



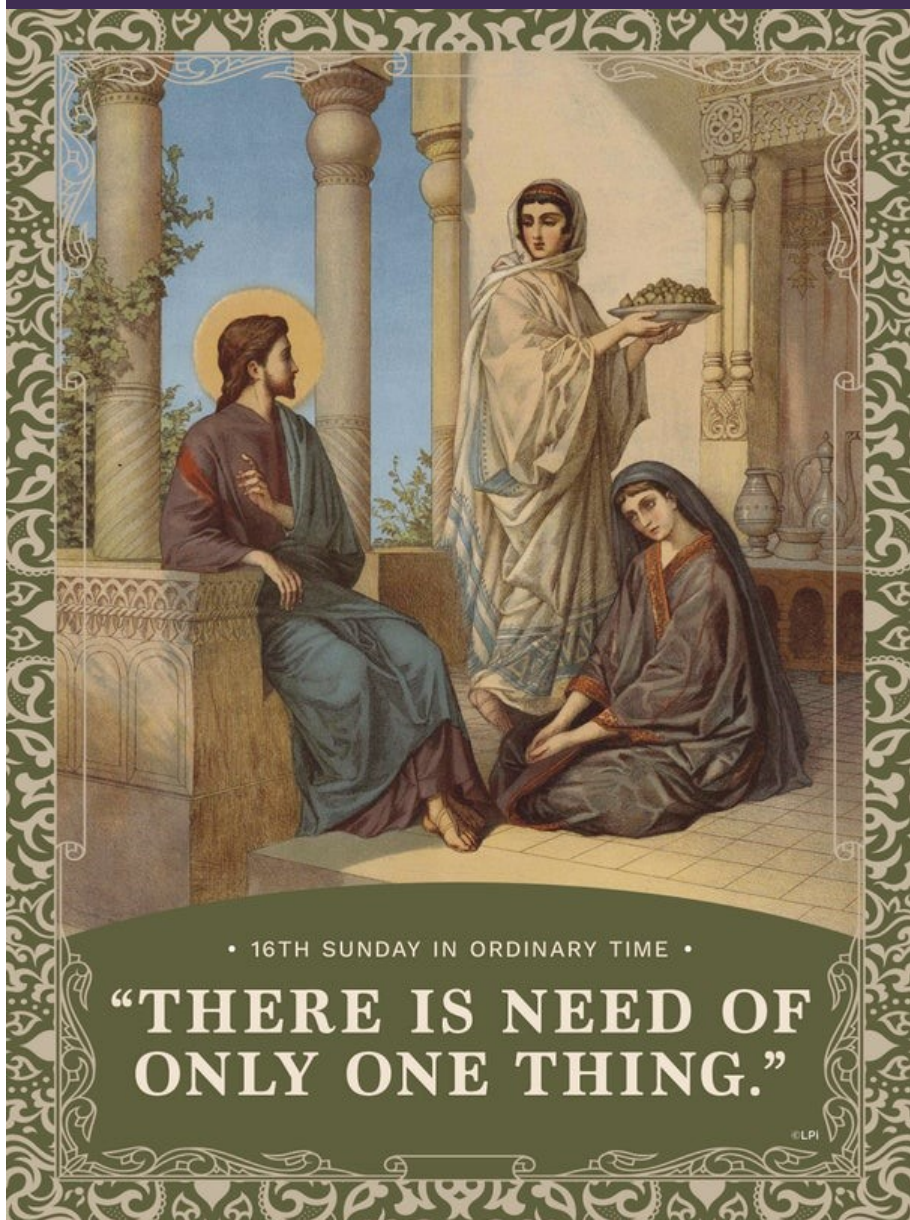
# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



•SUNDAY, JULY 20TH SIXTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025•



• 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“THERE IS NEED OF  
ONLY ONE THING.”**

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### WEEKEND MASSES

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday (English) | 5:30pm          |
| Sunday (English)   | 8:00am, 11:00am |
| Domingo (Español)  | 12:30pm, 5:00pm |

### 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             |
| Sunday              | (Español) 4:15pm-- 4:45pm |
| (or by appointment) |                           |

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

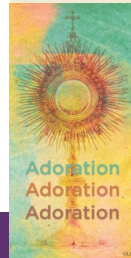
## MASS INTENTIONS

|                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>5:30PM                                   | <b>July 19</b><br>Mass for Victoria Rae Anastasia, deceased                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>8:00 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:30 PM<br>5:00 PM | <b>July 20</b><br>Mass for Dr. Marsha Zahumesky, deceased<br>Mass for Ginny Walls, deceased<br>Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia<br>Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia     |
| <b>Tuesday,</b><br>9:00AM                                    | <b>July 21</b><br>Communion Service                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>9:00AM                                  | <b>July 22</b><br>Mass intention for David Smith                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>9:00 AM                                  | <b>July 23</b><br>Mass for Bartolo Buscema, deceased                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>9:00 AM                                    | <b>July 24</b><br>Mass for Vitoria Gonzalez, deceased                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>5:30 PM                                  | <b>July 25</b><br>Mass intention for Reymon Arias                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>8:00 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:30 PM<br>5:00 PM | <b>July 26</b><br>Mass for Clarisa Booth, deceased<br>Mass intention for Monsenor Isidro Fuente<br>Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia<br>Misa para la Gente de la Parroquia |

Monthly Altar Flowers  
July 19th & July 20th  
In memory of/ Brian Bailey  
In memory/  
July 26th & July 27th  
In memory/  
In memory/

## SUNDAY

**First Reading:** I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son. (Génesis 18, 1-10a )  
**Psalm:** He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5 )  
**Second Reading:**—Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, (Colossians 1:24-28 )  
**Gospel:** Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:38-42 )  
**Readings for the week**  
**Monday** Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17  
**Friday:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28  
**Saturday:** Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30  
**Sunday:** Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 12-14, Luke 11:1-13



## Eucharistic Adoration—1st & 3rd Friday

Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month beginning at 12pm Friday and ending at 12pm Saturday. To sign-up or for more information, call/text Loralyn Watson at 253-886-7797. Adoration will take place in the Chapel at the Student Center: 1251 Highland St Montevallo AL, 35115

## 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.

|                                                       | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS                                                               | LECTORS                                                | ALTAR SERVERS                                                           | USHERS                                              | SACRISTANS      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>July 26</b><br><b>5:30PM</b>    | 1. Winnie Martinez 2.Dennis Malcom 3.Tena Whitworth                                  | Alan Cannon<br>Teresa Shirley                          | Wes, Mary, Angel, Adrian, John                                          | Richard Sisneros<br>Dennis Malcolm<br>Eddie Russell | Vanessa Malcolm |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>July 27</b><br><b>8:00AM</b>      | 1. Bruno Navarro 2.Sarah Burns<br>3.Mary Hester 4.Moris Green<br>(B) Laura Kaylor    | Susan Lumpkin<br>Kim Fridy                             | William, Trent, Alex, Daniela, Gigi,<br>Livy, Leo, Oliver, Leslie       | Norma Russo<br>Ken Radigan<br>Marty Spellicy        | Sarah Burns     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>July 27</b><br><b>11:00AM</b>     | 1.Debra Levio 2. Bill Richardson<br>3.Rob Caliento 4.Angel Coyle<br>(B) Shawn Howard | Leo Mwaura<br>Lisa Dale                                | David, Christopher, Abraham,<br>Omar, Hallie, Roman, Canaan<br>Aiden.   | Marilyn Lane<br>Casey Fondren<br>Michael Fischer    | Barb Youngblood |
| <b>Domingo</b><br><b>12:30 PM</b><br><b>(Spanish)</b> | <b>Cuerpo</b> – Diacono Jose Caliz–Dominga,<br>Rocio Graciela Dany, Juana            | 1. Luis Enrique S. Luis Alberto 2. Jorge Z<br>P. Magda | Chritopher, Miguel, Marisol, Julio,<br>Martin, Amanda, Isabella, Camila | Heron                                               | Lupita          |
| <b>Domingo</b><br><b>5:00 PM</b><br><b>(Spanish)</b>  | <b>Cuerpo</b> - Diacono Jose Caliz– Francisco, Fernanda, Juan                        | 1. Sayni<br>S. R. Jimenez 2.Critina<br>P. Yolanda      | Sofia, Maria                                                            | Carolina, Luis                                      | Marilu          |

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

JULY 19, 2025 TO JULY 26, 2025

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

4:00-5:00PM RECONCILIATION

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

4:15-4:45 PM RECONCILIATION

### MONDAY, JULY 21

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

### THURSDAY, JULY 24

8:30 AM-4:00 PM OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, JULY 25

8:30 AM-12:30 PM OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, JUNE 26

4:00-5:00PM RECONCILIATION

## 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—Support our Parish!

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/).

## 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*

## K of C Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus provide a pancake breakfast on the First Sunday of each month from 8:30am to 10:30am. Please plan to join us. There will be no breakfast in July or August

## Pastoral Staff

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

**MAIN OFFICE** (205) 663-3936

### PASTOR

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### RETIRED PRIEST

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### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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### HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Laila Garcia Ext. 113

### MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS

Eric Smith Ext. 103  
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### CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Anna Claire, Michael Zahumensky & Michael Whitfield  
[ccm@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:ccm@stthomascatholic.com)

## 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 June 2025

|               | BUDGET             | ACTUAL             | DIFFERENCE        |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory     | \$53,500.00        | \$65,422.02        | \$11,922.02       |
| Building Fund | \$38,000.00        | \$31,930.42        | \$6,069.58        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$91,500.00</b> | <b>\$97,352.44</b> | <b>\$5,852.44</b> |

### Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/24—Present

|               | BUDGET              | ACTUAL                | DIFFERENCE          |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Offertory     | \$564,500.00        | \$798,724.31          | \$234,224.31        |
| Building Fund | \$402,800.00        | \$325,643.46          | \$77,156.54         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$967,300.00</b> | <b>\$1,124,367.77</b> | <b>\$157,067.77</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.

## 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 ACTIVITIES

### Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning More About the Catholic Faith?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

God bless you! Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and the possibility of becoming Catholic? We would love to walk this journey with you through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), a process for anyone unbaptized, anyone baptized in a non-Catholic Church, or any Catholic needing the Sacrament of Confirmation to ask questions and learn about the rich history and traditions of the Catholic Faith.

Please reach out to Sr. Amanda Magdalena, SCTJM with any questions:  
(205)-358-1973 or [sramanda@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:sramanda@stthomascatholic.com)

Upcoming Inquiry Sessions to learn more (open to everyone):

Tuesday, August 26th at 6:30pm



### Faith Formation:

#### Saturday Morning Mass 8/2

Every **first Saturday** of the month, we will have Mass at 10am in honor of Our Lady. The next Mass will be on Aug. 2, 2025.

#### Altar Flowers 2025

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 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 Cristina Angel 205-616-0378

#### 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 Rosa 205-729-1485

#### 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.

#### Monthly Memorial Mass 8/21

St. Thomas the Apostle will celebrate monthly Memorial Masses to honor those who have passed. These Masses will take place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9am in English Please contact Sr. Amanda Magdalena at 205-358-1973 or [sramanda@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:sramanda@stthomascatholic.com). The next Mass will be **Thursday, August. 21**

### 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.

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the summer, many families have the habit of taking a bit of vacation time. This is a great thing to do, and not just because it's nice to relax! In the Old Testament, God commanded his people to take a day of rest each week, to spend with Him and with their families. He also commanded special times throughout the year when work should take a back seat to celebration and refreshment. In other words, God made it very clear that life is ultimately about relationships, not our bank accounts or job fulfillment. There's a fun story from Genesis (this weekend's first reading) where even God takes a bit of a break, visiting his friend Abraham mainly to share a meal with him and assure him of his continued love.

Even though the details of the old Law don't apply to Christians, the principle of rest is important for us, too—Christ set us free, so that we could enjoy the things that truly matter. This weekend's Gospel passage is a famous example of that. Jesus was visiting a family that included two sisters named Mary and Martha. During the visit, Mary spent a lot of time just hanging out with Jesus, while Martha spent most of her time doing chores, to the point that she got very frustrated with her sister. Jesus' reply seems to suggest that the real issue wasn't that Martha was left to clean up by herself. It's that she wasn't able to pull her focus away from her usual occupation to pay attention to the things that matter most: our relationships with God and others.

In the remaining weeks of summer, I would encourage everyone to take some intentional time with God and the people that matter most to you. If you're able to take some vacation, fantastic! And I would also encourage you to keep up the habit of family prayers, even if you're just spending a weekend at the lake or the beach. Before seminary, I always enjoyed going to daily Mass when I was on vacation. And even if you're not able to take a big vacation, I would encourage you to at least take a couple days of rest before the busy-ness of fall begins. Even just a weekend without activities can make a huge difference. As Catholics, part of our mission is to show everyone what it means to keep our eyes on the things that truly matter in life: God, our families, and our community.

Through the intercession of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and our patron St. Thomas, let's dedicate both our work and our leisure to God, our Father in heaven.

God bless,  
Fr Jantz

### 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. Please contact Deacon David or Ann Hicks if you have questions or need further assistance.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



### **Rev. Dennis Martin Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry**

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Dennis Martin who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

### **OCALA Bag Pack 7/26**

Do you need material for your children's return to school? We will be giving away and supporting: Backpacks, School supplies, Free Health exams, Free HIV Testing, No appointment or ID required. We will have gifts and information from our sponsors. Do not miss it! This event will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church at 10:00am-2pm. If more information is needed contact Cindy Garcia at 205-538-4002.

### **Training Readers 07/27**

We will have training for anyone who wants to be part readers on July 27th from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the church for those who are new or would like an update. All are welcome We greatly appreciate your sharing with us, We will contact Ms. Angel.

### **Faith Formation Registration 8/10**

There will be registration for Faith Formation for 2025-2026 on August 10th between the Sunday Masses. Students that will be making their First Holy Communion in 2026 must re-register for the new year and families must be registered members here at St. Thomas. If you have any questions contact Magda Rivera at 205-663-3936 ext; 107.

### **The Knights Baby Bottle 8/10**

The Knights passed out baby bottles to collect money for Positive Choices Pregnancy Resource Center last weekend. If you have one, please return it no later than August 10th. If you missed getting one you can put your donation in an envelope marked "Baby Bottle" and put it in the returned bottle bin in the Gathering Space. Thank you for these donations; they go 100% to the agency, not to the Knights.

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/14-15**

St. Thomas Parish will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Friday, August 15th with masses at 9:00AM and a Thursday 14th bilingual mass at 7:00PM. The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy day of Obligation.

### **Cursillo News August 14-17, 2025**

A Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman: Do you feel called to a deeper commitment to your faith?

Do you want to more fully understand the mission you are called to through your baptism? Men's Cursillo Weekend: August 14-17, 2025 If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time. Contact Bill Drescher at [bhmhoosier@bellsouth.net](mailto:bhmhoosier@bellsouth.net) (205-515-1927) The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.

### **Saturday Morning Volunteers Needed**

Our parish is in need of volunteers this summer available on Saturday mornings to help with yardwork, including mowing grass, weeding, and more. If interested, feel free to arrive on any Saturday morning. Some equipment is available at the parish, but volunteers are welcome to bring their own. A light mid-morning meal will be available for volunteers. For any questions, contact Eric at [esmith@stthomascatholic.com](mailto:esmith@stthomascatholic.com).

### **Sympathies**

The staff and parishioners of St Thomas offer their condolences to Barbara Youghblood on the death a her granddaughter, Ginny Walls. May his soul rest in peace.

### **Magnificat Breakfast**

**The Magnificat Breakfast** will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows in the Parish Hall on Saturday, August 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our speaker, Harriet Cloud, is a centenarian and a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Come hear how Harriet's life has been enriched by her Catholic faith and given her guidance for accepting the problems and joys that occurred in all aspects of her life



## Reverendo Dennis Martin, Unbound

El próximo fin de semana, les damos la bienvenida al Reverendo Dennis Martin, quien nos acompañará para celebrar misas y nos hablará sobre la labor de Unbound, un ministerio católico laico de patrocinio que ayuda a niños y ancianos en 17 países en desarrollo. Para obtener más información, llame al (800) 875-6564 o visite Unbound en línea en [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

## Curso Emaús 7/19-20

Están todos invitados a participar en nuestro curso Emaús que se llevará cabo este 19 y 20 de julio de 8am a 5pm. Todos están cordialmente invitados para más información comunicarse con Gerardo o Vidal.

## Ocala Mochilón 7/26

¿Necesitas material para la mochilón de tus hijos? Estaremos regalando y apoyando: Mochilas, Útiles escolares, Exámenes de Salud Gratis, Pruebas de VIH Gratis, No se requiere cita ni identificación. Tendremos obsequios e información de nuestros patrocinadores. ¡No te lo pierdas! Este evento será en la Iglesia Católica Santo Tomás Apóstol julio 26, 2025 de 10:00 am a 2 pm. Si necesita más información, comuníquese con Cindy García al 205-538-4002.

## Registraciones para formación de fe 8/10

El 10 de agosto, después de cada Misa en el salón parroquial y el entre las Misas, Si es nuevo, asegúrese de estar registrado en la parroquia. Si no está registrado en la parroquia, puede venir a la oficina durante la semana o visitar nuestro sitio web y completar el formulario electrónico.

## El Biberón de los Caballeros 8/10

El fin de semana pasado, los Caballeros repartieron biberones para recaudar fondos para el Centro de Recursos para el Embarazo Positive Choices. Si tiene uno, por favor, devuélvalo a más tardar el 10 de agosto. Si no recibió uno, puede depositar su donación en un sobre con la etiqueta "Biberón" y depositarlo en el contenedor para biberones devueltos en el Espacio de Reuniones. Gracias por estas donaciones; se destinan íntegramente a la agencia, no a los Caballeros. bendiga,

## Día de la Asunción de la Virgen María 8/14

La Parroquia de Santo Tomás celebrará la Fiesta de la Asunción el jueves 14 de agosto con misas a las 9:00 a. m. y una misa bilingüe a las 7:00 p. m. La fiesta de la Asunción es un día de precepto.

## LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

**Primera Lectura:** . (Génesis 18, 1-10a; )

**Salmo:** Quién será grato a tus ojos, Señor? ( 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5 )

**Segunda Lectura:** Ahora me alegro de sufrir por ustedes, porque así completo lo que falta a la pasión de Cristo en mí (Colosenses 1, 24-28 )

**Evangelio:** Marta, Marta, muchas cosas te preocupan y te inquietan, siendo así que una sola es necesaria. María escogió la mejor parte y nadie se la quitará". (Lucas 10, 38-42)

## Lecturas Para La Semana

**Lunes:** Éxodo 14, 5-18; Mateo 12, 38-42

**Martes:** Cantar 3, 1-4; Juan 20, 1-2. 11-18

**Miércoles:** Éxodo 16, 1-5. 9-15; Mateo 13, 1-9

**Jueves:** Éxodo 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20; Mateo 13, 10-17

**Viernes:** 2 Corintios 4, 7-15; Mateo 20, 20-28

**Sábado:** Éxodo 24, 3-8; Mateo 13, 24-30

**Domingo:** Génesis 18, 20-32; Colosenses 2, 12-14; Lucas. 11, 1-13

## Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Durante el verano, muchas familias tienen la costumbre de tomarse unas vacaciones. ¡Es una gran idea, y no solo porque es agradable relajarse! En el Antiguo Testamento, Dios ordenó a su pueblo tomar un día de descanso cada semana para pasarlo con Él y con sus familias. También mandó momentos especiales a lo largo del año cuando el trabajo debía quedar en segundo plano, anteponiéndose a la celebración y el descanso. En otras palabras, Dios dejó muy claro que la vida se trata, en última instancia, de las relaciones, no de nuestras cuentas bancarias ni del trabajo. Hay una historia divertida del Génesis (la primera lectura de este fin de semana) donde incluso Dios se toma un pequeño descanso, visitando a su amigo Abraham principalmente para compartir una comida con él y asegurarle su continuo amor.

Aunque los detalles de la antigua Ley no se aplican a los cristianos, el principio del descanso también es importante para nosotros: Cristo nos liberó para que pudiéramos disfrutar de las cosas que realmente importan. El pasaje del Evangelio de este fin de semana es un ejemplo famoso de ello. Jesús estaba visitando a una familia que incluía a dos hermanas llamadas María y Marta. Durante la visita, María pasó mucho tiempo con Jesús, mientras que Marta se dedicó a las tareas domésticas, hasta el punto de frustrarse mucho con su hermana. La respuesta de Jesús parece sugerir que el verdadero problema no fue que Marta se quedara sola con todo el quehacer. Es que no pudo desviar su atención de su ocupación habitual para centrarse en lo que más importa: nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás.

En las últimas semanas del verano, los animo a todos a dedicar un tiempo a Dios y a las personas que más les importan. Si pueden tomarse unas vacaciones, ¡fantástico! Y también los animo a mantener el hábito de la oración familiar, incluso si solo pasan un fin de semana con los abuelos. Antes del seminario, siempre disfrutaba ir a Misa todos los días cuando estaba de vacaciones. Y aunque no puedan tomarse unas vacaciones largas, al menos descansen un par de días antes de que llegue el otoño. Incluso un fin de semana sin actividades puede marcar una gran diferencia. Como católicos, parte de nuestra misión es mostrar a todos lo que significa mantener la vista puesta en lo que realmente importa en la vida: Dios, nuestra familia y nuestra comunidad. Por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María y nuestro patrono, Santo Tomás, dediquemos nuestro trabajo y nuestro tiempo libre a Dios, nuestro Padre celestial.

**Dios bendiga, Padre Jantz**

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

## HORARIO: OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

**LUNES- JUEVES: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Y VIERNES: 8AM-12PM**

**Padre Brad Jantz al 205-663-3936**

**Diácono Jose Vazquez al 205-663-3936**

### **Horario de la Misa Español**

los Domingos 12:30 p.m. y 5:00pm

### **Primer Sábado Misa Mensual 8/2**

Nuestra próxima misa mensual será el 2 de Agosto- to las 10:00 AM.

### **Misas para nuestros queridos Difuntos 8/14**

La próxima misa memorial será el jueves el 14 Agosto a las 6:00pm"

### **Adoración Eucarística**

El 1er y 3er viernes de cada mes comenzando a las 12p.m. del viernes y terminando a las 12p.m. del sábado 1251 Highland St Montevallo AL, 35115

### **Catequesis para niños**

Registros 1 de Junio

Domingos | 9:30 A.M.-10:45

### **Preparaciones para los adultos (RICA)**

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940

### **Platicas Prebautismales 8/4**

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

Para las clases con Magda Guerrero al 205-663-3936.

### **Preparaciones para quinceañeras**

Magda Rivera | 643-2659

Rosa Maria Angel | 205-901-0470

### **Rosario por las almas del purgatorio**

Todos los Lunes 12:00pm

### **Grupo de Jóvenes**

Los Miercoles a las 7:00pm

### **Grupo de los Jóvenes Adultos**

Los Jueves a las 7:00pm

### **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.

### **Grupo de Alcoholicos Anonimos**

Para mas informacion llamar a:

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