

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>nativitybvmcathedral.org</u>

Confession

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

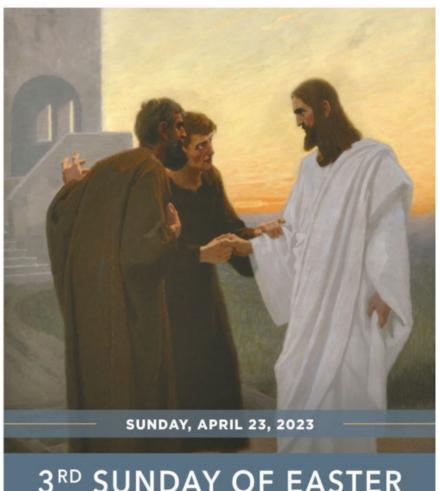
Our Mission Statement

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!



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

Around Our Parish...

ADORATION - Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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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

COLLECTION Apr 15 & 16

Envelopes	\$5,981.00
Loose	\$1,127.00
Electronic giving	\$4,525.00
eCatholic giving	\$805.00







Good Shepherd Showcase will be open after all Masses April 29th & 30th. Just in time for that perfect gift for your child's First Communion and Confirmation. Special Mother's Day gifts are also available. Please stop by after all masses! All proceeds go to helping our neighbors in need through your St. Vincent de Paul Society. We appreciate your support to help us help others.

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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 29 & 30

	<u>4:00PM Mass</u>	7:30 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass	<u>5:30 PM Mass</u>
L/C	Beverly Leslie	Frankie Castiglia	Brenda Allen	Jennifer Mink	Life Teen
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AS 1 2	Myles Eleuterius	Ava Shirk Jenna Shirk	Connor Holliday Liam Holliday		Life Teen
GR1	Susan Bush	Frankie Castiglia	Susan Paternostro	Gale Sheridan	Life Teen

BILL SEAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

You can register up till the day of the tournament. Registration forms are in the back of the church. If you're not a golfer but would like to help you may make a cash donation or prizes. We appreciate any help you can give. If you have any questions reach out to us on

<u>facebook.com/BillSealCharityGolfTournament/</u> or email us at: <u>billsealgolftournament@gmail.com</u>

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



Musical Competition

The USCCB is inviting Catholic composers, hymn-writers, and poets to submit entries for the Eucharistic Revival Musical Competition. The goal of this competition is to express and renew our zeal for the Eucharist through poetry and song. Submit your own entry here!

https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/musical-competition



St. Thomas the Apostle's Service and Social Justice Committee put together Easter baskets which were delivered to shut-ins and senior citizens in their parish. Each basket contained items donated by parishioners including, religious items, chocolates, a puzzle book, a stuffed animal and a small canned ham as well as Easter cards and greetings from different parish groups. The committee, started by Fr. Vincent, has members from organizations at St. Thomas. The children of A.D. and Marge Taylor sponsored this year's baskets in memory of their parents. Pictured above are Fr. Vincent Ajayi, Pam and Charles Fallo, Vicky Ruiz, Dave Gauthier, Pope Francis, Tom Ponte, Mike Taylor, Kasey and Katherine Chappell, Tammy Casey, Alice Necaise, Sally and Fiona Crocker.

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TODAY'S READING

First Reading: "This man, delivered up by the set plan and fore-knowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24)

Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)

Second Reading: Conduct your selves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

Gospel: And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51 Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/

Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/

1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday:

Friday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest;

Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was — God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.©LPi



Question: What is the name of the candle that is always lit inside of a Catholic church to signal the presence of the Blessed Sacrament?

Answer: The Sanctuary candle

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS "I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This."

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, *This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.*

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: *I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.* Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

"Were not our hearts burning within us?"

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread." — Luke 24:35

~Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us? Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons - in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead! My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead. — Father John Muir ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Peter's first public speech in Jerusalem focuses on Jesus' connection to King David. In other words, Peter spoke of God's fidelity to Israel in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. What would you like to know about Jesus' *Jewish roots?* **Second Reading:** Peter encourages his community to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (life on earth). How might you show respect to others

Gospel: We hear how the two disciples on the road to Emmaus finally recognized the risen Jesus in the blessing and breaking of the bread. What helps you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?

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this week?



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Rest in Peace in the Hands of Our Lord

+Sister Anna Louise Bumbera +Travis Collier +Billy Ray Deadeaux +Doris Langton + Sue Papania

Shane Anderson	David LaRosa, Sr.
Georgianna Barnett	Jamie Manning
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Lydia DeMoss	Fr. Pat O'Shaughnessy
Julius Dubuisson	Henry & Gae Odenwald
Amber Elliott	Tommy Rand
Mike & Susan Evans	Leah Robertson
Elsie Fayard	Dan Rogers
Mary Fields	Rachel Rogers
Yoko Fortenberry	Josie Sandoz
John & Marsha French	Lorrie Schiro
Dottie Goad	Kevin Schneider
Ron Gross	Phyllis Seal
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Amos Hawes	Veronica Sprinkle
John Hertz, Sr.	Richard Turpin
Jimmy Hillman	Jean Warburton
Chris Johnson	Ashley Weaver
Martha Johnson	Peggy West
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... and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

Donna Whaley Cheryl Woodward

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.

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Mass Intentions

Tue, Apr 25 Wed, Apr 26	8:30 am 8:30 am	+Pat Pruitt
Thu, Apr. 27	8:30 am	+Clay Bishop
		+Boguslaw Kundzindwicz Mary Frances Nahlen-Many
Fri, Apr. 28 Sat, Apr. 29	6:30 am 4:00 pm	
Sun, Apr. 30	7:30 am 9:00 am	The people of
		St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
	11:30 am 5:30 pm	0



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April 23	Fr Thomas White	
April 24	Fr Marcin Wiktor	
April 25	Our Retired, Extern & Decease	ed
	Priests, Brothers, & Deacons	
April 26	Our Deacons & Diaconate Car	ndidates
	& Those Discerning	
April 27	+Bishop Joseph Howze &	
	+Bishop Roger Morin	
April 28	Priest & Brothers at St. August	tine Seminary &
	St. Stanislaus High School	
April 29	Our Seminarians	



Since we traditionally recite the Rosary before each Mass during the month of May, we are asking volunteers to lead the Rosary. We need Men, Women, and Children to volunteer, and there are only 20 slots available for the entire month!

Please Contact Deacon Jerry at 228-348-1997 to sign-up.

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Marcus Kaszubowski

Nancy Kurowski Lesley Lara

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Adoration

Watch on YouTube What Really Happens in Eucharistic Adoration with Father Mike Schmitz

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, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

Mission for the Week

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

Now color the picture!



Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus talking Cleopas	Christ village Moses bread Prophets Simon
Emuams	Emmaus
Pohprets	
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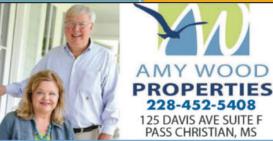
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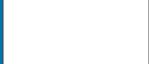
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