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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass, 5:00pm

**Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am
& 6:00pm**

Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30am

Fri, 6:30am



MAY 10, 2015—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 pm
(or call 863-1610 for an appointment.)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Chapel
(upstairs in the Office Complex)

Baptism:

Usually held on the second Sunday of each month.
Preparation workshop is required.

Marriage:

Call the office at least six months in advance of scheduled wedding date. Attendance at pre-marriage course is required. Wedding policy guidelines may be obtained from office or on website.

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Bulletin:

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Deadline ten days before publication.

Religious Education (SRE):

Pre-School-5th Grades, Sundays 10:10-11:20am
6th-12th Grades, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15pm
(September-May)

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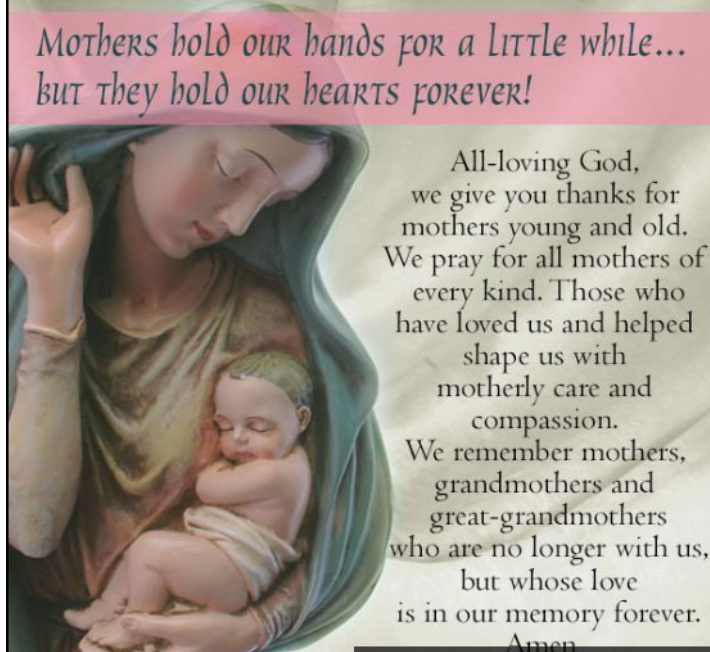
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Last Sunday we heard the familiar passage from John's Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today's Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today's second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple—God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in Him, this week tells us to remain in His love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord's final words in today's Gospel are a great challenge: "This I command you: love one another."

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ROSARY BEFORE ALL MASSES IN MAY

In our Catholic Faith, the month of May is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The Rosary begins 25 minutes before Mass is to start. You are invited to please arrive a little early, bring your Rosary and pray with us.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20
(for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 1:15-27, 20-26;
Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2,
11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19;
or, for Ascension,
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk
16:15-20

FEW REMINDERS

Sun, May 10....11:30am, Mass
Sun, May 10....Mother's Day
Mon, May 11....7pm, RCIA meet
Tues, May 12....9:00am, Quilters meet
Wed, May 13....7pm, Adult Bible Study, room #B222
Fri, May 15....8am-7pm, Adoration in the chapel
**Sun, May 17....8am-11am, Parish Breakfast, hosted
By Knights of Columbus**
Sun, May 17....11:30am, Mass
Sun, May 17....6pm, Baccalaureate Mass

BUY SCRIP—SUPPORT OUR YOUTH
SALUTE CARDS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

NO ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL
 Please note, the office will be closed, Friday, May 22.
 There will not be adoration this day, Friday, May 22.

PRAYER LINE

In the Catholic faith, we believe in the power of prayer. Many years ago (we don't remember how many), Anne Bartholomy came up with the idea to create an email prayer chain--a place where people could send a request for prayer for any reason. She created an email address for the prayer line: stprayer@gmail.com. Over all the years, Anne has monitored that email. She has received many, many requests--and in turn, she emailed those prayer needs out each time to approximately 150 people who said they would be willing to pray for the needs of the people. The prayer line required constant monitoring because some of the needs were immediate like "please pray for my uncle ??? who is in surgery right now." It has come time for someone else to take on the responsibility of monitoring the prayer line. Thank you, Anne, for the hours and years that you have dedicated to this service. Kathy Elias has agreed to continue the services of the prayer line. The email is prayer@stthomaslb.org. If you are willing to pray for the needs of others, please send your email address to: Kathy Elias. If you have a request for prayer, please send your request to prayer@saintthomaslb.org and Kathy will dispense it to all of the people who will pray for the need. Thank you to all who have been faithful to the prayer line.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY —SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, May 17th the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have their annual second collection. SVdP members will be speaking at all Masses about our ministry. Mississippi is rated number 51 in poverty. Our poverty rate is 24% higher than the National average of 15%.



Since our fiscal year began October 1st, 2014 we have had request from clients of \$69,517.00 in assistance. We have helped 739 individuals that found themselves in emergency situations.

Examples of clients that came to us include a single woman living alone with no resources. We gave her information that could help her find a job. We have helped provide clients with necessities such as medication, hearing aids, and dental work. One young mother of two had her lights turned off and we had them turned back on by that afternoon. A mother of six came in for help with her water bill. Her husband had been without work for two months because of medical problems. They had an infant son. We paid a portion of the water bill to keep the city from turning it off. Utility bills are going up, food prices have increased and we all know the cost of gasoline. Our local families are struggling, working two jobs and still can not make ends meet. There are many families in our local area that are only one paycheck away from poverty. It is our help that gives them a glimmer of hope.

Easter faith says that Jesus appears in the poor, the lame and the dying. We must see Jesus in those we help. We pray for and with our clients. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

SALUTE/LOOKOUT

These two restaurants offer VIP discount cards through our parish. The card costs \$20 and entitles the holder to discounts (buy one, get one free; up to \$15 entree). They also donate to the church one-half of the proceeds of all sales here.

Cards may be purchased at the parish office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00—4:30) and after all weekend Masses in the east foyer.



Feast of St. Joseph the Worker May 1st

Fr. Cuddy and
Fr. Dominic cooked for
and served the parish staff
in honor of
St. Joseph the Worker
Feast Day.
(Love the apron Fr!)

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY—HAIL MARY MAY 6-27, EVERY WEDNESDAY

Why is Mary so important to our Catholic faith? We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, and in the Rosary. We honor her with special feasts and place images of her in our churches and in our homes. Join us during May as we will look at scripture and the catechism to explore the roles of Mary in the Church: Mary as Mother of God, as our mother, as co-redeemer with her Son, and as Queen of Heaven. Sessions are held each Wednesday in May, starting May 6th and running through May 27th, in room B22 (2nd floor, NE corner of the Parish Office Complex). No pre-registration is necessary.

For more information call Dave Gauthier at 864-5350 or e-mail fosternpatches@att.net.

Suggested reading: Hail, Holy Queen by Dr. Scott Hahn.



"FOR THE LOVE OF GOLF" AND SVS

The SVS Golf Tournament
Friday May 15th
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

**SUMMER CAMPS AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

June 8– July 31

Choose from: SVdP camp, Art camp,
Preschool camp, Lego Adventure camp,
And Music camp.

Visit the website: svdpcatholicschool.org

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

In March, our girls completed the Emergency Preparedness badge and participated in the "Heimlich's Heroes" program. This program teaches youth how to recognize the symptoms of choking, and to successfully perform the Heimlich maneuver. After the educational portion of the program, the girls practiced expelling a foreign object from a life-sized doll specially made with an internal diaphragm. The girls received a certificate and patch for their efforts. In April, our Explorers visited the National Weather Service in Slidell as part of the Young Meteorologist badge, and picnicked at Fontainebleau State Park. They also set up a weather station and monitored the weather. Our Tenderheart girls completed the Outdoor Skills badge by learning a variety of knots, outdoor first aid, and how to identify poisonous plants and dangerous animals.



SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 29TH**

AT WINDANCE

Food, Prizes, and Fun for a Cause

BILL SEAL
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

May 11-14....4th grade leads Prayer & Pledge
Tues, May 12....Bank

Wed, May 13....Dr. Seuss Shirt approved

Wed, May 13....8am PPM (parent planning meeting)

Wed, May 13....6-7pm, Art Show

Fri, May 15....5th grade leads Mass

Thurs, May 21....Field Day

Fri, May 22....First Communion Mass

Mon, May 25....no School, Memorial Day

Tues, May 26....Awards Day

**Wed, May 27....prek & kindergarten
promotions**

**Thurs, May 28....11am dismissal & 6th
grade promotion**

**www.svdpcatholicschool.org
or 228-222-6000**



PARISH PAYS SUBSIDY TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Each year, in order to lower the tuition rate for families, the parish budgets an amount which is paid directly to the school's operating budget. The amount varies each year based on the parish's offering income. There are two rates of tuition at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, St. Patrick High School and Our Lady Academy—the lowest rate is Catholic subsidized by the parish. To be eligible for this rate for Grades K-12, a family must be registered in the parish, attend Mass here at St. Thomas regularly, and contribute to the support of the parish by using their church support envelopes or the electronic method of making regular church offerings.

A form to request parish subsidy approval may be obtained from the school office and should be turned in to the parish office for completion.

It is so important for families to attend Mass with their children. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and needed.



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Upcoming events:

Sun, 5/17....8am-11am, Parish Breakfast

Thurs, 5/21....6:30pm rosary, 7pm meeting

For more information on membership or any questions,
contact Jim Delinski, Grand Knight at 863-6643.

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May Life Teen Calendar

May 10th - Mother's Day Dinner – We invite our mothers to a special dinner in their honor after the Life Teen Mass. Dads and siblings are welcome too! Look for invitations to come home.

May 17th – Social Night – Join us in the youth room upstairs for a social night of games and hanging out as we celebrate the end of the school year!

Watch the bulletin and web page for our summer events calendar coming soon!



May Edge Calendar

May 10th - Mother's Day Dinner – We invite our mothers to a special dinner in their honor after the Life Teen Mass. Dads and siblings are welcome too! Look for invitations to come home.

May 17th – Edge Game Night- Join us as we wrap up our weekly Edge nights for the summer. We will have lots of fun this night with a wide variety of girls vs. boys games! Come celebrate summer!

Watch the bulletin and web page for our summer events calendar coming soon!

—Ray Lacy, 863-1610, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org

COOKING CLASS WITH CHEF SR. CECILIA

on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm in the Community Center-Kitchen. Learn to make "Vietnamese Shrimp Bruschettas" and "Korean Baked Chicken" served with steamed rice for your family's special gatherings and holidays. \$25 per participant and includes dinner and drinks. All the proceeds will go toward purchasing bicycles this June (only \$50 a bike) for the poor children to commute to school in Sr. Mary's village in north Vietnam (Sr. Cecilia and Sr. Mary leave for Vietnam on June 11). Without these bicycles, these students have to walk from 30 minutes to an hour each day to get to school. Invite a family member/friend to the cooking class and both of you can help purchase a bike for a poor student in Vietnam. Please RSVP for the class with Sr. Cecilia by May 15th, call 228-243-0947 or email ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org



SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreK-5th (RCIC) Grade: Sundays, 10:10–11:20am

May 10.....SRE Class/Liturgical Dance to honor Bl. Mother Mary/all mothers at 9:00 am Mass

May 17.....SRE Class -- last day

*****May 23**..... Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 pm (CC)

***** June 1-5** – “Vacation Bible School”

6th-12th (RCIT) Grade: Wednesdays, 7:00–8:15pm

May 13.....SRE Class -- last day

*****May 17**.....Baccalaureate Mass – “Outstanding Young Man/Woman Award” at 6:00 pm Mass

*****May 23**.....Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 pm (CC)

BACCALAUREATE MASS

“Outstanding Young Man/Woman Award”: All high school and college seniors and graduates are invited to our Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 17th, at our 6:00pm Mass. Please arrive by 5:40 pm and meet in the south vestibule of the church.

We will have reserved seats for all the graduates.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Catholic Kidz Camp) is **MAY 10**... “Around the Word in Five Days: Living the Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love with the Saints”...for Pre K thru 6th grade. Our VBS week will be from Monday-Friday, June 1-5...8:00 am to 12:30 pm. The BLUE Registration FORMS can be found in the displayed cabinets in the church and in the SRE building. Let Sr. Cecilia know ASAP if you are interested in helping with VBS this summer! ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org or call 868-3774.



2015 FREE Summer Feeding Program



Long Beach School District will once again have a Summer Feeding program. Meals will be served in the Quarles Elementary Cafeteria.

June 1-July 31, 2015

FREE LUNCH

Monday - Friday

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**** For all children 18 years old and younger.**

SENIOR CITIZENS APPRECIATION DINNER:

Parishioners who are 60+ are invited to our Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, May 23rd at 6:00pm in the Community Center hosted by the children/teens and parents of the School of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Please call the parish office or email Sister Cecilia to RSVP by May 15th at 868-3774 or email at:

ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 5/12	8:30am	+Patricia H. Cataland
Wed, 5/3	8:30am	+Roger Trisotto
Thurs, 5/14	8:30am	People of Nepal
Fri, 5/15	6:30am	Parish Palooza Volunteers
Sat, 5/16	5:00pm	Melany Hammell +Cincere Mason +Michael Finn +Bobby Lackey
Sun, 5/17	7:30am	Tanya Griego
	9:00am	St. Thomas Parish Family
	11:30am	Vocations
	6:00pm	+Mary Edwards

First Holy Communion on April 12th (RCIC)

<i>An Tuan Le Nguyen</i>	<i>Aiden Joseph Jones</i>
<i>Olivia Grace Tanner</i>	<i>Ema Cait Freeman</i>
<i>Nia Aline Lynk</i>	<i>Mason Anthony Willis</i>
<i>Christopher Michael Henderson II</i>	
<i>Mellieha B. Hull</i>	<i>Amy Treminio-Garcia'</i>
<i>Anthony Hoang Luke Tran</i>	<i>Vinson Hoang Luke Tran</i>

Baptized and First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil on April 4th

Mia Sanaii Marsh *Landon Nolan Bursell*
Baptisms, First Holy Communion, & Confirmation

(RCIA & RCIT)

Sam Igich *Glenn Mueller*
Ashley Ray *Wendy Taylor*

Jasmine Ahmann

Profession of Faith, First Holy Communion & Confirmation (RCIA)

Robert Hughes *Susan Hughes*
Judith James *Al Jones*

Kimberly Norris

First Holy Communion (RCIT)

Tabathia Berkley *Madison Yates*

CONGRATS & GOD BLESS

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS TOTALS

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NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>May 16&17</u>				
<u>5:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>7:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>	<u>11:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>6:00 PM Mass</u>
L Dave Reuscher	Jerry Levens	Chris Spear	Krisi Amacker	L1 Kevin Huey
C Mike Bohke	Edgar Dapremont	Kate Spear		L2 Bridget McMillan
EMI Wendy Boettner	Tommy McKay	Paige Stinson	Brenda Boney	Doc Holliday
2 Priest	2 Priest	2 Priest	2 Priest	2 Priest
3 Susan Samson	Maureen Sheets	Traci Hollingsworth		Pat Holliday
4 Lisa Starita	Megan Williams	Pam Egan		Heather Annulis
5 Linda Carden	Connie McKay	Peter Egan		Lori Lea Sawyer
6 Patti Salvador	Greg Cuevas	Gary Ponthieux		Keith Annulis
7 Sr. MaryAnne O'Brien	Jane Arnold	Dominick Fimiano	Anne Scaffide	Mark McMillan
8 Jennifer Ellett	Cindy Levens	Angela Bowell	Andrew Ribar	Julie LaFontaine
9 Spencer Ellett	Phylis Carlton	Susan Patemostro		Ray Lacy
AS1 Charlie Starita	Sophia Schuyler	Renna Spears	Madelyn Amacker	Chris Reed
2 Christina Parry	Maria Schuyler	Abby Stephens		Bryce Warden
3 Sullivan Wilson	Katie Pennell	Miles Van Alstyne	Gage Rabby	
4 Kathryn Boettner	Landon Cuevas	Clayton Bryan		
Gr E Joyce Jim Delinski		Joyce Smith		
Gr S Linda Carden		Timothy Schmitt		
Gr W Patti Salvador		Melissa Schmitt		

RECURRING AROUND THE PARISH...

Lighthouse Catholic Media Stand...East foyer
St Vincent de Paul Society...9:30am-12:30pm,

Mon & Thurs, open to help

Adoration in the Chapel...8:00am-7:00pm, Fridays

Youth Gift Cards (Scrip) sales...after all Masses &
 during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays

Knights of Columbus, Council #4898...6:30pm,
 every first & third Thursday of the month

St. Joseph's Helping Hands...Work day is every first
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