

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am

Rosary 8 am

Friday 6:30 am

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 <u>nativitybymcathedral.org</u>

Confession

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

Our Mission Statement

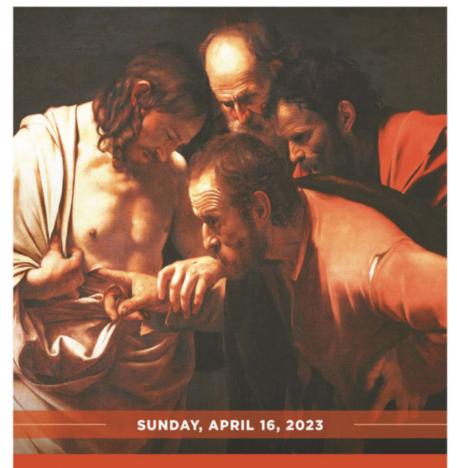
The people of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Long Beach form a community of faith dedicated to Catholic teaching and tradition. We welcome God's children of all ages to worship with us. Through prayer, education and formation, we are called by Jesus to bring hope and healing for life eternal to all people. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to use our personal and communal gifts to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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!



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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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 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, 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

COLLECTION	Apr 1 & 2	Apr 8 & 9
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GOOD FRIDAY	Apr 7	
Holy Land	\$1,363.00	



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SECOND COLLECTION **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** APRIL 29-30, 2023

The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

The Subcommittee funds a range of pastoral services. However, it principally focuses on (1) evangelization activities,

(2) religious education, (3) ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople; (4) support of poor parishes across the country.

Lay Minister Schedule April 22 & 23

	<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>7:30AM Mass</u>	<u>9:00AM Mass</u>	11:30AM Mass	<u>5:30PM Mass</u>
L/C	Donna Brown	Cindy Cox	Rodney Sandoz	Steven Mink	Life Teen
EM1 2 3 4	Deacon Jerry Beverly Leslie Chris Johnson <u>Priest</u>	Deacon Jerry Jason Green Maureen Sheets <u>Priest</u>	Deacon Jerry Novaline Shirley Robert Shirley <u>Priest</u>	Deacon Jerry Sue Hoffman Ann Mink <u>Priest</u>	Deacon Jerry Candy Dubuisson Jennifer Thomas <u>Priest</u>
AS1 2	Blake Johnson	Mary Francis Glass	Branson Sumrall		Life Teen
GR1	Jim/Joyce Delinski	Maureen Sheets	Susan Paternostro	Sue Hoffman	Life Teen

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.



May 14th, 10:30am May Crowning At the Grotto





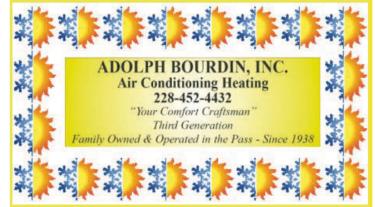
May 14th, 5:30 pm

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Seniors will gather in the Narthex (the back of the church) by5:15 pm

RSVP to youthministry@sainthomaslb.org

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Question: Who did Jesus appoint as the first pope of the

church?

Answer: St. Peter



The parish would like to thank all who are involved in the faith formation of our adults, teens and children. As a parish, we are still feeling our way through the role of Faith Companions in the RCIA. But we think it is clear that you made a difference to many. You are participants in a process of conversion, which involves a personal experience of being welcomed into a faith community. You represent our community so no individual walks that journey of conversion alone. Even if your seeker did not follow through, we know that discernment can take time and seeds you have planted may yet bear fruit

Fourteen people were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass:

Adults Baptized at the Easter Vigil, Confirmed and Received Holy Communion for the first time are:

Laura Klim, Suzanne Kalahar, Meghan Magandy, and Taylor Johnson.

Three children, Meghan's son Jaisen and Laura's son Cody, along with Asher Hartford, were also Baptized and received Holy Communion for the first time.

Teens Owyn Cuevas and Jarin Shockley were baptized and received Holy Communion for the first time and will receive the sacrament of Confirmation with their class.

Adults who made a Profession of Faith, were confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time are:

Brandon Beatty, Sherry Grady, Joey Hamilton, Brent Paul, and Ray Crosby.

Six adults continue to work through RCIA to prepare for Confirmation and will be confirmed at Nativity Cathedral at Pentecost. They are:

Taylor Hamilton, Kaitlin Quiles, Kyle Thomas, Mason Willis, Caleb Nickels and Peter Morissey. Peter received Holy Communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The RCIA is open at any time to welcome people interested in the Catholic Faith, whether seriously seeking conversion or merely curious

SAVE THESE DATES St Thomas Catholic Kids Camp July 10th - July 14th



The Mass is a Mystery! A Marvelous Mystery!

Your kids will be immersed in the greatest mystery on earth as they spend a week learning about the incredible treasure of the Mass. They will develop a new appreciation for the Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teachings, catchy music, fun games, crafts and more!



TODAY'S READING

First Reading: Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Sunday:

Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 Tuesday: Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Thursday:

Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15 Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 Saturday: Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/

1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Earth Day

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading: Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "indescribable and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel: The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard? ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out. This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3

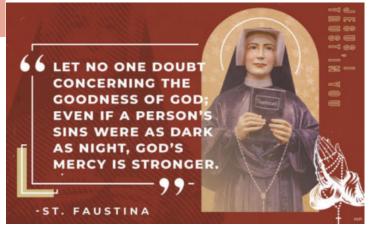
~Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him. We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting. St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trust-

worthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

Father John Muir ©LPi





In Our Thoughts and Prayers



April 16

April 17

April 18

April 19

April 20

Rest in Peace in the Hands of Our Lord

+Yvonne Gajewski +Tracy Hansen + Pat Pruitt +Joe Seal



Mass Intentions

Pray for Our Clergy

Fr Sebastian Thekkedath CMI

Fr Anil Thomas SVD

Fr Truong Q Trinh

Fr Joe Uko

Fr John Ugochucwu

Fr Adam Urbaniak

Fr Peter Varghese CMI

Tue, Apr 18	8:30 am	
Wed, Apr 19	8:30 am	
Thu, Apr. 20	8:30 am	Andrew Levens
Fri, Apr. 21	6:30 am	
Sat, Apr. 22	4:00 pm	+Irma Ladner
•	-	+Dean Garrett
Sun, Apr. 23	7:30 am	
•	9:00 am	The people of
		St. Thomas Parish
		and Long Beach
	11.30 am	8

11:30 am 5:30 pm

Alan Barcelona	Bubba Lang
Lois Barcelona	Doris Langton
George Bass	Lesley Lara
Sandra Beaugez	David LaRosa
Jim Beck	Mary Jane Lizana
Nancy Bosarge	Jamie Manning
Angela Bowel	Ron Mauffray
Teresa Bush	Mary Meighen
Bruce Carver	Rhonda Miketinas
Gary Carver	John Mitchell
Maxine Carver	Christel Nauts
Judith Cole	Margaret Ann Necaise
Catherine Cooper	Lucy Eryn Nguyen
Brayden Davis	Fr. Pat O'Shaughnessy
Dave Davis	Henry & Gae Odenwald
Billy Ray Deadeaux	Mary Page
Lydia DeMoss	Tommy Rand
Barry Dreyfus	Donna & Eddie Reid
Julius Dubuisson	Leah Robertson
Amber Elliott	Dan Rogers
Mike & Susan Evans	Rachel Rogers
John & Marsha French	John Rose
Dottie Goad	Josie Sandoz
Ron Gross	Mary Ann Scarborough
Leo & Lisa Hamel	Lorrie Schiro
Amos Hawes	Kevin Schneider
Clara Hansen	Phyllis Seal
Jimmy Hillman	Tracie Sowell
Bette Johnson	Veronica Sprinkle
Martha Johnson	Richard Turpin
Marcus Kaszubowski	Ashley Weaver
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... and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

Donna Whaley

Margie Young

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.







Nancy Kurowski

Freddie Ladner

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS A SOURCE OF HOPE

"The rediscovery of prayer in various forms, and particularly Eucharistic Adoration, is a source of hope for the Church to grow and take root." <u>Pope Francis, Address, 2nd December 2016</u>
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, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

Mission for the WeekTell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

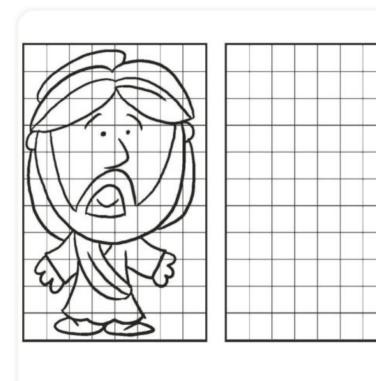
Sharing the Gospel

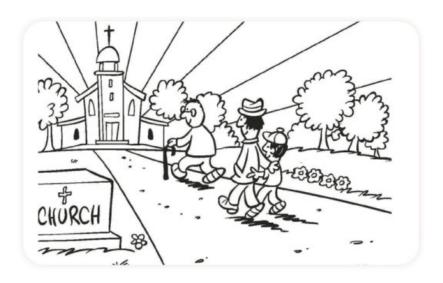
The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

Now color the picture!



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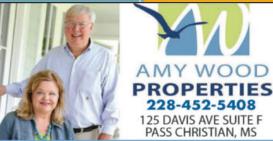
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