



March 10, 2024
4th Sunday of Lent

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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.

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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www.saintthomaslb.org/register-family-at-st-thomas-the-apostle or

scan the QR code

below and complete and submit a registration form. Paper forms can be found in the office or in the back of the church!



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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 10, 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

12:30 PM - Baptisms

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

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

6:30 PM - St Thomas Lenten Mission-Fr Michael O'Connor

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:00 AM - **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

9:15 AM - Lectio Divina

9:30 AM - Quilters

1:30 PM - Home School Band Practice

6:30 PM - St Thomas Lenten Mission-Fr Michael O'Connor

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

9:30 AM - SVDP Monthly Meeting

6:30 PM - St Thomas Lenten Mission-Fr Michael O'Connor

7:00 PM - Confirmation classes

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

Friday, March 15, 2024

7:00 AM - 5:00 pm - Adoration

9:00 AM - Father Vincent - St. Patrick High School

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

Diocese of Biloxi Youth Conference

Saturday, March 16, 2024

10:00 AM- EM Mandatory Training

2:30 PM - Music Ministry Practice

3:15 PM - Reconciliation

4:00 PM - RCIA Third Scrutiny at Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - Good Shepherd Showcase

Diocese of Biloxi Youth Conference

Sunday, March 17, 2024 **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

Good Shepherd Showcase before and after all Masses

8:00 AM - Music Ministry Practice

10:10 AM - SRE & RCIC













10:10 AM - Music Ministry Practice


4:15 PM - Lifeteen Music Practice

Diocese of Biloxi Youth Conference – No Lifeteen or Edge

Priest Mass Assignment

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10	7:30 AM	Father Satish	
	9:00 AM	Father Bosco	 The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
	11:30 AM	Father Satish	 Sr. Mary Anne O'Brien
	5:30 PM	Father Satish	
Monday, March 11	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	 Joan Sample
	6:30 PM	Father Satish	
Tuesday, March 12	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	 Paula Helwick Vonderstein
	6:30 PM	Father Satish	
Wednesday, March 13	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	 Stanley and Clara Hansen
	6:30 PM	Father Satish	
Thursday, March 14	8:30 AM	Father Satish	 Joseph Reminzewski and Family
	6:30 PM	Father Vincent	
Friday, March 15	6:30 AM	Father Satish	 Souls in Purgatory
	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	
SVdP School Mass	7:00 PM	Father Vincent	
Saturday, March 16	4:00 PM	Father Satish	 Warren Doussan, Jr
Sunday, March 17	7:30 AM	Father Satish	 Oliver and  Frances Matwig
	9:00 AM	Father Satish	 The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
	11:30 AM	Father Vincent	 Sr. Consilio Buckley
	5:30 PM	Father Vincent	

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

Prayer is Powerful. Please Pray with Us

Walter Abadie, Adam Amort, Dave Anderson, Katie Beatty, Margie Bitner, Sarah Dubuisson and Baby Oliver Michael, Lionel Fayard, Mark Eugene Giuffria, Blakeley Hammons, Karen Hillman, Jimmy Holiday, Elizabeth Klecka, David LaRosa, Sr, Mark & Arlene McDonald, Laura Peno-Green, Geri Richards, Beth Shanks, Peggy Small, Brenda Valles
...and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

Resting in the arms of our Lord

 Beth Hansen
 Alan Noonan

We welcome our newest members born to new life in Christ through Baptism



Olivia Jane Coleman, Sadie James Stovall,
George Raul Smith, Kycie Marisol Smith

Income	Mar 2nd & 3rd
ACH (electronic draft)	\$7,550.00
ACH Maintenance & Restoration	\$0.00
E-giving	\$645.00
E-giving Maintenance & Restoration	\$0.00
E-giving Insurance & Utilities	\$0.00
Regular Collection	\$13,687.00
Maintenance & Restoration	\$6,256.00
Insurance & Utilities	\$0.00
Pickle Jar	\$164.75
Total	\$28,302.75

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
PLEASE REMEMBER ST THOMAS
IN YOUR WILL**

Pray For Our Clergy

Sunday, March 10	Father Emmanuel Awe S. S. J. & Sergio Balderas
Monday, March 11	Fathers Hyginus Boboh S. S. J. & Tommy Conway
Tuesday, March 12	Fathers Ruben Covos & Arockia Doss, I. V. D.
Wednesday, March 13	Msgr. Dominick Fullam
Thursday, March 14	Father Martin Gillespie
Friday, March 15	Father Tomaz Golab
Saturday, March 16	Father Rofinus Jas S.V.D.
Sunday, March 17	Father Ignacio Jimenez- Morales

Why we shouldn't leave Mass early (or get there late)

by D.D. Emmons

September 26, 2022

On Corpus Christi Sunday earlier this year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops initiated a three-year Eucharistic Revival. Part of this effort is to renew Church-wide focus on respect for the Eucharist. One simple way we can all show our respect for this most precious gift is to arrive at Mass on time and stay until the celebration is complete.

Did you ever notice people leaving Mass before it's over? For the new convert, this is a great surprise, seeing someone receive holy Communion and then walk right out of the church. The convert has been told repeatedly that the Mass and, specifically, receiving the Eucharist, is the center of Catholic life, the supreme act of adoration and that attendance at Mass is a grave obligation. How then can a Catholic deliberately miss any part of it?

There is a story that at Mass one morning a priest watched a lady receive holy Communion and then head toward the parking lot. The priest sent two servers carrying candles to walk beside her as she was still a tabernacle of Christ. She stopped leaving early. Watching a person leaving immediately from holy Communion, you wonder if the person is sick. Was there an emergency? But no, after a while, you realize that the situation is not uncommon. Much like habitually arriving late for Mass, it may be discourteous, impolite and irreverent, but it is not uncommon.

One parishioner was heard to say that her family attended the 11:15 Mass. There is no 11:15 Mass. She laughingly explained that her family always arrived 15 minutes late — every Sunday. Are these folks also always 15 minutes late for a doctor or dental appointment or to the school bus stop?

In the course of events, it seems odd that we can't organize our lives in such a way that we can attend Mass in its entirety. It isn't as if we are spectators at a stage play or ballgame and decide to show up at the bottom of the second inning or arbitrarily leave before the event is over. At the play or the game, neither the actors nor the players leave before the curtain goes down or the last out is made. Similarly, they are on hand when the curtain goes up or the first pitch is made. During the Mass, we are the players; we are the participants.

<https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/why-we-shouldnt-leave-mass-early-or-get-there-late/>



Good Shepherd Showcase

March 16 and 17
before and after all Masses.
New Items!



Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Jesus

Wednesdays from 9 am to 5 pm and on Fridays from 7 am to 5 pm. The Adoration Chapel is located on the second floor of the office building. To make an appointment to spend an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, 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.

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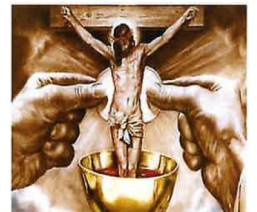
Wednesday hour: _____

Friday hour: _____

The Catholic Sharing Appeal

Our diocese is blessed to have over 40 Permanent Deacons that serve our parishes and families, as well as 15 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Your gift to the CSA greatly aids in the formation and education of these men in service to the Church. Please consider a gift to this year's appeal in support of our Deacons.

A male



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
PARISH MISSION
WITH FR. MIKE O'CONNER
PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF THE GULF
IN BAY ST LOUIS

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**



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE
WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM
THRU APRIL 10TH
CONFIRMATION IS APRIL 17TH**

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

Sunday March 10, 2024

Reading 1, *Second Chronicles* 36:14-17, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Gospel, *John* 3:14-21

Reading 2, *Ephesians* 2:4-10

Monday March 11, 2024

Reading 1, *Isaiah* 65:17-21

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13

Gospel, *John* 4:43-54

Tuesday March 12, 2024

Reading 1, *Ezekiel* 47:1-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Gospel, *John* 5:1-3, 5-16

Wednesday March 13, 2024

Reading 1, *Isaiah* 49:8-15

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18

Gospel, *John* 5:17-30

Thursday March 14, 2024

Reading 1, *Exodus* 32:7-14

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel, *John* 5:31-47

Friday March 15, 2024

Reading 1, *Wisdom* 2:1, 12-22

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23

Gospel, *John* 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday March 16, 2024

Reading 1, *Jeremiah* 11:18-20

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12

Gospel, *John* 7:40-53

Sunday March 17, 2024

Reading 1, *Jeremiah* 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Gospel, *John* 12:20-33

Reading 2, *Hebrews* 5:7-9

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

Sunday, March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins
St. John Ogilvie, Martyr of the Reformation and the Counter-Reformation

Monday March 11, 2024

St. Constantine II, Martyred in Scotland

Tuesday March 12, 2024

Blessed Rutilio Grande Garcia, Martyred in El Salvador

Wednesday March 13, 2024

St. Leander of Seville, Doctor of the Faith by the Church in Spain

Thursday March 14, 2024

St. Matilda of Saxony

Friday March 15, 2024

St. Artemide Zatti

Saturday March 16, 2024

St John de Brebeuf

Sunday March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent, St. Patrick

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

JOHN 3:14-21

Reading closely

1. What all do you think God sees when he looks at the world?
2. Does God want to condemn the world?
3. What is *the light*?
4. Why might some people *prefer darkness*?
5. How does a person *live the truth*?
6. What might be *the works* of those who approach the light?
7. How does *the light* affect people?

Living the word

8. Do you think it's easy to come to the light?
9. What all draws you toward the light?
10. What causes you to turn away from the light?

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PRAYER

adapted from a prayer by Saint John Henry Newman

Lead me, Kindly Light,

amidst the encircling gloom,

The night is dark, and I am far from home.

Lead me on!

I do not ask to see all you have planned;

one step is enough for me.

I have not always prayed for you to lead me on;

I chose my own path,

but now, lead me on!

Once pride and fear ruled my will –

forgive me, and lead me on!

Long have you blessed me,

still are you leading me

over all that drags me down and trips me up.

Until the night is gone,

Lord, lead me on!

Catholic Trivia

To be elected pope, one must be, at a minimum:

- A. A male
- B. A priest
- C. A bishop
- D. A cardinal

Find the answer somewhere in the bulletin

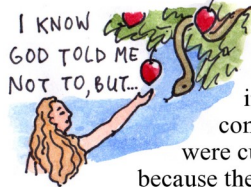
Last Week's Catholic Trivia

Q: What is the original meaning of the word Lent?

A: D) Spring The word Lent has nothing to do with fasting or giving things up.

‘Lent’ is a shortened version of the Old English word ‘lencten’, a word which simply means **spring** (in relation to the season). It is thought to have Germanic roots and seems likely to have been used to described the season when the days began to lengthen, signifying new life and renewal.

For God so Loved the World



When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.

But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."



How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

Here are a few things that can help you a lot:

1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.

2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?

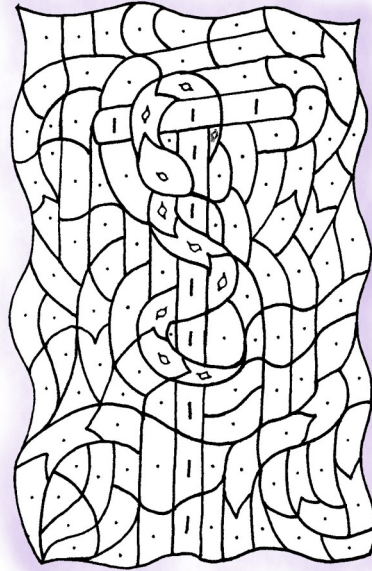


3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.

Answers to sort-out-the-picture puzzle: top-6, 3, middle-4, 1, bottom-2, 5.
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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10th, 2024



*Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven.
When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live.
What was it? Use the colour code to find out!*

• blue | brown ~ green

SAINT PATRICK march 17

PATRICK WAS BORN TO A ROMAN FAMILY IN BRITAIN. WHEN HE WAS STILL YOUNG HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN TO IRELAND.

HE WAS SOLD AS A SLAVE. WHILE LOOKING AFTER ANIMALS IN THE FIELDS HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PRAY.

Our Father who art in Heaven...

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS HE ESCAPED AND WENT BACK TO ENGLAND.

Thank God!

HE STUDIED, BECAME A PRIEST, AND THEN WAS MADE A BISHOP.

THEN HE RETURNED TO IRELAND.

And thank God again!

HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, WHO WERE ALL PAGANS, ABOUT GOD.

The shamrock is like the one God in three persons.

THE PAGAN LEADERS WHO DID NOT WANT PATRICK TO TEACH ABOUT GOD TRIED TO GET RID OF HIM BUT HE STAYED.

Have you tried to poison him yet?

SAINT PATRICK DIED IN IRELAND IN 461. BY THE TIME HE DIED ALMOST ALL OF IRELAND HAD CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY. SOON MISSIONARIES WERE GOING OUT FROM IRELAND TO BRING THE FAITH TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD! PRAY THAT YOU WILL LOVE GOD AND BE ZEALOUS LIKE SAINT PATRICK!

The Deportation to Babylon

Do you know what happened to the people of Jerusalem when they sinned against God?

These pictures are in the wrong order. Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes to sort them out!

GOD'S PEOPLE REBUILD THE TEMPLE.

THE ENEMY CAME AND DESTROYED THE TEMPLE AND CITY.

THE SURVIVORS WERE TAKEN AWAY TO BE SLAVES FOR 70 YEARS.

THE PEOPLE SINNED AGAINST GOD.

GOD SENT PROPHETS TO WARN THEM.

REPENT!

THE KING OF PERSIA SENT GOD'S PEOPLE BACK TO THEIR CITY.

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