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Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Mass Schedule

Horario de Misas

December 10, 2023

Saturday Vigil ~ Vigilia del Sabado

5:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ Domingo

English - 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

*11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Spanish - *1:00 p.m.

Daily Mass ~ Misa Diaria

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday -
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday -

*9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Friday -

*8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. in Spanish

1st Saturday of the month - 8:00 a.m.

* = Livestream Masses via YouTube

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoración Eucarística

After Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass and

After first Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass

Reconciliation ~ Reconciliación

Saturday ~ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Also by appointment if NEEDED

Anointing of the Sick

Unción de los Enfermos

First Monday of the month after the

8:00 a.m. Mass.

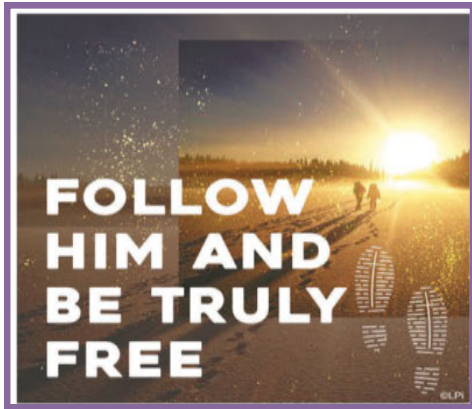
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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO –
ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS
PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

10 de diciembre de 2023
2º Domingo de Adviento

El evangelista Marcos inicia su Evangelio con una exigencia de preparación, del cumplimiento de la Sagrada Escritura en Jesús y la invitación de Juan Bautista a la conversión: “Mira, te voy a enviar a mi mensajero delante de ti para que te prepare el camino. Escuchen ese grito en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos” (Marcos 1,2-3). Sin embargo, esa llegada suya requiere de nosotros una conversión verdadera desde el fondo del corazón. Salir en busca de lo novedoso, como el pueblo que seguía a Juan Bautista, implica movimiento y apertura. ¿Qué pide este pasaje del Evangelio de nuestra parte? ¿Qué cambios haré en este Adviento que ayude a mejorar mi relación con los que me rodean?

Otro elemento importante, en este segundo Domingo de Adviento, es lo que el Profeta Isaías nos indica con referencia a consolar a los que sufren. El deber de consolar lo experimentamos muy fuerte en el tiempo de la pandemia. ¿Lo recuerdas? El sufrimiento obliga a estar cerca del otro y anima a tener esperanza y a vivir más conscientes de las necesidades de nuestro prójimo. “Consuelen, dice Yavé, tu Dios, consuelen a mi pueblo” (Isaías 40,1). Entonces, comencemos, no esperemos sentados, llevemos consuelo y esperanza a nuestro alrededor. Enderecemos los caminos, las curvas que evitan llegar al Señor, para que su ternura baje del cielo y se pose en cada persona y así germine la justicia y la fidelidad. ¡Ven Señor!

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**Readings for the week of
December 10, 2023**

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
(8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technological rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word “gospel” was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MAS+ INTENCIONS

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Saturday - Sabado, December 9

5:00 p.m. Ints. Peter Leon-Guerrero

Sunday - Domingo, December 10

7:00 a.m. † Salome DePaz

9:00 a.m. Ints. Peter Leon-Guerrero

11:00 a.m. Ints. Esther Leon-Guerrero

1:00 p.m. Ints. Peter Leon-Guerrero

5:00 p.m. † Lorraine Cramm

Monday - Lunes, December 11

8:00 a.m. † Gary Owens

Tuesday - Martes, December 12

8:00 a.m. Ints. Esther Leon-Guerrero

Wednesday - Miercoles, December 13

9:00 a.m. Ints. Esther Leon-Guerrero

6:30 p.m. Ints. Darling Soledad Santos

Thursday - Jueves, December 14

8:00 a.m. Ints. Tracey Stoner

Friday - Viernes, December 15

8:00 a.m. † Francisco Adajar

6:30 p.m. Ints. Leonard Santos



Sanctuary Candle

† Gary Owens

Mother Mary's Side

Ints. Sue Holscher

Joseph's Side † Norbert Holscher



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May the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace.

Descansen en paz las almas de todos los fieles difuntos.

Stephen Ministry

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Facing a challenging relocation or hospitalization?

Discouraged or overwhelmed?

Are you trying to cope with ANY of Life's many challenges?

Stephen Ministry is here to listen, meet with you one on one with confidentiality, pray for you and provide emotional support through Christ centered caring on your journey.

To reach us, please leave your contact information at the parish office. **We will call.....We are here** at St Thomas parish waiting to help in your time of need.

Is anyone out there listening ?



Prayer request for the sick **Oremos por nuestros enfermos**

Jeannette Quesada, Chelsea Wandro, Rosemary Ojeda, Joanne DeGeorge, Walt Perne, Michelle Perine, Carol Cowles, Sarah Davenport, Cruz Ballesteros, Margie Alvarez, Deacon Paul & ElsieAnn Myers, Mary Schaffler, Basil & Sally Binckley, Orest Stetkevich, Santiago Guillen, Donna Valenzuela, Gio Roman, Jamie Rios, Lidia Bonilla-Garcia, Raquel Bernal, Irene Meurer, José Luis Cervantes, Margie Cervantes, Peter C, Cevannah Cheng, Bernice Santa Maria, Corinne Malone, Lois Kirk, Adam Ksiazek, Jane Bjelke, Francis Blumschein, Pennie Rials, Juanita Blumschein, Sarah Blumschein, Rey Reboles, Kate Kemp, Chanelle M Brooks, Sharon Drucker, Louis Drucker, Linda Carter, Jojo Doran, Elizabeth Mendez, Donna Cabrera, Mary Reategui, Peter Leon-Guerrero, Don Fennell, Mama Fran Hernandez, Daling Soledad Santos, Tim McNamara, Juana Martin Nicolas, Epi Lemons, Jose Quintana, Del & Deanna Rice, Patricia Garcia, Fernando & Denise Moreno, Donna Marshall, Tim St. Croix, Dick & Carol Egan, Avery Brantley, Benjamin Montano, Martha Romero, Joanne Carter, and Crystal DeLa Cruz

May they feel the healing power of God.
Que sientan el poder sanador de Dios.



2023 DDF Annual Appeal

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is a blessed giving community. We have met our DDF goal for this year. All DDF gifts received until December 31st will now come back to St. Thomas parish 100%. It is not too late to be included in the 2023 Appeal. Thank you

FAITH FORMATION

Youth Confirmation

Classes have begun. Contact Information

Dana Robles, *Catechetical Coordinator*
drobles@sbdiocese.org

Eileen Gamboa, *Faith Formation Assistant*
egamboa@sbdiocese.org

Faith Formation

Registration Forms and steps for enrollment are located in the vestibule of the church and the parish office.

Dana Robles, Coordinator of Catechetical Ministry
and Eileen Gamboa, Faith Formation Assistant

Adult Confirmation

Please check our website for important Adult Sacrament information or contact the RCIA Coordinator, Grace Fernandez in the church office or email her at gfernandez@sbdiocese.org



Young Adult Ministry



We are also on Instagram: @stthomas_yam!

Home Schooling Ministry

Interested in Homeschooling?

Looking for a Homeschool community?

The Homeschool Ministry invites you to our Homeschool Masses at 11:00 a.m. **on the following**

Contact Lori-Ann Mauricio for more information
juanandloriann@yahoo.com or 858-337-6397



Youth Ministry Mass and Gathering
every 1st Monday of the month at
6:00 p.m.

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Nuestro Horario de Servicios

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Misa de la Vigilia

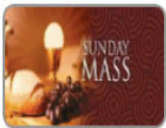
Sabado 5:00 p.m. (Ingles)



Misas Dominicales

Misa en Español *1:00 p.m.

Misas en ingles: 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
*11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.



Misas durante la Semana (Ingles)

Lunes, Martes, Jueves, *Viernes 8:00 a.m.
Miercoles *9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.



Misa en Español Viernes 6:30 p.m.

Adoracion

Los viernes al terminar la misa de las 8:00 a.m.* y el primer viernes del mes al terminar la misa de las 6:30 p.m. en español



Confesiones

Sabados 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Uncion de los Enfermos

Se celebra despues de la misa de las 8:00 a.m. el primer lunes de cada mes.



Si se tratara de una "uncion de emergencia" por favor llame al **(951) 776-7382**



* Servicios que se transmiten en vivo via YouTube

Para informacion sobre **servicios de Reconciliacion (confesiones)** en parroquias cercanas, por favor vea la pagina #12 de este boletin.

Programa de Formación para los Ministros Parroquiales **INSCRIPCIÓN DISPONIBLE**

¿Tiene alguna pregunta sobre su fe? ¿Se siente llamado a servir en algún ministerio? El PMFP provee formación espiritual y teológica para que adquieran las herramientas necesarias para crecer en su fe, compartirla, y servir a los demás. Las clases se ofrecen en línea (a través de Zoom) y comienzan el jueves,

4 de ENERO de 2024

de 6:30 P.M. a 9 :00 P.M.

El programa termina el 20 de junio de 2024.

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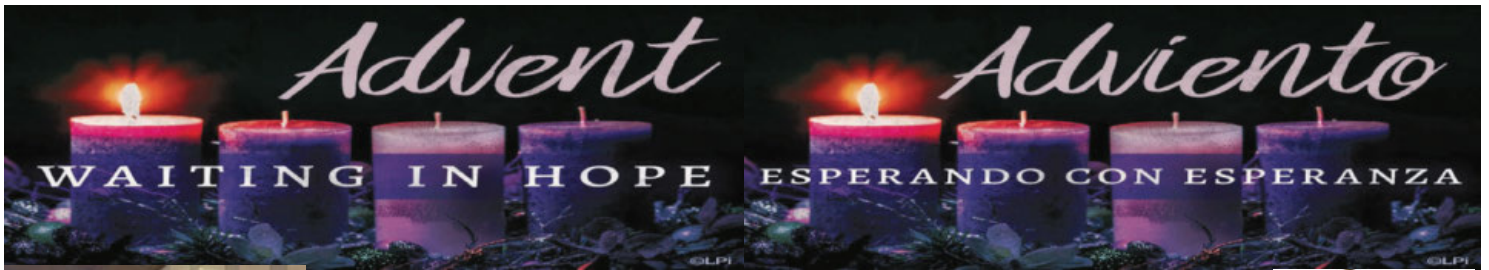
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Ya estamos recibiendo tarjetas de regalo de Navidad para los más necesitados de la parroquia.

Por favor traiga su generosa donación de tarjetas de regalo a la oficina parroquial, colóquela en la canasta de colecta del fin de semana o envíela por correo a Santo Tomás Apóstol "Atención Arcelia".



¡Gracias! Y que Dios bendiga su generosidad.



Nuestra Reunion Familiar de Adviento 2023

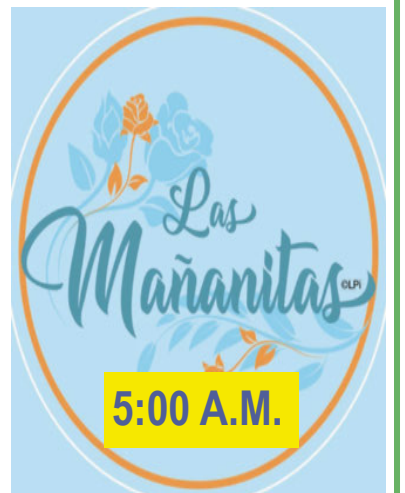


Festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Martes 12 de diciembre

Misas

8:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m.



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Volunteer Opportunity

Are you tech-savvy and passionate about contributing to your community?

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Roles:

1. PowerPoint Projection Volunteers:

- Ensure smooth projection of slides during Mass.
- Basic knowledge of PowerPoint or similar software.
- Training provided.

2. Livestreaming Volunteers:

- Manage the livestream to bring the Mass experience to those unable to attend in person.
- Familiarity with livestreaming platforms is a plus.
- Training and support available.

Benefits:

- Contribute to the spiritual experience of the community.
- Gain valuable technical skills.
- Join a supportive and welcoming team.

How to Volunteer

Contact:

Communications Ministry at
stthomasriv@sbdioocese.org
 or call the parish Office 951-689-1131
 to sign up and make a difference!



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*We invite you to our informational meeting on **Tuesday, January 9th, at 7PM** in the **KDC**. Embrace this opportunity to connect and grow together. Come and join us!*

For more information contact Sandra Burroughs at scburroughs@msn.com

St. Thomas the Apostle *Christmas* Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24th

5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm

English Spanish English

Christmas Day - December 25th

7:00am 9:00am 11:00am

New Year's Day - January 1st - 8:00am

Parish Office Schedule - Thursday, December 21st

8:30am to 12:00pm

Closed December 22nd to January 1st





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December 18th
-January 1st

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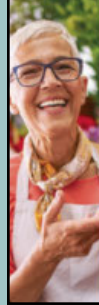


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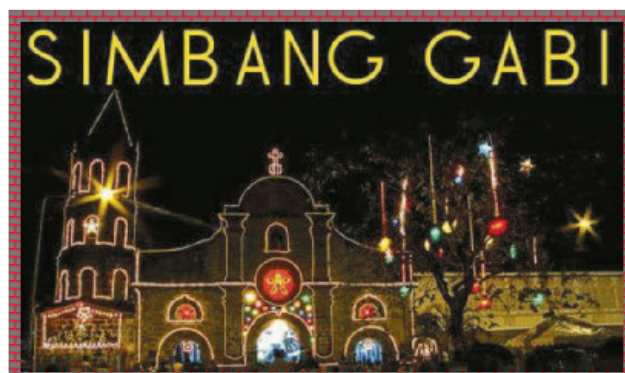
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"BETHLEHEM CANDLE"

The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

BE ENRICHED! EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTIFUL TRADITION OF THE SIMBANG GABI!

Please join the St. Thomas the Apostle-Filipino Ministry in celebrating the Simbang Gabi on Friday, December 15th. It will start with a cultural Advent Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception and program in the Parish Hall!.

All are welcome!



Christmas Gift Card collection for the needy of the parish is open.

Please bring your generous donation of gift cards to the parish office, drop in the weekend collection basket or mail in to St. Thomas the Apostle "Attention Arcelia".



Thank you!
God bless your generous heart.



Mass Times

Tuesday, 12/12 - 8:00 a.m. & 7:00p.m.

With Mañanitas at 5:00 a.m.

Schedule of surrounding Parish Reconciliations

Calendario de Reconciliaciones Parroquiales aledañas

St. Catherine of Alexandria	Monday,	December 11
St. Edward	Thursday,	December 14
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Monday,	December 18
Corpus Christi	Tuesday,	December 19
St. Mary Magdalene	Wednesday,	December 20
St. Andrew Newman Center	Thursday,	December 21



Reconciliation

Services at 7:00 p.m. at all parishes