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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am

Rosary 8 am

Monday 8:30 beginning June 19

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 nativitybvmcathedral.org

Confession

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

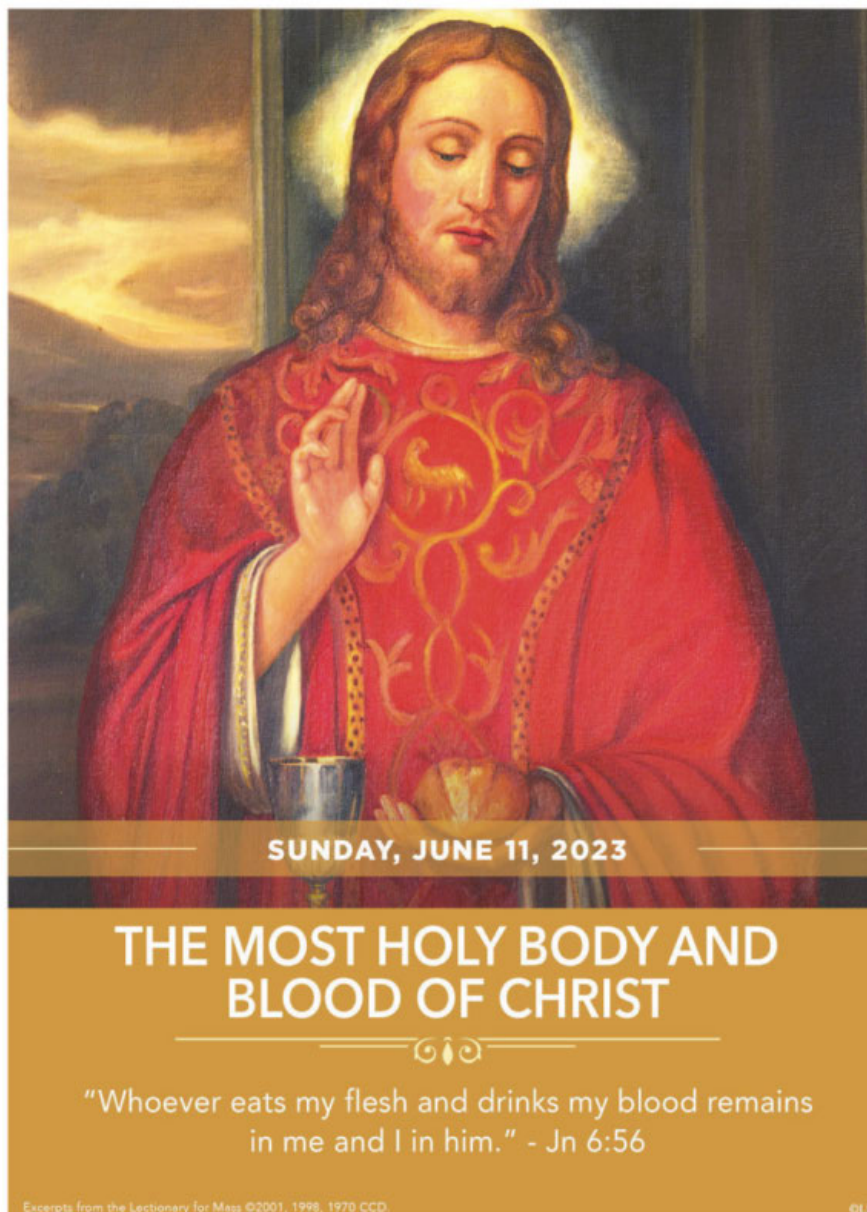
Our Mission Statement

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!





Around Our Parish...

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

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF 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

YOUTH GIFT CARDS (SCRIP) - During office hours, Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 4:30pm

COLLECTION	May 27 & 28	June 3 & 4
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Diocesan Priest Supplemental
June 17-18, 2023



Catholic Trivia

Question: To ordain a new bishop, how many bishops are typically required to be present?

Answer: Three



Eucharist Revival starts June 23, 2023.

Look here for coming events!



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Real Presence

Question: How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer: The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying.

"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

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Lifeteen wants to thank the Blessing of the Jeeps MS organization for donating \$5,000!! We are so grateful for this organization that supports our Lifeteen program at Saint Thomas the Apostle!! Thank you to all who supported and participated in the Blessing of the Jeeps fundraiser this year, and special thank you to their team!!!

Farewell Fr. Cuddy

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and
until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Many blessings on your new assignment.
We love you and will miss you



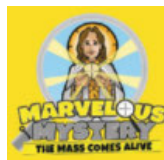
“New Wine” is open for applications.

The next “New Wine” lay ministry formation program by the Diocese of Biloxi will begin in August 2023. “New Wine” is for lay Catholics who want a basic foundation in theology and pastoral skills or who seek to be leaders in ministry. The program consists of 94 weekly two-hour classroom sessions over three years. Applications must be made through the parish and approved by the pastor. The program costs, \$300 a year, are shared between the participant and the parish. Completed applications are due July 31st. For more information contact Ann Marie McIntyre at (228) 860-8749.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Eucharist is the most sacred thing in the world, and yet in his mercy, God has made it accessible. In the Eucharist, God bends to meet us. Appearing under the appearance of our daily nourishment, he makes it not just possible but simple — blessedly simple — to fulfill his commandment.

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St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Long Beach, at the
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Parish Grounds
Contact: Dave G at religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Join your new Pastor, Fr. Satish, and
your St. Thomas family for
breakfast and fellowship

Sunday June 18, 2023 8am – 11am

We are trying something new!



A FAMILY CHOIR

This is an opportunity for you and your child or grandchild to sing together at Mass in the choir! Currently we have five families participating (8 children and 5 adults), and we would love to have more! What's involved? One or two rehearsals before the Mass we sing (which will be about every five weeks). This is a great way for your child to learn the liturgy and gain confidence as a song leader, while spending time with you serving the Lord! Please contact Lauren Hymel at music@saintthomaslb.org if you are interested!

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading: “He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers.” (Dt 8:3)

Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps 147) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading: Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:17)

Gospel: “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (Jn 6:55-56)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Flag Day
Thursday:
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: At the end of their forty-year journey in the desert, Moses instructs the Israelites not to forget how God taught them to depend on Him alone. How might you remind yourself of this important lesson in life?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Corinthians that through the body and blood of Christ, the community of believers are “one body.” Who in your life needs to hear this unifying message?

Gospel: Jesus teaches the crowds that through his body and blood, believers will obtain eternal life and be raised on the last day. This is the core of our Catholic belief about Jesus. How do you think we can best celebrate this gift of eternal life? ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet



and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, “Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love.” That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day. Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, “**Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?**” For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, “**we, though many, are one body.**” Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

~Father John Muir

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Priesthood and the Eucharist

“These two Sacraments were born together,” wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, “and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world.” The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible. We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” — John 6:54



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Alan Barcelona, Georgianna Barnett, David Bass, George Bass, Marilyn Beard, Susanne Bentz, Dottie Bush, Gary Carver, Maxine Carver, Dave Davis, George Dowling, Joyce Drake, Mike & Susan Evans, Terri Favre, Elise Fayard, Mary Fields, Steven Floyd, John & Marsha French, Mark Giuffria, Danny Goad, Rosemary Gremillion, Ron Gross, Leo & Lisa Hamel, Amos Hawes, Melissa Heaton, John Hertz, Sr., Jimmy Hillman, Doc Holliday, Chris Johnson, Marcus Kaszubowski, Lesley Lara, David LaRosa, Sr., Frank LaRosa, Jamie Manning, Nonilyn Marat, Lisa McBride, Snowball McKenna, Amanda Meynard Rhonda Mketinas, Margaret Ann Necaise, Lucy Eryn Nguyen, Fr. Pat O'Shaughnessy, Family of Dolly Omond, Henry & Gae Odenwald, Robert Peno, Leah Robertson Price, Bonita Randazzo, Eddie Reid, Jr., Rachel Rogers, Josie Sandoz, Kevin Schneider, Karen Silady, Matthew Smith, Tracie Sowell, Richard Turpin, Ashley Weaver, Jerry & Charlotte West, Chad & Sally Williams, Cheryl Woodward

... and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

God Answers



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

+Sarilyn Dauro Freeman
+Pauline Strahan
+ Bob White



Mass Intentions



Pray for Our Clergy

June 11 Fr Tomasz Powroźnik
June 12 Fr Ken Ramon- Landry
June 13 Fr Mark Ropel
June 14 Fr Alwin Samy
June 15 Fr. Jacob Smith OFM
Fr James Smith
Fr Mike Snyder
June 16 Fr S. Kennedy Soosa
June 17 Fr Emmanuel Subaar

Tue, Jun 13 8:30 am
Wed Jun 14 8:30 am
Thu, Jun 15 8:30 am
Fri, Jun 16 6:30 am
Sat, Jun 17 4:00 pm

+Marcus Barrett
+Clay Bishop
+Floyd Bishop
+Toni Myers

Sun, Jun 18 7:30 am
9:00 am

The people of
St. Thomas Parish
and Long Beach
+ Georgia K Breland

11:30 am
5:30 pm



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



Eucharistic Adoration:
Spending time with Jesus

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." ~St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 welcomed to drop in anytime on Wednesday to spend whatever time you can in adoration.

Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus from heaven.

Mission for the Week

Every morning when you eat breakfast, spend time with Jesus. Trust God to give you all that you need.

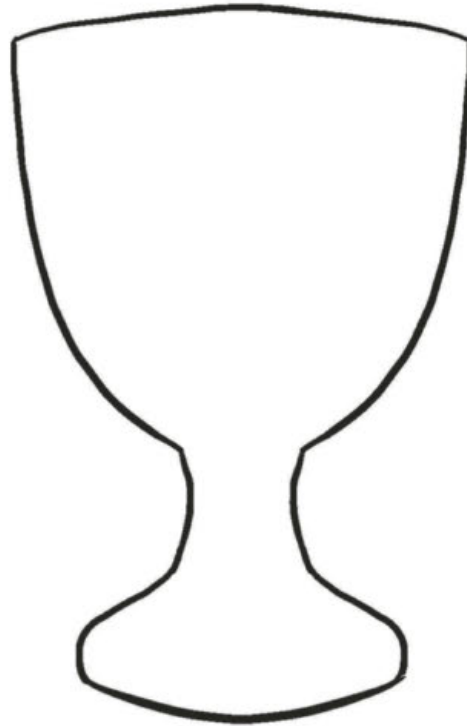
Sharing the Gospel

When God's people were in the desert with Moses, they got hungry. So, God gave them sweet manna from heaven every morning. It was all they needed to live. God sent Jesus to us from heaven, too, but he's much better than manna. Through Jesus, we can live forever with God.

Now color the picture!



Try to draw a special design for God on the Chalice! Have Fun!



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