



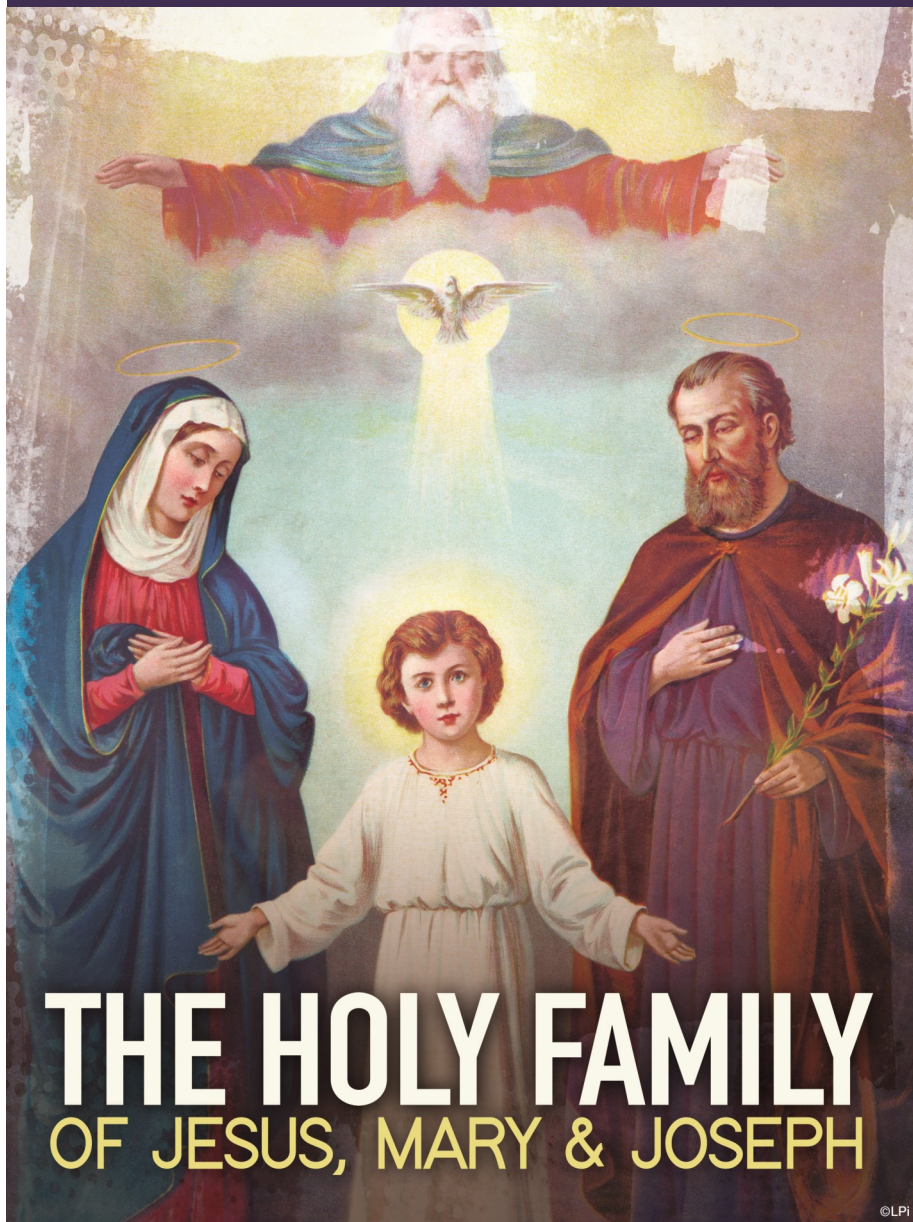
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2023 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY•



THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

80 ST. THOMAS WAY • MONTEVALLO, AL 35115 • 205-663-3936
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 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

Saturday, 5:30 PM	Dec. 30 Mass for All the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, 8:00AM 11:00AM 12:30 AM	Dec. 31 Mass for Melba Orticke , deceased Mass Intention for Esther Zagar Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia
MONDAY 10:00 AM	Jan. 1 Mass for the people of the parish
TUESDAY, 9:00 AM	JAN. 2 COMMUNION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, 9:00 AM	JAN. 3 Mass for Mary Ann Tudisco, deceased
Thursday, 9:00 AM	Jan. 4 Mass for Harry Ollinger, deceased
Friday, 9:00 AM	Jan. 5 Mass for Dr. Donald Ivie, deceased
Saturday, 10 :00AM 5:30 PM	Jan. 6 Mass for pace in the world Mass for All the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, 8:00 AM 11:00 PM 12:30 PM	Jan. 7 Mass Intention for Maria Josefina Flores Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

SUNDAY

FIRST READING— Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14)
Psalm— Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5)
Second Reading— And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. (Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17)
Gospel— It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. (Luke 2:22-40)

Readings for the week

Monday:	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Friday:	1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11
Sunday:	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

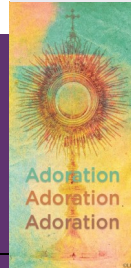
Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"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

Dec. 30th & Dec. 31st
Christmas Flowers

Jan. 6th & Jan. 7th
Christmas Flowers



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 Jan. 5th & 19th*

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Jan. 6th	5:30PM Mass	(1) Brenda Picou (2) Ed Angelini (3) Tena Whitworth	Beth Taylor	Mary Katherine Angel Salgado James Leon	Richard Sisneros Dennis Malcolm Mike Gerrells	Joanne Butcke
Sunday Jan. 7th	8:00AM Mass	(1) Martha Waleszczuk (2) Susie Leckness (3) Bruno Navarro (4) Mary Lowery (B) Gloria Quebadeux	Susan Lumpkin Susie Leckness	Dalton (MC), Alexandra (L), Makalya, Brinley, Paolo, Audrey, & Ivan	Matt Stitt Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood	Gloria Quebadeaux
Sunday Jan. 7th	11:00AM	(1) Angel Coyle (2) Debra Levio (3) Edie Richardson (4) Shawn Howard (B) Judy Lemieux	Barbara McClary Jena Evanko	Byron (MC), Atticus, Nicole, Kim, Anthony, & Alex	Aiden Howard Jasper Levio Lee Travis	Paula Russell Bevel
	12:30 PM (Spanish)	Cuerpo – Aracely y Antonio Caliz – Maria, Magda, Blanca, y Fernando	1st L-Luis S-Deyanira 2nd L-Jorge P-Guadalupe	Fernando (MC), Elizabeth, Isabella, Dulce, Clarissa, & Amir	Heron	Magda Rivera, Lupe y Antonio

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

DEC. 31, 2023 TO JAN. 7, 2024

SUNDAY, DEC. 31
9:30AM-10:30AM

MONDAY, JAN. 1
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE CLOSED
10:00AM MASS

TUESDAY, JAN. 2
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 5
8:30AM-12:00PM OFFICE OPEN
Adoration begins at noon

SATURDAY, JAN. 6
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/>

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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 Nov. 2023

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$42,000.00	\$55,518.00	\$13,518.00
Building Fund	\$30,400.00	\$28,161.96	\$2,238.04
Total	\$72,400.00	\$83,679.96	\$11,279.96

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$233,200.00	\$253,906.73	\$20,706.73
Building Fund	\$167,200.00	\$131,372.25	\$35,827.75
Total	\$400,400.00	\$388,278.98	\$15,521.02

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,

Happy New Year's Eve, and Happy 6th Day of Christmas! In this special time of year, there is always so much to celebrate. I pray our whole parish will experience another year of promise, opportunity, and God's blessings.

As we welcome the New Year, many people have the tradition of New Year's resolutions, where we take stock of our lives and resolve to make changes for the better. That's a great custom—but I'd add that it's important to keep God as part of it! Beyond just getting back to the gym or cutting back on sweets, we should take the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling us to improve.

Here are a few faith-based New Year's resolutions for us to pray about:

- Daily commitment to prayer
- Start a habit of spiritual reading (the Bible, books about saints, devotional books)
- Give daily Mass a try
- Speaking positively at all times
- Look for humble ways to do good (pick up trash when we see it, choose to park in the back of the parking lot)
- Becoming involved in a new ministry or form of community service

May the Lord pour out his abundant blessings upon us in 2024, through the intercession of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin and our patron St. Thomas.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 1/1

There will be a mass on Monday, New Years Day at 10:00AM.

Confirmation Retreats

St. Thomas Parish has set the dates for the Confirmation Retreats. The Confirmation II Retreat will be on Jan. 26th & 27th. The Confirmation C retreat will be on February 16th & 17. The Confirmation I retreat will be on March 8th & 9th. The retreats will be presented by a Retreat Team that will consist of college students and of high school students who are already confirmed. To sign up for the team please contact Sister Amanda Magdalena at sramanda@stthomascatholic.com or (205) 358-1973.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation

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

RCIA: Tuesday, at 6:30pm.

Saturday Morning Mass 1/6/2024

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 Jan. 6, 2024.

Altar Flowers 2024

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 1/20

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, Jan. 20, 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

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation classes will continue Jan 7th with the following topics: Jan 7 – Bible and the Church Fathers part 8, Jan 14 – Reformation/Counter-Reformation, Jan 21st – Sacred Art, Jan 28th – Sister Wilhelmina, Feb 4th – The Two Francis's part 5, Feb 11th – Pope Leo XIII, Feb 18th – John chapter 6 with Father Cook, and Feb 25th – Dorothy Day. All are welcomed to attend our class from 945am to 1045am Sunday morning in the room behind the music room in the church. Please see Deacon David for questions or more information.

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

Epiphany House Blessing

There is a beautiful tradition in the Catholic Church of the blessing of chalk and the blessing of homes to prepare the arrival of the wise men on the Epiphany. There is blessed chalk available instruction sheets in the Gathering Area to use for your home blessings.

Posadas Thank You

Thank you to all who organized the posadas, the families that signed up, brought goodies for the children, and brought food on the last day of the posadas, and all who participated.

Christmas Children's Choir and Play Thank You

We would like to thank these young people for giving their time and talent to be part of the Christmas Choir and Play this year. They did such a wonderful job for all of us to enjoy the Christmas season. Thank you to those who organized it and brought it together.

Christmas Concert Thank You

Thank you to those involved in our 2nd Christmas the Lord's blessings concert on Dec. 10th and who helped in preparing the music, the program and the food for the reception. May your New Year be filled with Peace and Love. Happy New Year wishing you many blessings.

Parish Office Holiday Closure 1-1

The parish office will be closed on Monday, New Years Day, Jan. 1st.

Primetimers - 1/9

The next Primetimers will be Tuesday, Jan. 9th. Our Primetimers group consists of parishioners over the age of 55 who meet for 11:00am Mass followed by a pot luck lunch. Please join us for the fellowship and some fun! **Our next luncheon is Jan. 9th.**

Formed

FORMED is a digital platform that offers access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and e-Books. There is a wealth of information about the Catholic Faith on this platform. St. Thomas Parish has purchased a subscription to this service for all parishioners. To register: go to Formed.org, enter our parish code, CV4M7B, create a personal account with your user name/email and password. In the future go directly to Formed.org.

College Student Mass and Dinner 1/10

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 first team is Sena Higdon David Lovoy team #5.**



LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él. - Lc 2,40

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Bendición de la Casa de la Epifanía 01/07

Existe una bonita tradición en la Iglesia Católica de la bendición de tizas y la bendición de los hogares para preparar la llegada de los Reyes Magos en la Epifanía. Hay hojas de instrucciones con tiza bendita disponibles en el área de reunión para usar en las bendiciones de su hogar.

Retiros de Confirmación

La Parroquia de St. Thomas ha fijado las fechas para los Retiros de Confirmación. El Retiro de Confirmación II será el 26 y 27 de enero. El retiro de Confirmación C será el 16 y 17 de febrero. El retiro de Confirmación I será el 8 y 9 de marzo. Los retiros serán presentados por un Equipo de Retiro que estará formado por estudiantes universitarios y estudiantes de secundaria que ya estén confirmados. Para inscribirse en el equipo, comuníquese con la hermana Amanda Magdalena en sramanda@stthomascatholic.com o (205) 358-1973.

Oficina cerrada -1/1

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada por vacaciones el lunes 1 de Enero, día de Año Nuevo.

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: El que honra a su padre queda limpio de pecado; y acumula tesoros, el que respeta a su madre. (Eclesiástico 3, 3-7. 14-17a)

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

Segunda lectura: Que en sus corazones reine la paz de Cristo, esa paz a la que han sido llamados, como miembros de un solo cuerpo. (Col 3, 12-21)

Evangelio: Señor, ya puedes dejar morir en paz a tu siervo, según lo que me habías prometido, porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, (Lucas 2, 22-40)

Lecturas Para La Semana

Lunes : Números 6: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7; Lucas 2: 6-21

Martes: 1 Juan 2: 22-28; Juan 1: 19-28

Miercoles: 1 Juan 2: 29-3, 6; Juan 1: 29-34

Jueves: 1 Juan 3: 7-10; Juan 1: 35-42

Viernes: 1 Juan 3: 11-21; Juan 1: 43-51

Sabado: 1 Juan 5: 5-13; Marcos 1: 7-11

Domingo: Isaías 60: 1-6; Efesios 3: 2-3a. 5-6; Mateo 2: 1-12

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo

Feliz Nochevieja y feliz sexto día de Navidad! En esta época tan especial del año siempre hay mucho que celebrar. Oro para que toda nuestra parroquia experimente otro año de promesas, oportunidades y las bendiciones de Dios.

Al dar la bienvenida al Año Nuevo, muchas personas tienen la tradición de los propósitos de Año Nuevo. Examinamos nuestras vidas y decidimos hacer cambios para mejorarnos. Esa es una buena costumbre, ¡pero tengo que decir que es importante pensar también de Dios cuando hacemos propósitos! Más allá de hacer ejercicio o comer menos dulces, debemos aprovechar la oportunidad para reflexionar sobre cómo Dios nos está llamando en el Año Nuevo.

Aquí hay algunas resoluciones de Año Nuevo basadas en la fe por las que podemos orar:

- Compromiso diario con la oración iniciar un hábito de lectura espiritual (la Biblia, vidas de santos, libros devocionales)
- Prueba la misa diaria
- Hablar positivamente en todo momento
- Busque maneras humildes de hacer el bien (recoger basura cuando la veamos, elegir estacionarse en la parte trasera del estacionamiento)
- Involucrarse en un nuevo ministerio o forma de servicio comunitario

Que el Señor derrame sus abundantes bendiciones sobre nosotros en 2024, por la intercesión de Santa María Siempre Virgen y nuestro patrón Santo Tomás.

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 1/6/2024

Nuestra próxima misa mensual será el 6 de Enero las 10:00 AM.

Platicas Prebautismales 1/8/2024

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

Lunes Enero 8 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