



# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## PARISH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." - Mt 2:14

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### 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 27

5:30 PM Mass for Wayne Perrian (Deceased)

### Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM Mass for Margaret Miranda (Deceased)

11:00 AM Mass for Juan De Garcia (Deceased)

12:30 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

5:00 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

### Tuesday, December 30

9:00 AM Communion Service

### Wednesday, December 31

5:30 PM Mass for our Parish community

### Thursday, January 01

10:00 AM Mass for Timoty Deasi (Deceased)

### Friday, January 02

9:00 AM Mass for Domingo Arias (Deceased)

### Saturday, January 03

10:00 AM Mass for our Parish Community

5:30 PM Mass Intention for Mario Vetrano

### Sunday, January 04

8:00 AM Mass for Marisa Roan (Deceased)

11:00 AM Mass for Nikki McElayne (Deceased)

12:30 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

5:00 PM Misa para la Comunidad Parroquial

## SUNDAY

### First Reading: (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

The passage teaches that honoring and caring for one's parents brings blessing and pleases God, even as they grow old.

### Responsorial Psalm: (Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.)

The psalm proclaims that those who fear the Lord are blessed with fruitful work, a thriving family, and peace.

### Second Reading: (Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17)

Live with love, patience, and forgiveness, letting Christ's peace guide family and community life.

### Gospel: (Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)

God protects Jesus by guiding Joseph to flee to Egypt and later return, fulfilling His plan.

## Daily Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 John 2:29-36; John 1:29-34

**Sunday: (Next Week): 1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

Monthly Altar Flowers  
December 28&29

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.



## 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 Jan, 03 5:30PM				Paul Lorio Dennis Malcolm Ron Hoff	
Sunday Jan, 04 8:00 AM			Anna, Lily, Mary, Mark, Andrei, Andrea, Wendy	Matt Stitt Joe Vacarella Roger Epperson	
Sunday Jan, 04 11:00 AM			Asli, Elizabeth, Salvador, Fatima, Angel, Isaac, Alex, Adeline	Marilyn Layne Casey Fondren Michael Fisher	
Domingo 12:30 PM (Spanish)			Yareli , Griselda, Stefany, Lucero, Mateo, Melanie, Keyla, Lucas, Bella	Marilyn Layne Casey Fondren Michael Fisher	
Domingo 5:00 PM (Spanish)			Julian, Marlom, Josefina, Daniel		



# 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 27 - Saturday

Regular Mass Hours

## December 28- Sunday

Regular Mass Hours

## December 29- Monday

12:00 PM - Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory

## December 30- Tuesday

9:00 AM – Communion Service

## December 31- Wednesday

Office Closed Noon

5:30 PM - Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

Mother of God

## December 1- Thursday

Happy New Year!!!

Office Closed

10:00 AM - Mass (Solemnity of the Blessed

Mary Mother of God

## December 2- Friday

Office Closed

9:00 - Mass

Adoration Begins at noon

6:45 PM - Prayer Ministry Group

## December 3- Saturday

10:00 AM - Saturday Morning Mass

Regular Mass hours

Adoration ends at noon

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Reconciliation

# 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](mailto:sramanda@stthomascatholic.com)  
Sessions are every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Joseph Room.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Visitors to Catholic churches this time of year often ask: why are we singing Christmas songs after Christmas? Since we'll be singing carols for the next couple weeks, this is a good time to answer that question.

Outside the Church, Christmas is often a secular season of materialism and consumer goods, that's basically finished when the gifts are opened. But for Catholics, Christmas is a season of joy and fulfillment at the birth of Christ, that follows our Advent time of waiting. How long does a family celebrate a newborn child? As we all know, for a very long time—and the Church does the same for the birth of Jesus.

In the Church's calendar, the Christmas celebrations go for about two weeks. That's where we get the old idea of the "12 Days of Christmas." Christmas Day (December 25) celebrates Jesus' birth; the Sunday after Christmas (December 28) celebrates the Holy Family in Bethlehem; the next Sunday (January 4) marks the visit of the Wise Men; and the Sunday after that (January 11) celebrates Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Basically, the Christmas season celebrates the entirety of the Lord's childhood and early years.

I'd encourage everyone to take advantage of our 12+ Days of Christmas in your own families and prayers. Enjoy saying "Merry Christmas" to everyone you meet, since Christmas is too big of a feast to be celebrated in one day! May we all experience the joy of the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and our patron St. Thomas in this holy season.

God bless,  
Fr Jantz

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - 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 01/16

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](mailto:sramanda@stthomascatholic.com)). The next Mass will be Thursday, January 16

## 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](mailto:principal@stthomascatholic.school).

## **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.

## **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!

## **Spaghetti Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus will host another Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Hall on January 17<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 Vigil Mass. Proceeds are for support for Seminarians. The menu is spaghetti & meat balls, salad, garlic bread, drink, and dessert. Dessert donations appreciated! Pricing is \$10/plate or \$5 for a child 6 or under. Please sign up in the gathering space, but walk-ins are also welcome.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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,

Los visitantes en las iglesias católicas en esta parte del año a menudo preguntan: ¿por qué cantamos canciones navideñas después de Navidad? Dado que cantaremos esas canciones durante las próximas semanas, este es un buen momento para responder esa pregunta.

Fuera de la Iglesia, la Navidad es a menudo una temporada secular de materialismo, que básicamente termina cuando se abren los regalos. Pero para los católicos, la Navidad es una temporada de alegría en el nacimiento de Cristo, que sigue al tiempo de espera de Adviento. ¿Cuánto tiempo una familia celebra a un niño recién nacido? Como todos sabemos, mucho tiempo, y la Iglesia hace lo mismo con el nacimiento de Jesús.

En el calendario de la Iglesia, las celebraciones navideñas duran aproximadamente dos semanas; ahí es donde obtenemos la tradición de los “12 días de Navidad.” El día de Navidad (25 de diciembre) celebra el nacimiento de Jesús; el domingo después de Navidad (28 de diciembre) se celebra la Sagrada Familia en Belén; el próximo domingo (4 de enero) marca la visita de los Reyes Magos; y el domingo siguiente (11 de enero) se celebra el bautismo de Jesús por Juan el Bautista. La temporada de Navidad celebra la totalidad de la infancia y los primeros años del Señor.

Animo a todos a que aprovechen nuestros 12+ días de Navidad en sus propias familias y oraciones. Que digamos “Feliz Navidad” a todos los que conozca, ya que la Navidad es una fiesta demasiado grande para celebrarla en un día. Y que experimentemos la alegría de la intercesión de María, la Madre de Dios, y nuestro patrón Santo Tomás en esta temporada santa.

Dios los bendiga,  
Padre Jantz

## Bautizos para niños que harán la Primera comunión

Se llevarán a cabo el día 24 de enero de 2026, favor asistir ya que será la única fecha antes de la primera comunión

## Clases de quinceañera

En Abril inician nuestras clases de Quinceañera

## 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: (Sirácida 3, 3-7. 14-17a)

El pasaje enseña que honrar y cuidar a los padres trae bendición y agrada a Dios, incluso cuando envejecen.

### Salmo Responsorial (Salmo 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5)

El salmo proclama que quienes temen al Señor son bendecidos con trabajo fructífero, familia próspera y paz

### Segunda Lectura: (Colosenses 3, 12-21)

Vivir con amor, paciencia y perdón, dejando que la paz de Cristo guíe la vida familiar y comunitaria.

### Evangelió: (San Mateo 2, 13-15. 19-23)

Dios protege a Jesús guiando a José para huir a Egipto y luego regresar, cumpliendo su plan.

### Lecturas de la Semana:

**Lunes:** 1 John 2:3–11; Luke 2:22–35

**Martes:** 1 John 2:12–17; Luke 2:36–40

**Miércoles:** 1 John 2:18–21; John 1:1–18

**Jueves:** Numbers 6:22–27; Luke 2:16–21

**Viernes:** 1 John 2:22–28; John 1:19–28

**Saturday** 1 John 2:29–3:6; John 1:29–34

**Sunday: (Next Week): Primera lectura:** Isaías 60, 1-6

**Segunda lectura:** Efesios 3, 2-3a. 5-6 **Evangelió:** Mateo 2, 1-12



## LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

“José se levantó, tomó de noche al niño y a su madre, y se retiró a Egipto”. - Mt 2,14

# 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 01/03

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

### Misas para nuestros queridos Difuntos 01/08

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