

St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DOMINUS MEUS ET DEUS MEUS

*Come away
by yourselves
and rest
a while*



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Behold, the days are coming,
says the LORD, when I will raise up
a righteous shoot to David.

- Jeremiah 23:5a

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:

English: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
5:30pm, 7:00pm
Español: 1:00pm

Saturday Vigil:

English: 5:30pm

Daily Masses:

English: Mon-Fri 8:00am
Español: 7:00 pm

Daily Rosary: 7:35am

Saturday Mass: 8:00am

School Mass: Wednesday 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00pm - 5:00pm or by Appointment

Sacraments & Religious Education

Baptisms: Call Parish Office for more information on requirements, Baptismal Preparation classes, and dates available.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish Office for information.
305-665-5600

Religious Education Schedule:

Wednesdays 4:00-5:15pm
PreK thru 5th Grade

Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm
Grades 6th Thru Confirmation

RCIA Schedule:

Wednesdays at 7:00pm (English)
Sundays at 11:00am (Español)

Pastoral Care for the Sick & Homebound:

Notify Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound and unable to attend Mass. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will assist in bringing the Eucharist to them.

Music Ministry Director: Riuben Frometa

Please send an email to rfrometa@stamiami.org if you are interested in participating in the choir.

Liturgical Ministry Coordinator:

Mrs. Tania Gonzalez
If you are interested in being a Sacristan, Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, Usher, or Altar Server please call the office at: 305-665-6862

Perpetual Adoration: Chapel is always open!

Come and visit Our Lord.
If you want to commit to one hour per week please call the office at 305-665-5600.

Intercessory Rosary for the Sick of our Parish:

You are invited to pray the Rosary for the sick and suffering of our parish every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass.

There are many ways you can give a gift to St. Thomas the Apostle, spend nothing during your lifetime, and actually provide more for your heirs. Contact the rectory or call the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1110 for information.



Asegúrese de que sus deseos sobre su atención médica se lleven a cabo. Tenga preparado su testamento antes de necesitarlo. Póngase en contacto con la rectoría o llame a la Oficina de Donaciones Planificadas al (305) 762-1110 para obtener más información.



MONDAY July 20, 2015

8:00AM: +Carmen Elena Romero Arreaza
7:00PM: +Leopold Fiad

TUESDAY July 21, 2015

8:00AM: +Ines Ochoa
7:00PM: +Alonso Alexander Henao

WEDNESDAY July 22, 2015

8:00AM: +Carmen Elena Romero Arreaza
7:00PM: +Ofelia Zubillaga

THURSDAY July 23, 2015

8:00AM: +Nicolas Babcock
7:00PM: Divino Niño

FRIDAY July 24, 2015

8:00AM: +Alfredo Perez
7:00PM: +Maria Caldara

SATURDAY July 25, 2015

8:00AM: Dana Hernandez & Family
5:30PM: Susanna Amacio

SUNDAY July 26, 2015

7:30AM: +Dominic Mandalfino
9:00AM: +Maria Hipatia Cuesta & Oswaldo Acosta
11:00AM: +German Ulloa
1:00PM: +Amparo Caballero
5:30PM: The St. Thomas the Apostle Family
7:00PM: +Nicolas Babcock

Help support STA the easy everyday food products and way! Box Tops for Education is a nationwide fundraising program sponsored by General Mills that exchanges box tops for cash. This money can then be used to buy equipment, supplies, books, etc. for STA. Just clip the box tops from any specially- marked

everyday food products and turn them in to the office. We encourage you to download the App SHOPAROO and help STA earn Cash. We thank the 65 supporters that have



July 25-July 26, 2015



Time	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Sat. 5:30 pm	Normadele Kennedy Josefina Quintela Aleida Fernandez-Boyez	Marsha Maynard Juan Quintal	Veronica Salgueiro Victoria Salgueiro
Sun. 7:30am	Thomas Moore Genevieve Stine	Lee Williams David Blary	Volunteer
Sun. 9:00am	Sofia Sarria Eric Lastres Nancy Carreño	Nicholas Suarez Alette Torricella	Victor Suarez Alex Suarez
Sun. 11:00am	Aurelio Osle Solangel Osle Maria Esther Martinez	Frank Acosta Gil Hernandez	Alexandra Belfort Sofia Perez
Sun. 1:00pm	Olga Gentschein Jocelyn Sanchez Leon Fidalguis	Efrain Jimenez Maria Alonso	Annabelle Lamazares Gisselle Lamazares Miriam Gonzalez
Sun. 5:30pm	Ed Croteau Carlatica Ledo Mayra Finale	Alfonso Ledo Eduardo Sanchez	Claudia Gonzalez Lucia Marina
Sun. 7:00PM	Alejandro Salas Carmen Salas	Rosa Prieto Jose Espinosa	Alejandro Salas Gigi Barquet

**TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA PADRE LARRAÑAGA
APRENDER A ORAR, APRENDER A VIVIR**

*En búsqueda de una relación mas íntima con el Señor?
Inscríbete en los Talleres de Oración y Vida que se
iniciarán el Miercoles 12 de agosto de 7:00pm a 9:00pm.
Durarán 15 semanas. La sesiones son una vez por
semana en St. Thomas.*

*Para mas información llamar a Adriana: 786-499-4663.
Trae tu Biblia y un cuaderno de notas. JESUS TE ESTA
ESPERANDO!*

**TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA PADRE LARRAÑAGA
LEARN TO PRAY, LEARN TO LIVE**

*Looking for a close relation with the Lord? Register in
this workshop.*

*Classes will start on Wednesday August 12 from:
7:00pm to 9:00pm in Spanish
for 15 weeks, once a week.*

*For more information call Adriana at: 786-499-4663
Bring your Bible and a notebook. JESUS IS WAITING!*

Readings for the Week

<p>Sunday, July 19:</p> <p>JER 23:1-6 PS 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 EPH 2:13-18 MK 6:30-34</p>	<p>Monday, July 20:</p> <p>EX 14:5-18 EXODUS 15:1BC-2, 3-4, 5-6 MT 12:38-42</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 21:</p> <p>EX 14:21—15:1 EXODUS 15:8-9, 10 AND 12, 17 MT 12:46-50</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 22:</p> <p>EX 16:1-5, 9-15 PS 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 JN 20:1-2, 11-18</p>
<p>Thursday, July 23:</p> <p>EX 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20B DANIEL 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 MT 13:10-17</p>	<p>Friday, July 24:</p> <p>EX 20:1-17 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 MT 13:18-23</p>	<p>Saturday, July 25:</p> <p>2 COR 4:7-15 PS 126:1BC-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6 MT 20:20-28</p>	<p>Sunday, July 26:</p> <p>2 KGS 4:42-44 PS 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 EPH 4:1-6 JN 6:1-15</p>



Pray for those who are ill:

Dana Hernandez
 Alberto Diaz

Pray for those who have died:

+Josefina Fernandez Queral
 +Gisela Gonzalez

Weekly Offering

Titling: Give, and it will be given to you.

Diesmo: Dad, y os será dado.

July 11-July 12, 2015

Saturday Vigil (5:30pm)	\$1,503.00
Sunday (7:30am)	\$1,089.00
Sunday (9:00am)	\$1,043.00
Sunday (11:00am)	\$2,312.00
Sunday (1:00pm)	\$1,643.00
Sunday (5:30pm)	\$1,383.00
Sunday (7:00pm)	\$1,623.00
Second Collection	\$1,498.00
Guadalupe Fund	\$63.47
Other	\$136.60
Total	\$12,397.19

Encuentro Familiar #312

Agosto 1 y 2, 2015

La base de la sociedad es la familia.
 ¿Qué harás tú por la tuya?

Ven y comparte un fin de semana en familia



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VENGAN TODOS A MI

Misa de sanación celebrada
 Por el Rev. Padre Alvaro Huertas
 St. Thomas the Apostle
 7377 SW 63 ST.
 Miami, FL 33143

ULTIMO JUEVES DEL MES
 A LAS 7:00PM

Para más información: 305-796-0334

The Office of Lay Ministry

invites all faithful to enroll in

The Archdiocesan School of Ministry Class of 2017!!!

Registrations are being accepted Now!!!

Classes begin in September, 2015

Space is limited

Pray - Learn - Serve

The *School of Ministry* program offers you the opportunity to engage in a life-changing formation experience, that guides you in a learning and spiritual reflection about our Catholic faith and the community of believers.

New classes are available at:

- St. Brendan High School (English and Spanish)
- Notre Dame de Haiti (Creole)
- St. Bartholomew (English and Spanish)
- Online (English and Spanish)

For additional information and to download necessary forms for registration visit us at www.miamiarch.org/layministry and click on the **School of Ministry** tab, or contact the Lay Ministry Office at 305-762-1184 or email: layministry@theadom.org

La Oficina de Ministerio Laico

Invita a todos los feligreses a inscribirse para
La Clase de Ministerio Arquidiocesana del 2017

Las clases empiezan en septiembre del 2015.

¡Los espacios están limitados!

Ore - Aprenda - Sirva

La Escuela de Ministerio le ofrece este programa de formación en el que aprenderá y reflexionará sobre nuestra fe católica y la comunidad de los creyentes.

Las clases se ofrecerán en:

St. Brendan - Inglés y Español

St. Bartholomew - Inglés y Español

Electrónicamente (“Online”) - Inglés y Español

Para más información y para bajar las planillas necesarias para inscribirse, visite nuestra página

web: www.miamiarch.org/layministry

y seleccione el enlace “School of Ministry”, o sírvase llamar a la Oficina de Ministerio Laico al 305-762-1184 o enviar correo electrónico a layministry@theadom.org

Archbishop Thomas Wenski homily at the closing Mass of the 2015 Fortnight for Religious Freedom, celebrated July 4 at the National Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

We live in interesting times. In recent days, Pope Francis issued his first social encyclical, *Laudato Si*, dealing with ecological questions; and the US Supreme Court handed down its decision on same sex marriage. At any rate, both of these happenings give us Catholics both the opportunity, and, to be sure, the duty to engage the world and witness to our teachings, to our vision of the life and dignity of the human person in a world which we recognize as both fallen and redeemed.

This “vision” enshrined in the Church’s moral teachings embraces what we could call both a natural and a human ecology, or what Pope Francis has called an “integral ecology.” An integral ecology demands that rain forests be protected – because of what they do potentially and actually for the flourishing of the human species on this earth. Likewise, an integral ecology tells us that marriage, understood for millennia as a union of one man and one woman, ought to be respected and protected.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus taught his disciples that, while remaining in the world, they were not to be “of the world.” Yet, for Jesus and for his Catholic Church, not being of the world never means being against the world. Jesus, who came into the world in order to save it, calls us to be always for the world.

This being for the world explains why the Church is concerned with education, with health care; it explains our involvement in civic affairs and why we define politics as something honorable and as a legitimate, and even noble, vocation for the Christian. Being for the world and not against the world is why we as a Church advocate for the poor and seek greater economic and social justice for all. As Catholics, we believe that the world in which we live in is our “highway to heaven,” the path on which we work out our salvation with the help of God’s grace. The Church is committed to the right and dignity of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death, to the family built on marriage understood as a permanent and exclusive union of one man and one woman, to the right ordering of society for the common good and in conformity to the natural law, because she feels that such commitments help promote human flourishing.

But these commitments do not divert her and her members from the pursuit of heaven. Rather, by addressing the obstacles, the roadblocks, the pot holes that may frustrate people’s pursuit of their transcendent vocation along that highway – the consequences of both personal and structural sin — the Church wishes to assist all those that travel it to reach heaven. In this way, our engagement in the world and for the world and never against the world does not contradict the Church’s spiritual mission but complements it.

As Pope Benedict XVI said in Cuba three years ago: The Church lives to make others sharers in the one thing she possesses, which is none other than Christ, our hope of glory (cf. Col 1:27). To carry out this duty, she must count on basic religious freedom, which consists in her being able to proclaim and to celebrate her faith also in public, bringing to others the message of love, reconciliation and peace which Jesus brought to the world. (*Homily, La Habana*)

This religious freedom is, however, under stress throughout the world. The International Society for Human Rights, while acknowledging the atrocities that are committed against peoples and institutions of all the world’s religions, reports that 80 percent of all acts of religious discrimination in the world today are directed at Christians. Some 150,000 Christians are killed for the faith every year. As Pope Francis reminds us, the Age of Martyrs did not conclude with the Peace of Constantine.

Even in our Western liberal democracies, discrimination against religion in general and Catholic Christianity in particular is growing — albeit in perhaps more sophisticated and less violent ways. Political analysts and human rights advocates do include religion on their agenda. But most emphasize “tolerance” as if religion were only a source of conflict. Or, they speak about religion in terms of “individual choices,” as if religion were merely the concern of an individual’s conviction and were devoid of any social consequences. And so in our country as in other Western countries, we see a tendency to relegate religion to the private sphere. And, in these countries, we see the courts chipping away at the original understanding of religious freedom. In order to fit new political agendas, religious freedom is being reinterpreted narrowly to mean merely “freedom to worship” but excluding the freedom to serve and the freedom to witness.

Education, family law, healthcare are just some of the areas in which narrow readings of religious freedom are paving the way for antireligious policies. These efforts to restrict religious liberty are seemingly founded in a reductive secularism that has more in common with the French Revolution than with America’s founding. They seek to delegitimize the Church’s participation in public debate about issues that will determine the future of American society.

Yet, just as freedom of speech depends not only on one's right to say what's on one's mind but also on the existence of institutions like newspapers, universities, libraries, political parties and other associations that make up what we call "civil society," so too freedom of religion must also encompass protecting those institutions that nourish the individual's free exercise of religion.

In this country, at least up till now, thanks to the religious freedom guaranteed by the first amendment, religious communities have been able to play an active role in society and to express their own vision of the human person and of the policies that rule society. The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s was a religiously inspired movement; it was led by pastors, and those who marched gathered first in their churches. Some today resent the public advocacy of religious people and communities. They accuse us of trying to impose our views on others.

Yet, as St. John Paul II explained, the Church does not impose, she proposes. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his movement for racial justice could not impose their views on the American people. They understood this — and, for this reason, they opted for non-violence. But they made a proposition that touched the conscience of a nation. Professing religious faith should not make a person a second class citizen. While religion is personal, it is never private.

The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights — peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected.

Alexis de Tocqueville, a Frenchman who wrote approvingly about our American experiment in democracy in the early 19th century, said: "Despotism may be able to do without faith but freedom cannot." But even as de Tocqueville pointed out almost 200 years ago, despotism comes in both soft and hard forms. Thomas More, John Fisher, Peter and Paul and the first martyrs of the Church of Rome, whose feast days fell within our observance of this Fortnight, were victims of despotism in its hardest form, as was John the Baptist, martyred for his witness about the truth of marriage. Today this type of hard despotism is decimating the Christian populations of the Middle East.

But in this country and in other liberal democracies, people of faith are being increasingly subjected to a soft despotism in which ridicule, ostracism, and denial of employment opportunities of advancement are being used to marginalize us. We see this when butchers and bakers and candlestick makers are being put into the legal dock for refusing to renounce their religious beliefs.

A new religious intolerance has established itself in our country. Christian pastors are stalked and threatened for being "Christian" pastors, social scientists are expelled from universities for having turned up "politically incorrect" facts, charitable organizations and confessional schools are harassed if they take seriously their faith's moral precepts and require their employees to support their missions. Yet, even in the face of such intolerance, we must give witness. To fail to do so would be to fail in the charity we owe our neighbor. "Authentic witness," Pope Francis reminds us, "is one that does not contradict, by behavior or lifestyle, what is preached with the word and taught to others." (Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, 2015)

Today, some hold for a radical autonomy by which truth is determined not by the nature of things but by one's own individual will. If I ask you, paraphrasing Abraham Lincoln, "If I were to call a tail a leg, how many legs would a cow have?" And were you to reply, "Five," your answer would be wrong but it would reveal to what extent the ascendant secularism of the culture is clouding your own thought processes. Your answer would be wrong because calling a "tail" a "leg" doesn't make it one. Yet, such thinking has brought about the redefinition of marriage by our Supreme Court: as Chief Justice Roberts said in his dissent, "The majority's decision is an act of will, not legal judgment." As Pope Francis has written so eloquently in *Laudato Si*, such thinking has also brought about the degradation of both our natural and our human or social ecologies.

On this Independence Day, we remember that the glory of our government is its protection of religious freedom. For much of our nation's history, Catholics were regarded by many of their neighbors with suspicion, if not with hostility, because of the prevailing prejudice towards the Catholic faith in a predominantly Protestant America. Yet because of a healthy secularity promoted by our civil order and the Bill of Rights' first freedom, the freedom of religion, Catholics were able to prosper in America: We built parishes, schools, hospitals, orphanages and other charitable institutions; we started businesses; we served honorably in our nation's wars and held public office. In other words, we availed ourselves of the opportunities made possible because of religious freedom and were able to fulfill our duty to engage the world and witness to our teachings, to our vision of the life and dignity of the human person — for as Christians, while we are not to be "of the world" we are not "against the world;" because we are "in the world" we are "for the world."

God bless America — and may she always be the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

**For Those Couples Who Have Not
Received The
Sacrament of Matrimony"**

The Program Matrimony 2000, is a preparation for couples that have been married for years by the court but have not received the Sacrament of Matrimony. The program is a one day event that takes place at Saint Timothy Catholic Church from 8:15 am until 5:30 pm. Couples from different parishes of the Archdiocese of Miami attend. The upcoming session will be held on Sunday, July 19. Please RSVP by calling (305) 821-0002 or via fax (305) 821-0772. Why continue waiting for the Sacrament that you all wish to receive and Christ and your Church want to offer you?



**Matrimonio 2000
"Para Parejas Que No Han Recibido El
Sacramento Del Matrimonio"**

El programa Matrimonio 2000 es una preparacion para matrimonios que llevan años de casados por lo civil y no han recibido el Sacramento del Matrimonio (Convalidacion). El programa de un dia de duracion se realiza en la Iglesia Catolica Saint Timothy de 8:15 a.m. a 5:30 p.m, y en el participan parejas de las distintas parroquias de la Diocesis de Miami. El proximo sera el domingo 19 de Julio. Haga su reservacion llamando al 305-821-0002 o fax a 305-821-0772. Por que seguir esperando por el Sacramento que ustedes desean recibir y Cristo y su Iglesia quieren brindarles?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION



Registration forms for Religious Education classes are available in the Rectory Office. Every year you have to register your child.

All classes begin on
Wednesday, September 16th, 2015.
Classes are available for PK-4 thru 8th Grade
and Confirmation Preparation for High School
Students.

Classes for PK4 thru 5th Grade are on
Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00 pm.

Classes for 6-8th and Confirmation Preparation
of High School students are on
Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Along with the registration form, we need a
copy of the child's birth certificate.*