



**January 28, 2024**  
**4th 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**

**Holy Days: Vigil Mass 6:30 pm, 8:30 am, 12:00 noon**

#### **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](http://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!



**In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"**  
**Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"**  
**The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.**  
**Mk1:23-26**



## Around Our Parish...

**ADORATION** - Wed, 9am-5pm & Fri, 7am-5:00pm  
**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 [svdvp.member@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:svdvp.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

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## NOTICE CONCERNING COLLECTIONS

The church greatly appreciates the support and generosity of all. However, during the offertory, it is important to use the special envelopes provided in the mail or in the pews for donations. These envelopes help with donation tracking and ensure that donations are identified correctly. It is not necessary to include your name and address on the envelopes.

If you prefer your donation to go towards a specific cause or special collection, please make sure to use the designated envelopes.

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. Your donations during the offertory are crucial for the ongoing work of the church community.

## NOTICE CONCERNING NEWSLETTER

Starting with February 17, 2024, our Sunday Bulletin will be published in-house, allowing us to provide you with more up-to-date information. As a result, the last newsletter will be emailed on February 9, 2024. If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please contact [bulletin@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:bulletin@saintthomaslb.org).



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Income	Jan 6-7	Jan 13-14
ACH (electronic draft)	\$8,290.00	\$1,525.00
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Pickle Jar	\$88.00	\$78.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,316.00</b>	<b>\$17,942.85</b>



As tax season is fast approaching, we want to ensure that you have all the necessary documents to complete your tax filing accurately and on time.

If you require a 2023 contribution tax statement for your records, simply send an email to Dee McKenna at

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## NO LUNCHKINS For Feburary





**JULY 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

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JULY 17-21

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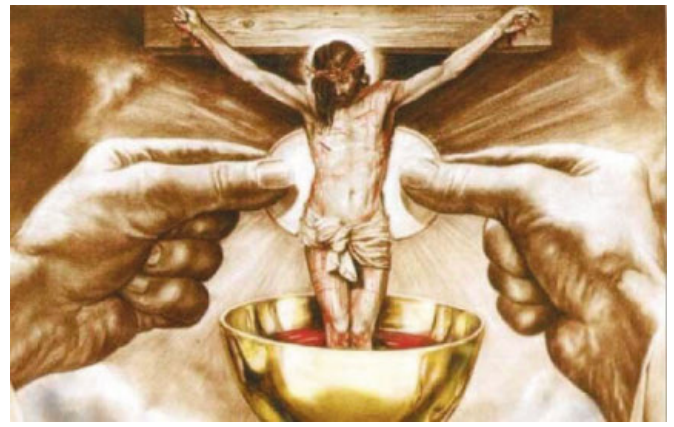
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Christ is born; the world rejoices! Here's another reason to rejoice: our sale has been extended through January 31. Continue to celebrate the coming of Christ and prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress this summer by getting your passes 10% off with code: **EMMANUEL**

Day passes will be released in only a few days, and when that happens, we expect the stadium will fill faster than ever before. If you've been planning to attend the full event, July 17-21, don't wait to secure your pass!

Go to [www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule) to see the updated schedule for the full Congress experience.

Register at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register> and don't forget to use code **EMMANUEL** at checkout to claim your discount. We will see you in Indianapolis!



**HOURLY OF GRACE  
A HEALING ENCOUNTER  
WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST  
AT NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL**

In connection with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, which St. Pope John Paul II designated as World Day of the Sick and in the Spirit of Eucharistic Revival, we will have Hour of Grace on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February (on the 15th) at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Through the power of prayer and the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we can experience healing and restoration.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Hour of Grace at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Let us come together and lift up our prayers for healing and restoration for the sick.



Blessing of the Jeeps was established 4 years ago as a fundraising event for St. Thomas Life Teen and Batman's LBMS Animal Foundation. This event is held at St. Thomas every April rain or shine. All monies, from registration fees, t-shirt sales, raffles etc. are split 50/50 between these two organizations. To register your jeep, purchase t-shirt or badges you can go online to <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../blessing-of-the-jeeps-ms...> If you do not have internet access you can contact Blessing of the Jeep at 228-806-7979 for more information. The St Thomas Life Teen group created this year's shirt design.

*We are accepting sponsorship. Look on the Blessing of the Jeeps-MS facebook page where you can view the sponsorship levels and contact information*





## Women's Cursillo Retreat

If you are looking to be refreshed in the spirit and given some valuable tools in living out your faith, please make plans to attend the Women's Cursillo Retreat Weekend February 15-18, 2024 in Dedeaux, MS (just north of Pass Christian).

To explain Cursillo to someone who has never experienced Cursillo it is, at best, difficult. Often, for those who have experienced Cursillo it is still somewhat mystifying. The reason behind the mystery is God. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special/unique way throughout the various elements of the Cursillo Movement.

Cursillo applications can be downloaded from the [saintthomaslb.org](http://saintthomaslb.org) website, [biloxicursillo.org](http://biloxicursillo.org) website, the Cursillo of South Mississippi Facebook page, or picked up in the back of the church or the church office.

For more information, contact  
Lauren Hymel [music@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:music@saintthomaslb.org) or  
Christine Ladner 228-216-0433.

Please turn in your completed application to Lauren, Christine or the church office as soon as possible!



## NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity BVM Cathedral announces the resumption of their Seventh Season of their Community Chorale: *Gloria In Excelsis*. The Community Choir program is open to any interested singers in the Diocese of Biloxi and the Greater Gulf Coast Area. The Chorale continues to rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm in the Youth Ministry Hall of the Sacred Heart Academy Center directly behind Nativity BVM Cathedral located at 870 Howard Avenue in Biloxi. The Spring 2024 Season works being prepared include John Stainer's *Crucifixion* and the annual Patriotic Concert featuring Randall Thompson's *Testament of Freedom*. These are major programs planned for this semester. The Chorale has also been invited to sing the *National Anthem* for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Veterans Cemetery in Biloxi and share a Patriotic Program at the National Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport in May. For more information, contact Terry Maddox at 251 406-1454 and/or [terrydalemaddox@gmail.com](mailto:terrydalemaddox@gmail.com)



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## MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Feb 2-4, 2024.

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Based on the scripture passage

"The appearance on the road to Emmaus" ~Luke 24: 13-35  
Beginning at 5:30pm Friday and ends at 4pm on Sunday.

Contact: Norm Mader: 504-481-0411 or

Steve Schulkens: 504-401-6990 or

Colin Taulis: 504-494-4511

Register at [stdominicparish.com/emmaus-registration](http://stdominicparish.com/emmaus-registration) or  
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(call about Scholarships)

Mail the payment to:

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775 Harrison Ave,

New Orleans, LA 70124 or

text a picture of your Zelle payment to

[sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com](mailto:sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com)

include in Zelle memo: **your name and Feb 2024 Retreat**



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Hosted By Father Dominic Pham & Paula Spears

October 28th - November 11th, 2024

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The cost of this Pilgrimage is \$5850 per person based on double occupancy.

Limited space available. Register soon.

For more information contact Paula Spears: [Iberianpeninsulatour@gmail.com](mailto:Iberianpeninsulatour@gmail.com)

Website: [caragrouptravel.com/ipp-fr-dominic/](http://caragrouptravel.com/ipp-fr-dominic/)




Please bring non-perishable grocery items to restock the Long Beach Food Pantry to the Masses on the weekend of February 3 & 4 and leave them in the East foyer.




# **Prayer is Powerful. Please Pray with Us**

Brian Chappell, Mark Fowell, Hannah Gest, Mark Giuffria, Mary Morrison,  
Christy Peterson, Jennifer Schmidt, Sherrie Selley, Libby Wagner  
...and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

## **Mass Intentions**

Mon	Jan 29	8:30 am	
Tue	Jan 30	8:30 am	
Wed	Jan 31	8:30 am	✙ James E. Sprinkle, Jr.
Thu	Feb 1	8:30 am	
Fri	Feb 2	6:30 am	
Sat	Feb 3	4:00 pm	✙ Warren Doussan, Jr.
Sun	Feb 4	7:30 am	
		9:00 am	 The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
		11:30 am	
		5:30 pm	

 -Birthday ✙ -Deceased  -Healing  -Special intentions  
 -Wedding Anniversary  -Ordination Anniversary



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Alivia Hood*



*Eucharistic Adoration:  
Spending time with Jesus*

Wednesdays from 9am to 5pm and on Fridays from 7am to 5pm. The Adoration Chapel is located on the second floor of the office building.  
 Make an appointment to spend an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to express gratitude for your blessings. To make an appointment contact Sue Hoffman at 228-313-0157, sign the sign-up sheet in the east foyer, or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.  
 Visitors are welcome to stop by the Adoration Chapel at any time during the designated hours.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile#: \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday hour: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday hour: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pray For Our Clergy**

Mon	Jan 29	Deacons, Diaconate Candidates & Those Discerning
Tue	Jan 30	Seminarians
Wed	Jan 31	Fr Satish Adhav Fr Vincent Ajayi
Thu	Feb 1	Fr Chinnappa Mark, H.G.N
Fri	Feb 2	Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III
Sat	Feb 3	An Increase In Vocations
Sun	Feb 4	Pope Francis

### **Please Pray For Those Discerning the Priesthood & Religious Life in 2024!**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.  
 – [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org)

## **Priest Mass Assignment**

Corporal

Sunday	January 28	7:30 am	Fr Satish
		9:00 am	Fr Satish
		11:30 am	Fr Vincent
		5:30 pm	Fr Vincent
Monday	January 29	8:30 am	Fr Vincent
Tuesday	January 30	8:30 am	Fr. Satish
Wednesday	January 31	8:30 am	Fr Satish
Thursday	February 1	8:30 am	TBD
Friday	February 2	6:30 am	TBD
Saturday	February 3	4:00 pm	TBD
Sunday	February 4	7:30 am	TBD
		9:00 am	TBD
		11:30 am	TBD
		5:30 pm	TBD

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### January 28, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

### Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

### Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday:	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. John Bosco, Priest
Thursday:	
Friday:	The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Next Sunday:	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let’s invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

## Catholic Trivia

**Q:** Which liturgical item sits on top of the altar cloth and underneath the chalice and paten?

**Find the answer somewhere in the bulletin**

### Last Week’s Catholic Trivia

**Q:** Who was the first Catholic president of the United States?

**A:** John F. Kennedy

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord’s commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

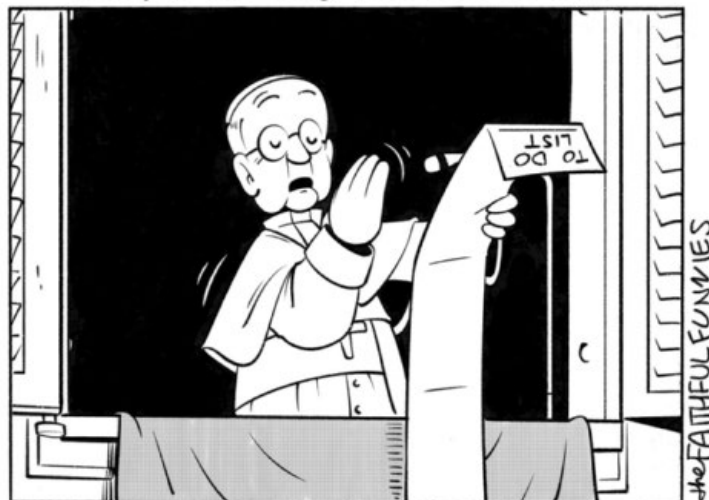
#### Second Reading:

Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

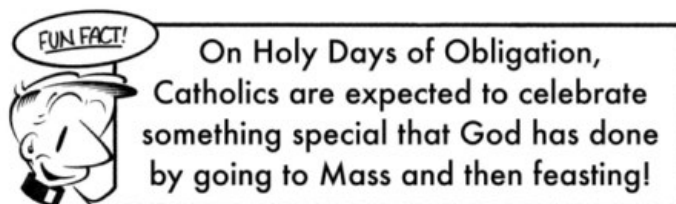
#### Gospel:

Mark informs us that early in Jesus’ public ministry his “fame spread” quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today’s reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?

“What do you get when you cross a Papal blessing with a to-do list?”



“A Holy Day of Obligation!”



# Growing with the Gospel

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's gospel

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teaching  
amazed

spirit  
Jesus  
Holy One

shook  
shout  
obey

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## GOSPEL

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus on a super-powerful stain-fighting laundry soap.

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:21-28

## MISSION

Make a new label for your family's stainpretreatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

## PRAYER

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.



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