

February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent 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

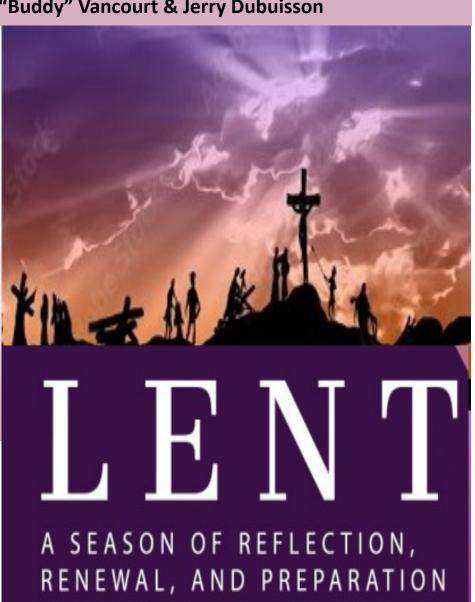
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The people of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Long Beach form a community of faith dedicated to Catholic teaching and tradition. We welcome God's children of all ages to worship with us. Through prayer, education and formation, we are called by Jesus 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.

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 26, 2024

8:00 am - Rosary

9:30 am - 12:30 p.m. Society of St. Vincent de Paul Open

6:00 pm - Children's Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

8:00 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Lectio Divina

9:30 am - Quilters

1:30 pm Home School Band Practice

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:00 am Rosary

9:00 am - 5:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 pm - Confirmation classes

7:00 pm - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, February 29, 2024

8:00 am Rosary

9:30 am - 12:30 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Open

2:30 pm Home School Band Practice

5:45 pm Music Ministry Practice

6:00 pm New Wine

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Friday, March 1, 2024

6:00 am Rosary

7:00 am- 5:00 PM Adoration

12:00 noon John Ervine Funeral Service

4:00 pm First Reconciliation Preparation Evening

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Parish Family Fish Fry by Sponsored by K of C

5:30 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross presented by the First Communion Class

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00 am SRE First Reconciliation

2:30 pm Music Ministry Practice

3:15 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - RCIA First Scrutiny

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00 am Music Ministry Practice

10:10 am School of Religious Education (SRE)

10:10 am Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

10:10 am Music Ministry Practice

4:15 pm Lifeteen Music Practice

6:45 pm Edge/Lifeteen - City Lights — The goal of City Lights encourages critical thinking about the impact of social media interactions, the potential for positive influence, and the real-life human connections behind online communications

IPriest Mass Assignment



Sunday, February 25	7:30 AM	Father Satish	†Sr Mary Anne O'Brien & †Jim Hoselle		
	9:00 AM	Father Vincent	🦒 The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach		
	11:30 AM	Father Satish			
	5:30 PM	Father Vincent			
Monday, February 26	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	harry Diemer		
	6:30 PM	Father Satish			
Tuesday, February 27	8:30 AM	Father Vincent			
	6:30 PM	Father Satish			
Wednesday, February 28	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	David Levens & 🕇 James Sprinkle, Jr		
	6:30 PM	Father Satish			
Thursday, February 29	8:30 AM	Father Vincent			
	6:30 PM	Father Satish			
Friday, March 1	6:30 AM	Father Satish	†Earl Ober		
	7:00 PM	Father Vincent			
Saturday, March 2	4:00 PM	Father Vincent	†Warren Doussan, Jr		
Sunday, March 3	7:30 AM	Father Satish	⁺ Sr Mary Anne O'Brien, ⁺ Clay Bishop & ⁺ Janet Magandy		
	9:00 AM	Father Vincent	🦒 The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach		
	11:30 AM	Father Vincent	♥ Jeffrey Lawson		
	5:30 PM	Father Satish			
៉ -Birthday 🕇-Deceased 💝-Healing 🦒 -Special intentions 💍 -Wedding Anniversary 🕶-Ordination Anniversary					

🐧 Prayer is Powerful. Please Pray with Us 🖔

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

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†Joyce Drake †John Crvine

Pray For Our Clergy

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Monday, February 26 Tuesday, February 27 Wednesday, February 28		Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers, & Deacons
		Priests & Brothers @ St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School
		†Bishop Joseph Howze †Bishop Roger Morin
Thursday, February 29	9	Father Satish & Father Vincent
Friday, March 1		Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III
Saturday, March 2		An Increase In Vocations
Sunday, March 3		Pope Francis

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EM TRAINING

Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 AM. This is a mandatory training



A Conclave.

If you attend daily Mass and would like to serve as Lector, Altar server or Eucharistic Minister please email Phyllis Seal at rosalie2k@aol.com and let her know which you prefer and if you attend 8:30 am or 6:30 pm Mass.

SAVE THE DATE!!

April 20th

The Bill Seal 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Bridges Golf Resort in Bay St. Louis.

Plan to join us as we support Catholic education and other local charities, watch for more details. thank you.

2024 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

In today's Scripture, we hear of Abraham's unwavering commitment and devotion to the Lord. Today the Lord still calls us to witness to Him in the world. One way to witness to Christ is to offer a gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your gift can do so much to help in the lives of others and bring the Gospel of Christ to souls in our diocese.

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Airport Transfer from Indianapolis Airport
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Single Occupancy \$2475

Package 3: Hotel and Conference Ticket Only (NO AIR) July 17th - 21st

4 nights accommodation Convention Event Pass
Double sharing (2 people) \$975 pp / Triple sharing (3 people) \$845 pp
Single Occupancy \$1475

To guarantee your spot registration must be made by March 1st!!!

For more information: Visit https://caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour/ OR
Email Paula Spears eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com





COAST-TO-COAST 2024 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

The Coast-To-Coast 2024 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will take place in the Diocese of Biloxi from June 9th to June 14th. St. Thomas the Apostle will be one of the stops on June 12th. The Diocese is organizing various events for this historical occasion, with more details to be announced later. In preparation for the pilgrimage, the Diocese is offering National Eucharistic Revival t-shirts for sale. These shirts are available in all sizes and can be purchased for \$20 each. To place an order, simply visit the table set up in the east foyer or visit the office weekdays between 9 AM & 4 PM.

Be sure to stay tuned for more information about the Coast-To -Coast 2024 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Biloxi. It's an event you won't want to miss!



SAVE THE DATE!



This year, our Catholic Kids Camp will coincide with the Coast to Coast National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.
We encourage children in grades 1st to 7th to attend this unique event. Mark your calendars for June 9th to June 12th.



FISH FRY

Fridays during Lent 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM \$12.00 a plate. Drive Thru or Eat In





THE RITE OF SENDING

A key part of the RCIA process, occurs during the 11:30 Mass this weekend. It marks a crucial step for both Catechumens (those to be baptized at Easter) and Candidates (baptized Christians joining the Catholic Church). During this rite, the assembly acknowledges their progress in faith formation, and the Catechumens inscribe their names in the Book of Elect as a commitment. The assembly takes note of their progress towards faith formation and expresses its approval

**Godparents and sponsors testify to their readiness, leading to the Church's "election" of these individuals to receive Sacraments of Initiation. The Catechumens then meet Bishop Kihneman for further affirmation. At the Rite of Election, godparents reconfirm their intentions, and the Catechumens gain the title "the Elect." The Candidates are also sent forth for recognition by Bishop Kihneman. Following this, the Elect and Candidates enter a period of intense preparation, culminating in the reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The whole St. Thomas community is asked to support and pray for these individuals throughout this spiritually enriching journey.



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riday hour:			



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MONDAY, MARCH 11TH – WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH
CONFESSIONS: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
MASS: 6:00 PM
MISSION TALK: 6:30 PM

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST









Please bring non-perishable grocery items to restock the Long Beach Food Pantry to the Masses on the weekend of March 2 & 3 and leave them in the East foyer.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17,

18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt

23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20

-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk

15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

(Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5

-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of

the Church

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Catholic Trivia

Q: An assembly of Cardinals formed to elect the next pope is referred to by what name?

Find the answer somewhere in the bulletin

Last Week's Catholic Trivia

Q: Which Catholic order produces the famous blue Ermite cheese? **A:** The Benedictine Order.

LIVE THE LITURGY

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Have you ever felt tested by God?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week?

Gospel:

After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. What helps energize you spiritually?



Jesus Shows His Glory



Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and

suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them

knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him! seut a sheep instead.

Answers to Abraham Puzzle: Yes; He stopped him and

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Saint Oswald February 28

OSWALD WAS BORN IN THE 900'S, HE WAS FROM A DANISH FAMILY, BUT WAS RAISED BY HIS UNCLE IN ENGLAND, THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

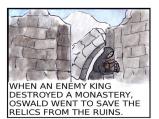














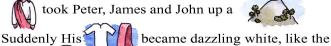
KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY. **EVERY DAY IN** LENT HE WOULD WASH THE FEET OF TWELVE POOR MEN. HE DIED ONE DAY JUST AS HE FINISHED WASHING THEM

KNOWN FOR HIS

SAINT OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE MONKS IN ENGLAND. HE KNEW THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE HOLY MEN PRAYING, WORKING AND STUDYING TO STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH CLOSE TO GOD. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A MONK OR A NUN?

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent February 25th, 2024





began to speak with Moses and Elijah,

who appeared beside Him.

were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we build one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a came over them, and a

voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.

Listen to Him." Then only



was there with them.

Coming down the



not to tell

anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

Use the pictures to help read the story from today's Gospel reading!

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith. He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God?

3-3=

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son, or did he stop him?

5-3= 1+5=

0 YES

4 SENT

8 BURNED

1 NO SHEEP 2

5 KILLED 6 INSTEAD 9 SWORD



7 STOPPED





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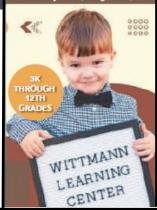
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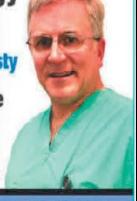


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