

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am

Rosary 8 am

Friday 6:30 am

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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!

Please prayer for Fr. Satish on his installation.

Today we celebrate the installation of our new pastor. He will hear the Bishop say to him,

"Remember, my brother Satish, always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher of your people, so that you may lead them to Christ who will strengthen all that you do."

We pray for Father Satish to receive the grace to be a "loving father" who leads this parish in prayer and Sacrament, the courage to be a "gentle shepherd" who leads and guides the parish, and the wisdom to pass on the faith and teachings of the Church.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28



Around Our Parish...

ADORATION - Wed., 9am-5pm

BAPTISM CLASS - Last Sat. of every month at 9:30am in the Religious Education Center. Contact Sue Hoffman (228) 313-0157 or psuehoffman@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

BELL CHOIR - Contact Tyler Brandon 228-424-2970
music2@saintthomaslb.org

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 - On Summer Break

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

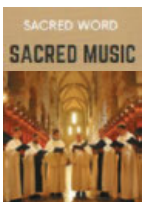
SVDP SOCIETY - The office is open to help. Mon. 9:30am-12:30pm, & Thurs. 9:30am-12:30pm

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

COLLECTION

August 5 & 6

Regular collections	\$12,949.00
ACH/Electronic giving	\$9,130.00
Utilities/Insurance	\$1,246.00
Extension Society	\$1,839.00



Tuesday, August 22, 7pm
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
720 E. Beach Blvd.

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Please join us for a beautiful evening of The Word,
Ancient Hymns & Chants &

Adoration of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

HOW MANY BOOKS IN THE CATHOLIC BIBLE?



Where do they come from? Do we have the right books? Is a "Catholic Bible" different from another Christian bible? Where do Catholics get their Bible? What does the Pope say about reading the Bible? And what if the Pope and the Bible disagree? Or can they disagree? We'll look at these questions and others.

A Quick Study. One day only. Sunday, August 27

1pm to 2:30pm in the Religious Education Center.

For questions, information or if child care is needed contact Dave Gauthier at rcia@saintthomaslb.org.



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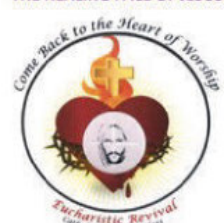
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Thursday, August 24th

6:30 p.m.

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Dr. Alan Schreck,

Professor of Theology at
Franciscan University of Steubenville and
author of many books, including

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Saturday, September 16th

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Gym

**A light breakfast of coffee and donuts and
lunch will be provided.**

**Please R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office at 228-452-
4686 by September 11th if you plan to attend.**



CATECHIST COMMISSIONING AND BREAKFAST

All parish catechists are invited to breakfast with Father Satish and Commissioning for the 2023-2024 year as a Catechist in St Thomas Parish.



followed by
Holy Hour with the Eucharist.
Families are invited.
Saturday, Sept 16, 9am – 11am
Religious Education Center
Holy Hour in the Church

Please RSVP with a count of attendees by than Sept 6th
Dave Gauthier at religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org.

WHEN IT'S TIME FOR YOUR CHILD TO MAKE HIS FIRST COMMUNION, WILL HE BE READY?



If your child or grandchild is in first grade, and wants to make First Communion during the second grade year, he or she needs to be enrolled in a religious education program now.

YES, NOW.

If your child or grandchild is beyond second grade, and still has not been baptized, or has not received First Communion, he or she needs to be enrolled in a religious education program now.

YES, NOW.

The School of Religious Education (SRE) meets on Sunday mornings for children in PreK through 5th grade. Your child belongs in religious education. Register at saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd

Your Child Belongs in Religious Education



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Complete the registration form at
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Registration fee is \$25 per child,
or \$40 per family.

CLASSES WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Contact Dave Gauthier (228) 596-8835
religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org



ANNUAL MESSY GAMES KICK OFF

We will begin our year for Lifeteen and Edge on September 10th with our annual messy games kick off. Make sure your teen comes dressed to get dirty and brings a towel!

We will meet at the pavilion after 5:30 Mass! Before we meet again, please register your teen for the year by filling out our google form on our web page at saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd, [Online Registration](#).

It includes getting them registered for confirmation!

Contact Kaitlynn Claret at 228 236-4899 or
youthministry@saintthomaslb.org

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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Please consider sharing your gift of music by serving in the St. Thomas Music

Ministry! The music ministry is a loving, friendly group of varying musical ability, who love serving God and are dedicated to giving the best of themselves. We have an empty chair just waiting to be filled by you!

Here are some opportunities in music ministry:

LITURGICAL CHOIR

Liturgical Choir ensembles sing at the 4pm Sat. and 9am and 11:30am Sun. Masses, as well as for special liturgical events and feast days. Rehearsals are generally Thursdays at 5:45pm. Folks of all ages and all levels of musicianship are welcome to participate!

ST. THOMAS FAMILY SINGERS

This is an opportunity for you and your child or grandchild to sing together at Mass in the choir!

Currently we have seven families participating, 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!

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Are you an instrumentalist? Guitar, fiddle, saxophone, flute, trumpet, drums, bass, keyboard, and all other flavors of melodious and harmonious sound are welcome!

LIFETEEN CHOIR

Our Lifeteen choir brings contemporary praise music to Sunday 5:30pm Lifeteen Masses and some feast days. Rehearsals are Sun. 4-5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Tim Raborn at tim@raborn.org. Limited openings: placement Audition required.

WHAT ELSE?

There are other ways to be involved! 1) singing seasonally and for special events, 2) cantoring/song leading, 3) operating the sound board, 4) helping with the music library, 5) assisting with youth music.

**Benefits of the music ministry are
Joy in making music, Joy in serving God,
and a great group of friends!**

Contact Lauren Hymel at music@saintthomaslb.org or call the parish office at 228-863-1610.

Prayer is Powerful. Please Pray with Us

St Thomas has a very active Prayer Chain. 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. Please include first and last name.



Rebekah Arrington, Terry Barnes, Tammy Bates, John Casey, Rowan Dumont, Dr. Tommy Favre, Richard Fleming, Crystal Johnson Glover, Erin, Natilie, and Baby Rowan Goulet, Cindy Granger, Ron Gross, Eleanor Lipski, Michelle Logan, Judy Milligan, Patty Moore, Corrie Paternoster, Katie Perez, Jane Prescott, Josie Sandoz, Phyllis Seal, Elaine Thibodeaux, Paula Helwick Vondenstein

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



Mon	Aug 21	8:30 am	
Tue	Aug 22	8:30 am	+Rev. Fr. Paul Oredipe
Wed	Aug 23	8:30 am	Mike & Barbara Halai
Thu	Aug 24	8:30 am	+Earlene Selensky
Fri	Aug 25	6:30 am	Bob McCummins
Sat	Aug 26	4:00 pm	+Teresa Remiszewska
Sun	Aug 27	7:30 am	
		9:00 am	The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
		11:30 am	Jay Levens
		5:30 pm	

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane Season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.



Mon	Aug 21	Father Joe Uko
Tue	Aug 22	Father Adam Urbaniak
Wed	Aug 23	Father Peter Varghese C.M.I.
Thu	Aug 24	Father Khoa Phi Vo
Fri	Aug 25	Father Marcin Wiktor
Sat	Aug 26	For Priest & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School
Sun	Aug 27	For Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers, & Deacons



+John Cox
+Nobilyn "Bing" Marat
+Robert Neale
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+Michell Strahan
+Mildred Ruiz Villatoro



Eucharistic Adoration:
Spending time with Jesus

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do' . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply." ~St. Catherine Labouré

St Thomas Church is open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Wednesdays for you to have some quiet time with the Lord. Spend 5 minutes, 15 minutes or an hour with Him. Just relax and be in God's presence. So many of us are rushing around and we don't find time to just relax and be. Open to everyone. Please join us in letting Jesus know we love Him and are anxious to spend time with Him.

PRIEST MASS ASSIGNMENT						
August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27
8:30am Fr. Satish	8:30am Fr. Satish	8:30am Fr. Satish	8:30am Fr. Satish	6:30am Fr. Satish	4:00pm Fr. Satish	7:30am Fr Satish 9:00am Fr Satish 11:30am Fr Satish 5:30pm Fr Satish

YOUTH PAGE



ATTENTION TALENTED TEENS!

We are looking for talented teens, in 7th grade and up, to serve in our music ministry youth praise ensemble!! Are you a singer, piano/keyboardist, guitarist, percussionist, or other instrumentalist? Would you like to be? Being a part of the music ministry youth praise ensemble is a great way to develop and share your talent in service to God! Rehearsals will be once a week in accordance with the schedule of the majority of those participating. The group will prepare to sing for Masses and youth events as needed. Please contact Lauren Hymel at music@saintthomaslb.org for more information.



ATTENTION!

The St. Thomas Children's Bell choir will begin rehearsals soon! All children ages 7 – 12 are invited to participate – no experience necessary! The bell choir will rehearse on Mondays from 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm in the church – we will perform at Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested, contact Tyler Brandon by email at music2@saintthomaslb.org.



We are so grateful for our altar servers and would like to recruit more! On Saturday, September 9 at 9am, all current altar servers and prospective altar servers in 4th grade and up should plan to attend our fall altar server training, which will begin with breakfast in the community center, compliments of the Knights of Columbus. This is important, because we have some new things to teach you! Please email altarserver@saintthomaslb.org to confirm your participation or for more information.



Cindy Waguespack will be leading music at our School of Religious Education, teaching hymns and songs of praise to our 3-5th graders in preparation for SRE Family Masses in December and May. Children will also be taught songs to help them learn the teachings of the church. It is our hope that all of our young people are aware of the importance of full, conscious, and active participation at Mass.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus met a woman who had amazing faith. She was brave. She was loud. She did not care what anybody else thought. Jesus was the Savior, and she knew he could heal her daughter. Jesus can help you with any problem you have, too. Be brave. Keep asking Jesus for help. God is strong. He can do anything.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to be brave. I know you can do anything.

Something to Draw

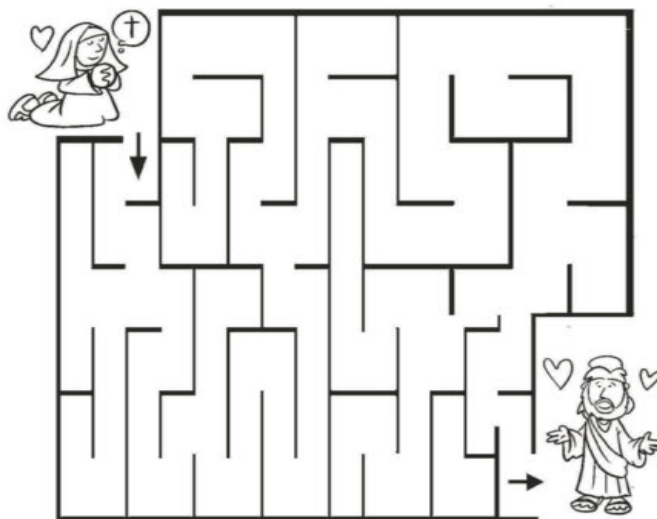
Draw a picture of the brave woman asking Jesus for help.

Mission for the Week

If you know someone who is sick, be brave and pray about it. Jesus can do anything. ©LPi



Help this woman find Jesus.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading: For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel: Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X, Pope
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to "foreigners" (nations other than Israel) for God's covenant with Israel is intended for all people. How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

Second Reading: Paul believed that Israel's rejection of Jesus became a vehicle for God to reveal his mercy to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and forgiveness?

Gospel: Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by granting the woman's request to heal her daughter. Who would you say has helped you grow in your faith?

LIVE THE LITURGY

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.

Dear Lord,
Your love knows no bounds, your compassion no borders.
Your mercy extends to all people and places.
Form our hearts after yours.
Help us to open our doors, our minds,
and ourselves to others.
In the discomfort, be with us.
Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir

God is calling—How will you answer?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait, just as he does, for our response.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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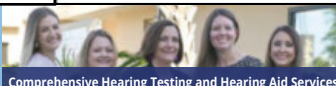
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