



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 11, 2011

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00AM - 8:00PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

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

Third Sunday of Advent

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Penance Service (Servicio Penitencial) December 13th 7:00 p.m.

Joy

Sunday, December 11, 2011



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Pastor: Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. (x108)

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Pedro Chingandu, M.S. (x106) • Rev. Andrews Kollanoor, M.S. (x128) • 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)

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

To Date Budget / *Proyección* \$751,923.00
To Date Actual / *Real* \$635,798.00
To Date Shortfall / *Pérdida* \$116,125.00

Thanks for your generosity!
¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Offertory/Ofertorio December 3-4, 2011

Budgeted (*Presupuesto*)..... \$32,692.00
Offertory (*Ofrenda*)..... \$32,481.00
Shortfall (*Pérdida*)..... \$2,211.00

Update on our Capital Campaign
Moving Forward In Hope
Campaña Caminando en Esperanza

Goal (*Meta*)..... \$5,000,000.00
Pledged (*Compromisos*) \$3,091,109.00
Paid to date (*Pagos*) \$680,257.00

Archbishop Annual Appeal
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo

Goal (*Meta*)..... \$124,025.00
Pledged (*Compromisos*) \$160,025.00
Paid to date (*Pagos*) \$84,820.00

If all monies are paid by 12/31/11,
an excess of \$40,277 will be refunded to St. Thomas
to offset the deficiency in our offertory to date.

What our children at St. Thomas gave to God...
El regalo de nuestros niños a Dios...

♥ November 26-27, 2011 ♥
♥ **Treasure (Tesoro):** \$398.52♥

Time & Talent (Tiempo & Talento): ♥ Kept my cousin company (*Acompañó a mi primo*) ♥ I obeyed my parents (*Yo obedecí a mis papás*) ♥ Took my brother to the bathroom (*Llevé a mi hermanito al baño*) ♥ Took my medicine when I was sick (*Tomé la medicina cuando estaba enferma*) ♥ I fed my dog (*alimenté a mi perro*) ♥ I read a book all week (*Leí un libro toda la semana*) ♥ I helped my grandmother (*Ayudé a mi abuelita*) ♥ Juanito tries to obey his Mom (*Juanito trata de obedecer a Mamá*) ♥ Helped my sister with homework (*Ayudé a mi hermana con la tarea*) ♥ Not to get in trouble (*No meterme en problemas*) ♥ I will try to be good at school so my Mom will get me a bike and my brother a PSP (*Me portaré bien en la escuela para que Mami me compre una bici y a mi hermano un video juego*) ♥ Cleaned up for Thanksgiving (*Limpí después de Acción de Gracias*) ♥ Spent time with my family (*Pasé tiempo en familia*) ♥ Take care of my Sarah (*Cuidar a Sarah*) ♥ I helped my Dad clean up and organize his desk (*Ayudé a limpiar y organizar el escritorio de papá*) ♥ Jesus rocks!!! ♥

IN OUR PRAYERS - EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

To Request Prayers From St. Thomas the Apostle **Prayer Chain**
contact Valerie Panditaratne at 770-438-9078 or
email: vpandit@emory.edu

Egdar Alvarado	Justin Patrick Gooden	Leona Morales
Brandi Dabney	Sandy Haynes	Frank Perez
Gil Campos	Linda Hudson	Kathy O'Hara-Rosa
Ricky Carreño	Cordelia Kelly	Rodolfo Proaño
Bonnie Caruso	Gloria Kincer	Emmanuel Poblete D.
Bob Contino	Alan Knieter	Diane Ray
Michael Chastain	Linda Laurens	Mary Ellen Rizzuto
Doris Cushing	Shirley Loggins	Steve Scheneman
Ed Fitzgerald	Frank Madden	John Schroeder
Ashley Guadalupe Frausto	Dorothy Madson	Lenna Spencer
Andrea Galvan	Ian Martin	Bess Sprinkle
Paula Garcia Patiño	Carol J. Mohring	Chuck Sykes
Lauren Garger	Franz Mohring	

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.

Pray For Our Troops

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

CPT Donald Carducci, USA	CPT Bobby Hall, USA	2LT Kyle Pernelli, USA
Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC	Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG	Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA
SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG	E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN	Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA
SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA	PFC Brian Harris, USA	Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA
ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN	Maj. Marise James, USAF	Specialist Brian Saunder, USA
Sgt. Sonjanie Ferrell, USA	HMC Damian J. Lovello	CPT Anna Smith, ARNG
Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA	LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello	MSG Donald Smith, USA
LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC	CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA	S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA
SFC Charles Granke, USA	CPT Michael McDonald, USMC	CW4 Anthony Veney, USA
PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA	HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN	Sgt. Richard Whelan, USMC

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

Let us renew and recommit ourselves as disciples of Jesus through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Parish Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of penance will be on
Tuesday, December 13th
at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Renovemos nuestro compromiso como
discípulos de Jesús
a través del sacramento de la
Reconciliación.

Te invitamos al Servicio Penitencial
Martes, 13 de diciembre,
7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.



Parish Magazine: New Project!

In the most recent meeting of our Pastoral Council the Communication Committee began discussing the communication needs of our parish to keep our members alert and informed about our parish life, our ministries and activities. The Pastoral Council decided to explore the possibility of creating a Parish Magazine to help keep us aware and informed on a regular basis.

This idea may stir some interest in you. **Perhaps you are new in the parish or are looking for something to involve you in Parish Life. Do you enjoy writing? Have you developed certain skills in communications due to your work or profession?** We need you to volunteer to help us explore, design and produce a first edition.

For more information or to volunteer please contact our Pastor, Fr Jim, at frjim@stthomastheapostle.org or phone at 770-432-8579 Ext. 108.

We look forward to hearing from you and setting a time and date to have an initial meeting to begin with this new parish project.

**Revista Parroquial:
Nuevo proyecto**

En la última reunión del Consejo Pastoral, el Comité de Comunicaciones discutió la necesidad de mantener a nuestros feligreses informados acerca de las actividades en nuestra vida parroquial, ministerios y actividades. Es por esto que se está explorando la idea de lanzar una Revista Parroquial.

Si te interesa participar como voluntario, esperamos que nos contactes pronto. Quizás eres nuevo en nuestra parroquia y quieres involucrarte un poco más en la vida parroquial. Tal vez te gusta escribir artículos o quizás tienes experiencia en diseño gráfico.

Contacta a nuestro párroco, el Padre Jim, para obtener una cita en inglés y explorar este nuevo proyecto parroquial. frjim@stthomastheapostle.org 770-432-8579 Ext. 108.

Thanks for your donation to the El Salvador Relief

A donation of \$13,700 was sent to El Salvador to help the victims of the recent floods. This effort was headed by the Hispanic Community on November 12, 2011, and we thank all our parishioners for your contributions and kind heart.

Gracias por sus donaciones para Ayudar a El Salvador

Un total de \$13,700 fueron recaudados en nuestra reciente "radiotón" organizada por el Ministerio Hispano para apoyar a las víctimas de las recientes inundaciones en El Salvador. ¡Gracias a todos por su generosidad!

Get enriched in your faith!!

**RCIA Classes are on:
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
(English)**

Adult Faith Formation Building

Considering "a refresher course" in your Catholic Faith? Join the following presentations when R.C.I.A resumes:

- MarriageJanuary 8
- No Class.....January 15
- Holy OrdersJanuary 22
- Penance/Anointing of the SickJanuary 29

For more information please contact Michael Okuto at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org



Sacramentos para Adultos

*Domingos a las 12:30 p.m.
Vieja Rectoría*

Contacta a Miguel Mendoza al 404-543-9166 para más información.

Christmas

Mass Schedule

Horario de Misas Navideñas

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Misas de Nochebuena

Sábado, 24 de diciembre del 2011

- 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Liturgy
- 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
- 8:00 PM Misa de Nochebuena
- 11:30 PM Christmas Hymns & Carols

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Misas de Navidad

Domingo, 25 de diciembre del 2011

- 12:00 AM Midnight Mass
- 9:30 AM Mass
- 11:30 AM Mass
- 2:00 PM Misa
- 7:30 PM Misa



December 11, 2011

You are invited to celebrate the
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Americas

Sunday, December 11th
Celebrations starting at 6:00 p.m.
at

**Jim R. Miller Park
2245 Callaway Road
Marietta, GA 30008**

with traditional dance presentations,
Living Rosary, and Spanish Mass at
10:30 p.m. followed by "Mañanitas"
(serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Monday, December 12th
Spanish Masses at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church at
2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



**Te invitamos a celebrar la Fiesta de
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,
Patrona de las Américas**

Domingo, 11 de diciembre

Misas en Santo Tomás a las 6:00 a.m. y 2:00 p.m.
Se cancela la Misa de 7:30 p.m. en la iglesia

Celebraciones en el Parque Jim R. Miller
**2245 Callaway Road
Marietta, GA 30008**
a partir de las 6:00 p.m.
(Danza Matachines, Rosario Viviente y
Misa Solemne a las 10:30 p.m.)
seguida de las Mañanitas

Lunes, 12 de diciembre

NO habrá actividades en el parque.
TODAS las Misas en la iglesia:

Misa en Santo Tomás a las 2:00 p.m.
(Mujeres embarazadas y Niños)

Misa en Santo Tomás a las 7:00 p.m.
(Bendición de Herramientas)

Christmas Flower and Christmas Offering Envelopes

are available in the Commons Area.

If you would like to contribute to the
Poinsettia Fund for the Christmas
season, please use the envelope
provided and deposit it
in the collection basket
(or bring it in person to the Parish office)
by December 22.

Sobres de Ofrenda Floral e Intención de Navidad disponibles en el Área Común

*Por favor dejar tus donaciones en la
canasta de la colecta o entregar tu sobre
en la oficina parroquial antes del 22 de
diciembre. Tu ofrenda floral se usará
para comprar las flores para decorar la
iglesia en Navidad.*

COATS FOR KIDS AND BLANKETS NEEDED

We are collecting new or gently used, clean
COATS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN in our
community.

We are also accepting BLANKET
DONATIONS for the homeless.

Please leave donations in the boxes
located in the Commons Area.

SOLICITAMOS ABRIGOS PARA NIÑOS Y COBIJAS

*Nuestra parroquia está recolectando
ABRIGOS en buen estado para niños
necesitados y
COBIJAS para personas sin hogar.*

*Por favor deja tus donaciones
en el Área Común.*



"Adopt-A-Family" For Christmas

Last year the St. Thomas the Apostle
community adopted 16 families through
the Saint Vincent de Paul Society
(SVdP). The adopt-a-family experience
has been such a rewarding and blessed
experience that SVdP is making this
program available to our parish
community on a regular basis for the
Christmas season.

If you, your family, friends or ministry
would like to personally adopt and help a
family less fortunate than those of us that
are more blessed in our parish
community, this is a great opportunity to
enhance and bless your Christmas Spirit
by sharing your financial and material
blessings with others.

For more information about
Adopt-A-Family contact
Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.



Adopta una Familia esta Navidad

*Esta Navidad, nuestra comunidad
parroquial tiene la oportunidad de
adoptar a familias necesitadas a través
de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.*

*Organiza a tu familia, amigos, vecinos o
pequeña comunidad y vive el espíritu de
la Navidad al compartir tus bienes
materiales y bendiciones con otros.*

*Si deseas más información, llama a la
Oficina Parroquial al
770-432-8579 Ext. 101.*



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MOVING FORWARD
— IN HOPE —



TO BUILD
a NEW
CHURCH

We are making some good progress...

Since September, when the Capital Campaign committee re-introduced the second phase of our targeted goal of reaching \$5,000,000, we are now at \$3,091,109 pledges (up about \$300,000 in less than 3 months.) As of last week, more than 1,300 parishioners/families have made their pledges. We are grateful and appreciative of their commitment to help us reach our goal. If you have not made your pledge yet, please consider participating over the next 3 years to help your parish build a new church.

*Necesitamos tu ayuda para construir una nueva iglesia, para tener más aulas y más espacio en la iglesia, y así servir mejor a nuestra comunidad parroquial.
¡Necesitamos tu ayuda!*

CAMINANDO
— EN ESPERANZA —

Para Construir Una
NUEVA Iglesia

Las Posadas/Live Nativity

Friday, December 16
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Parking lot of the church

Join us for this multi-cultural event at St. Thomas the Apostle as we re-enact Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter.

In Spanish, *Las Posadas* means "The Inns." Traditionally, *Las Posadas* last for nine days representing the 9 months of Mary's pregnancy. This procession has been a tradition in Mexico for 400 years. While its roots are in Catholicism, even Protestant Latinos follow the tradition.

At St. Thomas the Apostle, our procession will be outdoors, stopping at 3 designated "inns" while singing, praying and listening to the story of *Las Posadas*.

We will conclude the event with a celebration of food, drinks and Christmas Carols.

Hope to see you this Friday!



Celebración parroquial de
Las Posadas

Acompáñanos el
Viernes, 16 de diciembre,
de 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
a una celebración multicultural en
el estacionamiento de la iglesia.

*Tendremos villancicos, chocolate caliente,
y tres posadas para seguir a María y José,
camino de Belén.*

¡Te esperamos este viernes!

2012
New Year's Knight

The Knights of Columbus are bringing back the New Year's celebration with "2012 New Year's Knight!"

**This will be a formal event on
December 31**

9:00 p.m.—12:30 a.m.

Join us for:

- Formal night
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Dancing
- Photographer (with a FREE 8"x10" print)
- Door Prizes
- And much more!

Tickets on sale after Masses.

**ONLY \$35 per couple and
\$20 for a single person!!!!**

**Get your tickets fast because
there is limited space!**

For more information,
contact Jason Croshaw at
jcroshaw12386@gmail.com

**¡Recibe con nosotros
el Año Nuevo!**

*Los Caballeros de Colón te invitan a
La Noche de Año Nuevo 2012*

Diciembre 31, 2011

9:00 p.m.—12:30 a.m.

Salón Social

Se ofrecerá

- Una noche de gala
- Botanas y bocadillos
- Baile
- Fotógrafo (retrato 8"x10" GRATIS)
- Premios
- ¡Y Mucho Más!

Compra tus boletos a la salida de Misa.

**\$20 por persona o
\$35 por pareja**

¡Espacio limitado!

Symbols of Light and Water

Gospel Summary: John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Jewish leaders questioned John the Baptist asking who he was. They even took a few guesses themselves suggesting that he was the Messiah, Elijah, or a prophet. John had his own following who would have been glad to acknowledge him in any of these three categories, but John made it clear that he was simply announcing the one to come who would be much greater than himself.

Reflection for Families

So often our identity is tied to another person. We are Jim's mom, Tom's wife, Sue's husband, or Mary's daughter. Like John did in today's gospel, we may even define ourselves by who we are not. John made it clear he was not the Messiah, a prophet, or Elijah returned. What John is, is the same thing we are, and that is a herald—the person who brings the Good News about Jesus Christ into the lives of others. In our families we do this by our faithful participation in worship, prayer, and actions.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Just like John claimed that he was a witness to testify to the light, make plans as a family to bring the Light of Christ into the world. Light candles at your evening meal. When you have finished eating, turn out all the lights so that you see only by the light of the candles. Go around the table asking each person to think of one action that he/she will do this week to announce Jesus among us. In a few nights, check in with each other to see how the actions were received.

Discussion Starters

- One of the hardest parts of my path to straighten is...
 - I am a lot like John the Baptist because...
 - Someone once showed me the way by...

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This week in our parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

NO PSR
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 12:00 PM **Mass**
 † **Lucy Luczon**
 2:00 PM **MISA GUADALUPANA**
 5:45 PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR
 7:00 PM **MISA GUADALUPANA**
 7:00 PM RCIA CHRISTMAS PARTY
 7:30 PM LIFETEEN CORE
 PRAYING WITH PEOPLE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 12:00 PM **Mass**
 † **George Patrick Garger**
 5:30 PM INEA
 6:30 PM ENGLISH CLASSES
 CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
 CUB SCOUTS
 POSADAS LECTORES
 7:00 PM **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**
 7:30 PM SVDP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 AM **Mass for Peace**
 † **Archbishop John F. Donoghue**
 7:00 AM ADORATION
 9:00 AA PRESCHOOL
 9:30 AM JUSTFAITH
 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
 7:00 PM **Mass**
For Christine & John
 7:00 PM CRACK IT OPEN
 JUSTFAITH
 PSR
 7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NO RCIA
 6:00 AM **MISA**
People of St. Thomas & Immigration Reform
 7:30 AM **Mass**
Anthony & Titilola Sodipo
 8:00 AM **Parish Breakfast. See Page 3**
 9:30 AM **Mass**
 † **Katherine Rowley**
 NURSERY AVAILABLE
 PSR
 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
 11:15 AM FIRES
 PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS
 PSR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
 STORY TIME
 11:00 AM PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY
 6:30 PM ROSARY
 PSR
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 WORDS, WORDS, AND THE WORD
 7:00 PM **Mass**
FOR BLESSINGS FOR THE PROAÑO FAMILY
Misa
 † **Serafin Pérez**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
 11:00 AM PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY
 12:00 PM **Mass**
 † **Alice Cooke**
 INEA
 ENGLISH CLASSES
 6:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR INSTRUMENTAL
 6:30 PM **LIVING NATIVITY / POSADAS**
 7:00 PM **SEE PAGE 5**
 8:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA
 RECOVERY, INC
 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 11:30 AM SESMAS QUINCEAÑERA
 12:00 PM CHILDREN'S GUITAR CLASSES
 2:00 PM MENDOZA
 XXV WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 3:30 PM **Confessions**
 5:00 PM **Vigil Mass**
 † **Thomas Morgan**
 POSADAS
 6:00 PM **NOVENA GUADALUPANA**
 7:00 PM **MISA**
 7:30 PM † **Maria Valdez**
 † **Margarita Segura**
 † **Arcadio García**



FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16
 SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27
 GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

11:30 AM **MASS**
 † **Ruby Welsh**
 NURSERY AVAILABLE
 2:00 PM **MISA**
 † **Ramón Avilio Sandia**
 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
 5:00 PM **LIFE TEEN MASS**
 † **Randy Phillips Rizzuto**
 6:00 PM LIFE NIGHT (CHRISTMAS PARTY)
 COLLEGE MINISTRY
 7:30 PM **Misa**

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