



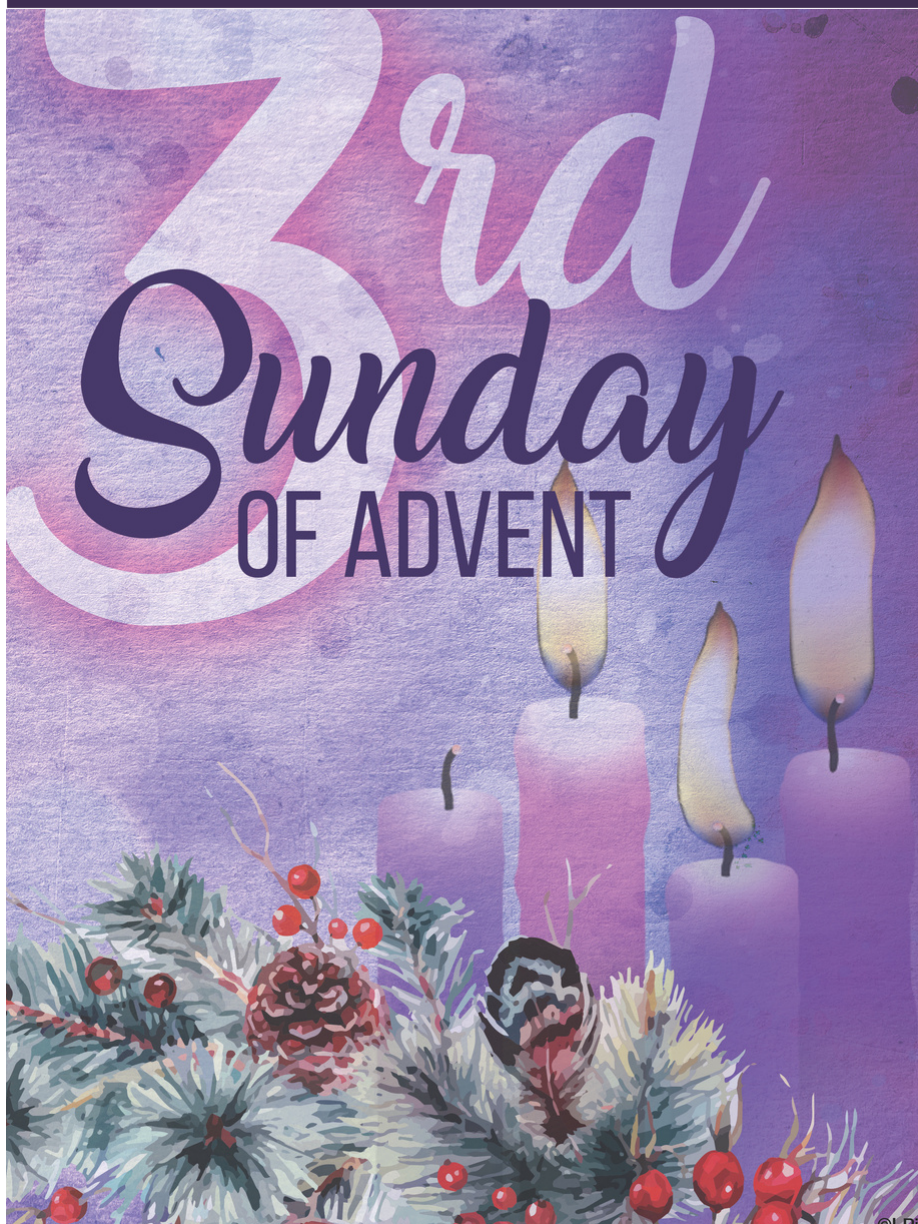
St. Thomas Catholic Church

PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday(English): 5:30PM

Sunday (English): 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Domingo (Español): 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 9:00 AM

Thursday: 9:00 AM

Friday: 9:00 AM

1st Saturday of Each Month: 10:00 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday: 9:00 AM

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesdays during School Session
1027 Moody St. Montevallo, AL 35115
Mass: 5:30 PM Spirit Dinner & Bible
Study: 6:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 PM 5:00 PM

Sunday (Español): 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM
(Or by appointment)

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.

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 13

5:30 PM Mass for Marisa Roan (Deceased)

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM Mass for Michael Miranda (Deceased)

11:00 AM Mass Intention for Pam Ganus

12:30 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

5:00 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

Tuesday, December 16

9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 AM Mass for Marisa Roan Deceased

Thursday, December 18

9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Friday, December 19

9:00 AM Mass for Maria Ballaera (Deceased)

Saturday, December 20

5:30 PM Mass for Nicole Bowen (Deceased)

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Mass for Dan and Connie Standifer (Deceased)

11:00 AM Mass for Hugo Garcia (Deceased)

12:30 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

5:00 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

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.

SUNDAY

First Reading: (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10)

A vision of joyful renewal and healing for God's people.

Responsorial Psalm: (Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10)

God faithfully helps, heals, and protects the oppressed and the vulnerable.

Second Reading: (James 5:7-10)

A call to patient endurance and steadfastness as the Lord's coming draws near.

Gospel: (Matthew 11:2-11)

Jesus comforts John the Baptist by pointing to the healings and signs that show God's kingdom is at work, and then praises John as the greatest among those born of women.

Daily Readings for the Week:

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Friday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: (Next Week): 1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

Monthly Altar Flowers

December 6&7

December 13&14



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

	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	SACRISTANS
Saturday Dec, 20 5:30PM	1.Ed Angelini, 2. Fran Drolet 3.Dennis Malcolm	Teresa Shirley Alan Cannon	Wes, Mary, Angel, Adrian John	Mike Gerrells David Higdon Ron Hoff	Joanne Butcke
Sunday Dec, 21 8:00 AM	1.Marisol Daniel-Diaz, 2. Lucy Mallery, 3. Christy Ash, 4. Laura Kaylor, B. Marie Green	Mike Ash Kim Fridy	Alexandra, Brinley, Ivan, Leo, Paolo, Carlos, James, Samantha, Julio	Joe Vacarella Roger Epperson Mike Greenwood	Angela Smith
Sunday Dec, 21 11:00 AM	1.Rob Caliento, 2. Shawn Howard, 3.Cathy Barber, 4. Angel Coyle B. Michael Fisher	Val Crofts Joanne Fondren	Atticus, Nicole, Kim, Leilany, Alex, Anthony	Casey Fondren Michael Fisher Marilyn Lane	Barb Youngblood
Domingo 12:30 PM (Spanish)	1.Maria Pineda, 2. Antonio Lopez, 3.Aracely Aguirre, 4. Graciela Pineda, 5. Danny Gonzalez	Rosa Maria Ever Cristina Angel Xochilt	Camilla, Christopher, Miguel, Marisol, Julio, Martin, Amanda, Isabella		
Domingo 5:00 PM (Spanish)	1.Francisco Cuenca, 2. Rocio Morales, 3. Dominga Dominguez	Sayni Marisol Milan Luz Vasquez Vidal Martinez	Daniel, Sophia, Maritza, Mateo, Steven		

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Pastoral Staff

MAIN OFFICE: 205-663-3936

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We're on Facebook!

Follow our new official Facebook page
St Thomas Apostle Catholic Church
Click "Like" and "Follow" to stay
updated on all parish news, events,
livestreams, and announcements.



Register as a Parishioner!



If you're new to our parish or haven't registered yet, now is the perfect time! Use the link below or scan the QR code to easily register as a parishioner.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Jantz at 205-663-3936 or 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 2056633936 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

MonThurs | 8:30a.m.-4:00p.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 November 2025

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$44,100.00	\$58,156.34	\$14,056.34
Building Fund	\$31,400.00	\$36,411.05	\$5,011.05
Total	\$94,375.00	\$94,567.39	\$19,067.39

Year-to-Date Collection 07/01/25 –Present

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$242,500.00	\$320,418.92	\$77,868.92
Building Fund	\$172,700.00	\$147,247.05	\$25,452.95
Total	\$415,250.00	\$467,665.97	\$52,415.97

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 7/1/25.

December 13- Saturday

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Reconciliation

2:00 - 4:00 PM - Fun with Santa

7:00 PM - Christmas Concert

December 14- Sunday

8:00 AM - Hispanic Ministry Breakfast

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM - Faith Formation

9:30 AM - Parent Meeting Communion

4:00 PM — 4:45 PM Reconciliation

3:00 PM - St. Veronica Circle meeting

December 15- Monday

12:00 PM - Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory

6:00PM — Ballet Folklórico

December 16- Tuesday

9:00 AM – Communion Service

6:00 PM - Posadas

December 17- Wednesday

9:00 AM - Mass

6:00 PM – Bilingual Holy Rosary

6:00 PM - Posadas

7:00 PM – Youth Group

7:00 PM — Bible Study

December 18- Thursday

9:00 AM- Memorial Mass

6:00 PM - Posadas

6:00 PM - Advent penance service

December 19- Friday

Adoration Begins at Noon

6:00 PM - Posadas

7:00 PM - Young Adult Group

December 20- Saturday

Adoration ends at Noon

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Reconciliation

6:00 PM - Posada

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

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
Sessions are every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Joseph Room.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our season of waiting and preparation continues! I pray that everyone's hearts are gradually turning toward celebration of the Lord's birth, I would encourage each family in our parish to spend some time gathered around a Nativity scene in your home. It might be a simple drawing of the manger, or a fancy carved scene with statues. Whichever it is, I always find it important to spend some time in prayer before the manger, and it's a good custom to have in the family, as well.

When you gather on Christmas day to prayer before the image of the Christ child, here is a prayer I would offer for your consideration:

- O God, whose Son was born in Bethlehem long ago, lead us in our hearts to the same place where Mary laid her Child. As we look on him with wonder and worship, help us welcome him in our lives, in each other, and in the poor. God of all love, bless us in your great love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I would also add my invitation to the whole parish to our Advent penance service this Thursday (December the 18th) at 6pm. We're going to have about half a dozen priests hearing confessions, starting at 6pm and going until everyone has had the opportunity to offer the gift of their heart to the Lord. This is a great opportunity to "come to the manger" with the same spirit of simplicity and joy that the Lord showed in his birth at Bethlehem.

Together, as parish family, we look forward to the coming of the Light, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and our patron St. Thomas.

God bless,
Fr Jantz

Christmas Schedule

Posadas: December 16th to 23rd

Each evening at 6:00 PM

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

December 21st 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Penance Service:

Thursday, Dec 18th at 6:00PM

Christmas eve Masses: December 24th

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass

8:30 PM Lessons and Carols

9:00 PM Christmas Mass (Bilingual)

Christmas Day: December 25th

10:00 AM Christmas Mass (English)

12:00 PM Christmas Mass (Spanish)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, Dec 31st - 5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, Jan 1st - 10am Mass

St. Thomas Prayer Ministry

Join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. for the rosary and prayers for our parish.

Saturday Morning Mass 01/03

Every first Saturday of the month, we will have Mass at 10 a.m. in honor of Our Lady. The next Mass will be on January 03, 2026

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 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 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Youth Group 8th - 12th Grade

The youth group meets in the St. Anthony classroom each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Cristina Angel at 205-616-0378.

Young Adult Group

The young adult group for ages 18 to 35 years old meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Rosa at 205-729-1485.

K of C Monthly Meeting

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus meet in the modular building behind the church office at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The 4th degree meeting is immediately after the Council meeting, at about 8 p.m. There is usually food available at 6:30 before the meeting.

Monthly Memorial Mass 12/18

Thomas the Apostle will celebrate monthly Memorial Masses to honor those who have passed. These Masses will take place every 3rd Thursday at 9 a.m. in English. Please contact Sr. Amanda Magdalena at 205-358-1973 or (sramanda@stthomascatholic.com). The next Mass will be Thursday, December 18

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

We Invite All Home-School Families to Join Us at the School Mass Thursdays Morning

Home School families are invited to join us at the School Mass Every Thursday at 9:00 am

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Volunteer/Support

If you are interested in contributing your time, talent, and resources to support the school, please reach out to Principal Michael Fisher at principal@stthomascatholic.school.

Adult Faith Formation

Phil Watson will present on the Franciscan Crown Rosary on December 14th at 9:45 am.

University of Montevallo Catholic Campus Ministry

Welcome to our University of Montevallo students! On Wednesday, we have Mass at 5:30 PM followed by an end of semester pizza party. The Campus Ministry Center is located at 1027 Moody St., Montevallo, AL.

Fun with Santa

Come out to decorate cookies, make a holiday craft, listen to stories, and pictures with SANTA on December 13th from 2-4pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Christmas Concert

St. Thomas Church invites the whole community to the Christmas Concert on December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

Phil Watson will present on the Franciscan Crown Rosary on December 14th at 9:45 am.

St. Thomas Quilt Silent Auction

Support the St. Veronica Circle and bring home a beautiful piece of art! This lovely, one-of-a-kind quilt was beautifully created and donated by Loretta Barber. Bidding will be available after all Masses and will close on the evening of Sunday, December 14th. All funds raised will be used to support future St. Veronica Circle events. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Posadas Are Coming!

The Posadas will begin on December 16, and we are looking for volunteers and families who would like to host or help organize a Posada. If you are interested, please let us know.

Primetimers Mass & Potluck - Tuesday, January 13th, 11:00 am

The next Primetimers mass & potluck luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 13th. Primetimers is an organization for parishioners over the age of 55 to get together once a month for mass & a potluck lunch. Please join us for the fellowship & fun - what a great way to get to know other members of our church!

Join the Adoration Team!

Would you like to spend an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration? We currently have openings throughout both Friday and Saturday. We also need people on our substitute call list. Please contact Loralyn Watson via text or call at 253-886-7797.

Help Behind the Scenes - Sacristan Volunteers Needed

We're looking for dedicated volunteers to help with our Sacristan Ministry for the Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM Masses. Sacristans help prepare the sacred items and the altar, playing a vital role in the celebration of the Eucharist. If you are 18 or older and confirmed, please contact Sarah Burns at (205) 447-4444 or sburns2@live.com.

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.

Thank You for the Angel Christmas Tree

We sincerely thank everyone who donated to the Angel Christmas Tree. Thanks to your generosity, many children received gifts and joy this Christmas. May God bless you for your kindness!

Usher Opportunity

Here is an opportunity to help your parish without having any additional meetings to attend, simply by lending a hand at the Mass you regularly attend on the weekend. St. Thomas is blessed with a wonderful group of ushers, but due to unforeseen circumstances, our ranks have been slowly dwindling. We need additional ushers at all of our Masses, but particularly at the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass, and at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday morning. Both men and women and older teens can serve. Your commitment would be about once a month. If you can help out, please call or text Bill Drescher at 205-515-1927.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Nuestra temporada de espera y preparación continúa. Oro para que los corazones de todos vayan poco a poco orientándose hacia la celebración del nacimiento del Señor. Quisiera animar a cada familia de nuestra parroquia a dedicar un momento para reunirse alrededor de un pesebre en su hogar. Puede ser un dibujo sencillo del nacimiento o un belén tallado y elaborado con figuras. Sea lo que sea, siempre me ha parecido importante pasar un tiempo en oración frente al pesebre, y es una hermosa costumbre para cultivar también en la familia.

Cuando se reúnan el día de Navidad para orar ante la imagen del Niño Dios, aquí les dejo una oración que les ofrezco para su consideración:

Oh Dios, cuyo Hijo nació hace en Belén, condúcenos en el corazón al mismo lugar donde María recostó a su Niño. Al contemplarlo con asombro y adoración, ayúdanos a recibirlo en nuestra vida, en los demás y en los pobres. Dios de todo amor, bendícenos con tu gran amor, por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Quisiera también reiterar mi invitación a toda la parroquia a participar en nuestro servicio penitencial de Adviento este jueves 18 de diciembre a las 6pm. Tendremos alrededor de seis de sacerdotes (muchos hispanoparlantes) confesando, comenzando a las 6pm. y continuando hasta que todos hayan tenido la oportunidad de ofrecer al Señor el regalo de su corazón. Esta es una gran oportunidad para “acercarnos al pesebre” con el mismo espíritu de sencillez y alegría que el Señor mostró en su nacimiento en Belén.

Juntos, como familia parroquial, esperamos la venida de la Luz, por la intercesión de María, la Madre de Dios, y de nuestro patrono, Santo Tomás.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jantz

¡Se Acercan las Posadas Navideñas!

Las Posadas comenzarán el 16 de diciembre, y estamos buscando voluntarios y familias que deseen organizar o recibir una posada.

Agradecimiento por las donaciones para la Virgen de Guadalupe

Agradecemos profundamente a todos los que ofrecieron donaciones para la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Su devoción y generosidad permitieron honrar a nuestra Madre Santísima con amor y dignidad.

Servicio de Penitencia:

18 de diciembre: 6:00 PM

Misas de Navidad: 24 de diciembre

4:00 pm Misa de Nochebuena

8:30 pm Lecciones y Villancicos

9:00 pm Misa de Navidad (Bilingüe)

Día de Navidad: 25 de diciembre

10:00 am Misa de Navidad (Inglés)

12:00 pm Misa de Navidad (Español)

Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios

Día de precepto

Miércoles, 31 de diciembre - 5:30 pm Misa de vigilia

Jueves, 1 de enero - 10:00 am Misa

DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: (Isaías 35, 1-6a. 10)

Una visión de renovación y sanación para el pueblo de Dios.

Salmo Responsorial (Salmo 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10)

Dios ayuda, sana y protege fielmente a los oprimidos y vulnerables.

Segunda Lectura: (Santiago 5, 7-10)

Un llamado a la paciencia y firmeza mientras se acerca la venida del Señor.

Evangelio: (Mateo 11, 2-11)

Juan el Bautista llama a la conversión, anuncia la venida de uno más grande que él y advierte que el Mesías juzgará y purificará.

Lecturas de la Semana:

Lunes: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mateo 21:23-27

Martes: Sofonías 3:1-2, 9-13; Mateo 21:28-32

Miércoles: Génesis 49:2, 8-10; Mateo 1:1-17

Jueves: Jeremías 23:5-8; Mateo 1:18-25

Viernes: Jueces 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lucas 1:5-25

Saturday Isaías 7:10-14; Lucas 1:26-38

Sunday: (Next Week): Primera lectura: Isaías 7:10-14

Segunda lectura: Romanos 1:1-7 **Evangelio:** Mateo 1, 18-24



MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

Padre Brad Jantz al 205-663-3936

Diácono Jose Vazquez 205-663-3936

Horario de la Misa Español

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

Primer Sábado Misa Mensual 12/06

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

Misas para nuestros queridos Difuntos 11/13

La próxima misa memorial será el jueves 13 de noviembre 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

¡Únete al Equipo de Adoración!

¿Te gustaría pasar una hora con Jesús en la Adoración Eucarística? Tenemos cupos disponibles tanto el viernes como el sábado. También necesitamos personas en nuestra lista de suplentes. Por favor, contacta con Loralyn Watson por mensaje de texto o llama al 253-886-7797.

Catequesis para niños

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

Preparaciones para los adultos (OCIA)

Marisol Millan | 205-432-8940

Platicas Prebautismales

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

Para las clases Dic. 1 5:30 PM

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

Rosario por la parroquia

Todos los miercoles 6:00 pm

Grupo de Jóvenes

Miercoles a las 7:00pm

Grupo de los Jóvenes Adultos

Jueves a las 7:00pm

Estudio Bíblico

Martes 6:30pm

Grupo De Oración

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