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## 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 [nativitybyvmcathedral.org](http://nativitybyvmcathedral.org)

### Confession

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

### Our Mission Statement

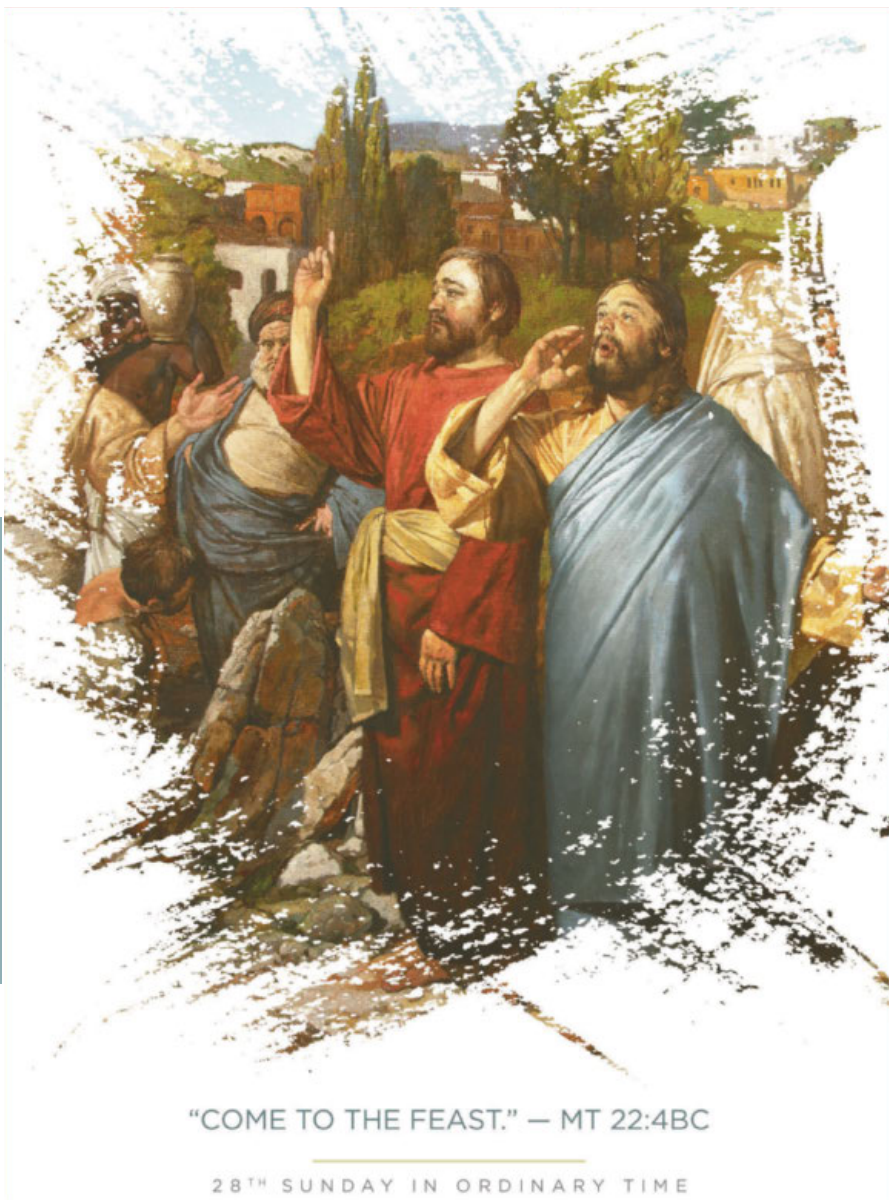
The people of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Long Beach form a community of faith dedicated to Catholic teaching and tradition. We welcome God's children of all ages to worship with us.

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!



"COME TO THE FEAST." — MT 22:4BC

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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](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.



**Second Collection**  
**Sunday, October 29**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Income	Sept. 30 & 01
ACH (electronic draft)	\$8,055.00
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Building Repair Fund	\$1,454.00
Insurance & Utilities	\$4,458.00
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Electronic Draft Authorization forms are available in the back of the church or in the office.

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### Healing Mass

**Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church**

**Friday, October 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM**

**Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,**

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### PRIEST MASS ASSIGNMENT

October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22
8:30am Fr Satish	8:30am Fr Satish	8:30am Fr Satish	8:30am Fr Satish	6:30am Fr Satish 8:30am SVdP School Fr Satish	4:00pm Fr Satish	7:30am Fr Satish 9:00am Fr Satish 11:30am Fr Vincent 5:30pm Fr Vincent



## Parish Family Breakfast



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
Join YOUR St. Thomas Family  
for breakfast and fellowship.  
Today, October 15, 2023  
8am – 11am  
\$8.00 a plate

## LADIES, SAVE THE DATE..

November 9-12, 2023

You are invited to an ACTS Women's  
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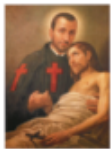
A time for you and your relationship with  
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## The Silver Rose Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Celebration



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



## 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.

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## 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)



**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Begin at the End-** The goal of “Begin at the End” is for teens to understand why God humbled Himself in choosing to come to us and remain with us sacramentally in the Eucharist.

## 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).

## FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS



The USM Civic Chorale will be hosting the Festival of Choirs at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church on **Tuesday, October 17th, 2023**. High schools and junior college choirs across the coast, as well as the USM Civic Chorale Gulf Park, will sing individually and then together in one gigantic choir.

**The concert begins at 7pm.**

All are invited.



## KC ladies meeting

Thursday October 19, 7 pm

Important events to plan!

Please plan to attend!

## CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING



We will have a confirmation parent meeting on October 25th at 6 p.m. The meeting is for parents of teens who will be confirmed this year. At least one parent/guardian must attend. Teens are also welcome but not required.

### ***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, Angela Boyd, Gary Carver, Fr. Tommy Conway, Kerra Cox, Terri Favre, June Gautier, Gary Goad, Ron Gross, Lucia Istone, 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 16</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+ Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Jeff Scafide
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Bob Neale
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Mary Ball
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	+Michelle Strahan +Frank LaRosa
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Anniston Brown +Abraham Kassiss
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	+ John French
		<b>9:00 am</b>	The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
		<b>11:30 am</b>	+Sr. Mary Anne O'Brien
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	

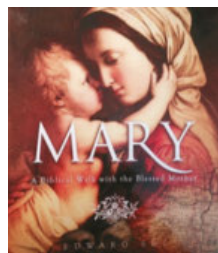


<b>Mon</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	Father S. Kennedy Soosa
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>	Father Emmanuel Subaar
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct 18</b>	Father Sebastian Thekkedath CMI
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Oct 19</b>	Father Anil Thomas SVD
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	Father Truong Q Trinh
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	Father Joe Uko
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	Father Adam Urbaniak



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### **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)

### **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 [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Any practicing male Catholic, 18 and older can apply.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 15, 2023

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

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir

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### Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

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  
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9  
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12  
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

### Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin  
Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr  
Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist  
Thursday: St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs  
Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

##### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

##### Second Reading:

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

##### Gospel:

Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?

#### Prayer for Joy

Dear Lord,

Fill us with your joy today.

Let our hearts overflow with thanks and praise  
for your goodness and grace in our lives.

Increase our trust in your providence,  
our assurance of your love,  
our awareness of your blessings.

Amen.

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He wants to share with each one of us, but we have to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.



### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Which clergymen are called by the ecclesiastical title "His Holiness"?

**Answer:** Popes only.



# Kids Corner



## SHARING THE GOSPEL

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!

## PRAYER

Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself at a party in heaven with God.

## PUZZLE

Unscamble the words from today's Gospel.

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servants	field	ready
guests	invited	business

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## Color

Read the Gospel of the week and color the picture.



## MISSION

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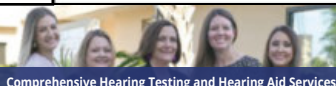
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