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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 nativitybymcathedral.org

Confession

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

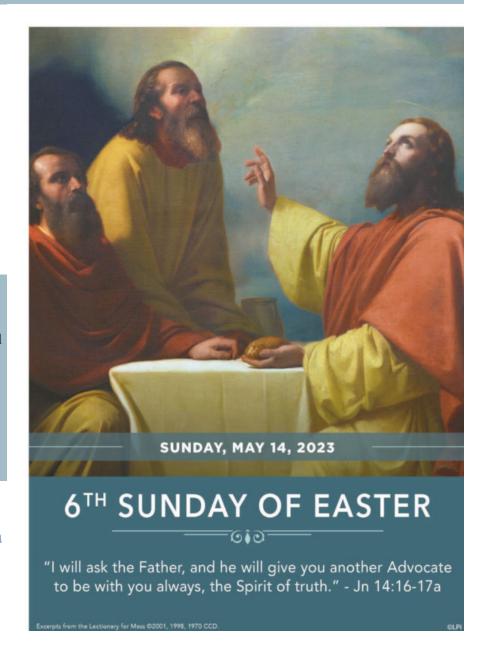
Our Mission Statement

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!





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

BAPTISM CLASS - Last Sat. 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 Thurs. every month, 7pm - 4th Degree follows the 1st Thurs. meeting KC BREAKFAST - 3rd Sun., every month, 8am-11am

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COLUMBUS - Meetings 3rd Thurs. every month, 7pm **LECTIO DIVINA** - Meets every Tues. after Mass to reflect on

the following Sunday's readings.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR - 1st Sun. every month **LUNCHKINS -** 2nd Wed., every month, 11:30am

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

QUILTERS - Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month, 9:30am, Rm 222

SVDP SOCIETY - The office is open to help. Mon. 9:30am-12:30pm, & Thurs. 9:30am-12:30pm

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Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 4:30pm

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PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Lay Minister Schedule May 20 & 21

Amen.

L/C	4:00 PM Mass Donna Brown	7:30 AM Mass Jason Green	9:00 AM Mass Gina Hicks	11:30 AM Mass Jennifer Mink	5:30 PM Mass Life Teen
EM1 2 3	Chris Johnson Bitsy McDonald Priest	Barbara Donald Alice Necaise Priest	Novaline Shirley Paige Stinson Priest	Murph Fortenberry Ann Mink Priest	Deacon Jerry Jennifer Thomas Priest
4	Pam Fallo	Richard Donald	Robert Shirley	Ben DiLorenzo	Candy Dubuisson
AS1	Blake Johnson	Mary Francis Glass	Branson Sumrall		Life Teen
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GR1	Susan Bush	Maureen Sheets	Susan Paternostro	Helen Bristol	Life Teen





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



Gabrielle Osborne



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.





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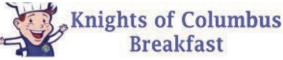
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Registration for St Thomas Catholic Kids Camp



THANK YOU so much for your prayers and support for the Bill Seal Memorial Golf Tournament. The weather was great; we had 19 teams and the best volunteers. We look forward to helping many families.

Thanks and God bless. The Seal Family



Friday, May 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church 216 Saucier Ave. Pass Christian, MS. 39571

TODAY'S READING

First Reading: Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading: For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17) Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/

Jn 16:5-11

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Wednesday:

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/

Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/

Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: St. Isidore

Tuesday: Wednesday:

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord;

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Friday:

Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;

7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear how through the prayers of Peter and John the Holy Spirit descended upon those Samaritans who believed in Jesus and were baptized. Can you think of a time when your prayers were answered?

Second Reading: Peter taught his community to be prepared to defend their faith with gentleness and reverence even in a hostile environment. Have you ever had to explain what you believe to someone arguing with you?

Gospel: Jesus assured his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." When do you experience Jesus' presence in your life? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and the world will not accept us. But we are not left orphans — God sends us an Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth! ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS **Weirdly Christian**

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-anddirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck – depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird.

"...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." — John 14:17

~Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION



My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right

~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



Marcus Kaszubowski

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.



Resting in heavenly peace

+Fred Morehead



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Tue,	May 16	8:30 am	+Steve Bosarge
Wed,	May 17	8:30 am	+ Pat Pruitt
Thu,	May 18	8:30 am	+Harold Barnes& Bernie
	•		+Henry Chandler
Fri,	May 19	6:30 am	,
Sat,	May 20	4:00 pm	+Billy Fennell
	•	•	+Missy Dedeaux
			+Joe Paola
Sun,	May 21	7:30 am	+Dina Trisotto Forbes
	•	9:00 am	The people of
			St. Thomas Parish
			and Long Beach
		11:30 am	+Laura Creel
		5:30 pm	
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🍑 Pray for Our Clergy

May 14	Msgr. Dominick Fullam
May 15	Fr Martin Gillespie
•	Fr Tomaz Golab
May 16	Fr Rofinus Jas, SVD
May 17	Fr Ignacio Jimenez-Morales
May 18	Fr Jeyanthan Jordan
May 19	Fr Fintan Kilmurray
May 20	Fr Piotr Kmiecik
-	Fr Bartosz Kunat



Parish Office Closed Friday, May 26, and Monday, May 29

Adoration

Do not give up prayer on any account, no matter how dry or rotten you feel; every moment, especially before him in the tabernacle, is a certain, positive gain; the effect will be there though you may not feel it. ~Servant of God Fr. Willie Doyle, S.J. from the book **To Raise the Fallen**

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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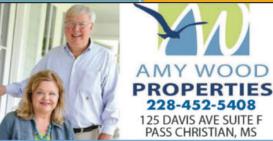
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