



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 21, 2011

Parish Office

770 - 432-8579

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NEW Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

Summer Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00AM - 5:00PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday

10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass

Schedule

Monday:	12 Noon
Tuesday:	12 Noon
Wednesday:	6:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday:	7:00 PM
Friday:	12 Noon
Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:30 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes:	7:30 PM
Jueves:	8:00 PM
Sábado:	7:30 PM
Domingo:	6:00 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Confesión:

Sábados: 6:30 PM
Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

"JUST FAITH CHANGES PEOPLE... THOSE PEOPLE CHANGE THE WORLD"

Just FAITH

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
IN AN INTENSIVE FORMATION PROGRAM
FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ENCOUNTER GOD
THROUGH THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS.

Why Participate?

- To gain a better understanding of the Church's social mission from Scripture and Catholic social teaching
- To integrate personal spirituality and compassion to meet the needs of a broken world

When Will We Meet?

- Wednesday mornings- 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. OR evenings- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. beginning September 14th – April 2012 (Limited to the first 15 people)
- Other groups may meet during the day and on different evenings, if there is sufficient interest

What Is Involved?

- Weekly 2-1/2 hour meetings
- Opening and closing Retreats
- Four immersion experiences
- About two hours of weekly reading
- Cost: \$145 per person for books (paid in installments and a family can share books)

Who Should Participate?

- People who are looking for a deep spiritual experience
- People who want to experience their faith in community
- People who want to grow their compassion and expression of love for their neighbor

How Do I Sign Up or Get More Information?

- Contact Michael Okuto at 770 – 432 – 8579 Ext 122 or mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org



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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Pedro Chingandu, M.S. (x106) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. (x121) • Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193)

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett • Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson

Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)



In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that all things come from God: "For from him and through him and for him all things are."

Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

*Weekly Stewardship Scripture Reflections
Lectionary Cycle A*

FY 2012 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date
Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real

To Date Budget / *Proyección* \$228,846.00
To Date Actual / *Real* \$182,364.00
To Date Shortfall / *Pérdida* \$46,482.00

Thanks for your generosity!
¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Offertory/Ofertorio August 6-7, 2011

Budgeted (*Presupuesto*)..... \$32,692.00
Offertory (*Ofrenda*)..... \$28,956.00
Shortfall (*Pérdida*)..... \$3,737.00

Update on our Capital Campaign
Moving Forward In Hope

Campaña Caminando en Esperanza

Goal (*Meta*)..... \$5,000,000.00
Pledged (*Compromisos*) \$2,740,859.00
Paid to date (*Pagos*) \$375,261.00

What our children at St. Thomas gave to God...

♥ July 30-31, 2011 ♥
♥ **Treasure:** \$399.13 ♥

Time & Talent: ♥ I made my bed ♥ I clean ♥ I helped my parents ♥ I shared a smile ♥ Obey my parents ♥ Helped my Mom ♥ I cleaned for my Mom ♥ Prayed for the poor ♥ Yesterday I took care of my Mom ♥ *Le compré a mis primos cosas de la tienda* (I bought gifts for my cousins at the store) ♥ Helped cleaning dishes ♥ Make my own breakfast ♥ Listen to my parents and teachers ♥ Helped taking care of Sam ♥ I helped my grandma ♥ I fed my dog Rusty ♥ Being respectful ♥ Helped others ♥ Feed the dogs ♥ I learnt to read my book ♥ Cleaned my toys ♥

Children's Stewardship Envelopes
are available on the Commons Table.

Your children are invited to record their good deeds of the week on the envelope and place it in the Offertory basket each week.



- Do you have a family member currently serving in the military?
- Are you a veteran or have you returned from active duty recently?

The **Remember Their Sacrifice Ministry** has been established to serve the needs of military families within our parish.

The **Remember Their Sacrifice Ministry** has three goals:

- 1) To facilitate a way for parishioners to communicate with members currently serving,
- 2) To sponsor prayer and sharing sessions for all veterans and those returning from active duty as well as similar sessions for parents, spouses, siblings, and children of those serving,
- 3) To sponsor special liturgies for all active duty members of the military as well as all veterans of all conflicts, their families and friends on Veterans Day and Memorial Day

For more information call Roger at 770-315-3534

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray For Our Troops

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially:

CPT Donald Carducci, USA	PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA	Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA
Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC	CPT Bobby Hall, USA	Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA
SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG	Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG	Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA
SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA	PFC Brian Harris, USA	Specialist Brian Saunder, USA
ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN	Maj. Marise James, USAF	CPT Anna Smith, ARNG
Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrell, USA	HMC Damian J. Lovello	MSG Donald Smith, USA
Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA	LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello	S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA
CPT Randy Gibbs, USAF	CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA	CW4 Anthony Veney, USA
LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC	HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN	Sgt. Richard Whelan, USMC
SFC Charles Granke, USA	2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA	Capt. Violeta Zúñiga, USA

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to add a family member who is serving in the military.

TO REQUEST PRAYERS FROM ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER CHAIN

contact Valerie Panditaratne at 770-438-9078 or email: vpandit@emory.edu

Egdar Alvarado	Lauren Garger	Frank Perez
Gil Campos	Justin Patrick Gooden	Kathy O'Hara-Rosa
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Michael Chastain	Linda Laurens	Helen Robertson
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David Edwards, Jr.	Ian Martin	Steve Scheneman
Ed Fitzgerald	Dorothy Madson	John Schroeder
Ashley Guadalupe Frausto	Carol J. Mohring	Lenna Spencer
Andrea Galvan	Franz Mohring	Chuck Sykes
Paula García Patiño	Leona Morales	Bonnie Wade

We ask the friends and families of those for whom we are praying on this bulletin sick list to please take a moment to call the Parish Office and tell us how they are doing. They are always in our prayers.

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Children FAITH

Sue Senecal, Director of Faith Formation
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Parish School of Religion (PSR) registration for 2011-2012 is CLOSED. All students assigned to classes will receive a post card after Labor Day with their day/time assigned.

WANTED: New dedicated PSR volunteer teachers. No experience needed. The commitment is only 1 hour per week. If interested, contact Sue Senecal at 770-432-5296.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Featured presentation: **RIO**. Join us on Friday, September 9th in the Social Hall. Food & snacks will be sold at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins at 7:00 p.m. **FREE admission!**

Teen FAITH

Deepa Kingry, Youth Minister
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Crack It Open – St Jerome says “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” Join us for our weekly Bible study. Meet new people, eat pizza, and grow in your relationship with Christ. Wednesdays (except August 24th, 31st & September 7th). Meet at 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

We are the Mini’s of St. Thomas the Apostle, a group of high school students dedicated to bringing God’s light into the world to our peers:
Dora Arreguin • Gaven Barker • Jorge Gamboa • Gabriela Juarez • Diana Martinez • Rafael Martinez • Edwin Mendez • Jessica Ramirez • Pilly Rivera • Ali Sanchez • Dustin Vickers • Jessica Zavala • Melissa Ortega • Michelle Nolasco • Daena Laguna • Karen Ibarra • Katy Hamm • Jonathan Diaz • Brunna De Oliveira • Euridice Bustamante • Casey Bunda • Madison Bailey

Adult FAITH

Michael Okuto, Adult Faith Formation
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RCIA JOURNEY: Starting August 28th!

- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Do you want to be RCIA sponsor, Catechist or team member?
- Have you celebrated baptism in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church?
- Are you a baptized Catholic who has not yet received Eucharist or Confirmation?
- Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just do not know what the next step is in becoming Catholic?

Register for our next session of RCIA, and join us on Sunday, August 28th at 10:30 a.m. in the Adult Education Room!

Registration forms available in the Commons Area.



Andrew McGovern
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770-432-8579 Ext. 131

A Warm Welcome to Andrew McGovern!

My name is Andrew McGovern. I am the new Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation as well as the new Assistant Youth Minister. I am 23 years old and graduated from Ave Maria University with a Theology Major and Philosophy Minor. I am currently attending Holy Spirit College for my Masters Degree in Theology. I have a passion for both learning and teaching the Faith. I enjoy playing music and watching Braves Baseball. My wife Kristina and I were married this past June. I am very excited to be able to return to my home parish and serve the community with the gifts God has given me. This parish community helped bring about my conversion and I hope to give back all I can.

Please pray for me as I take on these positions as I will be praying for all of you.

Faith FORMATION – Important DATES

Religious Education for Children

September 9

Movie Night, 7:00 p.m. (Social Hall) FREE admission. Food & snacks will be sold 6:30 p.m.

September 12

PSR Classes Begin (postcards will be sent after 9/5 with student day/time assigned)

Life Teen

September 11

Parent Meeting, after 5:00 p.m. Mass

September 11

Kick Off Life Night, after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Adult Education

August 28

RCIA Inquiry Date 10:30 a.m.

September 11

RCIA Begins at 9:30 a.m. Mass



Preschool

August 30 – Parent meeting 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 31 – Meet and Greet 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

September 1 – Preschool Begins 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. after September 12th)

Support the Missionaries of La Salette next weekend!

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and brought the fullness of Life to our world. He sent his disciples to share this life with all creation, "They went forth and preached everywhere." (Mk 16:20).

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, "Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people," echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission oriented. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded.

This spirit brought them to Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and Philippines.

With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these missions countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

Please be generous on your donation to the Missionaries of La Salette on August 27th-28th.

Summerfest/Kermesse raised \$31,000 for our Moving Forward in Hope to Build a New Church!!!

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Thanks also to our volunteers and parishioners who made this event possible.

Bereavement Ministry

Have you lost a loved one recently?
Please join our

Bereavement Ministry starting

Tuesday, August 23rd

7:00 p.m. in the

Adult Faith Formation Building

This is an eight week program which allows us to let the healing begin.

For more information,
please call Bill Anderson at:
770-436-8216.



Rare Opening for Electric Guitarist in Life Teen Band!

We are in need of a talented electric guitarist who is comfortable playing rhythm and lead guitar in the rough-edged style of today's Contemporary Christian music.

We play for 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass every week, plus other events/retreats throughout the year.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

If you're interested, do not delay in calling/e-mailing for an audition to be held throughout upcoming weeks by appointment with Patty Smith
psmith@stthomastheapostle.org or 770-241-9343.

Celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of LaSalette on Saturday, September 17th. right here on our parish grounds!

We will get together as a parish community in a celebration that will include morning prayer, Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament during the day and a Bilingual Mass in the evening. Games, food, and fun for all the family will also be available throughout the day.

Save the date and find more details in next week's bulletin!

Busy? Stressed? Feeling disconnected?

You are invited to experience a refreshing, relaxing and renewing weekend with the Lord.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish's Retreat at
Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center
(Sandy Springs, 2 miles north of I-285)

Sept. 15 -18th, "Being Ones True Self" by Fr. Ed Buvens SJ,
Sept 23-25th "Christ Alive in US" (Married Couples Retreat)
by Maria & John Cressler,

Sept. 30-Oct. 2nd "Jesus My Brother and Companion"
by Fr. Al Louapre.

Call Ignatius House at 404-255-0503
or visit www.ignatiushouse.org to register.
Come rest mind, body & soul!

Noche de Película Familiar

Viernes, 9 de septiembre
7:00 p.m.
Salón Social

Presentando la película **RIO**



Entrada GRATIS

Venta de comidas y refrescos a partir de las 6:30 p.m.

Te invita la Oficina de Catecismo
 770-432-5296

Nuestra Summerfest/Kermesse recaudó \$31,000
 para la Campaña Caminando en Esperanza para construir la nueva iglesia!!!

Gracias a nuestros patrocinadores:

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Gracias también a los voluntarios y feligreses que hicieron este evento posible.

Apoya a los Misioneros de La Salette

Jesús resucitó el Domingo de Pascua y dio Vida al mundo. El envió sus discípulos a compartir esta vida con toda la creación. "Fueron enviados y predicaron en todo lado" (Marcos 16:20). Los Misioneros de Nuestra Señora de La Salette llevan su ministerio a personas de todas las razas, idiomas, culturas y estilos de vida. –iniciando con la Capilla de La Salette en Francia donde Nuestra Señora se apareció en 1846. Sus palabras finales, "Ahora, hijos míos, den a conocer este mensaje." hacen eco al mandato de Jesús en el Evangelio.

No es de sorprendernos entonces que la congregación Saletense tenga un carácter misionero. Cuando los misioneros escucharon el llamado del Vaticano a llevar el Evangelio a tierras extranjeras, ellos respondieron con entusiasmo. Hoy, ese espíritu los ha llevado a Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, India, Madagascar, Myanmar y Filipinas.

Con su ayuda, los Misioneros de La Salette continuarán ofreciendo apoyo espiritual y asistencia financiera a las misiones en estos países, al tiempo que llevan el mensaje de reconciliación a los pobres. Por favor sean generosos en su donación para los Misioneros de La Salette, el próximo fin de semana.

Celebra la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de La Salette

Sábado, 17 de septiembre, en nuestra iglesia

Unidos como comunidad parroquial, celebremos con Servicio de sanación y oración en la mañana, seguida de Adoración al Santísimo, y cerrando con una misa bilingüe al final del día.

También habrán juegos, comida y diversión para toda la familia durante el día.

Marca la fecha en tu calendario. Más detalles en los próximos boletines.

Educación RELIGIOSA – Fechas IMPORTANTES

Doctrina para Niños (PSR)

Septiembre 9

Noche de Película Familiar GRATIS - 7:00 p.m. Salón Social. Venta de comida a las 6:30 p.m.

Septiembre 12

Inician las clases de Catecismo (se enviarán tarjetas postales con asignación de clases y horarios para estudiantes matriculados.

Life Teen (Pastoral Juvenil)

Septiembre 11

Reunión de Padres de Familia, después de la Misa de Jóvenes (5:00 p.m.)

Septiembre 11

Inicia *Life Teen* (6:00 p.m.)

Catecismo para Adultos (RICA)

Agosto 28

Reunión informativa a las 10:30 a.m.

Septiembre 11

Inicia RICA a las 12:30 p.m.



Preescolar

Agosto 30 – Reunión de Padres de Familia 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Agosto 31 – Presentación de Maestros 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Septiembre 1 – Inicia Pre-escolar 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. después de Sept.12)

Do you really know the *Mass*?

The Sanctus! Sanctus! Sanctus – Holy! Holy! Holy!

Sanctus, Latin meaning “Holy.” The Sanctus, like the Gloria, is intended to be sung.

The only textual difference from our current version is that “**God of power and might**” becomes “**God of hosts.**” The word “hosts” refers to a great gathering or multitude, and speaks here of God’s command over the heavenly host of angelic armies.

This reference has a Biblical foundation in Isaiah 6:1-3, where the prophet writes, “I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne... Seraphim were stationed above... ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!’ they cried one to the other. ‘All the earth is filled with his glory!’”

And in Luke 2:13, a “multitude of the heavenly host” also announces the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.

The words of the final three lines of the Sanctus can be found in the Gospel of Matthew, during the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem before His Passion, as the people shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Mt 21:9). Versions of this acclamation appear in the other Gospels, and the “Blessed is he...” line comes from Psalm 118 (117), amidst a passage that became understood as a reference to Christ.

The Sanctus reminds us that all creatures on “heaven and earth” owe thanksgiving to God (“Eucharist” actually means “thanksgiving”). And because we truly believe that the Angels are also present and worshiping with us as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, then every fiber of our being is made to reflect the utmost reverence. Therefore, immediately after the Sanctus, we kneel. Kneeling is a sign of respect and humility that is distinctly human and bodily – it is something that even the Angels, being pure spirit, cannot do.



This week in our parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

12:00 PM	MASS † Michael Hovastak
7:30 PM	Misa † Zenaida Martínez
7:30 PM	PRaise & PRayer
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

10:00 AM	BIBLE STUDY
6:30 PM	ROSARY
7:00 PM	MASS
7:00 PM	BIBLE STUDY
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION RETREAT
8:00 PM	Misa: cancelada

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

12:00 PM	MASS † Frances Clark
6:30 PM	ESL CLASSES CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
7:30 PM	BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SVDp
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

EVANGELIZATION	RETREAT AWAY
12:00 PM	MASS † Donald Guttinger
7:00 PM	ESL CLASSES CHILDREN'S CHOIR INSTRUMENTAL
8:00 PM	ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

6:30 AM	MASS for Peace
7:00 AM	ADORATION
6:45 PM	BENEDICTION
7:00 PM	MASS † Providencia Morales
7:30 PM	LIFETEEN BAND
8:00 PM	EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

EVANGELIZATION	RETREAT AWAY
9:00 AM	BAUTISMOS
10:00 AM	RECOVERY, INC
11:00 AM	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
2:00 PM	TRUJILLO QUINCEAÑERA
3:30 PM	Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS † Michael Hovastak
5:00 PM	CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS
7:30 PM	Misa † María del Carmen Ceja

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6:00 AM	MISA People of St. Thomas & Immigration reform
7:30 AM	MASS † O. Augustine Ogbobor
9:30 AM	MASS † Mary Grace Blake NURSERY AVAILABLE
10:30 AM	RCIA INQUIRY
11:00 AM	LEGION OF MARY
11:15 AM	PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS
11:30 AM	MASS † Julia & Nkemjika Manuwuiké NURSERY AVAILABLE

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7–9 (PROCLAIM THE WORD)
SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1–2 (A LIVING SACRIFICE)
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21–27 (DENY YOURSELF)

2:00 PM	MISA † Agustín López † María de Jesús Córdoba
5:00 PM	LIFE TEEN MASS † JoAnn Yorio
7:30 PM	MISA † Francisca Valdivia



Dates and times as of 08-15-11

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REIGN OF GOD

Who is the Son of Man? “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Peter recognizes Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” The reign of God is a dynamic event. God exercises saving power among humanity in a new way. When God’s presence and action are made visible in unconditional love and compassion for others, the reign of God is realized. Are you building up the church founded on the rock of Peter?



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