

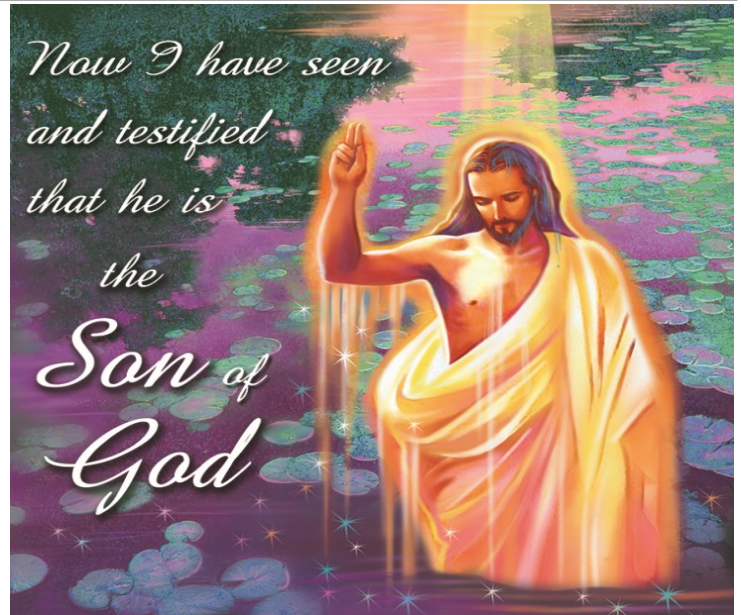
## ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: M-F, 9:00am-4:30pm

### MASS SCHEDULE

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



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**Religious Education (SRE) Coordinator:** Dave Gauthier, 228-596-8835, [religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org)  
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.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:15 –3:45 pm (or call 863-1610 for an appointment.)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Readers, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers needed for Daily Masses throughout Lent. Mass times are 8:30 am and Noon Monday through Thursday and 6:30 am and Noon on Friday. If you can serve in any of these positions, please select the days and times that you will be available and contact Linda Linder 816-289-4967.

*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.  
Please complete a registration form located in the display cases at the back of the Church,  
on the above website under “Join Our Parish”, or call the Parish Office (863-1610).*

## CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). However, we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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## PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Almighty God, our Father, you who have given us life, and intended us to have it forever,  
grant us your blessings.

Enlighten our minds to an awareness and to a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred  
because it is created in your image and likeness.

Help us to teach by word and the example of our lives that life occupies the first place,  
that human life is precious because it is the gift of God  
whose love is infinite.

Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action  
that threatens or weakens it,  
as well as the strength to make every life more human in all its aspects.

Give us the grace...

When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked,  
to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority  
to destroy unborn life.

When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon  
only as a means to satisfy an emotional need,  
to stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God,  
**a gift of God**

with a right to a loving and united family.

When the institution of marriage is abandoned to human selfishness  
or reduced to a temporary conditional arrangement that can easily be terminated,  
to stand up and affirm the indissolubility of the marriage bond.

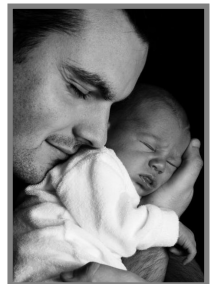
When the value of the family is threatened  
because of social and economic pressure,  
to stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary  
not only for the private good of every person,  
but also for the common good of every society, nation and state.

When freedom is used to dominate the weak, to squander  
natural resources and energy,  
to deny basic necessities to people,  
to stand up and affirm the demands of justice and social love.

Almighty Father,  
give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life  
and to demand that society itself give its protection.

We ask this in your name,  
through the redemptive act of your Son  
And in the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Mon, Jan 20** 9:30am-12:15pm, SVdP Soc, SRE Bldg  
7pm, RCIA w/sponsor, 222

**Tue, Jan 21** 9:30am, Quilters, 222

**Wed, Jan 22– Sun 26** **MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Thurs, Jan 23** 9am, Centering Prayer, Cry Room  
9:30am-12:15pm, SVdP Soc, SRE Bldg  
No New Wine

**Fri, Jan 24** 8am-4pm, Adoration

**Sat, Jan 25** 9:30am, Baptism Seminar, 222



### FROM FATHER JAMES

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the loving support of all at St. Thomas Parish. It has been a joy serving you. I pray for everyone's health and success for this year and many years to come.

May God bless you.

I welcome you to stay in touch:

Office Phone: (601) 264-5192 Cell: (228) 235-2886

Email address: jsmith@biloxidiocese.org

Mail: 3117 W 4th Street, Hattiesburg, MS, 39401

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings  
for the Day of Prayer

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday:** Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## ULTREYA

Ultreya will be on January 20, 2020. Spend the evening of your Martin Luther King holiday listening to scheduled speakers, Stephen Oberlies and Deacon Dick Henderson.

The event will be at St. James, on Cowan Road, in Gulfport and is open to all cursillistas and anyone in need of a spiritual boost!

Come and join us at 7pm in the Parish Center. You are welcome to bring a snack to share, if you wish.

Questions? Please contact Roberta Hosler at 22-383-3646

### RECURRING AROUND THE PARISH...

**Adoration** 8am-4pm, Fri, 2nd floor Chapel

**Baptism Classes** 9:30am, Last Sat of every month, Rm 222; contact person is Sue Hoffman at 228-864-5868

**Choir** All interested singers and skilled instrumentalists are welcome.

**Children** 1st & 3rd Sun evenings, 6:45-7:45pm

**Ensemble** 10:30am, Sun, Church/Mass

**Life Teen** 4pm, Sun, Church/Mass

**Liturgical** 8am, Sun, Rehearsal Rm  
6:30pm, Wed, Church/Rehearsal Rm

**Testify** 4:15pm, Sun, Rehearsal Rm/Mass

**Edge/Life Teen** 6:30-8pm, Sun, 222

**Knights of Columbus, Council #4898** 7pm, every 1st & 3rd Thurs of the month (4th Degree meeting follows the 1st meeting of the month)

**Lunchkins** 11:30am, every 2nd Wed, CC

**St. Joseph's Helping Hands** **ARE BACK!**  
(See the article below.)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** 9:30am-12:15pm, Mon & Thurs; open to help

**Youth Gift Cards (SCRIP)** After all Masses & during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays

### ST JOSEPH'S HELPING HANDS ARE BACK!

We enjoyed our winter break and are ready to get back to work.

Our **first meeting** will be January **23rd at 6pm.**

The **first work day** of the New Year will be  
**February 1, 2020.** Thank you.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday

January 19

8-11am

\$6 (only \$5 with the coupon)



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Knights of Columbus  
Parish Breakfast

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**Saint Vincent de Paul**  
Catholic Elementary School



**Jan 20** Holiday  
**Jan 21-23** 7:50am, Prayer & Pledge, Leaders-4th Gr  
**Jan 24** 8:30am, Mass, Holy Family, Leaders-5th Gr  
 Rosary Walk after Mass

**Jan 26-Feb 2** Catholic Schools Week!  
**Feb 2** **OPEN HOUSE, 2pm-4pm**

If you have any questions, please call the School Office:

Carol Church, Principal  
 4321 Espy Avenue  
 Long Beach MS 39560  
 Ph. 228-222-6000

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### CONGRATULATIONS!



The poster pictured here is the work of Quinn Burns of SVdP School. Last spring, as a 3rd grader, she entered the Mississippi Association of Conservation District Poster Contest. The theme of the contest was “Life in the Soil -Dig Deeper.” She won 3 rounds to ultimately be declared statewide winner. We wish her well and offer prayers for her as she goes on to compete at the national level.

**WAY TO GO!!!!!!**

### SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have not already registered your PreK to 5th grade child/ren for SRE, do so now by accessing the Faith Formation link on the church website or come by or call the church office—863-1610.

**Jan 19** ....SRE Class.....10:10am-11:20am, SRE bldg.

**Jan 26** ....SRE Class.....10:10am-11:20am, SRE bldg.

**Feb 2** ....SRE Class.....10:10am-11:20am, SRE bldg.

**Feb 8** ..... **Discipleship Opportunity –**

**Valentine’s Day Cards for Women at  
 Harrison County Correctional Facility**

**Feb 9**.....SRE Class – Parent Meeting

**Feb 16**..... SRE Class First Reconciliation Class  
 Parent Meeting

**Feb 23**..... No SRE Class – Mardi Gras

**Feb 26**.....SRE Class.....10:10am-11:20am, SRE bldg.



**EDGE**  
Catholic Middle School Ministry



**LIFE TEEN**

### EVENTS

#### January

**19th- Edge- “Called By God”**- The goal of this night is that the middle school youth will come to a better understanding and appreciation of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They will learn about the path to ordination, understand their parish clergy better, and begin to pray about their own vocations.

**Life Teen- “I Object”**- The goal of this night is to answer the common objections to the vocation of Holy Orders. Specifically, this night will address all-male priesthood and the vow of celibacy.

Rosary Rally- more information coming soon!

**22nd-26th- MARCH FOR LIFE**

**26th- Edge/Life Teen- “Protect Life”**- The goal of this night is for the youth to come to an understanding of the fifth commandment and that every single human life deserves dignity and respect from conception until natural death.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE!!

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Feb 10th.

If any member of the congregation wishes to address the council on any matter involving the parish, please send a written request, including a summary of the presentation, by Feb 3rd to: Pastoral Council, P.O. Box 1529, Long Beach, MS, 39560.

In lieu of regular mail, you may also send the request and summary of your presentation to:

Becky Mullins, [secretary@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:secretary@saintthomaslb.org) AND  
 Michael Barry, [captainmwb123@gmail.com](mailto:captainmwb123@gmail.com)

### FEATURED AD THIS WEEK



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### SILENT RETREAT

Women's GIFT will present a silent retreat directed by Fr. Dominic Pham based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola at the William Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, MS, the weekend of **February 21-23, 2020**. Openings are limited and the **deadline for the payment is Friday February 14, 2020**. For more information, contact Mildred Bolden at 228-547-0974 or email her: [mil\\_476@yahoo.com](mailto:mil_476@yahoo.com)

### THE OLD TESTAMENT IN CATHOLIC TRADITION

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach Campus, presents *The Old Testament in Catholic Tradition* – a Five-Week Class led by Dave Gauthier of St Thomas Parish in Long Beach

When - Mondays, February 10<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>

Time - 11:00am – 1:00pm

Fee - \$25

Where - USM Gulf Park Campus, Lloyd Hall

St Augustine wrote, “The New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.” This course will shed light on what the Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to as the “unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments”, and how that unity is expressed in Catholic teaching and liturgy.

Register in person or online at [www.campusce.net/usm](http://www.campusce.net/usm)

For more information contact Maryann Herodes at 228-214-3277 or email [maryann.herodes@usm.edu](mailto:maryann.herodes@usm.edu)

### USM SCHOOL OF CHILD & FAMILY SCIENCES NEEDS YOU!

We are seeking participants for a research study focusing on grandparents who provide financial support to their adult children or grandchildren (but no great grandchildren yet!)

Researchers will make appointments for times and locations that are comfortable and convenient for you. These are interviews, not forms, to be filled out.

If you are interested, please contact one of the people listed below :

Dr. Chelsey H [Chelsey.holden@usm.edu](mailto:Chelsey.holden@usm.edu)  
601-266-5254

Dr. Michelle J, [michelle.jeanfreau@usm.edu](mailto:michelle.jeanfreau@usm.edu)  
601-266-5942

Mya R, [mya.rome@usm.edu](mailto:mya.rome@usm.edu) 601-266-5229

Participants will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 gift card.

Interviews must be completed before March 2020.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle, we have Adoration each Friday from 8am until 4pm. If you can commit to spending an hour in the Chapel (upstairs in the Office Complex) in the quietness and peacefulness of Adoration, please contact Nellie Johnson, 864-6098 or Lydia Trisotto, 863-0127. If you cannot commit to an hour time slot, please feel free to drop in at any time.

“Look upon the hour of adoration as an hour in paradise...Jesus has invited you; He is waiting for you; He is longing for you.”

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JAN 25 & JAN 26

<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>7:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>	<u>11:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>5:30 PM Mass</u>
L Ann Marie McIntyre	Cindy Cox	Al Paolozzi	Sue Hoffman	L1 Sara Hollingsworth
C Heather Neale	Blair Ryle	Annette Williams		L2 Anna Schmidt
HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST
EM1 Priest	Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest
2 Norman McDonald	Frank Castiglia	Cindy Vogt		Traci Hollingsworth
3 Beverly Leslie	Barbara Donald	Ginny Macken	Sandra Lobrano	Jerry Dubuisson
4 Judi Matsuba	Tim McCaffrey	Jerry West		Heather Annulis
CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE
1 Lisa Starita	Phyllis Seal	Bob McCummins	Rose Marie Ginn	Kali Husband
2 Grace Hudson	Charles Fallo	Bob Vogt		Cyndi Kouba
3 Wendy Boettner	Richard Donald	Christine McCummins	Anne Scafide	Geri Richards
4 Vickie Kuehnlein	Pam Fallo	Charlotte West		Kaylin Kouba
AS1 Morgan Eleuterius	Ashleigh Sutton	Grace LeFort		Alexander Mink
2 Ava Eleuterius	Ava Sutton	Abby Stephens		Felicity Madigan
3 Alexander Eleuterius	Connor Sutton			
4	Taylor Sutton			
Gr E Carol Armbruster		Gail Stopson		
Gr S Carol Paola		Helen Bristol		
Gr W Heather Neale		Dottie Bush	Amanda Merrell	



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## PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Fr. Mike Austin  
 Sr Consilio Buckley  
 George Bass  
 Diane Calmes  
 Catherine "Sissy" Cooper  
 Ruby Daniels  
 Jocelyn D'Aquin  
 Dave Duggins  
 Joann Duvic  
 Mike Evans  
 John French  
 Dottie Goad  
 Leo Hamel  
 Blakely Quinn Hammons  
 Paul Harris  
 Jimmy Hillman  
 Eddie Hornsby  
 Louise Hoselle  
 Amy Johnson  
 Bette Johnson  
 Conrad Johnson  
 Michael Kurowski  
 Francis Carrubba LeBlanc  
 Paul (Chad) Leslie  
 Mary Anna Loftus  
 June Mathieu  
 Elmer Mullins  
 Baby Henry Northcutt IV  
 Kathleen O'Connell  
 Sonja Patton  
 Lexie & Jesse Phillips & children  
 Baby John Porter Phillips  
 Martita Pierce  
 Mary Ann Podlin  
 William Riggs Jr  
 Wilfredo Sandoval  
 Jeff Scafide  
 Baby Austin Schneider  
 Samantha Davis Seares  
 Martin Selenski  
 Capt Harvey Shows  
 Joyce Tuminello Smith  
 Marcia Smith & Family  
 Ernest Vancourt Sr  
 Marilyn VanCourt  
 Shirley Vancourt  
 Tony Vancourt  
 Libby Wagner  
 Joe Weems  
 Shirley Wilson

...and all those not listed here in need of physical and spiritual healing

## LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S FACE

†Catherine Carrubba  
 †Mary Lynn Necaie  
 (mother of Fr Braxton)  
 †Carol Price  
 (mother of Melinda Fairley)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, Jan 21	8:30am	+Roberta Varvel
Wed, Jan 22	8:30am	+Roberta Varvel
Thur, Jan 23	8:30am	+John Sullivan +Sewell Carver (birthday) John Schnebelen
Fri, Jan 24	6:30am	+Mary Hamel Schwulst
Sat, Jan 25	4:00pm	+Gene Marie Mount
Sun, Jan 26	7:30am	+Charles & +Nancy Schuchman
	9:00am	St Thomas Parish Family
	11:30am	
	5:30pm	Ron Cole



*In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove.. and remain upon Him." When you give to St. Vincent de Paul know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering. The December 5th second collection was \$3,149.*



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## JAN 1

Envelopes	\$329.00
Loose Money	290.00

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## JAN 4 & 5

Envelopes	\$12,151.00
Loose Money	1,436.00
Pickle Jar	51.00
Electronic Giving	8,129.00

Aged & Infirm Priests	2,687.00
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## JAN 11 & 12

COMING SOON!

Contributions for the dates listed will appear in the next bulletin.

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## LOST OR MISPLACED?

The "Lost and Found" department in the West Foyer. If you are missing an umbrella, jacket, drink cup, etc. please claim your item(s).

All items that are not claimed will be sent to charity or disposed of. If you are not able to check at the weekend Masses, come by during the week. All items will be removed and donated or disposed of at the end of the month (Jan 31st).

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