

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

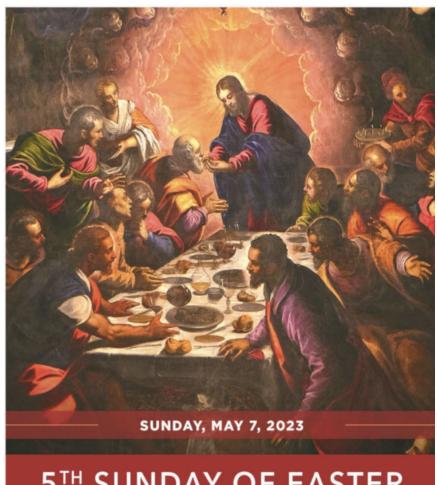
Our Mission Statement

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!



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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	April 29 & 30
Envelopes	\$7,476.00
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Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer: The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept ("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.

The third precept ("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. Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (*Dies Domini*, no. 7). ©LPi

Lay Minister Schedule May 13 & 14

L/C	4:00 PM Mass Becky Mullins	7:30 AM Mass Michelle Schuyler	9:00 AM Mass Special Scheduling	Alice Lawson	5:30 PM Mass Life Teen
			Family Mass		
EM1	Vickie Kuehnlein	Frankie Castiglia	•	Sue Hoffman	Deacon Jerry
2	Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest
3	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy	Deacon Buddy
4	Beverly Leslie	Cindy Cox		Betty O'Brien	Candy Dubuisson
AS1	Matthew Forehand	Maria Schuyler	Liam Holliday		Life Teen
2			Connor Holliday		
GR1	Jim/Joyce Delinski	Frankie Castiglia		Sue Beck	Life Teen



Do you have a piano in good condition that you are not using? Saint Thomas music ministry will be regularly bringing music to a couple of local assisted-living centers on the coast, having choir practice and singing hymns with the residents. One of the locations does not have a piano. If you can help, please email Lauren Hymel at music@saintthomaslb.org



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. "You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary." - Mary to Blessed Alan de la Roche





Society of St. Vincent de Paul members invites you to come pray the rosary with us every Thursday in May at the Grotto. We will start the rosary at 430 PM. Bring a chair to sit under the beautiful oaks and enjoy fellowship.



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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Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln, MS is having an Annunciation School Reunion. Annunciation School was established in 1960 with the assistance of the Trinitarian Sisters, followed by the Sisters from the order of Religious of Jesus and Mary from New York and continued to operate until 1985. The reunion will be held on May 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM at the Parish Hall. Come join in on the fun. This is open to all students, teachers, staff and families who were a part of Annunciation School. You may contact Mary Ann Haas Richards on Facebook messenger or Maryann.richards1@gmail.com for more information.

TODAY'S READING

First Reading: So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading: You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel: Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." (Jn 14:6-7) Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/

Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/

1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the

Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

St. Pancras, Martyr

Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear today of some of the practical problems (assisting widows) the early Christians faced with the growing Church in Jerusalem. They solved the problem with division of labor. Which of your co-workers or friends need your help this week to carry a burden? **Second Reading:** Peter contrasts those with faith who announce the praises of God to those without faith who disobey God's word. How do you react to family or friends who are without faith?

Gospel: Jesus assured his disciples that "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." How do you think you imitate Jesus? ©LPi

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To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Building on the Cornerstone

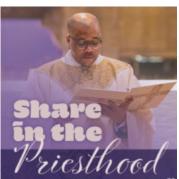
Before I married my husband, I assumed there were "ugly houses" and "pretty houses," and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like "A Field Guide to American Houses" for fun and who uses the term *vernacular architecture* like he knows what it means. Through him, I've come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don't have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it's better to build a separate structure altogether. I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the "cornerstone." We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can't see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can't chart the future of a house without any thought for its past. If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction. "...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."— 1 Peter 2:5

~Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION



If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood..." To be part of a priesthood is to offer a

particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God. The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith. ~Father John Muir ©LPi



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... 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.



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Mass Intentions

 Tue, May 9
 8:30 am
 +Irma Ladner

 Wed, May 10
 8:30 am
 Reagan Levens

 Thu, May 11
 8:30 am
 +Gary Goulet

 Fri, May 12
 6:30 am
 +Sally & Brian

11:30 am

Fri, May 12 6:30 am +Sally & Brian Jansen Sat, May 13 4:00 pm +Lide Barrett +Roger Trisotto

Sun, May 14 7:30 am

9:00 am The people of St. Thomas Parish

St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach +Irma Ladner

5:30 pm +Sr. Anna Louise Bumera

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May 8	Fr Steve Wilson ***Healing
May 9	Fr Joseph Dang, SVD ***Healing
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	Fr Mike Austin
May 11	Fr Sergio Balderas
	Fr Emmanuel Awe, SSJ
May 12	Fr Hyginus Boboh, SSJ
	Fr Tommy Conway
May 13	Fr Ruben Covos
	Fr Arockia Doss, IVD



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Join your St. Thomas family for breakfast and fellowship Sunday May 21, 2023 8am – 11am

Adoration

Jesus, thank you appearing to us under the humble sign of bread. I can be comfortable with you and sit and talk with you. If you were to appear in all of your majesty I would be afraid. I would not be able to speak with you as I do now. I hold your majesty in my heart while I speak to you in your humbleness.

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

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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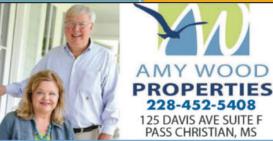
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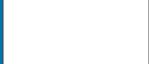
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