



September 10, 2023

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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### Mass Schedule

**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](http://nativitybvmcathedral.org)

### Confession

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

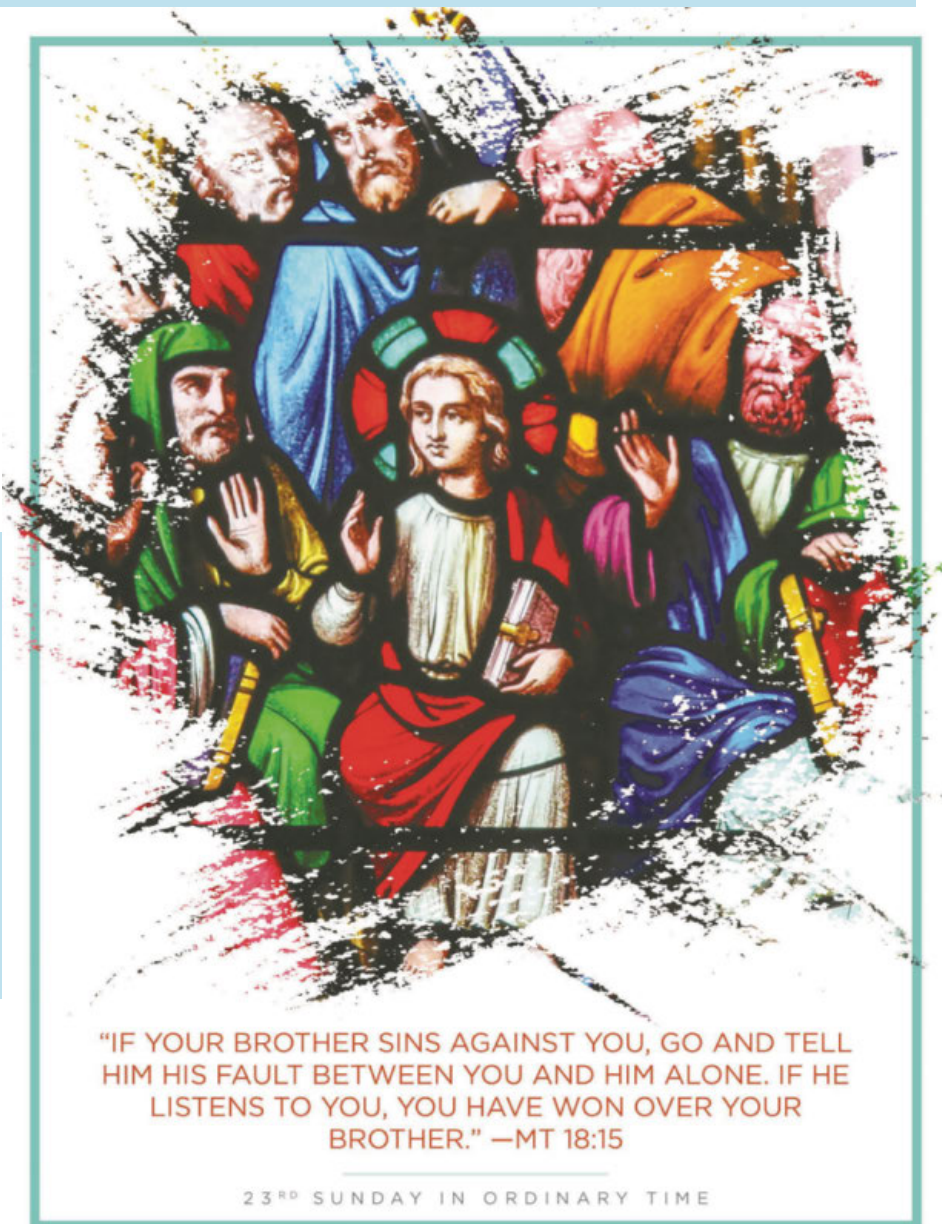
### Our Mission Statement

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](http://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...



## Contact Information

**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](mailto:psuehoffman@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

**BELL CHOIR** - Contact Tyler Brandon 228-424-2970 [music2@saintthomaslb.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Wednesday, 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, 9am - 4pm

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### COLLECTION

August 26 & 27

Regular collections	\$6,832.00
ACH giving	\$1,415.00
E-giving	\$1,015.00
Building Fund	\$4,639.06

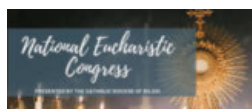


### CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS AND TRUCKERS

September 16-17, 2023

The Center for International Seamen and Truckers provides services to the longshoremen and truckers involved with the ship cargo at the Port of Gulfport. Some of the men are from foreign countries – they are away from home and family for long periods of time. The Center provides spiritual support in the way of DVD's and Bibles in the native languages; they also provide transportation and personal hygiene items.

If your son/husband/uncle was docked on a ship in a foreign country, it would mean so much to them to be able to attend church, to read Scripture, to call home, and to have a little extra treat while they are away from home. This is a true outreach mission. Please be generous as you consider a gift to fund the work of the Center.



Join 80,000 other Catholics at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress on July 17th - 21st, 2024.

Enjoy this 5 day event full of prayer, conversation, fellowship, and healing. The diocese only has a limited number of tickets. If you are interested, you will want to register soon. For additional information and travel packages, go to <https://caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour> or email Paula Spears at [eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com](mailto:eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com)

Individuals or families who want to attend apart from the Cara Group Travel package can register at [eucharisticcongress.org/register-standard](https://eucharisticcongress.org/register-standard) Standard passes are \$299-\$375 for Adults and \$99 for Children (Ages 2-18) traveling with their family. General registration includes entry to Lucas Oil Stadium for all five days of the Congress, access to general sessions, breakouts, liturgies, vendor hall, Catholic makers market, and unique tracks. but do not include travel, lodging and meals.

### PRIEST MASS ASSIGNMENT

September 11	September 12	September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17
8:30am Fr. Vincent	8:30am Fr. Satish	8:30am Fr. Satish	8:30am Fr. Vincent	6:30am Fr. Satish 8:30am SVdP School Fr. Vincent	4:00pm Fr. Satish	7:30am Fr Vincent 9:00am Fr Satish 11:30am Fr Vincent 5:30pm Fr Satish



## 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

### To all parents of children

#### 3 yrs to 5th grade

#### **SRE STARTS TODAY.**



First of all, thank you for bringing your children to class every Sunday. There are plenty of other ways to spend a Sunday morning, but all our catechists pray that the time spent in SRE will lay the foundation for a long term relationship with Christ for your child.

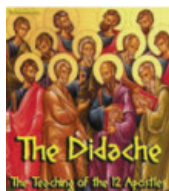
Your children are God's creatures, and have an innate longing to know their Creator. We were meant to worship God. "Our hearts are restless," St Augustine wrote, "until they rest in Jesus." If they are not taught how to worship God, your children will eventually find something else to worship instead, and their hearts will never find the rest that Christ calls them to. Your children want to worship God. They are aching for the chance. Still young and unscathed by the world, they can recognize the truth when it's set in front of them. They want to learn about Him. They want to love Him. They want to worship Him.

It is a delight to have your children with us on Sundays. It is a delight to see them go home happy and excited. It is a delight to help them in their relationship with Christ.

God Bless you and your family.

From the Catechists at St Thomas Parish.

### **The Didache** **A Glimpse into the Life of Early Christians**



Dating back to Apostolic times, and lost for centuries, the Didache provides guidance to early Christians on how to live their new faith. How to pray? How to Baptize? What to believe? How to tell a real apostle from a false one? In this Quick Study, we will use this document to shed light on the world that the Apostles created.

Bible Quick Study. One Day Only.

Sunday, September 24,

1pm to 2:30pm

Religious Education Center



### **OUR YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU**

Become a part of this opportunity to make a positive impact! Lifeteen is back, and it's time to organize 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, bible study group, quad, or family and prepare a meal for our teens.

[www.signupgenius.com/](http://www.signupgenius.com/)

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### **ANNUAL MESSY GAMES KICK OFF**

Lifeteen and Edge begins on this Sunday with our annual messy games kick off. Make sure your teen comes dressed to get dirty and brings a towel!

Meet at the pavilion after 5:30 Mass!

Please register your teen for the year at

[saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd](http://saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd), [Online Registration](#).

This includes getting registered for confirmation!

Contact Kaitlynn Claret at 228-236-4899 or

[youthministry@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:youthministry@saintthomaslb.org)

**Lifeteen and edge are still selling shirts and sweatshirts!**

**Get your orders to the parish office by  
September 23rd!**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> – Fit for a King** - The goal of "Fit for a King" is for teens to understand Jesus Christ as the long-awaited Messiah who came to save us and establish His Kingdom on earth.

### **The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Supports Our Special Needs Parishioners**

#### **The Tabitha & de L'Epeé Deaf Center**

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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](mailto:prayer@saintthomaslb.org) or you may call the office. Please include first and last name.



*Jere Anthony, Rebekah Arrington, Elizabeth Cardella, Gary Carver, Chandler Dedeaux, Dr. Tommy Favre, Gayle Frings, Ron Gross, Donna Hutchings, Bob McCummins, Patty Moore, Corrie Paternostro, Phyllis Seal, Sherry Selley, Shellie Smith, Elaine Thibodeaux, Charlotte West*

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



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Mildred Ruiz Villatoro
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Irma Ladner
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	+Lisa Vancourt
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	+Clara & +J.C. Landry
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sept 17</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	
		<b>9:00 am</b>	The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
		<b>11:30 am</b>	+Abraham Kassis
			+ Gary Henzen
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	+Domonic Avery



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sept 11</b>	<i>Father Hyginus Boboh SSJ</i>
		<i>Father Tommy Conway</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Sept 12</b>	<i>Father Ruben Covos</i>
		<i>Father Arockia Doss, I.V.D</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sept 13</b>	<i>Msgr. Dominick Fullam</i>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Sept 14</b>	<i>Father Martin Gillespie</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>	<i>Father Tomaz Golab</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>	<i>Father Rofinus Jas S.V.D.</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sept 17</b>	<i>Father Ignacio Jimenez- Morales</i>



### **Holy Hour of Exposition and Adoration**

In observance of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, meant to rededicate the entire nation to the Eucharistic Jesus, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thomas the Apostle Conference, invites all our parishioners to spend a Holy Hour with Jesus.

September 16, 2023 11:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Refreshments to follow in the Community Center.

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth.*

*~St. Teresa of Calcutta*



*God our Father, You set the earth on its foundation.  
Keep us safe from the danger of  
hurricanes and storms  
and let us always feel the presence of your love.  
May we be secure in your protection and  
serve You with grateful hearts.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.  
Amen*

### **Healing Mass**

**Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church**  
**Friday, September 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM**  
**Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,**  
**216 Saucier Ave.**  
**Pass Christian, MS. 39571**

### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Join your St. Thomas family  
for breakfast and fellowship.  
Sunday September 17, 2023  
8am – 11am  
\$8.00 a plate



### **Prayer for Grandparents**

Dear Lord,  
What a beloved idea you had with grandparents,  
relationships of care and support that bridge generations.  
Bless those in this role today, biological or beyond,  
all those who care for little ones with patience, wisdom,  
and love.  
St. Anne and St. Joachim pray for us!  
Amen.

## Gospel Meditation

### September 10, 2023, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you?

And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— *Father John Muir*

### Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents' Day  
Monday: Patriot Day  
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Saturday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs  
Next Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday

### Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/  
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
Monday: Col 1:24 - 2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/  
Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,  
11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/  
Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30 - 28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-  
12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

### Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11



God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient. Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon. Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid. We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

### Questions of the week

**First Reading:** The Lord teaches Ezekiel that he is personally responsible to be faithful to the prophetic words given to him. How could you show others that you take your faith seriously?

**Second Reading:** Paul taught that *love* (loving one's neighbor) is the fulfillment of the law God gave to Israel. What do you think is most challenging to this seemingly simple command to love one another?

**Gospel:** Jesus taught his disciples to make every effort possible to be reconciled with someone who has wronged you. Is reconciliation a high priority for you?

### First United Methodist Church of Gulfport

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### GRIEF RECOVERY WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 NOVEMBER 16, 2023

TO REGISTER CALL: 228.341.0889 OR 228.806.0851  
This is a structured program for anyone dealing with the emotional pain that follows the death of a loved one. In addition to hearing speakers, participants share their loss experience and talk about grief issues with the goal of putting their lives back together.

### BROKEN RAINBOW FOR CHILDREN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 NOVEMBER 16, 2023

TO REGISTER CALL: 504.329.5820

This is a program for children who are having difficulty coping with a divorce or death in their family. This program is suitable for ages 6-11. Children of Divorce or Grief Recovery participants may attend Broken Rainbow at no cost.

All workshops will meet at 7 pm on Thursday nights in the Education Building of FUMC located at 2301 15th Street (corner of 23rd Avenue) in downtown Gulfport.

The workshop fee is \$30. Scholarships available for those unable to pay.

### LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.



## 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!

### YOUTH PRAISE ENSEMBLE

7th grade and up. Are you a singer, piano/keyboardist, guitarist, percussionist, or other instrumentalist? Would you like to be? 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.

### THE LIFE TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY

We are looking for experienced musicians and singers for the Sunday evening Life Teen Mass. We are currently in need of a guitarist, bassist, and male vocalists (other instruments such as, but not limited to flute, saxophone, cello, etc will also be considered). We rehearse at 4:15pm each week prior to the 5:30pm Mass. We are also in need of a soundboard operator for the Life Teen Mass. Training for the soundboard will be provided. Please contact Tim Raborn at [Tim@Raborn.org](mailto:Tim@Raborn.org) or 228-255-6428 for more information.

### THE ST. THOMAS CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

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 [mu-sic2@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:mu-sic2@saintthomaslb.org).

### 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](mailto:music@saintthomaslb.org) or call the parish office at [228-863-1610](tel:228-863-1610).

## Sharing the Gospel

God created the whole universe, and God made you. When you mess up, God is there to save you. God doesn't want anyone to get hurt by sin. That's why he sent Jesus. He wants everyone to come to heaven, including you.

### Prayer

God, thank you for saving me from my sins.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you up, after you have fallen.

### Mission for the Week

When you catch yourself doing something wrong, stop. Ask Jesus to help you.



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## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Moses  
perish  
loved

lifted  
save  
heaven

snake  
world  
desert

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M o s e s

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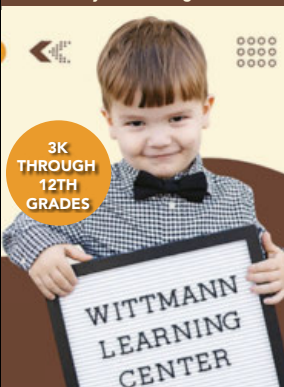
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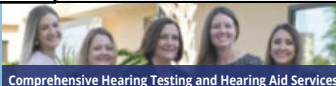
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