



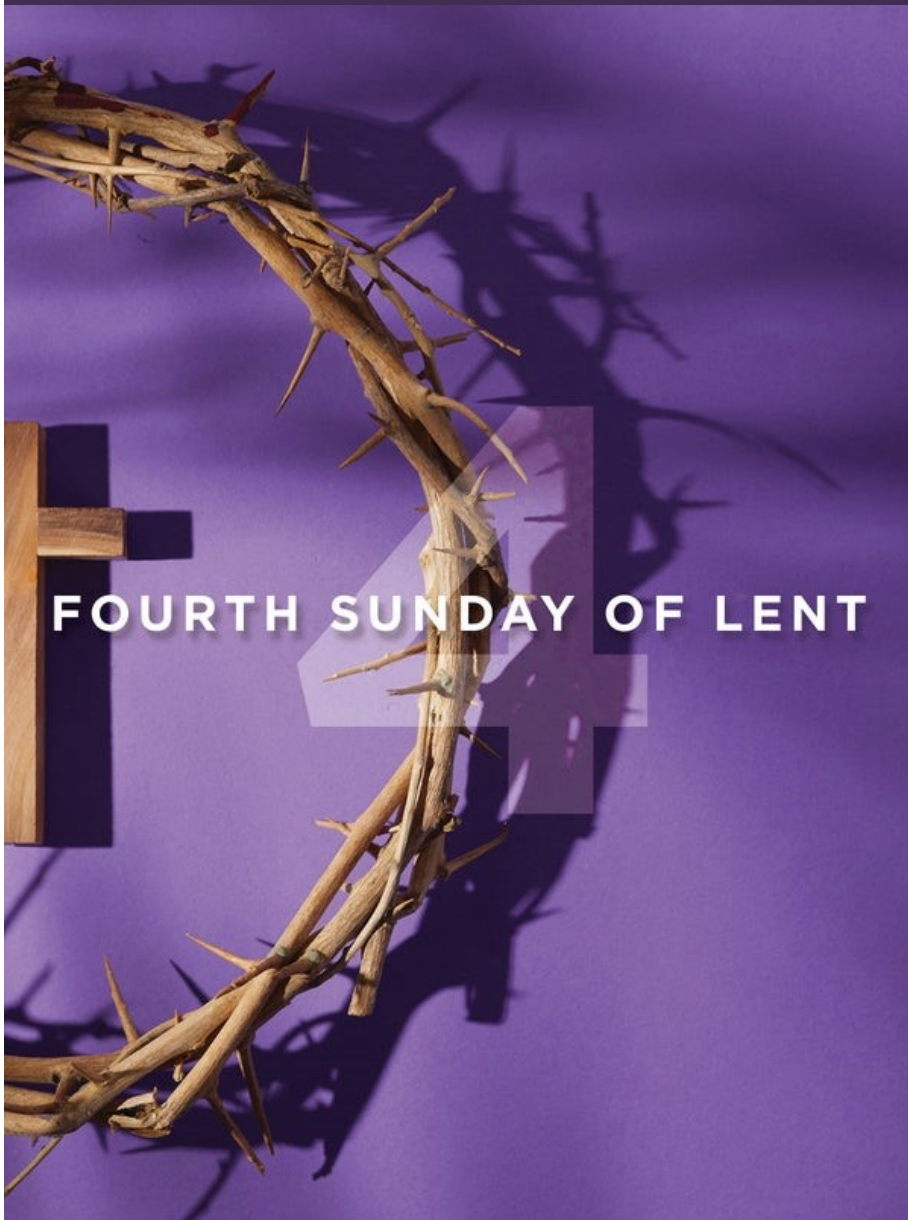
# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

### SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT•



#### 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)

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

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 PM	March 9 Mass for Mary Lov Geros, deceased
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00AM 11:00AM 12:30 AM	March 10 Mass for Eugenia Tatumay, deceased Mass for Charlie Robedeau, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia
<b>Tuesday,</b> 9:00 AM	March 12 Communion Service
<b>Wednesday,</b> 9:00 AM	March 13 Mass Intention for St Jose Sanchez del Rio Prayer Group
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 AM	March 14 Mass for Joan Kever, deceased
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 AM	March. 15 Mass for James Stack, deceased
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 PM	March. 16 Mass for Aurora Alvillar, deceased
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 11:00 PM 12:30 PM	March. 17 Mass Intention Cora Dawn Rodriguez Mass for Ramon Alvillar, deceased Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia

## SUNDAY

**FIRST READING**— Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Samuel 16,1b6-7 ó 13a)

**Psalm** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (22, 1-3a, 3b,4,5,6 )

**SECOND READING**— Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. ( EPH 5:8-14)

**Gospel**— “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains. (John 4:43-54)

## Readings for the week

<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 65:17-21 : John 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	Exodo 32:7-14 John 5:31-47
<b>Friday:</b>	Jeremiah11:18-20; John 7:40-53
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ezekiel37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11
<b>Sunday:</b>	Deuteronomy 13:1-9,15-17 19-3033-62 John12:20-23

## 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*

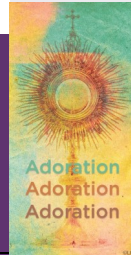
## Monthly Altar Flowers

March 10<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup>

In memory/honor of

March. 16<sup>th</sup> & March. 17<sup>th</sup>

In memory/honor of Kevin Sapio



## 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 1st & 15th msrch*

		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
<b>Saturday</b> March. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30PM Mass	(1) Dennis Malcolm (2) Alan Cannon (3) Lisa Richard	Beth Taylor	Mary Katherine Angel James	Walther Lee Paulo Lorino Richard Sisneros	Vanesa Malcom
<b>Sunday</b> March. 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00AM Mass	(1) Martha Waleszczuk (2) Laura Kaylor (3) George Sadowski (4) Morris Green (B) Ash Christy	Susie Leckness Susan Lumpkin	Hazel(MC) Anna, Lily, Mary, Mark, Iker, Andrei	Matt Stitt Phillip Watson Keith Brown	Sarah Burns
<b>Sunday</b> March. 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00AM	(1) Judy Lemieux (2) Debra Levio (3) Fran Massey (4) Bill Richardson (B) Edie Richardson	Michelle Stamps Ed Dale	Wes, Elizabeth, Salvador, Fatima, Adrian, Angel	Casey Fondren Michael Fisher Wayne Perrin	Judy Lmieux
<b>Domingo</b>	12:30 PM (Spanish)	<b>Cuerpo</b> – Aracely, Antonio <b>Caliz</b> – Xochitl Patric	1 Xochilt S Patricia 2 Guadalupe P Rosa Maria	Fernando(T)(MC) Camila, Christopher, Omar, Julian, Marlom.	Heron	Magda, Antonio y Guadalupe

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**MARCH. 10, 2024 TO MARCH. 16, 2024**

**SUNDAY, March. 10**  
9:30AM-10:30AM

**MONDAY, MARCH. 11**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**TUESDAY, MARCH. 12**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH. 13**  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

**THURSDAY, MARCH. 14**  
8:30AM-4:00PM OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, MARCH. 15**  
8:30AM-12:00PM OFFICE OPEN  
Adoration begins at noon

**SATURDAY, MARCH. 16**  
Adoration end 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/](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 Feb. 2024

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$42,400.00	\$49,128.20	\$6,728.20
Building Fund	\$30,400.00	\$32,002.18	\$1,602.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,800.00</b>	<b>\$81,130.38</b>	<b>\$8,330.38</b>

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

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$371,000.00	\$419,702.03	\$48,702.03
Building Fund	\$266,000.00	\$225,007.48	\$40,992.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$637,000.00</b>	<b>\$644,709.51</b>	<b>\$7,709.51</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 7/1/24.

# 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,

The Church's year has its own rhythms that I usually like to focus on in this space. That said, from time to time, things happen in the world around us that the Church should take note of. Recently, here in Alabama, we've had two major shifts in state law: the rights of embryonic children; and the operating environment for private schools. These are both major topics that relate deeply to Catholic teaching on life and the family, so I will be discussing them this week and next. Let's start with the first.

On February 16, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that embryonic children outside the womb have the same rights and legal protections as unborn children within their mother. A major effect of this decision is that, at least for a time, in-vitro fertilization (IVF, a reproductive technology) clinics ceased operation in Alabama. The decision confused many people, but not Catholics. The Church's position is that natural reason clearly reveals that *every human being has intrinsic dignity*. An embryonic child is a unique, unrepeatable individual, who with the proper care and nourishment will grow and develop, which means that they should be treated with respect by society. One of the main reasons for the Church's adamant opposition to IVF (and most other approaches to technology-assisted reproduction) is that it involves many embryonic children being conceived, only to be frozen or discarded. *We must never throw away human life!*

Let me speak with much gentleness toward anyone who might be struggling to conceive and considering IVF. Through the experiences of friends facing this problem, I have seen the anguish that comes with desiring children while experiencing infertility. It's incredibly tough. That's precisely why IVF and similar techniques are so insidious. They take one of our best and most generous desires (to share love with a family), and then subvert it with the idea that if we're willing to ignore right and wrong ("just this one time," like the enemy always whispers), we can take God's place as the master of life. If you're experiencing this particular struggle, I'd invite you to come talk. There are alternative paths consistent with human dignity and the Church's teaching, and I would appreciate the chance to walk the spiritual journey with you.

As of this writing (March 1), it appears that our state lawmakers are moving to re-legalize IVF. It's a disappointment, but it's no surprise. The culture of life is very shallow, even here in Alabama. The Church has worked hard to raise awareness of the ethical problems surrounding abortion for over 50 years, but the hard work of building a civilization of love and human dignity remains mostly undone. Still, this is a good moment to inform our consciences and take stock of the work ahead of us. Through the intercession of our Lady and our patron St. Thomas, let's renew our commitment to giving consistent witness to human dignity, through our words and our choices.

God bless,  
Fr Jantz

## Monthly Memorial Mass For Our Dearly departed Loved Ones

St. Thomas the Apostle will celebrate monthly Memorial Masses to honor our friends and family who have gone to the house of the Father. These Masses will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6pm in Spanish and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9am in English, and all are welcome to attend. Please contact Sr. Amanda Magdalena ([sramanda@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:sramanda@stthomascatholic.com) or 205-358-1973) to add the names of your deceased loved ones or if you have any questions. The Masses for March (Spanish) the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> (English).

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation

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

RCIA: Tuesday, at 6:30pm. Adult Faith Formation (205)945-1045

## Saturday Morning Mass 04/6/2024

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 April. 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 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 04/20

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, April 20th, at 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood, AL. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer/rosary/adoration and Holy Mass led by Fr. Jim Hedderman. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at [angkolar@att.net](mailto:angkolar@att.net) or 205-410-2033.

## Welcome to St. Thomas!

St. Thomas Parish is happy to welcome all people to our faith community. If you live in this area, we invite you to register as a parishioner. Registration forms in both English and Español are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

# PARISH ACTIVITIES

## Adult Faith Formation

Adult faith formation classes continue with the following topics: – Father Jantz – March 10<sup>th</sup>; History of Pope Benedict XVI – March 17<sup>th</sup>; no classes March 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, Divine Mercy celebration - April 7<sup>th</sup>, Two Francis Video series #7 – April 14<sup>th</sup>; Discussion of each person patron saint – April 21<sup>st</sup>; Rule of St Benedict – April 28<sup>th</sup>; Bible and the Church Fathers Video series #10 – May 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed to attend our classes from 9:45am to 10:45am Sunday mornings 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. We meet at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room. All are invited to attend. Questions? Call Bill or Deb at 205-515-1927

## Choir Holy Week Choir

Calling all persons who would like to contribute to the Holy Week Liturgies through music! Please do join us! We will practice from 9:15 to 10:15 in the music room of the church. Please contact Ann Hicks for additional information: [Annhicks0@gmail.com](mailto:Annhicks0@gmail.com) or 205-621-0372.

## Primetimers - 03/12

Primetimers is an organization for church members aged 55 and over to get together and enjoy some fellowship. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11am for Mass and potluck. Please join us -- what a great way to get to know other members of our church! **Our next luncheon is March. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## St. Thomas Spring Cleaning 3/23

On March 23rd, starting at 9AM, St. Thomas will have a day for spring cleaning. Help is needed for tasks such as cleaning all the windows, laying out bark in the courtyard, and many more. Afterwards, lunch will be provided. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Eric Smith at 205-663-3936x103

## Lenten Fast and Abstinence

On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and each Friday of Lent, Catholics who are in good health and are at least 14 years old are obliged to abstain from eating meat (including beef, pork, chicken, and other animals). There is also an obligation to fast on Ash Wednesday (2/14) and Good Friday (3/29) for Catholics in good health from ages 18 through 59. Fasting for this discipline means only one full meal on those days, plus up to two light meals, but no food in between. Catholics are also encouraged to express interior penance in other ways, especially prayer, corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and charity to those in need.

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Thomas each Fridays of Lent after the 9am Mass and at 7pm. The 7pm Stations will be led by different priests, deacons, and special groups, and will include a spiritual reflection. All are invited to participate in this beautiful annual tradition!

## K of C Fish Fry

The parish Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry each Friday of Lent (2/16 to 3/22) from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Please join us as we journey together through this upcoming holy season

## A new ministry will soon start here at St. Thomas: a Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The idea is that interested parishioners will knit or crochet shawls at home, then bring them to church. They will be blessed. Parishioners may then take one to give or send the prayer shawl to someone they know who is suffering, sick, lonely, or has suffered the loss of a loved one. They may also be given for happier occasions such as a birth, an anniversary or other special events. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet there are people who can teach you the easy stitches in creating a shawl. Another way you can help is to donate money to buy the yarn. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in this Ministry on March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 in the parish hall. Come and learn the details of knitting or crocheting a Prayer Shawl. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space. If you are interested but cannot attend this meeting please call or email Margaret Rose at: 828-845-2130 [marmouse2@yahoo.com](mailto:marmouse2@yahoo.com).



## Misas conmemorativas para nuestros queridos Difuntos

Santo Tomás celebrará la Misa memorial cada mes para nuestros amigos y familiares que han ido a la casa del Padre. Las Misas será el **14 de Marzo**, jueves a las 6pm en español. Por favor, habla con Sr. Amanda Magdalena ([sramanda@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:sramanda@stthomascatholic.com) o 205-358-1973) para incluir los nombres de sus queridos difuntos o si tienes algunas preguntas.

## Cruz de Cuaresma

El evento de Santo Tomás Lenten Cross este año apoyará la asistencia de emergencia de Shelby y el Sav-A-Life del condado de Bibb. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa para las limosnas.

## Limpieza Anual de la Iglesia April 23

Este es un evento Anual de tu Iglesia Santo Tomas pide de tu ayuda para hacer un lipiesa una vez al año tenemos una lista afuera para anotar tu nombre si deseas participar todos estan invitados

## LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

**Primera Lectura:** Entonces el Señor dijo a Samuel: “Levántate y ungelo, porque éste es”. Tomó Samuel el cuerno con el aceite y lo ungió delante de sus hermanos. A partir de aquel día, el espíritu del Señor estuvo con David. (1 Samuel 16,1b 6-7 10-13a)

**Salmo:** El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará. (Ps 115, 10 y 15. 16-17. 18-19)

**Segunda lectura:** En otro tiempo ustedes fueron tinieblas, pero ahora, unidos al Señor, son luz (Efesios 5:8-14)

**Evangelio** “Si estuvieran ciegos, no tendrían pecado; pero como dicen que ven, siguen en su pecado”. (Juan 9,1-41)

## Lecturas Para La Semana

<b>Lunes :</b>	Ezequiel 47:1-9; 12 Juan 5:1-16
<b>Martes:</b>	Isaías 49:8-15; Juan 5:17-20
<b>Miercoles:</b>	Exodous 32:7-14; Juan 5:31-47
<b>Jueves:</b>	Jeremias 11:18-20; Juan 7:40-53
<b>Viernes:</b>	Ezequiel 37:12-14; Romanos 8:8-11
<b>Sábado:</b>	Jeremias 31:31-34; Juan 12:20-33
<b>Domingo:</b>	Deuteronomio 13:1-9,15-17 19-3033-62
Joel 12:20-	23

## Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

La Iglesia tiene sus propios ritmos que normalmente son mi enfoque aquí. Dicho esto, de vez en cuando suceden cosas en el mundo de que la Iglesia debería tomar nota. Recientemente, en Alabama, hemos tenido dos cambios importantes en la ley estatal: los derechos de los niños embrionarios; y el entorno operativo de las escuelas privadas. Ambos son temas importantes que se relacionan profundamente con la enseñanza católica sobre la vida y la familia, por lo que los discutiré esta semana y la próxima. Empecemos con el primero.

El 16 de febrero, la Corte Suprema de Alabama decidió que los niños embrionarios fuera del útero tienen los mismos derechos y protecciones legales que los niños no nacidos dentro de su madre. El efecto de esta decisión es que, al menos por un tiempo, las clínicas de fertilización in vitro (FIV, una tecnología reproductiva) dejaron de funcionar en Alabama. La decisión confundió a mucha gente, pero no a los católicos. La posición de la Iglesia es que todas las personas pueden utilizar su razón natural para ver que *cada ser humano tiene dignidad intrínseca*. Un niño embrionario es un individuo único e irreplicable, que con aliento adecuado va a crecer, por lo que debe ser tratado con respeto por la sociedad. Una de las principales razones de la firme oposición de la Iglesia a la FIV (y a la mayoría de las tecnologías de reproducción) es que implica que muchos niños embrionarios sean concebidos, para luego ser congelados o descartados. *¡Nunca debemos desechar la vida humana!*

Permítanme hablar con mucha gentileza hacia cualquiera que tenga dificultades para concebir y esté considerando la FIV. A través de las experiencias de muchas personas cercanas a mí, he visto la angustia de la infertilidad. Es realmente difícil. Precisamente por eso la FIV y técnicas similares son tan insidiosas. Toman uno de nuestros mejores y más generosos deseos (compartir el amor con una familia) y luego lo subvierte con la idea de que si estamos dispuestos a ignorar el bien y el mal (“sólo esta única vez”, como el enemigo siempre dice), podemos controlar el destino humano. Si estás experimentando esta lucha, te invito a que vengas a hablar. Hay caminos alternativos coherentes con la dignidad humana y la enseñanza de la Iglesia, y agradecería la oportunidad de recorrer el camino espiritual contigo.

Al momento de escribir este artículo (1 de marzo), parece que nuestros legisladores estatales están tomando medidas para volver a legalizar la FIV. Es una decepción, pero no es una sorpresa. La cultura de la vida es muy superficial en Alabama. La Iglesia ha trabajado arduamente para crear conciencia sobre los problemas éticos que rodean al aborto durante más de 50 años, pero el arduo trabajo de construir una civilización de amor y dignidad humana sigue. Aún así, este es un buen momento para hacer balance del trabajo que tenemos por delante. Por la intercesión de Nuestra Señora y de nuestro patrón Santo Tomás, renovemos nuestro compromiso de dar testimonio a la dignidad humana, a través de nuestras palabras y nuestras elecciones.

Dios los bendiga,  
P. Jantz

## CRS Tazon de Arroz

Santo Tomás participa en el programa CRS Rice Bowl. Los tazones de arroz estarán disponibles en el espacio de reunión. Los tazones de arroz deben regresar el Jueves Santo. Por favor, colóquelos en las cestas de mimbre ubicadas en el espacio de reunión.

## Caballeros de Colón

Los Caballeros de Colón de la parroquia organizarán una cena de pescado frito de Cuaresma cada viernes de (feb. 16 al marzo 22 )de 5:30 a 6:30 p.m. ¡Únase a nosotros mientras viajamos juntos a través de esta próxima temporada santa!

# 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 3/2**

Nuestra próxima misa mensual será el 2 de Marzo las 10:00 AM.

**Platicas Prebautismales 04/8/2024**

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

**Lunes Febrero 5 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

Clases de quinceañeras son el 25 de Feb.

Domingos a las 11:00am esta el 31 de Marzo

**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:

**Víctor, Jose o Benjamin** al 205-667-6032