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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am & 12 pm

Rosary 8 am

Friday 6:30 am & 12 pm

Rosary 6 am

Saturday 4 pm (vigil)

Sunday 7:30 am, 9 am, 11:30 am,
5:30 pm

Live Stream Mass

Nativity Cathedral 8 am Daily and
11 am Sun nativitybvmcathedral.org

Confession

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

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 pm during Lent

March 19, 2023



Our Mission Statement

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, go to
www.saintthomaslb.org/parish-registration-form

Complete and submit a registration form.
Paper forms can be found in the office or in
the back of the church!

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

Around Our 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, no breakfast during lent

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,

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

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Fridays during Lent 7:00 pm

March 24 Deacon Buddy
 March 31 Music Ministry,
 & RCIA candidates, will lead
 Mary's Way of the Cross

Collection

March 11 & 12

Envelopes	\$6,513.00
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2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal

The Gospel today reminds us that in our humility, we open ourselves up to a deeper relationship with the Lord and reveal our complete dependence on Him and His grace.

When we help others who are on the margins of our society, we act in humility by acknowledging everything we have is a blessing from God, and are called to share them with others. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal is a great way to help those in most need in our communities.

Please consider a gift of any amount!

Lay Minister Schedule March 25 & 26

L/C	4:00 PM Mass	7:30AM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:30AM Mass	5:30PM Mass
	Beverly Leslie	Robert Bass	Rodney Sandoz	Annie Nguyen	Life Teen
EM1	Donna Brown	Jason Green	Mena Sandoz	Betty O'Brien	Candy Dubuisson
2	Deacon Jerry	Deacon Jerry	Deacon Jerry	Deacon Jerry	Deacon Jerry
3	Lisa Starita	Alice Necaise	Jerry West	Sue Hoffman	Jennifer Thomas
4	Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest
AS1	Sophia Starita	Ada Shirk	Connor Holliday		Life Teen
2		Jenna Shirk	Liam Holliday		
GR1	Jim/Joyce Delinski	Maureen Sheets	Rita Sadler	Sue Hoffman	Life Teen

Car Wash to Support LifeTeen

MARCH 25, 9AM - 12 NOON
DOMINOS IN LONG BEACH




ALL DONATIONS HELP OUR TEENS GO TO
STEBENVILLE AND CAMP COVECREST



Please help our teens go to Steubenville Atlanta and Camp Covecrest! The cost for one teen to attend Covecrest is \$720. The cost for Steubenville is \$425. 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!



Congratulations to these Candidates and Catechumens who were received and elected yesterday at the Cathedral by Bishop Louis Kihneman, III, to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at our Parish Easter Liturgy. May God who has begun the good work in them bring it to fruitful end. Amen. We thank all those who have accompanied them in their journey to Faith especially our Director of Religious Education - Dave Gauthier, the RCIA Team, their Sponsors and family members.

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Today's Reading

First Reading: Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. (Eph 5:14)

Gospel: He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

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Readings for the Week

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
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Friday:
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Questions of the Week

First Reading: Much to Samuel's surprise, the Lord instructed him to anoint the youngest of Jesse's sons, David, to be the next king of Israel. When have you been surprised by God?

Second Reading: Paul urges the Ephesians: "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." What do you think pleases the Lord?

Gospel: Jesus' healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus' healing exposed the blindness of others. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent? ©LPi

Live the Liturgy

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself. ©LPi

Daily Faith

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people. ©LPi

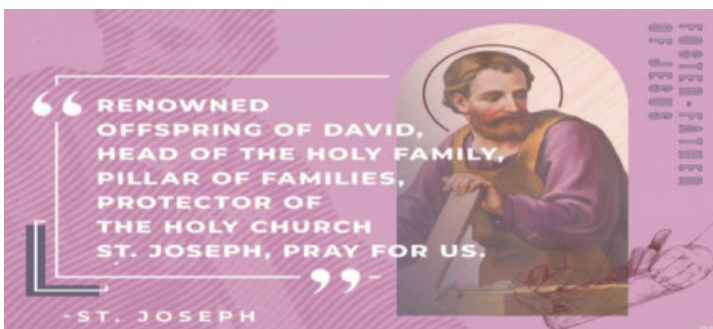
Gospel Meditation

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "**How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?**" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow in our pity-party forever. "**I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,**" announces the Lord, "**for I have chosen my king from among his sons.**" Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi





In Our Thoughts and Prayers

David Anderson
 Alan Barcelona
 Lois Barcelona
 Marilyn Beard
 Sandra Beaugez
 Jim Beck
 Jan Berry
 Nancy Bosarge
 Gary Carver
 Maxine Carver
 Sylvian Carver
 Judith Cole
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 Wayne Revis
 Raylin Riley
 Rachel Rogers
 John Rose
 Mary Ann Scarborough
 Kevin Schneider
 Joe Seal
 Phyllis Seal
 Elodie Smith
 Tracie Sowell
 Richard Turpin
 Fr. Joe Uko
 Richard Vancourt
 Susan Walker
 Donna Whaley
 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 or you may call the office.

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

BELIEVE

"Do you believe in
 the Son of Man?"

JOHN 9:35B

Rest in Peace in the Hands of Our Lord

+Fay Browne
 +Nicole Deas
 +Kirk Fayard, Sr.
 +Donald Whaley



Mass Intentions

Mon, Mar 20	8:30am	+Josephine Dubuison
	12:00pm	+Harry & +Margaret Phelan
Tue, Mar 21	8:30am	
	12:00pm	Jasmine Fletcher and boys
Wed, Mar. 22	8:30am	
	12:00pm	+Gary Goulet
Thu, Mar. 23	8:30am	
	12:00pm	
Fri, Mar. 24	6:30am	
	12:00pm	+Eliseo Cura
Sat, Mar. 25	4:00 pm	+Benjamin Cura
		+Palagio Cura
		+Alma Cura
		+Segundina Cura
		+Doroteo Cura
Sun, Mar. 26	7:30 am	+Jamie Martin
	9:00 am	The people of
		St. Thomas Parish
		and Long Beach
	11:30 am	
	5:30 pm	+Harold Barnes



Pray for Our Clergy

March 19

Fr. Piotr Kmiecik
 Fr. Bartosz Kunat

March 20

Fr. George Manchapilly CMI

March 21

Fr. Michael Marascalco

Fr. Chinnappa R. Mark HGN

March 22

Fr. David Milton HGN

Fr. Ryan McCoy

March 23

Fr. Henry McInerney

March 24

Fr. Paddy Mockler

March 25

+Bishop Joseph Howze

+Bishop Roger Morin

Adoration

"Thank you" for all of the faithful who are watching one hour a week with Jesus. Blessings abound! Please join us in letting Jesus know we love Him and are anxious to spend time with Him. Please call Sue Hoffman at 228-313-0157 to let her know what hour you wish. Reminders will be sent every Tuesday afternoon.

You are also welcome to drop in anytime on Wednesday to spend whatever time you can in adoration.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

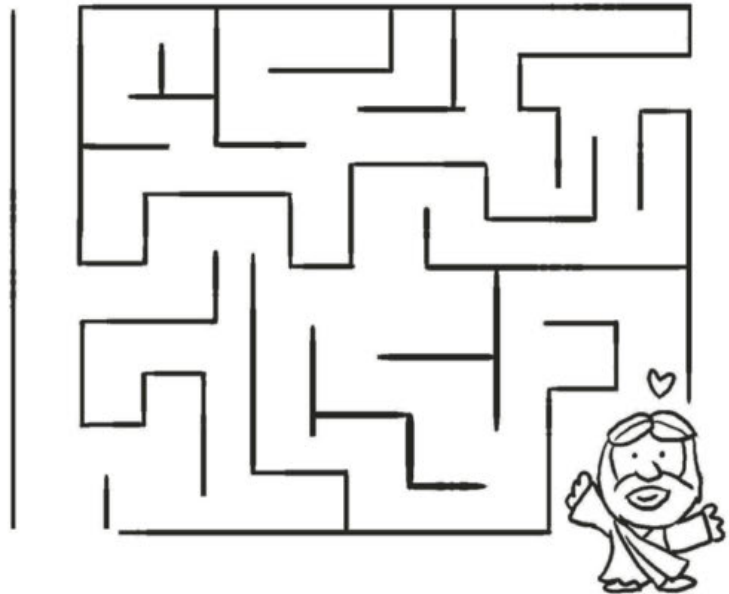
Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

Now color the picture!



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