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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

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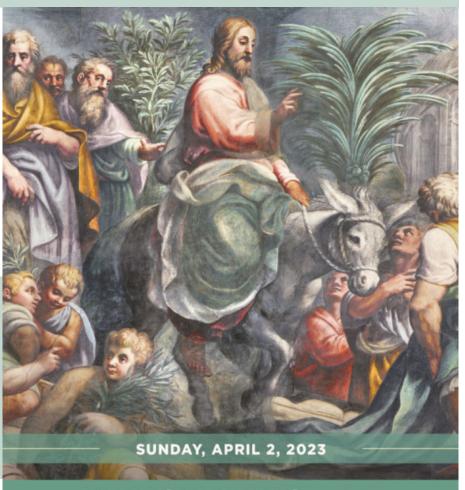
Confession

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

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.

Holy Week Schedule can be found on page 3



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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.

BAPTISM CLASS - Last Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Religious Education Center. 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 or dar.gbarry@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus - Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday every month, 7pm - 4th Degree follows the 1st Thursday meeting KC BREAKFAST - 3rd Sunday, every month, 8am-11am, no breakfast during lent

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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 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Every Thursday, 6pm, in the library of the Religious Education Center

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

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!

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As we come to the end of our Lenten journey in preparation to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, please consider joining all the faithful in the Diocese of Biloxi in participating in this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. A gift of any amount, combined with others, really does make an impact for the mission of the Church. Thank you in advance for your gift of faith!

Lay Minister Schedule April 8 & 9

L/C	7:00 PM Mass Special Scheduling	7:30 AM Mass Jason Green	9:00 AM Mass Brenda Allen	11:30 AM Mass Alice Lawson
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April 4, Tuesday 10:30 am Chrism Mass at the

Cathedral BVM, Biloxi

April 5, Wednesday No 8:30 am Mass

11 am Anointing Mass

7 pm Parish Penance Service



April 6, Holy Thursday No 8:30 or 12 pm Mass

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper After Liturgy of the Eucharist, we will move the Holy Eucharist to the Community Center for

Adoration until 10 pm

April 7, Good Friday No 6:30 am or 12 pm Mass

3 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm The Lord's Passion

April 8, Holy Saturday No 4:00 Mass

7 pm Easter Vigil Mass

April 9, Easter Sunday Masses 7:30 am, 9 am, 11:30 am

No 5:30 Mass



Lunchkins Please bring your favorite dish

Wednesday, April 5 at 12 pm, after 11 am Anointing Mass

BILL SEAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bridges in Bay St. Louis on April 29th, 8 am tee time Lunch at *noon*.

Bill was active in organizations that supported Catholic schools both financially as well as with needed projects. As a way to keep that legacy alive, the family formed the Memorial Fund. All proceeds are used to assist any family with students in Catholic school in the Biloxi Diocese who may face unexpected financial hardship. The fund pays tuition, lunches or uniforms to get them through the tough times. Funds also assist needs in the community.

Volunteers are needed to sit on few of the holes for two-hour shifts.

Registration forms with all the details can be found in the bookracks in the back of church.

If you own a business, we need sponsors as well as gifts for prizes. Funds to purchase food and drinks are also needed. All donations are tax exempt.

If you have any questions reach out to us on facebook.com/BillSealCharityGolfTournament/
or email us at: billsealgolftournament@gmail.com

Most of all please pray we have a nice day and a great turn out.

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Our teens attended DBYC (previously known as youth convention) on March 17-19, 2023. We had a great weekend with our high school teens! Sunday evening our middle school teens joined us for a few hours as well. The Holy Spirit moved many this weekend and we thank all of our parishioners for all of your prayers for our teens. -Kaitlynn Claret



Our core team member, Lisa Starita, was awarded the *Companion on the Journey Award* at the DBYC conference. Lisa has served our parish in many capacities, especially dedicating many years to our parishes youth ministry. She has walked with and been a companion to many over the years and boldly continues to share her gifts with all those she encounters. Congrats Lisa, we are so lucky to have you serve on our core team!!!



Our teen, Alex Eleuterius, was awarded the *Saint Timothy Award* at DBYC. This award is for teens who go above and beyond for their parish and are a witness of faith to others.



 ${}^{\prime\prime}H_{osanna}$ to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - m. 2119-11

TODAY'S READING

First Reading: I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-

24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/

> Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,

11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18

(see 1Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

(Luke 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/

> Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/

> Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2,

16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or

Mt 28:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Sunday:

Holy Week begins

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday:

Thursday: Holy Thursday Friday: Good Friday Saturday: Holy Saturday Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman **©LPi**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world. As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

– Father John Muir

OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah speaks of his call and commitment to the Lord, regardless of the suffering he endures. How do you find strength in your suffering?

Second Reading: In this hymn describing Jesus, Paul places emphasis on the humility of Jesus. Would you describe yourself as a humble person?

Gospel: Listening to the account of the Passion of the Lord often evokes strong emotions for believers. How do you prepare to hear the Passion narrative? ©LPi

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Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — "shaken," like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change? ©LPi



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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... 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.

Rest in Peace in the Hands of Our Lord

+Molly Jimenez +Msgr. Joseph Mercier +Cheryl Phillip McIntyre +Joe Paola





Mass Intentions

Mon, Apr. 3	8:30 am	
	12:00 pm	+ Dorothy Kotsakos
Wed, Apr. 5	11:00 pm	Anointing Mass
	7:00 pm	Penance Service
Thu, Apr. 6	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri, Apr. 7	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
•	7:00 pm	The Lord's Passion
	Î	in the Community Center
Sat, Apr. 8	7:00 pm	+Gary Goulet
•	Î	+Steve Bosarge
Sun, Apr. 9	7:30 am	+Laura Creel
	9:00 am	The people of
		St. Thomas Parish
		and Long Beach
	11:30 am	<u> </u>



Pray for Our Clergy

April 2	Pope Francis
April 3	Fr. Everardo Mora-Tores
April 4	Fr. Braxton Necaise
April 5	Fr. Cuddy O'Connell
_	Fr. Michael O'Connor
April 6	Fr. Bernie Papania
•	Fr. Daniel Patino
April 7	Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III
April 8	Fr. Dominic Vu Xuan Pham
-	Fr. Thang John Pham

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



Adoration

The Catechism quotes Pope John Paul II: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380) ~ www.usccb.org

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, help me to treat you like my king.

Mission for the Week

Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves.

Sharing the Gospel

Many years earlier,
God's prophets had
written about the
Savior. He would heal
the blind, he would
raise the dead, and
he would ride into
Jerusalem on a donkey
as a gentle king. The
people knew Jesus was
the Savior they had
been waiting for. They
treated him like a king.

Now color the picture!



Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.







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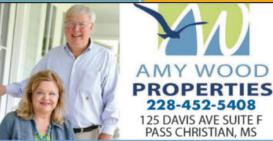
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