



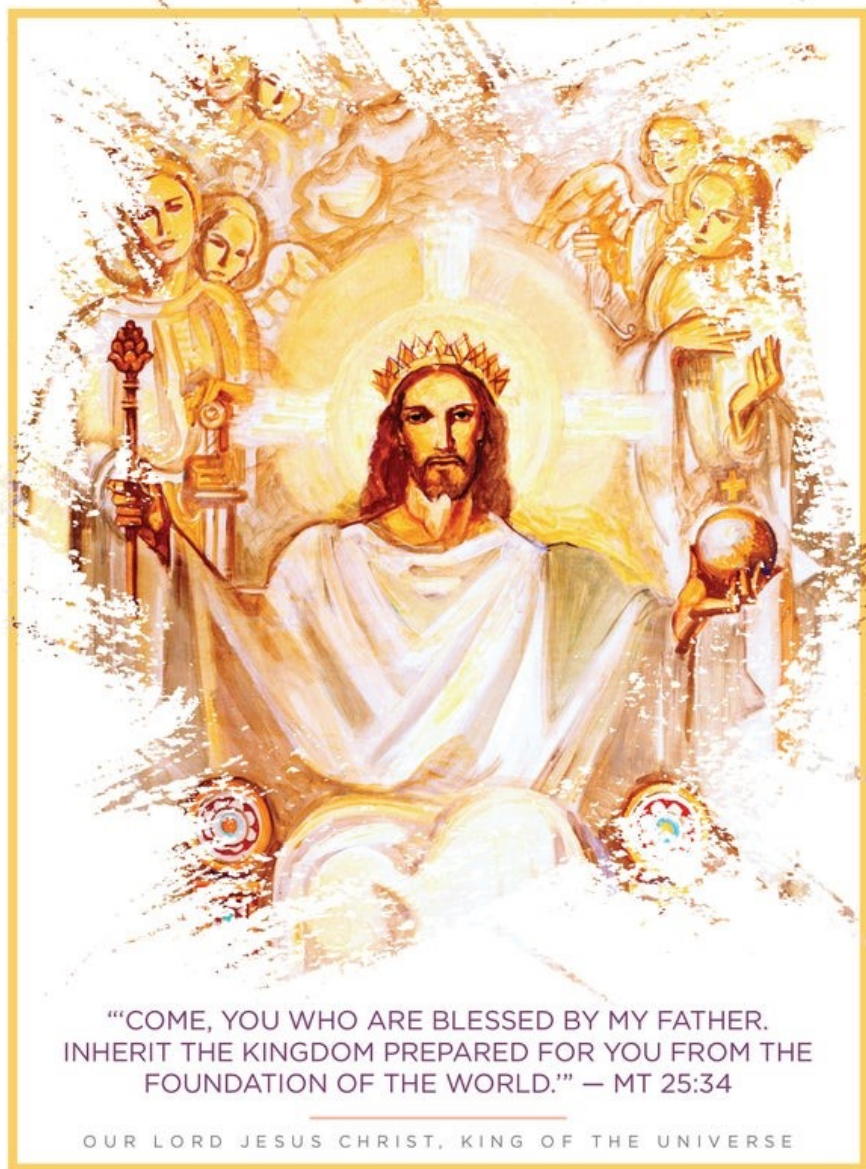
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE •



“COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.
INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE
FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” — MT 25:34

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

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 or see the
monthly calendar for Holy Day Mass schedules.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

80 ST. THOMAS WAY • MONTEVALLO, AL 35115 • 205-663-3936
PARISH WEBSITE: <http://stthomascatholic.com>

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 5:30 PM	Nov. 25 Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased
Sunday, 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Nov. 26 Mass for Deacon Bill Alexiou, deceased Mass for Jerry Owens, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia
Tuesday, 9:00 AM	Nov. 28 Mass for Frank Zagar, deceased
Wednesday, 9:00 AM	Nov. 29 Mass Intention for Bill Drescher
Thursday, 9:00 AM	Nov. 30 Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased
Friday, 9:00 AM	Dec. 1 Mass for Dr. Donald Ivie, deceased
Saturday, 5:30 PM	Dec. 2 Mass for All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Dec. 3 Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased Mass Intention for Debbie Pardi Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY

FIRST READING— I myself will look after and tend my sheep.
(Ez 34:11-12, 15-17)

PSALM— The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23:1-2,2-3,5-6)

Second Reading—Christ has been raised from the dead
(1 Cor 15:20-26,28)

Gospel—When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne.
(Matthew 25:31-46)

Readings for the week

Monday	Sab 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	Sab 2: 23–3, 9; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Sab 6: 1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday:	Sab 7: 2–8, 1; Luke 17:20-25
Friday:	Sab 13, 1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday:	Sab 18:14-16; 19, 6-9; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday:	Prov 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31; 1 Tes 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Monthly Altar Flowers

Nov. 25th & Nov. 26th

In memory of

In memory/honor of

Dec. 2nd & Dec. 3rd

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 Nov. Nov. 17th.*

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Dec. 2nd	5:30 PM	(1) Alan Cannon (2) Winnie Martinez (3) Carol Schmidt	Beth Taylor		Richard Sisneros Dennis Malcolm Mike Gerrells	Joanne Butcke
Sunday Dec. 3rd	8:00 AM	(1) Marie Green (2) Robert Holmes (3) Marius Waleszczuk (4) Gloria Quebadieuz (B) Bruno Navarro	Susan Lumkin Susie Leckness	Hazel (MC) Anna (T)(L)Lily , Mary , Mark , Iker, Andrei.	Norma Russo Marty Spellicy Benitio Nava	Angela Smith
	11:00 AM	(1) Debra Levio (2) Edie Richardson (3) Shawn Howard (4) Judy Iemieu (B) Angel Coyle	Ed dale Joanne Foundry	Wes (T) Elizabeth (L) (T) Salvador , Landon , Adriana , Angel , Fatima	Casery Fondren Michael Fisher Wayne Perrin	Paula Russell
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Cuerpo – Aracely Antonio Caliz–Maria P, Juana V Blanca A, Fernando C.	(1) Rosa Maria (S) Luis Alberto (2) Deyanira (P) Vidal	Fernando ,(T) (MC) Camila , Christopher , Omar, Lucero , Julian , Marlom .	Heron	Magda Rivera, Lupe y Antonio

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

NOV. 26, 2023 TO DEC 2, 2023

SUNDAY, NOV 26
9:30AM-10:30AM

MONDAY, NOV 27
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, OCT. NOV 28
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 1
8:30AM-12:00PM OFFICE OPEN
Adoration begins at noon

SATURDAY, DEC. 2
Adoration ends at noon
4:00-5:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Vigil Mass

St. Thomas Facebook

For any who cannot attend Mass due to health concerns, we stream the 5:30pm Saturday Mass on our Facebook page. The St. Thomas Parish Facebook page can be found by searching "St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Montevallo, AL." 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.

Pastoral Staff

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

MAIN OFFICE (205) 663-3936

PASTOR

Rev. Brad Jantz Ext. 101

RETIRED PRIEST

Rev. Adrian L. Cook
alcook46@outlook.com

SISTER

Amanda Magdalena Ext. 104
SrAmanda@stthomascatholic.com

DEACON

David Hicks Ext. 105
dhicks@stthomascatholic.com

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jackie Lampton Ext. 109

HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Marisa Roan Ext. 100
Laila Garcia Ext. 113

CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Anna Clair , Drew Roberts & Michael Whitfield
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 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
Total	\$91,000.00	\$66,603.64	\$3,034.60

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
Total	\$327,600.00	\$300,939.02	\$26,660.98

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,

Over the past couple weeks, you might have noticed something new in the church: the new votive racks. Ever since arriving at St Thomas, I've received a lot of suggestions to add them, and it's great that we've been able to happen. Many thanks in particular to Andrew Vickery (our seminarian last summer) who worked on the design and to Carl Roan who did the woodwork. It's incredible how everything turned out!

Lighting a prayer candle is a wonderful Catholic custom that you might be familiar with from other parishes. The light of the candle is a symbol of the hope we have from knowing that God hears our prayers, and the way the candle shines for a long time reminds us of how we are to pray without ceasing. And when many people light candles together, we see a sign of how we are united in prayer, both with our fellow Catholics on earth and with the saints, our friends in heaven.

These lights we will be seeing in our parish church are a great way to think about the best of the Last Things: heaven, the destination that lies beyond this earthly journey. We go forward along the paths of this life with the certainty that our heavenly Father has prepared a place for us, and a great cloud of witnesses cheers us on with their prayers. Against the dark moments of this life, heaven is a candle of hope that burns all the brighter in the shadows.

On this Thanksgiving weekend, I give thanks to God for our whole parish family, which is a light for our community and a sign of the bright hope of heaven that lies before us. Through the prayers of the Blessed Mother and our patron St. Thomas, we raise up each other in the light of God's love.

God bless,

Fr Jantz

Parish Fall Festival Youth Group—Thank You

The youth group would like to thank all those who participated and who came to support the parish and youth group with the Fall Festival. 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.

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**

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 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: Defending the faith, No Class Nov. 26th, Senses used in reading the Bible December 3rd, The Gospel of Mark with Father Cook, December 10th, Defending the faith 17th, Christmas break December 24th and 31st. 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. We meet Wednesday night at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room. All are invited to attend. Questions? Call Bill or Deb at 205-515-1927

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.

Social Concerns Committee: Angel Tree Thank You

The annual St. Thomas Parish angel Tree was a success and with your generosity the children from Shelby Emergency Assistance and Bibb County will be able to celebrate Christmas. Thank you for your love and support of this Ministry.

Candle Lighting for Advent

St. Thomas Will light the candles of the Advent Wreath as part of the Entrance Procession each week . We invite Families or Groups of individuals to sign up in the Gathering Area for this ministry.

College Student Mass and Dinner 11/29

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 Joann Butcke team #3.**

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

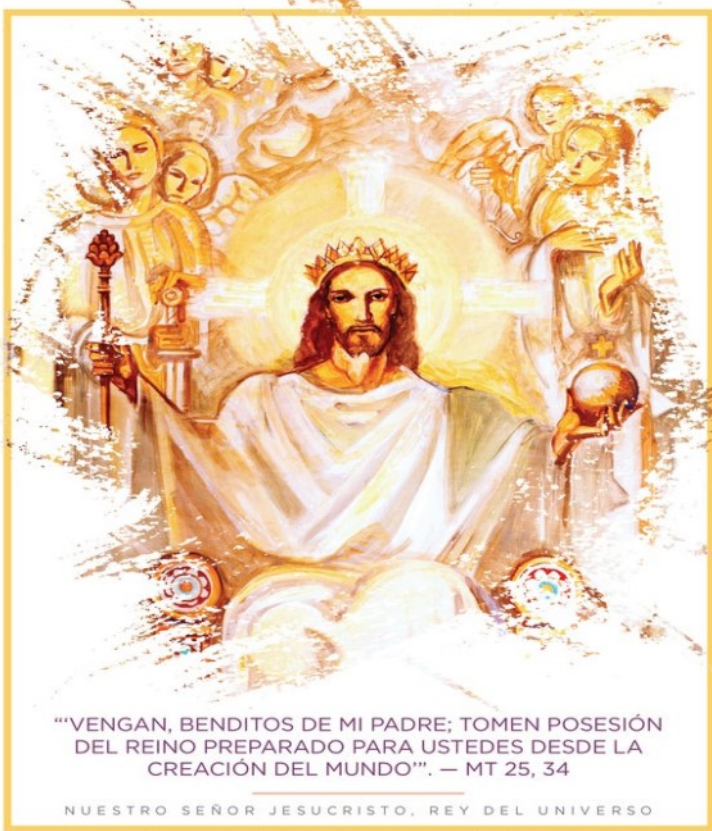
St. Thomas invites you to come and celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 11th starting at 10:00PM with the Rosary, and at 11:00PM singing till midnight, there will be hot chocolate served with sweet bread afterwards. Tuesday, Dec. 12th there will be a Mass at 6:00PM with a procession and Rosary in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

Primetimers - 12/12

We meet the 2nd 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. 12th.**

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.



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.

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, también serán responsables de traer un refrigerio para dárselo a cada niño. Entonces, si desea inscribirse, llame a la oficina al 205-663-3936.

Santo Tomás Angel Tree Gracias

El árbol anual del ángel de la parroquia de Santo Tomás fue un éxito y con su generosidad los niños de Shelby Emergency Assistance y el condado de Bibb podrán celebrar la Navidad. Gracias por su amor y apoyo a este Ministerio.

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: ella se deja encontrar por quienes la buscan y se anticipa a darse a conocer a los que la desean. (Sab 6, 12-16)
Salmo: Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti. (62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8)
Segunda lectura Pues, si creemos que Jesús murió y resucitó, de igual manera debemos creer que, a los que murieron en Jesús, Dios los llevará con él. (1 Tes 4:13-18)
Evangelio: Señor, señor, ábrenos'. Pero él les respondió: 'Yo les aseguro que no las conozco. (Mateo 25:1-13)

Lecturas Para La Semana

Lunes: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 1:1-7; Lucas 21:1-4
Martes: Daniel 2: 31-45 Lucas 21:511
Miercoles: Sab 6: 1-11; Lucas 17:11-19
Jueves: Sab 7: 2-8, 1; Lucas 17:20-25
Viernes: Sab 13, 1-9; Lucas 17:26-37
Sabado: Sab 18:14-16; 19, 6-9; Lucas 18:1-8
Domingo: Prov 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31; 1 Tes 5:1-6; Mateo 25:14-30

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Durante las últimas dos semanas, es posible que hayas notado algo nuevo en nuestra iglesia: los estantes votivos. Desde que llegué a Santo Tomás, recibí muchas sugerencias para agregarlos y es una alegría que hayamos podido hacerlo. Muchas gracias en particular a Andrew Vickery (nuestro seminarista el verano pasado) que trabajó en el diseño y a Carl Roan que hizo la carpintería. ¡Es un resultado increíble!

Encender una vela de oración es una amada costumbre católica que quizás conozcas de otras parroquias. La luz de la vela es un símbolo de la esperanza que tenemos al saber que Dios escucha nuestras oraciones, y la forma en que la vela brilla durante mucho tiempo nos recuerda cómo debemos orar sin cesar. Y cuando muchas personas encienden velas juntas, vemos una señal de cómo estamos unidos en oración, con nuestros hermanos católicos en la tierra y también como con los santos, nuestros amigos en el cielo.

Estas luces que veremos en nuestra iglesia parroquial son una excelente manera de pensar en lo mejor de las Últimas Cosas: el cielo, el destino que tenemos más allá de este camino terrenal. Caminaos por esta vida con la certeza de que nuestro Padre celestial ha preparado un lugar para nosotros, y una gran nube de testigos nos anima con sus oraciones. En los momentos oscuros de esta vida, el cielo es una vela de esperanza que arde aún más en las sombras.

En este fin de semana de Thanksgiving, doy gracias a Dios por toda nuestra familia parroquial, que es una luz para nuestra comunidad y una señal de la brillante esperanza del cielo que tenemos ante nosotros. A través de las oraciones de la Santísima Madre y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, nos elevamos unos a otros a la luz del amor de Dios.

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 12/02

Nuestra próxima misa mensual será el 2 de

Diciembre a las 10:00 AM.

Platicas Prebautismales 12/04

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

**Lunes Nov. 6 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