

November 19 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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/register-family-at-st-thomas-the-apostle and complete and submit a registration form. Paper forms can be found in the office or in the back of the church!



FAITHFUL



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

MATTHEW 25:21



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 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

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

Second Collection

November 18 & 19

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty.

This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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Sunday Dec 3, 2023

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Income

Nov 4 & 5

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Regular Collection

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Dear Lord,

We raise our thanks to You,
the giver of every good gift.

Thank You for the ways
You have blessed, guarded,
and guided us this past year and always.

Keep us in Your hands,
and close to Your heart.

Amen.

“Walking Through Advent with Mary”



Make Jesus your King & Mary your loving Mother this Advent
8:00 a.m. - Mass - Rev. Jacob Matthew Smith, O.F.M.
Prepare your heart for Jesus with Mary this Advent
9:00 a.m. - Meditative Rosary - Donna Bodin

Breakfast hosted by: The Knights of Columbus

Presentation by: Donna Bodin “Understanding the Gift of Mary, Her FIAT, her yes”

Guest Speaker: Donna Bodin a native of New Orleans, Donna has lead many pilgrimages to Medjugorje and Italy. During that time she developed a deep love for Our Lady. Donna will share how Mary’s FIAT, her yes to the divine will of God, can bring us into a richer relationship with Jesus Christ and a greater love for the Eucharist.

Featuring Music By: Karen Storehr & Cody Roth

RSVP to Terri Calhoun 228-671-8063 or

Michelle@stclare-catholic.com

Saturday December 2, 2023

St. Clare Catholic Church

236 Beach Blvd.

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Saint James



Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Jesus

Last Advent we began having Adoration on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 5:00. It has been very successful. The chapel is rearranged and is so conducive to prayer. Now we would like to expand our Adoration to include Fridays. It would be in the chapel from 7:00 to 5:00. We need two people signed up for each hour. Eight people have already signed up but we need many more. Please call or text Sue Hoffman at 228-313-0157 to sign up for the time slot you would like. Adoration is a wonderful way to spend a quiet hour with Jesus. You will reap many blessings



The Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be 9:00 a.m.

No Mass on Friday, November 24

Let us give thanks to our Lord, for he is Good.

We wish you a Safe and Blessed Holiday.



November 19th – Thanksgiving Break

November 26th – Advent Family Night

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



Mass Intentions

Mon	Nov 20	8:30 am	
Tue	Nov 21	8:30 am	✙ Melany Hamel
Wed	Nov 22	8:30 am	
Thu	Nov 23	9:00 am	✙ Hurd Gaddy
Fri	Nov 24	6:30 am	NO MASS
Sat	Nov 25	4:00 pm	✙ Hurd Gaddy
Sun	Nov 26	7:30 am	✙ Sr Mary Anne O'Brien
		9:00 am	✙ The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
		11:30 am	✙ Chuck Mink
		5:30 pm	

🍰 -Birthday ✙ -Deceased ❤️ -Healing 🔥 -Special intentions
👰 -Wedding Anniversary 🎓 -Ordination Anniversary



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, November 21, 2023

As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Pray For Our Clergy

Mon	Nov 20	Fr Piotr Kmiecik Fr Bartosz Kunat
Tue	Nov 21	Fr Michael Marascalco
Wed	Nov 22	Msgr. John McGrath
Thu	Nov 23	Fr David Milton, H.G.N Fr Ryan McCoy
Fri	Nov 24	Fr Henry McInerney Fr Paddy Mockler
Sat	Nov 25	Our Seminarians
Sun	Nov 26	Priest & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School



Priest Mass Assignments

Sunday	November 19	7:30 am	Fr Satish
		9:00 am	Fr Satish
		11:30 am	Fr Vincent
		5:30 pm	Fr Vincent
Monday	November 20	8:30 am	Fr Vincent
Tuesday	November 21	8:30 am	Fr Satish
Wednesday	November 22	8:30 am	Fr Satish
Thursday	November 23	9:00 am	Fr Vincent
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		9:00 am	Fr Vincent
		11:30 am	Fr Satish
		5:30 pm	Fr Satish



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Nov 29, Dec 6th, & Jan 4th, 6pm
Religious Education Center.
Please Join us.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LIVE THE LITURGY



God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

Second Reading: Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

Gospel: Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?

"Why do melons have to get married in a church?"



"Because they cantaloupe."



Catholic weddings take place in church buildings to emphasize the importance of the day and the sacredness of the occasion.

GOLP!

Catholic Trivia

Question: Of the apostles, who was the first to be martyred?

Find the answer somewhere in the bulletin

Last Weeks Catholic Trivia

Q: What is an official member of a church community or parish called?

A: A parishioner

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Saturday Dec 30th, 8:30 am until 2pm.

Pageant recreating the Journey of the Holy Family Saturday at 1pm

Register before Dec 18th so we can be ready to welcome your child!

No Registration Fee. Please provide pre-wrapped snacks and drinks.

For Further Information contact

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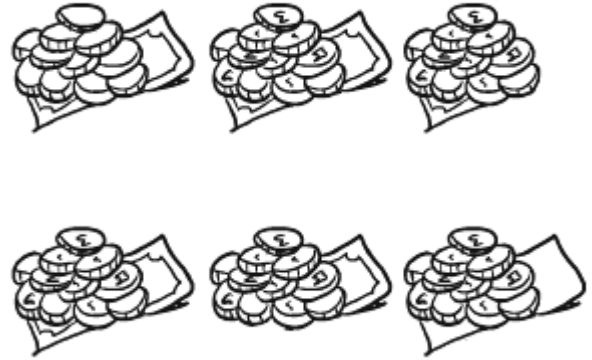


Kid's Corner



PUZZLE

Find the two that are the same.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, and he will fill your heart with joy.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself helping a younger child learn how to tie their shoes.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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PRAYER

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