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Monday-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

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

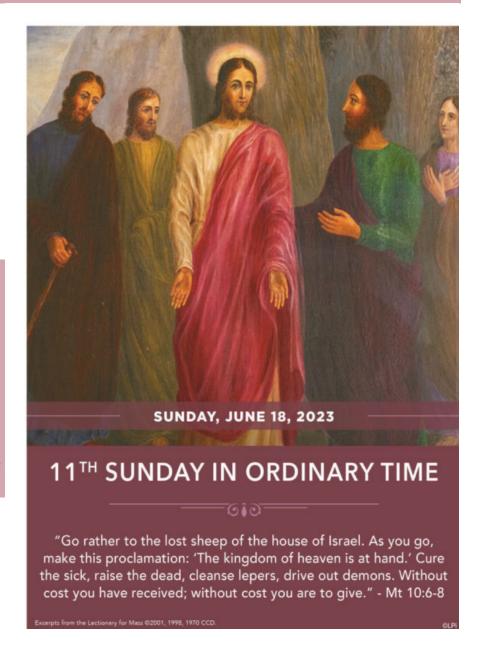
Our Mission Statement

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 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



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Question: What is the title for a priest who is doing pastoral

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Answer: Chaplain



Eucharist Revival starts June 23, 2023.

Look here for coming events!



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

MASS

Question: I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer: The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.





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!



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Monday July 10 through Friday July 14 8:00am - 12:30pm \$25 per child or \$40 per family St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Long Beach, at the Religious Education Center, Pavilion, and Parish Grounds

Contact: Dave G at religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org





"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.

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Healing Mass at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
Friday, July 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM
No Healing Mass the month of June
Fr. Rofinus Jas is going to Indonesia.
Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,
216 Saucier Ave.
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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Without cost we have received, without cost we are to give. Do we open our hearts to one another with the same reckless love and mercy that God opens His heart to us? How quickly the world could change if we did. ©LPi

The kingdom of God is at hand

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Ex 19:5-6)

Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100) **Second Reading:** Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

Gospel: Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. (Mt 10:1)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/

Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and

17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/

Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/

Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Monday: St. Romuald, Abbot Tuesday: World Refugee Day

Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher,

Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Friday:

Saturday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The Lord teaches Moses that Israel is intended to be his "treasured possession among all peoples ... a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." How would you react when you receive an incredible gift?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that believers are reconciled to God and saved from the final wrath through the death of his Son, Jesus. What do you think we should do with this incredible message of reconciliation and salvation?

Gospel: Jesus commissioned the twelve disciples to "proclaim the kingdom of heaven is at hand" and "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons" — in other words, disciples are called to follow Jesus' lead. How can we modern disciples follow Jesus' lead?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch.

Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name

to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place! Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree. Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember

— Father John Muir ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

to look at the correct trees.

The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess *me*.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one. So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld. It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." ~ Exodus 19:5 ©LPi



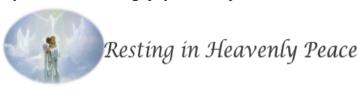
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... and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

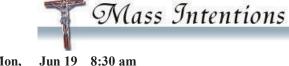


Prayer Chain

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.



+ George Dowling



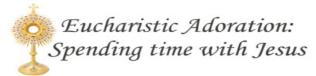
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	Fr Truong Q Trinh
June 20	Fr Joe Uko
June 21	Fr Adam Urbaniak
June 22	Fr Peter Varghese CMI
June 23	Fr Khoa Phi Vo
June 24	Fr Marcin Wiktor

Mon,	Jun 19	8:30 am	
Tue,	Jun 20	8:30 am	+Mary Hamel
Wed	Jun 21	8:30 am	
Thu,	Jun 22	8:30 am	+Laura Creel
Fri,	Jun 23	6:30 am	+Henderson Rettit
Sat,	Jun 24	4:00 pm	+Alfred Schnebelen
Sun,	Jun 25	7:30 am	, and the second
		9:00 am	The people of
			St. Thomas Parish
			and Long Beach
		11:30 am	+Irma Ladner
		5:30 nm	

🔔 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 helps us to nurture our desire so that we grow in hunger and thirst for the Bridegroom who feeds His Bride on His own Flesh and Blood so that she may share ever more in His divinity. Adoration also aids the faithful to be inserted more deeply into the communion of the Mystical Body. ~stpaulcenter.com

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, help me share your good news with other kids.

Mission for the Week

Tell a friend about Jesus this week.

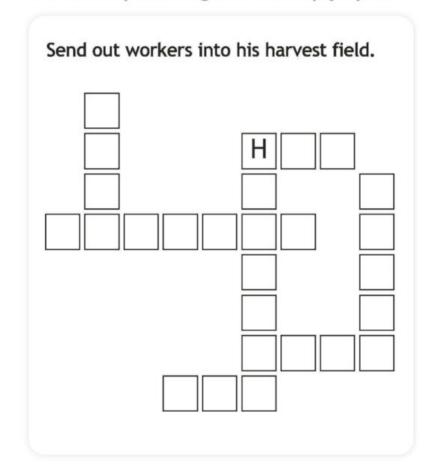
Sharing the Gospel

God wants all people to go to heaven one day. Some people are lost. They need help finding their way back to God. You can help them! You know that you are a sinner. You know that Jesus washed your sins away. Well, share that good news! Your friends have made mistakes. Tell them about Jesus' love that washed their sins away, too.

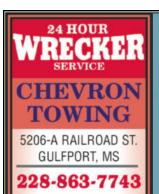
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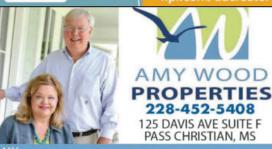
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