

October 8 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!

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time





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 every other month before and after all masses. By appointment. Call Bitsy (228) 669-3750 or Darlene (404) 630-6624 or email [svdp.member@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:svdp.member@saintthomaslb.org)

**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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## Second Collection

October 21 & 22

World Mission Sunday, the annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on October 22 this year. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the support of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

### Income Received

Sept. 23 & 24

ACH (electronic draft)	\$1,415.00
E-giving	\$955.00
Regular Collection	\$7,961.00
Building Repair Fund	\$1891.00
Insurance & Utilities	\$80.00
SRE registration	\$80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,382.00</b>

Electronic Draft Authorization forms are available in the back of the church or in the office.

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity



Lunchkins  
Please join us for  
Lunch and Fellowship  
October 11, 2023, 11:30am  
Bring your favorite dish

### PRIEST MASS ASSIGNMENT

October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12	October 13	October 14	October 15
8:30am Fr Vincent	8:30am Fr Satish	8:30am Fr Satish	8:30am Fr Vincent	6:30am Fr Satish	4:00pm Fr Bosco	7:30am Fr Vincent 9:00am Fr Bosco 11:30am Fr Satish 5:30pm Fr Satish

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 8, 2023 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir

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### Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday:	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. John XXIII, Pope
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Next Sunday:	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:12-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

##### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God's anger with Israel. How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?

##### Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude are keys to settling our anxious hearts and minds. What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul's advice could help?

##### Gospel:

In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment. How well do you accept legitimate criticism? ©LPi



**Question:** What does an anchor symbolize in Catholicism?

**Answer:** An anchor symbolizes hope.

### LIVE THE LITURGY

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day.

#### Prayer when Persecuted

Dear Lord,  
When we encounter those who disrespect our faith at school, at work, in our communities, give to us Your grace.  
Root Your truth deeply into our hearts, so that we can speak and act and rest in You.  
Amen.

O Heavenly Father,  
all the elements of nature obey your Command.  
Calm the storms that threaten us  
and turn our fear into praise for your goodness.  
Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.  
We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen



## SAVE THE DATE - Taste of St. Thomas - Christmas Edition December 9, 2023 - more information to come.



### LADIES, SAVE THE DATE..

November 9-12, 2023. You are invited to an ACTS Women's retreat at the peaceful setting of Camp Wilkes overlooking the Bay in Biloxi.

A perfect time to prepare for the Liturgical season of Advent! A time for you and your relationship with **OUR AWESOME GOD!**

### ALTAR SOCIETY LINEN SCHEDULE



We are looking for volunteers to help care for the liturgical linens. We are making the 2024 Linen Schedule now. Is God calling you for this ministry? Please contact Dee McKenna at

228 863-1610 or [secretary@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:secretary@saintthomaslb.org)

## The Silver Rose Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Celebration

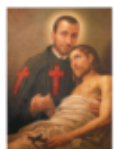
On Thursday evening, October 26, 2023, the Silver Rose Pilgrimage will make its way to Pass Christian, MS. Our Diocese will come together for a Rosary Service and Mass celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe at Holy Family Parish in Pass Christian, MS. The Rosary service will begin at 6:15pm and a Special Mass led by The Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman III, Bishop of Biloxi, and concelebrated by our Priests and Deacons of the Diocese, will begin at 7pm



### Red Mass of the Legal Profession

Bishop Kihneman invites all members of the legal profession to attend the annual Red Mass on October 15, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Judges are invited to robe and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for the Mass, you are asked to RSVP by emailing [rsvp@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:rsvp@biloxidiocese.org), visiting <https://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp>, or calling 228-702-2100.

The Red Mass, a historical tradition in the Catholic Church, is an ecumenical event in that it is intended to bless the entire judiciary, members of the bar, lawmakers, and elected officials for the coming year. Immediately following there will be a reception in the Sacred Heart Center. This year Judge Leslie Southwick of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will be speaking.



### White Mass of the Healthcare Profession

Bishop Kihneman will recognize and bless members of the medical community at our annual diocesan White Mass on Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants are invited to wear their white coats and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for Mass, please RSVP by emailing [rsvp@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:rsvp@biloxidiocese.org), visiting <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/white-mass-rsvp>, or calling 228-702-2100.



**October 8<sup>th</sup> – Heart Healthy-** The goal of “Heart Healthy” is for teens to understand that Jesus Christ reveals God’s compassion and love for all, especially the outcast, the hurting, the unloved, and those seen as “less” in the eyes of the world.

**October 15<sup>th</sup> – Sacramentally Delicious-** The goal of “Sacramentally Delicious” is for teens to understand Jesus Christ’s identity and presence as God revealed through His signs and wonders and, eventually, within the sacraments.

### SEVEN SISTER APOSTOLATE



A Seven Sister Apostolate member commits to praying for her priest one Holy Hour once a week. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament - either in an adoration chapel or in front of a tabernacle; however, this Holy Hour can be prayed at any time any where. In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole church. If this message speaks to your heart, contact Dottie Goad at [degoad@myqth.us](mailto:degoad@myqth.us)



### Is GOD CALLING YOU

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as a PERMANENT DEACON  
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Information sessions:  
October 14, 8am-1pm,  
at St. Mary's, Gautier

Contact your Pastor or Deacon for more information or call Deacon Mike Harris, director  
Office of the Permanent Diaconate at the Diocese of Biloxi  
at 228-342-1536

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Join your St. Thomas family  
for breakfast and fellowship.  
Sunday October 15, 2023  
8am – 11am  
\$8.00 a plate

### ***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.



*Baby Bindi & Mother Michelle, Baby Inmon, Kevin, Rebekah Arrington, Ken Baker, Alan Barcelona, Darlene Barry, Joe Blake, Gary Carver, Fr. Tommy Conway, Kerra Cox, Dr. Tommy Favre, Terri Favre, June Gautier, Gary Goad, Ron Gross, Roderick Latta, Bob McCummins, Bernard Papania, Elaine Thibodeaux*

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



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+John Sr. & +Patricia Simmons +Harold Barnes & Anthony
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Bing Marat
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Mary Ball
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	Melinda Dubuison
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	+Mari Bactad +Michael Gilmore, Sr.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	+ Bernadette Levens-Tolson + Sr. Mary Anne O'Brien
		<b>9:00 am</b>	The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
		<b>11:30 am</b>	+Clara & +J.C. Landry +Mari Bactad
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	+Mari Bactad



#### **The Better We Know Mary, the Better We Will Know Her Son**

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Saturday, October 21 - November 11, 2023

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Sacred Heart Church

10046 LeMoyne Blvd, D'Iberville, MS

Location: Aquinas Hall (West side of Church-look for signs)



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Oct 9</b>	<i>Father Dominic Vu Xuan Pham</i>
		<i>Father Thang John Pham</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<i>Father Tomasz Powroźnik</i>
		<i>Father Ken Ramon- Landry</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<i>Father Bosco Puthiyakunnel</i>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>	<i>Father Mark Ropel</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>	<i>Father Alwin Samy</i>
		<i>Father Jacob Smith OFM</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 14</b>	<i>Father James Smith</i>
		<i>Father Mike Snyder</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<i>Father Michael Somers</i>



*Resting in heavenly peace*

*Ann Edwards*  
*Faye Walker*

#### **BABY BOTTLE BOUNCE TO AID SINGLE MOMS**



In the month of October, the local council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Baby Bottle Bounce fund drive to support the work of Morning Star Pregnancy Care

Center. The Knights acquired plastic baby bottles which are handed out among parishioners. Church goers are asked to fill the bottles with change, cash or checks over a several-week period during October, and return them to the church before the end of the month.

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 2 million members. What it means to be a Knight is spelled out in their motto: "We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first."

To learn more about Knight membership, go to [K of C LINK](http://KofC LINK) Any practicing male Catholic, 18 and older can apply.





## SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

The Catholic Church is absolutely committed to the safety of our children. All staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults undergo background checks and receive training to provide a safe environment for our children. The Bishop requires that all parish youth ministries and religious education programs conduct safe environment presentations to all young people from pre-kindergarten through high school on an annual basis during October.

Bishop Kihneman writes: “**The purpose of the program is to explain to young people that they have a dignity as children of God; that they must respect their own dignity and the dignity of others; and that there are appropriate ways of touching one another.**”

SRE Safe Environment classes for children in grades Pre-K through 5th will be held the morning of October 15th.



## CALLING TALENTED TEENS!

We are looking for talented teens in 7th & 8th grade to serve in our music ministry youth praise ensemble. This is a great way to develop musical skills and serve God with your gifts, leading music at Masses and youth events. Please contact Lauren Hymel for more information, [music@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:music@saintthomaslb.org).

# Kids Corner



## SHARING THE GOSPEL

You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.

## PRAYER

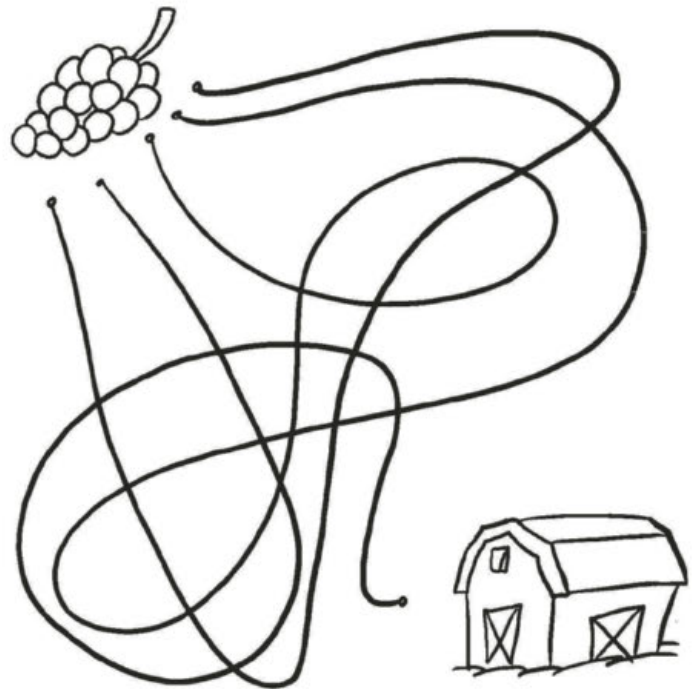
Dear God, help me to take care of your world and love the people around me.

## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself picking up your room.

## PUZZLE

Help the grapes find their way home



## MISSON

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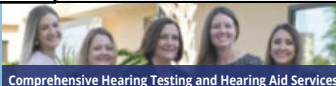
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