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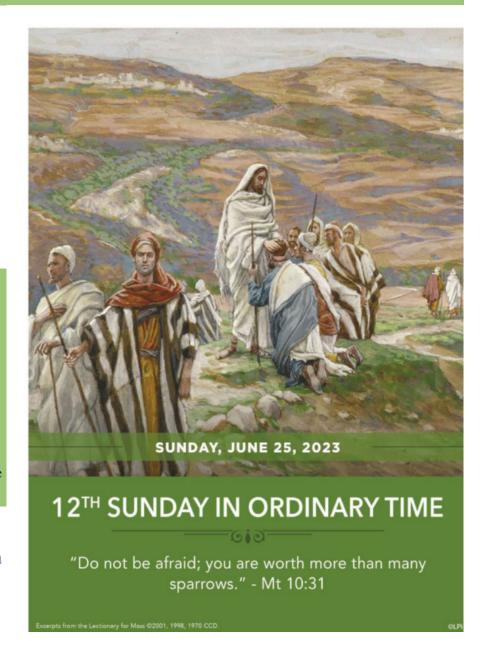
Our Mission Statement

The people of St. Thomas the Apostle
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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

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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.

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(228) 313-0157 to reserve your spot.

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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

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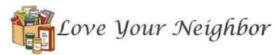
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?

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Saturday & Sunday Jul 1 & 2, 2023
We will collect non-perishable groceries in the east foyer for the Long Beach Food Pantry to be distributed to our neighbors in need.

"For when I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink," – Matthew 25:35



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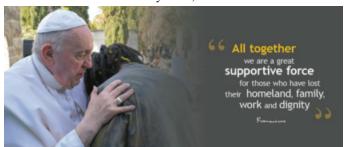
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Question: There are two different types of sin. What are

they called?

Answer: Venial sin and mortal sin

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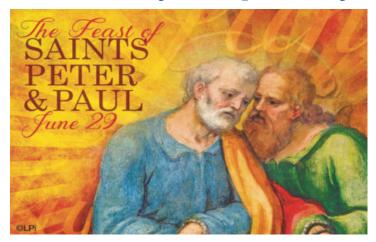
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St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Long Beach, at the Religious Education Center, Pavilion, and Parish Grounds Contact: Dave G at religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Will You Sav Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer? It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

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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. Pass Christian, MS. 39571

WHY DO WE DO THAT? **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

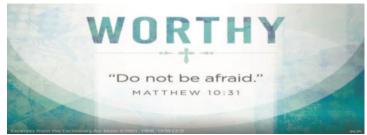
Lectio Divina

Question: What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer: Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others? **©LPi**



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading: But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel: What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5 Monday: Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/

Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,

8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4 Friday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/ Saturday:

Mt 8:5-17

Nxt Sunday: 2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

Wednesday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Thursday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Friday:

Saturday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. What do you need to pray to God for this week?

Second Reading: Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. When have you felt God's grace in your life?

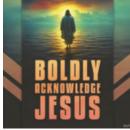
Gospel: Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. What ae some fears you have that you could turn over to God? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him?

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built

a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— Father John Muir

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my greatgrandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my greatgrandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God. When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

"And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." — Matthew 10:28 ©LPi

Prayer is Powerful. Please Pray with Us.

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.

"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



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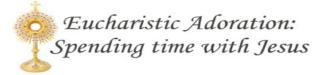
... and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.



June 25	For Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests,	Mon, Jun 26	8
	Brothers, & Deacons	Tue, Jun 27	8
June 26	For Our Deacons & Deacon Candidates	Wed Jun 28	8
	& Those Discerning	Thu, Jun 29	8
June 27	For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze	,	
	and Roger Morin	Fri, Jun 30	6
June 28	For Priest & Brothers at	Sat, Jul 1	4
	St. Augustine Seminary &	,	
	St. Stanislaus High School	Sun, Jul 2	7
June 29	For Our Seminarians		9
June 30	Fr Satish Adhav		
	Fr Vincent O. Ajayi		
July 1	Please Pray For An Increase In Vocations		1
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Mon, Jun 26	8:30 am	
Tue, Jun 27	8:30 am	+Harold Barnes
Wed Jun 28	8:30 am	
Thu, Jun 29	8:30 am	Doc Holliday
		+Mike Necaise
Fri, Jun 30	6:30 am	+Donna Bowman
Sat, Jul 1	4:00 pm	+Steve Bosarge
•	•	+Clay Bishop
Sun, Jul 2	7:30 am	, 1
	9:00 am	The people of St.
		Thomas Parish
		and Long Beach
	11:30 am	+Gary Goulet
	5:30 pm	,



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NOURISHES

"The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged "place" for our encounter with God." ~ Pope Francis, Message, 27th November 2016

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

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

Prayer

God, I thank you for loving me so much.

Mission for the Week

After you brush your hair, count the hairs in the brush. God knows how many hairs you lost!

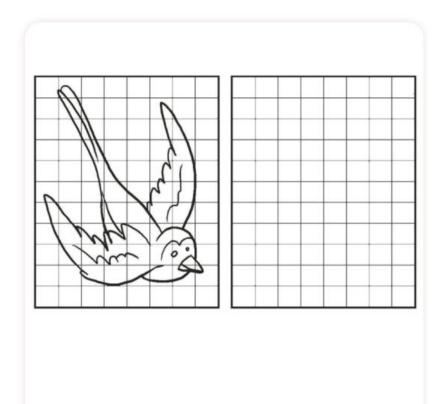
Sharing the Gospel

You are God's special child. He knows all about you. He knows what you like to eat. He knows your favorite color. He knows how many teeth you have. He even knows how many hairs are on your head. No one in this world loves you as much as God loves you. Be sure to tell your friends how much God loves them, too.

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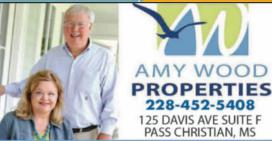


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