## 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.

## 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.

## Posadas 12/16-23

La Comunidad Hispana te invita a venir o ser parte de las Posadas desde el 16 de diciembre hasta el 23. Nos reuniremos en el Salón Parroquial a las 6:00 p.m. Una familia diferente se encargará cada noche de preguntar si hay lugar en la posada y después de rezar el Rosario en la iglesia. Entonces, si desea inscribirse, llame a la oficina al 205-663-3936.

## LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

**Primera Lectura:** Sabe manejar la rueca y con sus dedos mueve el huso; abre sus manos al pobre y las tiende al desvalido. (Prov 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31)

**Salmo:** Dichoso el que teme al Señor. (127:1-2. 3. 4-5)

**Segunda lectura:** No necesitan que les escribamos nada, puesto que ustedes saben perfectamente que el día del Señor llegará como un ladrón en la noche. (1 Tes 5:1-6)

**Evangelio:** Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta parábola: un hombre que iba a salir de viaje a tierras lejanas; llamó a sus servidores de confianza y les encargó sus bienes. (Mateo 25:14-30)

## Lecturas Para La Semana

**Lunes :** 1 Mc 1:10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-64; Lucas 18:35-43

**Martes:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lucas 19:1-10

**Miercoles:** 2 Mc 7:1. 20-31; Lucas 19:11-28

**Jueves:** Sir 50: 24-26; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lucas 17:11-19

**Viernes:** 1 Mc 4:36-37. 52-59 ; Lucas 19:45-48

**Sabado:** 1 Mc 6: 1-13; Lucas 20: 27-40

**Domingo:** Ez 34: 11-12. 15-17; 1 Co 15:20-26. 28; Mt 25:31-46

## Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Siguiendo con nuestra reflexión sobre las Cosas Finales, esta semana quisiera centrarme en algo en lo que normalmente no nos gusta pensar: el juicio final. Nuestro Evangelio de hoy es la famosa Parábola de los Talentos. En ella, a tres mayordomos se les confía a cada uno parte de los bienes de su amo. A su regreso, juzga lo que cada uno de ellos ha hecho con ellos.

Por lo general, cuando escuchamos esta parábola, nuestra mente inmediatamente piensa en la idea de mayordomía, ¡y eso es muy natural! Pero al contemplar las Cosas Finales, creo que también podemos escuchar aquí el eco de una verdad más amplia. Me gustan las palabras que el Maestro dice a los buenos mayordomos: “Entra a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor”. Como todos somos hijos de Dios, cada ser humano tiene dos posibilidades. Podemos ser como los buenos administradores, que crecieron hasta que fueron capaces de recibir el deseo de su corazón: las alegrías infinitas y eternas de la vida con Dios en el cielo. O en nuestro egoísmo y miedo, podemos cerrarnos al amor de Dios y, al hacerlo, perdernos aquello para lo que fuimos creados.

Con el juicio final, sabemos que Dios algún día pondrá su sello sobre las decisiones que hemos tomado. Ése es un pensamiento solemnizador. Pero al mismo tiempo, sabemos que el Dios que nos juzgará es nuestro Padre amoroso, y que nos está brindando toda la ayuda que necesitamos en este momento para convertirnos en personas capaces de recibir la plenitud de su amor.

A medida que nos acercamos a la temporada navideña, estoy profundamente agradecido de que Santo Tomás es un lugar donde tantas personas han experimentado el amor de Dios. Gracias a todos por mostrar ese amor a mí y a todos los que cruzan nuestras puertas. A través de las oraciones de la Santísima Madre y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, miremos cada día a la luz de la eternidad y resolvamos seguir creciendo en ese amor. ¡Un bendecido Día de Acción de Gracias a todos!

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 12/2**

Nuestra próxima misa mensual será el 4 de Diciembre a las 10:00 AM.

**Platicas Prebautismales 12/4**

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

**Lunes Dec. 4 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

**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**

Para mas informacion llamar a:

**Victor** 205-223-3676; **Jose** 205-230-6634;

**Benjamin** 205-586-5812