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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

Nativity Cathedral 8 am Daily and 11 am Sun nativitybvmcathedral.org

Confession

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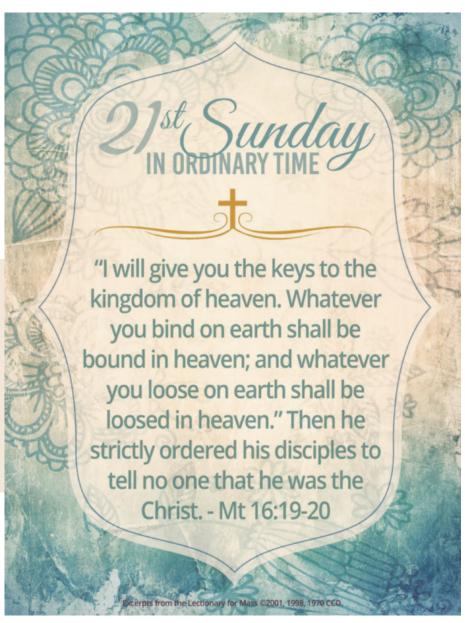
Our Mission Statement

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., 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

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OUR YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU



Mark your calendars for September 10th! Lifeteen is back and it's time to begin organizing our Lifeteen dinners. With around 70 people to feed every Sunday, our nights conclude with fellowship over a meal, a crucial aspect of our ministry. This is an excellent chance for you to serve our teens for just

one night. Get together with a friend, your bible study group, your quad, or your family and prepare a meal for our teens. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference!

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PRIEST MASS ASSIGNMENT							
August 29 August 30		August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3	
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 Vincent	
						5:30pm Fr Vincent	

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 Éducation Center Holy Hour in the Church

Please RSVP with a count of attendees by 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



Registration open School of Religious Education Grades PreK through 5th Grade. Complete the registration form at saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd 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 be 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



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.

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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.

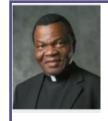


Rebekah Arrington, Gary Carver, Chandler Dedeaux, Rowan Dumont, Dr. Tommy Favre, Richard Fleming, Crystal Johnson Glover, Erin, Natilie, and Baby Rowan Goulet, Cindy Granger, Ron Gross, Patty Moore, Corrie Paternoster, Katie Perez, Phyllis Seal, Sherry Selley, Shellie Smith, Elaine Thibodeaux, Paula Helwick Vondenstein, Charlotte West ... and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

Mass Intentions

> Pray for Our Clergy

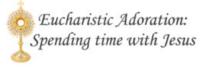
Mon	Aug 28	8:30 am	Sue Hoffman Rosemary Gremillion	Mon	Aug 28	+Bishop Joseph Howze +Bishop Roger Morin
Tue Wed	Aug 29 Aug 30	8:30 am 8:30 am	+Dr. Louis & +Harnetha Maxey +Irma Ladner	Tue	Aug 29	For Our Deacons & Diaconate Candidates
Thu	Aug 31	8:30 am	Jenny Levens			& Those Discerning
Fri	Sep 01	6:30 am	+Florence & +Matthew Ajayi	Wed	Aug 30	For Our Seminarians
Sat	Sep 02	4:00 pm	+Lois Garnett	Thu	Aug 31	Father Satish Adhav
			+Steve Bosarge			Father Vincent Ajayi
Sun	Sep 03	7:30 am		Fri	Sept 01	Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III
		9:00 am	The people of St. Thomas Parish	Sat	Sept 02	For An Increase In Vocations
			and Long Beach	Sun	Sept 03	Pope Francis
		11:30 am				
		5:30 pm				





+Father John Ugochukwu beloved Chaplain at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport +Michael Gilmore

Dear Lord. Guide and direct the Holy Father, our bishop, our pastor, and those who minister in your name. Give us the grace to boldly proclaim, "You are the Christ!" Amen.



Oh Mary! Teach us the life of adoration. Teach us to see, as you did, all the mysteries and all the graces in the Eucharist; to live over again the Gospel story and Spending time with Jesus to read it in the light of the Eucharistic life of Jesus. Remember, Oh our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, you are the Mother of all adorers of the Holy Eucharist. ~ St Peter Julien Eymard

Meditate on the first time Mary received the Eucharist. What was that like for her?

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.



Good Shepherd Showcase is open after all masses this weekend

September 2nd and 3rd. Please stop by to find that perfect religious gift for your favorite person.





We ask Mary our Mother to join with us in praying that God will protect us and our neighbors from the dangers and ravages of storms during this hurricane season. We pray to the Lord. Amen



The office will be closed September 4, 2023

YOUTH PAGE



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.



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.

Sharing the Gospel

God had sent great prophets to his people. Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God's people to love each other. But God's people would not listen. That is why God sent his Son Jesus to be your Savior. With Jesus' help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to heaven.

Praver

God, I thank you for sending your Son, Jesus to be my Savior.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus in heaven, holding out his hand to you.

Mission for the Week

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family. — Father John Muir

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading: For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)
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Special Study - Today Only 1:00 to 2:30 the Religious Education Center.

How many books are there in the Catholic bible, and where do they come from? Has the Church added books? Do we have the right books? Is a "Catholic Bible" different from another Christian bible? What does the Pope say about reading the Bible? And what if the Pope and the Bible disagree? Or can they disagree? Join us today, August 27th, for a quick, one day only, study as we look at these questions and others.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Sunday:

Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a

and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/ Wednesday:

Mt 23:27-32

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and Thursday:

17/Mt 24:42-51

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/ Friday:

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30 Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/

Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

The Passion of St. John the Baptist Tuesday:

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday:

Live the Liturgy

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

God is calling-How will you answer?

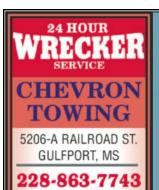
The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

- Tracy Earl Welliver **©LPi**



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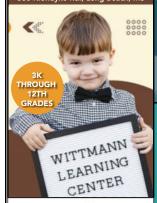
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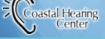
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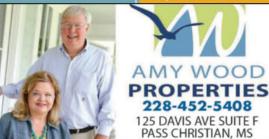
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