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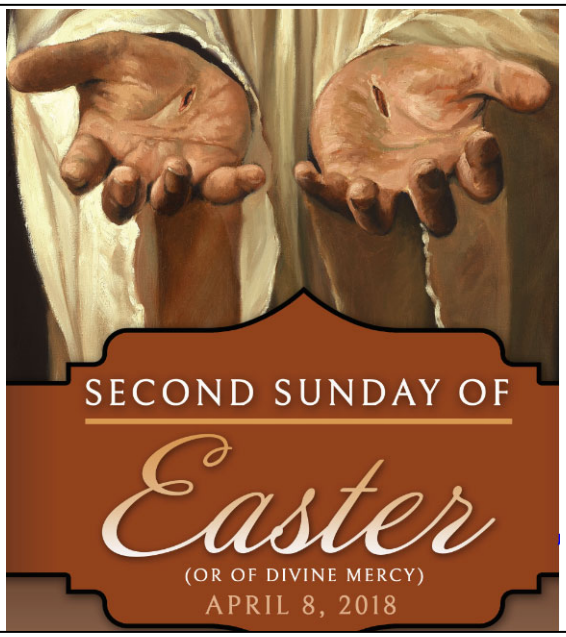
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30am
Friday: 6:30am



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Religious Education (SRE): Pre-School-5th Grades, Sundays 10:10-11:20am
6th-12th Grades, Sunday evenings, following the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass, (September-May)

Baptism: Usually held on the second Sunday of each month. Preparation workshop is required.
Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Chapel (upstairs in the Office Complex)
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.
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:15 –3:45 pm (or call 863-1610 for an appointment.)

We welcome you to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Long Beach, MS.
If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself before or after Mass,
And please pick up a census form located in the back of the church, in the display cases,
or call the Parish Office to register.

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SCRIPTURE CORNER

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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WINNER ANNOUNCED FOR GETAWAY

Congratulations to Mike Bohlke for being the highest bidder for the Irish Getaway!

Thank you to Fr.Pat for his generous donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This money will be used to benefit the needy in our community..

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE

The Good Shepherd Showcase is located in the East Foyer following all Masses this weekend. This will give everyone an opportunity to view the religious articles available.

Please stop and browse at the items on display and feel free to purchase.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

TUITION ASSISTANCE (Grades K-12)

There is a fund available through the parish to help provide extra tuition assistance for parish families who attend Mass here on a regular basis and use their church support envelopes or the electronic method of making weekly contributions.

Applications are available through FACTS (see the school office). Families with children at St. Patrick High School, St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy may pick up an application at the parish office. All applications should be completed and submitted by April 27, 2018 and will be reviewed confidentially and individually. As directed by the diocese, the parish has a budgeted amount to help families who have children in grades K-12 with Catholic school tuition for 2018-2019.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Catholic school tuition or if you want additional information, please contact the parish office or the school office. Please do not hesitate to inquire—these funds are available for all families as a way to help pay tuition in the Catholic school system.

FEW REMINDERS

Sun, Apr 8….11:30am, Movie, Saint Padre Pio
Sun, Apr 8….12:45pm, Baptism
Mon, Apr 9…. 9:30am-12:30pm, SVdP Society, SRE Bldg
Mon, Apr 9….6:30-8:00pm, Catholics Returning Home, LifeTeen Room
Mon, Apr 9…. 7pm, RCIA, Covered Dish Dinner, Rm 222
Tues, Apr 10….9am-1pm, Quilters, Rm 222
Thurs, Apr 12….7pm, New Wine, Rm 222
Fri, Apr 13….6:30am, Mass
Fri, Apr 13….8am-7pm, Adoration, Chapel
Sat, Apr 14….4pm, Vigil Mass

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SIXTH ANNUAL CRESCENT CRAWFISH BOIL FUNDRAISER

Our Lady Academy (OLA) is holding its 6th Annual Crescent Crawfish Boil Fundraiser on April 27, 2018 at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center at 7:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, an OLA tuition raffle (valued at $6,000.00) or $3,000 cash, theme basket raffle and a silent auction.

Tickets are $75.00 for two guests. Please contact Leigh Chapman at 228-467-7048 or *leigh.chapman@ourladyacademy.com* for more information or to purchase tickets.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

(An open door for Returning Catholics)

WELCOME!

Were you or do you know someone who was raised Catholic but seldom or never comes to Church anymore?

Are you or do you know someone who feels separated from the Church?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church of today?

Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long a person has been away and no matter the reason, we issue this invitation to all non-practicing Catholics to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please come or invite someone you know to participate. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Apr 9	*Sharing Stories of Faith, Discussion*
Apr 16	*The Church Today*
Apr 23	*"The Mass" Explained*
Apr 30	*Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance*
May 7	*The Creed: What Catholics Believe*

The meetings are at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Admin. Office Building (upstairs) For more details call Cindy Vogt, Coordinator at 860-5250, or cynanne6@yahoo.com

ULTREYA!

St. Thomas Catholic Church
720 East Beach Boulevard, Long Beach
Monday, April 16 ~ 7:00 P.M.
Second Floor, Room 203B

Lay Speaker: Dori Cantrelle, Most Holy Trinity, Pass Christian
Spiritual Speaker: Norman Cantrelle, Most Holy Trinity, Pass Christian

Ultreya is the reunion of Cursillistas, but all are invited to learn more about the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi.

REDISCOVER JESUS

If there is one person that we should each get to know in a deeply personal way, it is Jesus, the carpenter from Nazareth, the itinerant preacher, the Son of God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Lamb of God, the new Adam, the Messiah, the Alpha and the Omega, the Chosen One, the Light of the World, The God-Man who wants good things for us more than we want them for ourselves, the healer of our souls.

Are you ready to encounter Jesus in a new and different way?

When: Sunday evenings for 6 wks starting Apr 15th, or Tues mornings for six weeks starting Apr 17th.

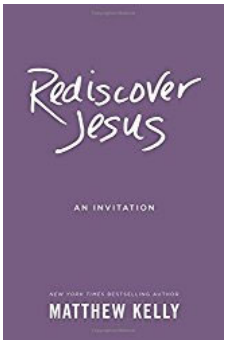
Time: Tues at 9am (After morning Mass), or Sundays at 7pm (after 5:30 Mass)

Where: South Lobby

Cost: $3 for a copy of Matthew Kelly's book, or bring your own.

Information: Call or text Linda Linder at 816-287-4967

Go to the Parish Web Site to indicate your interest in either the Tuesday or Sunday session.



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MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR SR. CECILIA & SR. MARY

Please plan to attend Sr. Cecilia's Celebration 25th Anniversary of Profession of Vows and Sr. Mary's Thanksgiving Celebration of Final Vows here at St. Thomas the Apostle. The Mass is on Sunday, April 22 at 2pm in the Church with reception and entertainment to follow in our Community Center. Sr. Cecilia and Sr. Mary need your help with finger foods, such as sweets, chicken wings, sandwiches, meatballs, fruit trays, etc… please contact Ms. Stella Wolf if you are able to share these foods at the reception (wolfpierce@aol.com) or 228-760-0591.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — COUNCIL #4898

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

April 5 ….7pm, Meeting
followed by mtg of 4th Degree)\
April 19….7pm, Meeting

For more information on membership or any questions, contact Ben DiLorenzo, Grand Knight, at 596-3379
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2017-2018 School Calendar

Mon, Apr 9-Thurs, Apr 12…. Prayer & Pledge, Kindergarten
Fri, Apr 13…. Mass, 8:30am, Holy Family Church, 3rd & 4th Gr. Leaders

Visit the website: svdpcatholicschool.org

12 DAY ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE: MAY 28 – JUNE 8, 2018

Join us on our pilgrimage to the beautiful country of Italy. Italy's timeless art and architecture, history, and symbols, representing two thousand years of Christian faith, have fascinated travelers for centuries. Our Pilgrimage begins in Venice, the city waterways, gondolas and picturesque bridges, and ends with four days in Rome where the highlight of our visit will be an audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

You will be pleased with this tour for it is both high in value and low in cost. Email: tourofitaly2018@gmail.com or Call Paula: 228 697 7814. *In Christ, Father Mike Austin*

RED CROSS "GO BAGS"

Audrey Coughlin from our AHG troop is collecting items to create "go bags" for the Red Cross. The goal is to put together 100 bags. We are in need of trial size shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, and washcloths. Cash donations are welcome too! Please drop donations in the collection bin in the east foyer of the Church. We will be collecting through Sun, Apr 29th. Please consider donating this Easter season in honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

RECURRING AROUND THE PARISH…

St. Vincent de Paul Society….9:30am-12:30pm, Mon & Thurs, open to help
St. Joseph's Helping Hands…. Work day is every first Sat of the month; mtg is every 4th Thurs
Adoration in the Chapel….8am-7pm, Fri
Youth Gift Cards (Scrip) sales…After all Masses & during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays
Knights of Columbus, Council #4898….7pm, every 1st & 3rd Thurs of the month

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EDGE® Catholic Middle School Ministry

LIFE TEEN

Both Middle and High School Students gather after the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass. Edge Nights (6th—8th grade) will gather upstairs in the Youth Room and Life Nights (9th –12th grade) will gather upstairs in the RCIA / Balcony area. The sessions will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm. Attendance will be taken each Sunday evening!

APRIL

8th– **EDGE**- "Road Map: - This night is for the youth to understand that they have free will to make choices in life and that these choices determine where they go in their lives -good or bad.

LIFETEEN— "Happy Days" - Goal is to help the teens live a life of beatitude. It is a look at the Beatitudes as a fruit of discipleship and challenge the teens to embrace the life of holiness outlined in the Beatitudes.

15th– **EDGE**— "Rules! Rules! Rules!"- To help the middle school youth understand that morality is not about following a set of rules, but rather it is a response to God's call for us to be in a relationship with Him.

LIFETEEN— "Purity and Chastity What?"- The goal for this night is to help the teens understand God's plan for sexuality and the need for chastity in thoughts, words and actions. This night will give the teens practical ways to be chaste and modest in all of their relationships and live with purity of heart.

Ashlie Moran, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

...for our parish picnic on Sunday, May 20 at 11:30am in the Pavilion. We will have delicious foods, wonderful entertainment and fun games for the children. What a wonderful way to come together as a parish for fellowship! This year we will have several St. Thomas parish ministries represented at the picnic. More details coming soon.

PREK-5th GRADE & RCIC CALENDAR (2017-2018)

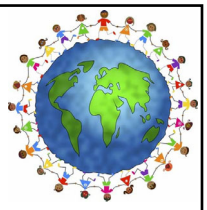
Classes Meet On Sundays from 10:10 – 11:20am
***Saint Movie Sundays begin at 11:30am

CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:10 – 11:20 am in the School of Religious Education (SRE) Building

Apr 8…...SRE Class—Movie: Saint Padre Pio
Apr 15….SRE Class
Apr 22….SRE Class
****Apr 28….First Holy Communion Day of Prayer/ Rehearsal, 9:30am to 2pm (Church)
Apr 29….SRE Class

SAINT MOVIE SUNDAY is this weekend on "Saint Padre Pio". Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. 3 hours. Everyone is welcome!!! Drinks and popcorn will be served.

REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



"Parade Around the Our Father" registration is continuing until May 11 during SRE in the School of Religious Education. Registration forms are also located in the display cabinets in the Church and in the cabinet outside the parish office. Children in Pre-K4 to 6th gr. are invited to join our week of learning and fun!!! Register early to reserve your spot!!!

FEATURED AD OF THE WEEK

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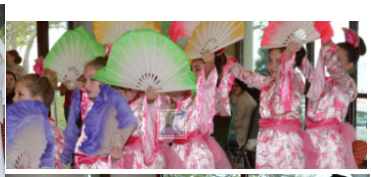
MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 4/10	12noon	+Richie Monson
Wed, 4/11	8:30am	+Jan Lefler
Thurs, 4/12	8:30am	
Fri, 4/13	6:30am	
Sat, 4/14	4:00pm	+Roland Samson
Sun, 4/15	7:30am	+Nancy Spayde
	9:00am	St. Thomas Parish Family
	11:30am	
	5:30pm	+Leola Alexander

PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Bobbie McIntyre, Breanna Halley, Carolyn Mink, Chris Papania, Eileen Smith, Fionnuala Wilson, Gail Stopson, George Sheridan, Jackie Crawford, Jimmy DiLorenzo, Joe Castiglia, John French, Lois Dawson, Lois Garrett, Louise Rishel Ray, Lyla Dubuisson, Nicole and Ryker Ponthieux (Mother & Infant), Nita Gross, Patrick Pierce, Reece Bentz, and all others in our parish and community who are in need of healing, physical or spiritual.



Thank you to all of the entertainers at Senior Citizens' Appreciation Dinner!

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 24 & 25

Envelopes	$10,075.00
Loose Money	1,562.50
Pickle Jar	61.00
Electronic Giving	1,512.00

REST IN PEACE

† Ryan Hall

NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

Apr 14&15

	4:00 PM Mass	***7:30 AM Mass***	***9:00 AM Mass***	***11:30 AM Mass***	***5:30 PM Mass***
L	Patti Salvador	MichelleSchuyler	Rodney Sandoz	Alice Lawson	**L1** Laura Beth Mayer
C	Billie Lee	Blair Ryle	Annette Williams	_____	**L2** Bridey Walters
	HOST	*HOST*	*HOST*	*HOST*	*HOST*
EM1	Chris Johnson	Connie McKay	Christine McCummins	Rose Marie Ginn	Murph Fortenberry
2	Beverly Leslie	Frank Castiglia	Susan Paternostro		Suzanne Gibson
3	**Priest**	**3 Priest**	**3 Priest**	**3 Priest**	**3 Priest**
4	Linda Carden	Laura Pepper	Robert Shirley		Geri Richards
	CHALICE	*CHALICE*	*CHALICE*	*CHALICE*	*CHALICE*
1	Eleanor Commiskey	Tommy McKay	Bob McCummins	Sandra Lobrano	Greg Cuevas
2	Wendy Boettner	CarolynAnderson	Candi Mauffray		Ashlie Moran
3	Chris Johnson	Dave Anderson	Page Stinson	Brenda Boney	Kali Husband
4	Lisa Jones	Dan Pepper	Novaline Shirley	_____	Julie LaFontaine
AS1	Christina Parry (K)	Riley Pepper (P)	Abby Stephens (K)	Blake Shaw (P)	Nathaniel Mink
2	Alex. Eleuterius (S)	Secilia Gundlach	Grace Lefort (P)	Bradley Shaw (S)	Sammy Starita
3	MorganEleuterius(P)	Maria Schuyler(S)	London Tredek (P)	Nathan Ribar (K)	
4		Sofia Schuyler (K)	Jayden Schilz (P)		
Gr E	Carol Armbrester		Helen Bristol	Bob Boney	
GrS	Linda Carden		Lucy O'Connell	Amanda Merrell	
GrW	Melinda Broom		Dottie Bush	Brenda Boney	

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