



**March 17, 2024**

**5th 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**

## **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) or**

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**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 17, 2024

**GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE** before and after all masses

8:00 AM - Music Ministry Practice

10:10 AM - SRE & RCIC

10:15 AM - Music Ministry Practice

4:15 PM - Lifeteen Music Practice

4:15 PM- Youth Band Practice

6:45 PM - Edge/Lifeteen - **God or Unicorn** - The goal of *God or Unicorn* is to address questions about God's existence and offer the teens solid proof that give them confidence that He not only exists but wants to be in relationship with them.

## Monday, March 18, 2024

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

6:00 PM - Children's Bell Choir

## Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9:15 AM - Lectio Divina

1:30 PM - Home School Band Practice

## Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Adoration

11:00 AM - Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

11:30 AM - Lunchkins

7:00 PM - RCIA Session

## Thursday, March 21, 2024

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

2:30 PM - Home School Band Practice

5:30 pm - Cor - "Men of the Word – The Good News"

5:45 PM - Music Ministry Practice

6:00 PM - New Wine

7:00 PM - KC Meeting

7:00 PM - Ladies KC Aux.

## Friday, March 22, 2024

7:00 AM - 5:00 pm - Adoration

4:00 PM - Homeschool Band Solo/Ensemble Festival

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 - Mary's Way of the Cross led by Music Ministry and RCIA

## Saturday, March 23, 2024

2:30 PM - Music Ministry Practice

3:15 PM - Reconciliation

## Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:00 AM - Music Ministry Practice

10:10 AM - **NO SRE & RCIC**

10:10 AM - Music Ministry Practice




4:15 PM - Lifeteen Music Practice






4:15 PM- Youth Band Practice

6:45 PM - Edge/Life Teen **Religion or Freedom** - The goal of *Religion or Freedom* is to reveal the need for religion and the tendency toward religious practice each person has and foster confidence in the Catholic Church as the one church established by Jesus.

## Priest Mass Assignment

## Mass Intentions

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	
Monday, March 18	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	† Irma Ladner
	6:30 PM	Father Satish	
Tuesday, March 19	8:30 AM	Father Satish	 Mandy Levens
	6:30 PM	Father Vincent	† Anne Conner Davis
Wednesday, March 20 Anointing of the Sick	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	† Philip Lemllar
	11:00 AM	Both Priest	
	6:30 PM	Father Satish	
Thursday, March 21	8:30 AM	Father Satish	† Alfred Schnebelen & † Roger Trisotto
	6:30 PM	Father Vincent	
Friday, March 22 SVdP School Mass	6:30 AM	Father Satish	
	8:30 AM	Father Vincent	
	7:00 PM	Father Vincent	
Saturday, March 23	4:00 PM	Father Satish	† Eliseo, † Sequindina, † Dorotes, † Benjamin, † Pelaqio & † Alma Cura
			† Beth Hansen
Sunday, March 24	7:30 AM	Father Satish	 The people of St. Thomas Parish and Long Beach
	9:00 AM	Father Bosco	
	11:30 AM	Father Satish	† Auralijia Ramos Saavedra
	5:30 PM	Father Satish	

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

## Prayer is Powerful. Please Pray with Us

Walter Abadie, Dave Anderson, Rick and Samantha Cran, Sarah Dubuisson and Baby Oliver Michael, Mark Eugene Giuffria, Jimmy Holiday, Elizabeth Klecka, David LaRosa, Sr., Susan Molesworth, Laura Peno-Green, Geri Richards  
...and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

## Resting in the arms of our Lord

† MJ Necaïse  
† Jim Wetzel

Income	Mar 9th & 10th
ACH (electronic draft)	\$1,465.00
ACH Maintenance & Restoration	\$150.00
E-giving	\$1,585.00
E-giving Maintenance & Restoration	0.00
E-giving Insurance & Utilities	\$125.00
Regular Collection	\$6,903.00
Maintenance & Restoration	\$5,331.60
Insurance & Utilities	\$3,570.00
Pickle Jar	\$61.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,865.66</b>

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

## Pray For Our Clergy

Sunday, March 17	Father Ignacio Jimenez-Morales
Monday, March 18	Father Jeyanthan Jordan
Tuesday, March 19	Father Fintan Kilmurray
Wednesday, March 20	Fathers Piotr Kmiecik & Bartosz Kunat
Thursday, March 21	Father Michael Marascalco
Friday, March 22	Msgr. John McGrath
Saturday, March 23	Father David Milton H.G.N.
Sunday, March 24	Fathers Henry McInerney & Ryan McCoy



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servants be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

Next Sunday the second collection will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering in our community. You bring them Easter hope and joy through your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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Father Mike Somers, SVD will offer a Lenten reflection on the Eucharist at 6 PM on Tuesday, March 26 in St John the Evangelist Church in Gulfport  
All are welcome.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY**  
March 23-24, 2024  
Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.



**HOLY THURSDAY**  
March 28, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
March 29, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.  
Presented by LIFE TEEN



**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**  
March 29, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.

**VENERATION OF THE CROSS**  
March 29, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.



**HOLY SATURDAY**  
March 30, 2024  
**NO 4:00 p.m. MASS**  
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
March 31, 2024  
7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

**NO 5:30 p.m. LIFE TEEN MASS**

B. Corporal



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## "ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST"

I invite all the parishioners to join me in expressing gratitude and keeping Father Mike O'Conner in our prayers, as he continues his sacred ministry. Let us carry forward the lessons learned, and the grace received during the mission, as we strive to be light and hope in the world.

Fr. Satish



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE**  
**WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM**  
**THRU APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CONFIRMATION IS APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**



## FISH FRY

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



## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will not meet during the month of March. Sessions begin again on Thursday, April 4th, and continue every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm in the Religious Education Center.  
For more info contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835.



## "Mary's Way of the Cross"

Presented by the St. Thomas Choir & RCIA  
Friday, March 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm

## LUNCHKINS



Join us for Lunch and Fellowship on  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, following the  
11 am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.  
Bring your favorite dish to share!

## SAVE THE DATE!

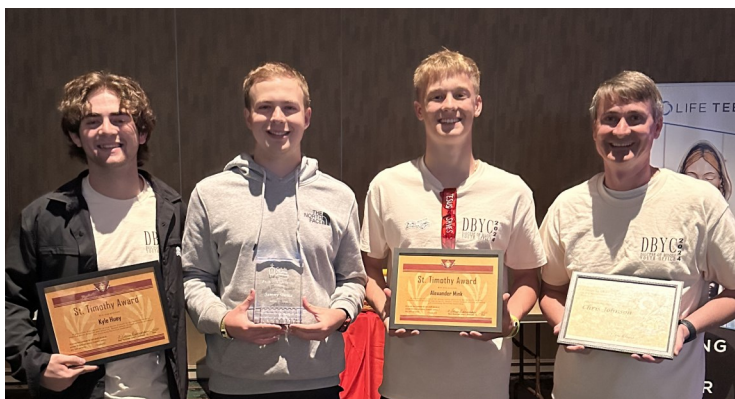
This year, our Catholic Kids Camp will coincide with the Coast to Coast National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We encourage children in grades 1st to 7th to attend this unique event. Mark your calendars for **June 9th to June 12th**.





## Good Shepherd Showcase

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



This past weekend our High school teens attended the Diocese of Biloxi Youth Conference (or convention as some may know it). On Sunday our Edge teens attended the Middle School Rally.

It was a great weekend and I can for sure say the Holy Spirit was present in this place. Our high school teens took home the banner award, display award, and spirit stick!

Also, please help us in congratulating our teens and adults who received awards this weekend at DBYC!

We would like to congratulate Sammy Starita on being awarded the The Ann Rivera Faith Through Service Award. We would also like to congratulate Alexander Mink and Kyle Huey for receiving the St. Timothy award.

We are so proud of these three senior boys who have become strong leaders in our life teen program and have made a huge impact! These awards are given to youth who are actively seeking to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. These youth have given of their time, talents, and spiritual gifts in making their parish youth group strong in faith and their community.

And lastly, we would like to give a huge congratulations to Chris Johnson for receiving the Companion on a Journey award! Chris has led and served our Edge program and walked with many teens for over ten years! He serves our parish in many other capacities as well. We are so grateful for him! This is awarded to an adult who has accompanied our youth on their path to discipleship, as well as for their long term commitment to youth ministry in their parish. These adults have given more than their time. They have been consistent examples of their Catholic faith, as well as shown leadership and service both to and with young people they serve.



## 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.

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

cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## The Catholic Sharing Appeal

The Catholic Sharing Appeal touches the lives of many in our diocese, from those seeking to enter the Church, to the care of our priests, to the feeding of the hungry and the evangelization of many souls. We cannot do this work without your help. If you've never given a gift to the CSA, please consider giving one this year, of any amount. Together we can accomplish so much!



## ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 4898 are excited to share the implementation of *Cor*, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of our parish. *Cor* exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

The council, with the help of Deacon Jerry Dubuisson, will be kicking off a monthly bible study titled "Men of the Word – The Good News".

*Our first Cor* is scheduled for **5:30 pm on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Community Center**. This opportunity and invitation is not just for Knights of Columbus. *Cor* is open to all men of the parish. Come join your brother parishioners for prayer and fraternity.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to David Brazier at: [grandknight4898@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:grandknight4898@saintthomaslb.org).

## READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

### 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*

### Monday March 18, 2024

Reading 1, *Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6*

Gospel, *John 8:1-11*

### Tuesday March 19, 2024

Reading 1, *Second Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29*

Gospel, *Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24*

Reading 2, *Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22*

### Wednesday March 20, 2024

Reading 1, *Isaiah 49:8-15*

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

Gospel, *John 5:17-30*

### Thursday March 21, 2024

Reading 1, *Exodus 32:7-14*

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

Gospel, *John 5:31-47*

### Friday March 22, 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 23, 2024

Reading 1, *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

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

Gospel, *John 7:40-53*

### Sunday March 24, 2024

Reading 1, *Isaiah 50:4-7*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24*

Reading 2, *Philippians 2:6-11*

Gospel, *Mark 15:1-39*

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## OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

### Sunday, March 17, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, St. Patrick

### Monday March 18, 2024

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### Tuesday March 19, 2024

St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Wednesday March 20, 2024

St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Wonder-Worker of England

### Thursday March 21, 2024

St. Benedicta Cambiagio Farssinello

### Friday March 22, 2024

St. Nicholas Owen

### Saturday March 23, 2024

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

### Sunday March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

## WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

### March 17, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people."* - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### JOHN 12:20-33

#### Reading closely

1. Where are these events taking place?
2. What feast are the people about to celebrate?
3. What might people be feeling?
4. Why might the Greeks wish to see Jesus?
5. What might Philip think of their request?
6. Why do you think Philip first goes to Andrew?
7. How do people serve Jesus?
8. How do you think God will honor those who serve Jesus?
9. Why is Jesus troubled?
10. Imagine you're in the crowd.
  - a. How do you explain the voice from heaven?
  - b. What does Jesus say that most catches your attention?
  - c. Do you understand what Jesus is talking about?

#### Living the word

11. How do you love your life?
  12. How do you hate your life?
  13. From where must the ruler of this world still be driven out?
  14. How is Jesus the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy?
- <https://oursundayreadings.wordpress.com/>

## Catholic Trivia

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

- A. Stole
- B. Corporal
- C. Purificator
- D. Pall

Find the answer somewhere in the bulletin

## Last Week's Catholic Trivia

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

- A. A male

*Unless a grain  
falls to the ground and dies...*



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.

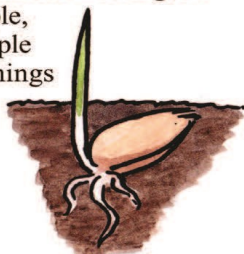


Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?

Answer to Word Find:  
Salvation.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 17th, 2024



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

## Saint Joseph March 19

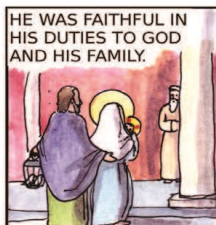


JOSEPH WAS A HOLY JEWISH MAN BETROTHED TO THE VIRGIN MARY WHEN SHE BECAME THE MOTHER OF JESUS. AN ANGEL TOLD HIM THAT HER SON WAS FROM GOD.

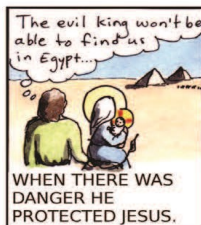
The child is the Son of God!



SAINT JOSEPH WAS HONORED TO CARE FOR THE SON OF GOD AND HIS MOTHER MARY.



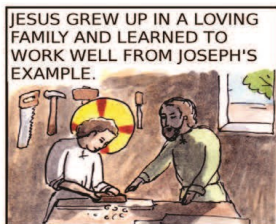
HE WAS FAITHFUL IN HIS DUTIES TO GOD AND HIS FAMILY.



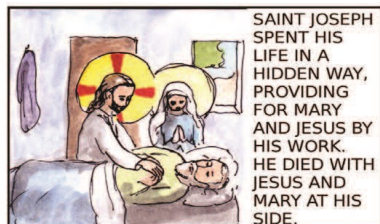
The evil king won't be able to find us in Egypt...  
WHEN THERE WAS DANGER HE PROTECTED JESUS.



JOSEPH CARED FOR JESUS AS IF HE WAS HIS OWN SON.



JESUS GREW UP IN A LOVING FAMILY AND LEARNED TO WORK WELL FROM JOSEPH'S EXAMPLE.



SAINT JOSEPH SPENT HIS LIFE IN A HIDDEN WAY, PROVIDING FOR MARY AND JESUS BY HIS WORK. HE DIED WITH JESUS AND MARY AT HIS SIDE.

SAINT JOSEPH HAD ONE OF THE BEST JOBS THAT ANYONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE: TO LOOK AFTER GOD THE SON! STILL, HE LIVED A QUIET AND HUMBLE LIFE, JUST DOING HIS WORK AND BEING A GOOD AND JUST MAN. SAINT JOSEPH IS READY TO CARE FOR US AS WELL- WE JUST NEED TO ASK HIM FOR HELP!

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## Psalm 51 Word-Find

S A G R E A T N E S S  
S C O M P A S S I O N  
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E U D T A K E A T F R  
A I N C L E A N S E E  
D L E A M E R C Y N S  
F T S S O U T W I C E  
A O S T C R E A T E N  
S N R E N E W S I N C  
T H O R O U G H L Y E

See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,  
in your GOODNESS;  
in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION  
wipe OUT my OFFENCE.  
THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT  
and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,  
and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.  
CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,  
and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.

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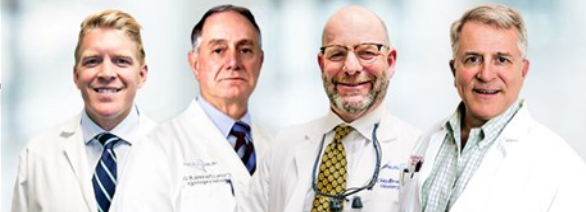
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