



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## March 5, 2023 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am  
well pleased; listen  
to him." - Mt 17:5b

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## OUR MISSION

The people of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Long Beach form a community of faith dedicated to Catholic teaching and tradition. We welcome God's children of all ages to worship with us.

Through prayer, education and formation, we are called by Jesus to bring hope and healing for life eternal to all people. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to use our personal and communal gifts to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## JOIN OUR PARISH

*To join the St. Thomas family,  
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*Complete and submit  
a registration form.*

*Paper forms can be found  
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or in the back of the church!*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday-Thursday

8:30 am & 12:00 pm  
Rosary 8:00 am

### Friday

6:30 am & 12:00 pm  
Rosary 6:00 am

### Saturday

4:00 pm (vigil)

### Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am  
11:30 am, 5:30 am

## MASS LIVE STREAM

### Nativity Cathedral

8:00 am Daily and  
11:00 am Sun

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## CONFESSION

### Saturday

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
or by appointment

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 7:00 pm

## AROUND THE PARISH...

**ADORATION** - Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please consider making an appointment with Jesus on Wednesdays if you do not already have one. He would love to visit with you. Please text Sue Hoffman at (228) 313-0157 to have your name added to the schedule and have reminders sent each Tuesday. Community Center until further notice

**BAPTISM CLASS** - Last Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the SRE bldg. Contact Sue Hoffman (228) 313-0157 to reserve your spot.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday every month, 7pm - 4th Degree follows after the 1st Thursday meeting

**KC BREAKFAST** - 3rd Sunday, every month, 8am-11am Canceled until further notice

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Meetings 3rd Thursday every month, 7pm  
**LECTIO DIVINA** - Meets every Tuesday after Mass to reflect on the following Sunday's readings.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** - 1st Sunday every month

**LUNCHKINS** - 2nd Wednesday, every month, 11:30am, Canceled until further notice

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Every Thursday. 6pm, SRE Bldg. in the library.

**QUILTERS** - Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 9:30am, Rm 222

**SVPD SOCIETY** - The office is open to help. Monday 9:30am-12:30pm, & Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm

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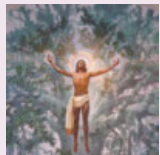
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### LENTEN REVIVAL

March 6 & 7, 2023 6:00 pm

St. Rose De Lima Catholic Church

301 South Necaise Ave.

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### COLLECTION

#### Feb 18 & 19

#### Feb 25 & 26

Envelopes	\$5,374.00	\$10,154.50
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## 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal

In today's Scripture we hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Let us pray for God's grace to be transfigured in our own lives to more the person that God is calling us to be in the world today. One way to help in the Mission of the Church is by offering a gift to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pew or in the back of the church. Together we can make a difference in our communities and help in that Mission in a real and tangible way.

## Lay Minister Schedule Mar 11&12

L/C	4:00 PM Mass	7:30 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass	5:30 PM Mass
	Patti Salvador	Jason Green	Brenda Allen	Alice Lawson	Life Teen
EM1	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy
2	Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest
3	Vickie Kuehnlein	Maureen Sheets	Mike Barry	Murph Fortenberry	Candy Dubuisson
4	Beverly Leslie	Mary Levens	Darlene Barry	Sue Hoffman	Deacon Jerry
AS1	Myles Eleuterius	Jenna Shirk	Liam Holliday		Life Teen
2	Ava Eleuterius	Ada Shirk	Connor Holliday		
GR1	Jim/Joyce Delinski	Maureen Sheets	Rita Sadler	Sue Beck	Life Teen



Mass goes at this weekend's 11:30 Mass participate in the Rite of Sending. This is one of the liturgical rites which are part of the RCIA. It is a gateway on the path towards Easter, both for those who will be baptized at Easter, referred to as *Catechumens*, and those baptized Christians who will be welcomed into the Catholic Church at Easter, referred to as *Candidates*. The assembly takes note of their progress towards faith formation and expresses its approval of the Catechumens and Candidates. The Catechumens inscribe their names in the Book of Elect as a pledge of fidelity. At the Rite of Sending, the godparents and sponsors will testify to the readiness of the Catechumens and Candidates who will affirm their intention to join the Church. The Church then makes its "election" of these Catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and sends them off to see Bishop Kihneman at the cathedral in Biloxi.

At the Rite of Election, in the presence of the Bishop, the godparents will further testify to the Catechumens' intention to join the Church and the Catechumens will affirm their decision. The catechist coordinator for our parish then presents the Book of Elect to Bishop Kihneman and the candidates individually come forward to be greeted by Bishop Kihneman and receive his blessing. Now the catechumens have a new status in the Church and are called "*The Elect*".

Similarly, at the Rite of Sending, the candidates (those baptized Christian who wish to be received into the Full Communion of the Church), are joyfully sent by us to be recognized by Bishop Kihneman and are assured of our care and support.

The Elect and the Candidates for Full Communion now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment. This is the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - at the Easter Vigil. Also at the Easter Vigil, the Candidates, already baptized in another Christian faith, will be welcomed into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and receive their First Eucharist and Confirmation.

The RCIA is a spiritually moving process beneficial to the whole St Thomas community. As we draw closer to the celebration of Easter, let us pray for these men and women who will be entering our Holy Catholic Church this Easter.



Please help teens go to Steubenville Atlanta and Camp Covecrest! For one teen to attend costs \$720 for Camp Covecrest and \$425 for Steubenville. We never want cost to be a factor in preventing our teens from making these life-changing trips so we have a few upcoming fundraisers to help offset the cost. Every penny makes a difference in helping provide an opportunity for our teens at Saint Thomas to encounter Christ! The car wash will be our first fundraiser and we hope to see you there!

In Christ, Kaitlynn Snow Claret

Saint Thomas Youth Minister, (228)236-4899

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**Saint Thomas the Apostle, Long Beach, Lenten Mission**  
**Speakers: Charles and Linda Walden**

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*St. Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians that: "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Our speakers, Charles and Linda Walden, have been following Christ, walking in good works. Their answer to Christ's call to care for "the least of these" has taken them from the mountains of Haiti to lonely hospice rooms, from time spent with women in need to time spent with men behind bars. Come listen to their inspirational stories and challenges.*

**March 14, 15 and 16th**

**6pm Lenten Supper and Meet and Greet with Charles and Linda followed by Mission Talk at 6:30.**

**Saint Thomas Community Center, Long Beach**

**Dave Gauthier, (228) 596-8835 or [religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org)**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

**Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

**Second Reading:** Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

**Gospel:** Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Monday:  
Tuesday: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious  
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
Friday:  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

**First Reading:** Abram left behind his land and home, trusting in the Lord's promise to make him a great nation with many blessings. In what ways have you needed to trust in the Lord during this season of Lent?

**Second Reading:** Paul tells Timothy to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." When have you needed to draw upon God's strength in your life?

**Gospel:** In the transfiguration, Peter, James, and John witnessed the divinity of Jesus: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Why do you suppose Jesus instructed the disciples not to tell anyone until after his death and resurrection? ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid? ©LPi

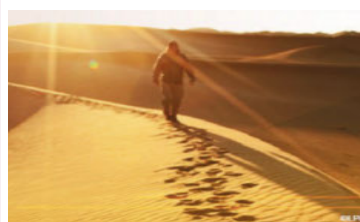


**Question:** Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I

could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

**Answer:** The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape! ©LPi



## THE LONG WALK

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen

what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

*Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation. Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.*

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

*"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."*  
— Psalm 33

~Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

David Anderson  
Alan Barcelona  
Lois Barcelona  
Marilyn Beard  
Sandra Beaugez  
David Berry  
Jan Berry  
Bert Bertucci  
Maxine Carver  
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Andy Kovacs  
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Fr. Pat O'Shaughnessy  
Henry & Gae Odenwald  
Mary Page  
Eugene Papania  
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Camille Patricia Pruitt  
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Donna & Eddie Reid  
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Raylin Riley  
Mary Ann Scarborough  
Kevin Schneider  
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Raymond Stanley  
Jean Talbot  
Fr. Michael Thornton  
Richard Turpin  
Fr. Joe Uko  
Richard Vancourt  
Susan Walker  
Peggy West  
Joe Wilson  
Patricia Young

... and all others in our parish and  
community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

### Prayer Chain

St Thomas has a very active Prayer Chain coordinated by Martha Johnson. Everyone on the email prayer chain will receive your request and join you in prayer for your intention. If you have a prayer intention, or if you would like to become part of the prayer chain, you may send an email to [prayer@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:prayer@saintthomaslb.org) or you may call the office.

### Adoration

*Oh Mary! Teach us the life of adoration. Teach us to see, as you did all the mysteries and all the graces in the Eucharist; to live over again the Gospel story and to read it in the light of the Eucharistic of life of Jesus. Remember, Oh our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, you are the Mother of all adorers of the Holy Eucharist. ~ St Peter Julien Eymard*

#### Meditate on the first time Mary received the Eucharist. What was that like for her?

To make an appointment to spend time with Jesus each Wednesday, call or text Sue Hoffman at (228) 313-0157. You are also welcome to drop in anytime on Wednesday to spend whatever time you can in adoration.



## We welcome our newest members born to new life through Baptism

Josue Javier Quiles Jr  
Elijah Lee Hammons Kreischer

### Rest in Peace in the Hands of Our Lord

+Dennis Hagensee  
+Kenny Necaise



## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon, Mar 6</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	
	<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>Tue, Mar 7</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Jasmine Fletcher and Boys
	<b>12:00pm</b>	+Robert Selensky
<b>Wed, Mar. 8</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	
	<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>Thu, Mar. 9</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	
	<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>Fri, Mar. 10</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	
	<b>12:00pm</b>	+Marge Taylor
<b>Sat, Mar. 11</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	+Lois Garnett
<b>Sun, Mar. 12</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	+Irma Ladner
	<b>9:00 am</b>	The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
	<b>11:30 am</b>	+Laura Creel
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	



## Pray for Our Clergy

<b>March 5</b>	Pope Francis
<b>March 6</b>	Fr. Philip J. Audet
	Fr. Mike Austin
<b>March 7</b>	Fr. Sergio Balderas
<b>March 8</b>	Fr. Hyginus Boboh SSJ
	Fr. Tommy Conway
<b>March 9</b>	Fr. Ruben Covos
	Fr. Arockia Doss, IVD
<b>March 10</b>	Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III
<b>March 11</b>	Increase In Vocations



It is a privilege to pray for our priests! Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers

one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the Priest and intercessor! Learn more by contacting Dottie Goad at [degoad@myqth.us](mailto:degoad@myqth.us). There will be an informational meeting following Thursday noon Mass on March 9, 2023.

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for showing Jesus' friends what heaven would be like.

## Mission for the Week

Mission for the Week  
If you could see Jesus in heaven today, what would you talk about? What would you ask him?

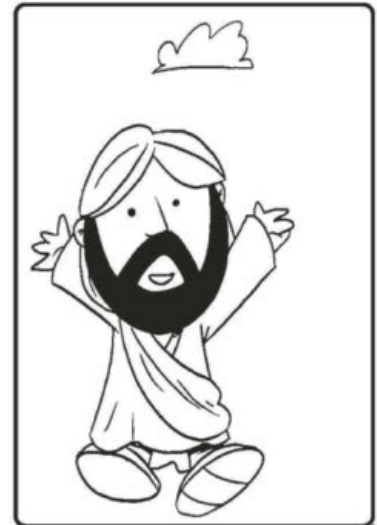
## Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus showed his closest friends - Peter, James, and John - what heaven would be like. Jesus' friends were amazed to see Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. Moses and Elijah had gone to heaven hundreds of years before this day. Then Peter, James and John heard God's voice from the cloud. Jesus, their friend and teacher, was God's Son. They fell down in fear. You might, too, if you were there.

**Now color the picture!**



Find seven differences in this scene of Jesus in Heaven.



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