

March 12, 2023 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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.

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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.

CHOIR - Small Group Practices. As per Choir Dir. **GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE** - Open by appointment. Call Bitsy (228) 669-3750 or Darlene (404) 630-6624

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 Cancelled until further notice

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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, Cancelled 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

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

YOUTH GIFT CARDS (SCRIP) - During office hours, Monday-Fri, 9am-4:30pm



Fridays during Lent 7:00 pm
March 17 Deacon Jerry
March 24 Deacon Buddy
March 31 Music Ministry,
& RCIA candidates, will lead
Mary's Way of the Cross

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Lay Minister Schedule March 18 & 19

4:00 PM Mass		7:30 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass	5:30 PM Mass
L/C	Donna Brown	Frankie Castiglia	Sandra Ladner	Jennifer Mink	Life Teen
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Saint Thomas the Apostle, Long Beach, Lenten Mission Speakers: Charles and Linda Walden

Is your heart in your faith? Or sometimes do you feel like you are just going through the motions? Is something missing?

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.

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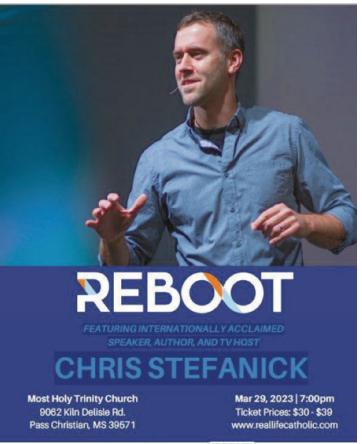
As we "climb the holy mountain of Easter" during this Lenten season, certain of our steps along the way are meant to be celebrated. The feast of St. Patrick this year falls on a Friday of Lent. In view of this, and in response to several requests, I hereby grant on that day for all in the Diocese of Biloxi a dispensation from the Church's law of abstinence, provided that some other act of penance is substituted. Here are a few examples:

- encouraging others to pursue the path of intentional discipleship,
- visiting someone who is ill or hospitalized,
- spending some additional time in prayer,
- providing a meal or service for someone who is in need, or
- depriving oneself of some other legitimate pleasure, such as a television show, etc.

Wishing each of you a Spirit-led journey that draws you closer to the Lord and prepares you to celebrate joyfully the Easter mystery.

Given at the Pastoral Center, March 1, 2023.

Hows Kuneman Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III Bishop of Biloxi







Grief Recovery Method Workshop



March 16, 2023 - May 2, 2023, 7 pm
This is an intense 8-week action-based program led by Jake Petermann, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14

and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/

Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,

6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,

13-17, 34-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent,

Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The Lord responded to the prayer of Moses with the miracle of water from the rock for the Israelites to drink. What might you ask from the Lord this week?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of having "hope" because "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." How does your faith in Jesus give you hope?

Gospel: Through her dialogue with Jesus, the Samaritan woman comes to the realization that Jesus is the Messiah. In her joy, she tells other Samaritans about her encounter with Jesus. How can you share your faith in Jesus with others?

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor:

- 1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor" requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.
- 2. "You shall confess your sins at least once a year" ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.
- 3. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season" guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy
- 4. "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church" ensures the times of ascesis and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.
- 5. "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church" means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability. The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own abilities. ~CC 2041-2043

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great. Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come. The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Rest in Peace in the Hands of Our Lord +Denella O'Brien "Dee" Hodgins



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		Intentions		
Mon, Mar 13	8:30am			
Tue, Mar 14	12:00pm 8:30am 12:00pm	+ Steve Bosarge		
Wed, Mar. 15		+Mike Necaise		
Thu, Mar. 16	8:30am 12:00pm			
Fri, Mar. 17	6:30am 12:00pm			
Sat, Mar. 18	4:00 pm			
Sun, Mar. 19	7:30 am	Mandy Levens		
	9:00 am	The people of St. Thomas Parish		
		and Long Beach		
	11:30 am 5:30 pm	+Anne Conner Davis +Lois Garnett		

Pray for Our Clergy

March 12	Msgr. Dominick Fullam
March 13	Fr Martin Gillespie
	Fr. Tomaz Golab
March 14	Fr Rofinus Jas S.V.D.
March 15	Fr. Ignacio Jimenez- Morales
March 16	Fr. Jeyanthan Jordan
March 17	Fr. Fintan Kilmurray
March 18	Fr. George Kitchin

LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what he speaks and the beauty of what he proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

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

PRAYER IS POWERFUL. PLEASE PRAY WITH US "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 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 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.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for caring about me, no matter where I live, and no matter what I have done wrong.

Mission for the Week

Ask God to open your heart so that you will be friends with other kids, no matter what they look like.

Sharing the Gospel

Jews didn't usually like the people from Samaria, let alone visit one of their towns or talk to any of them. Men didn't usually talk to women back then. either. When Jesus talked to the woman at the well. Jesus broke those silly rules. Jesus saw into the woman's heart and knew that she needed God in her life. Jesus came to rescue her from her sin. She was so happy that she invited everyone in her town to meet Jesus, too.

Now color the picture!



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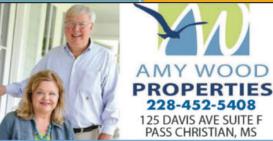
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