



**July 13, 2025**

## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Monday-Thursday:**

Rosary: 8:00 am

Mass: 8:30 am

### **Wednesday:**

6:00 pm in Chapel

### **Friday:**

Rosary: 6:00 am

Mass: 6:30 am

### **Saturday:**

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

### **Sunday:**

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am,

5:30 pm

### **Holy Days:**

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

### **Holy Days:**

8:30am, 12:00pm, 6:00 pm

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## **RECONCILIATION:**

### **Wednesday:**

5:30 pm in Parish Office

### **Saturday:**

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

or by appointment

## **ADORATION:**

### **Wednesday:**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### **Friday:**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

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### Baptism

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**LORI LEA SAWYER**

# HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Baptisms in the Church

4:15pm – 5:15pm

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

## MONDAY, JULY 14

9:30am – 12:30pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help in the REC SVdP Office

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Youth Band Practice in the Church

## TUESDAY, JULY 15

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Cub Scouts Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

All Day

Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00am – 6:00pm

Adoration in the Chapel

9:00am – 10:00am

Cancer Ministry Meeting in the Office Conference Room

9:15am – 11:15am

Lectio Divina in the REC Library

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Cub Scout Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

5:30pm – 6:00pm

Reconciliation in Parish Office

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Mass in Chapel

## THURSDAY, JULY 17

9:30am – 12:30pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help in the REC SVdP Office

5:45pm – 7:45pm

Music Ministry Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Ladies' Bible Study in the REC SRE Classrooms

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Bible Study in the Edge Room

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting in the KC Room

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in the Edge Room

## FRIDAY, JULY 18

7:00am – 5:00pm

Adoration in the Chapel

3:00pm – 5:00pm

CALB Setup in Community Center

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Private Wedding Rehearsal in the Church

## SATURDAY, JULY 19

All Day

120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

9:00am – 12:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Diocese Council Meeting in the REC SRE Room

9:30am – 1:00pm

CALB Event in the Community Center

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Private Wedding in the Church

3:15pm – 3:45pm

Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

7:00am – 12:00pm

Parish Family Breakfast and Free Donut Holes



## Volunteer Spotlight

Our spotlight this week shines on the labor-intensive tasks that are performed by **Mikey Brown** and **Donna Scott** to ensure our Community Center maintains its cleanliness and safety. This massive undertaking can include sweeping, mopping, vacuuming and/or dusting the floors, picking up spilled food and items, emptying trash receptacles, ensuring the hallways and common areas are tidy, and operating the heavy floor cleaning machine to buff and clean the floors. They have also been involved in the laborious tasks of setting up and taking down tables and chairs and general cleanup after events, if necessary. We so often take for granted the clean environment that they create through their arduous and grueling undertakings. Thank you, Mikey and Donna, for the countless hours you dedicate to maintaining our Community Center. While we may not express our appreciation often enough, please know that your efforts are truly valued and recognized. Thank you for your labor of love!



# Prayer is Powerful! Please Pray with Us.

Carolyn Anderson, Cinnamon Barry, Ryan Bass, Leonard Carrubba, Kevin Chevalier, Charles Cospelich, Jason Cuevas, Timmy Cuevas, Trace Favre, Wendy Figer, Barb Halupka, Marcia Kruse, Brennan Ladner, Jarvis Lankford, Frances Carrubba LeBlanc, Philip LeBlanc, Dustin Liles, Danny Lizana, Kenneth Ray McDonald, Carter Misson, Alice Necaie, Keith Pierce, Laurie Rivenbark, Phyllis Seal, Ann Sizemore, Henry Stiller, Danette Wesselmann, and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual. If you know of someone who is homebound, in a hospital or care facility and would like a visit from Father Satish, Father Braxton, Deacon Buddy or Deacon Jerry, and/or their name on the bulletin prayer request list, please call the Parish Office at 228-863-1610 or email [bulletin@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:bulletin@saintthomaslb.org) or [secretary@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:secretary@saintthomaslb.org) with the person's name, address, phone number, name of hospital or care facility and room number. Names will appear in the Bulletin for 4 weeks unless an extension is requested. Please keep us posted.

## Priest Mass Assignments and Mass Intentions

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun 7/13	7:30 AM Fr Satish	🍰 Kennedy Adam (Bday) + Marilyn Urban
	9:00 AM Fr Braxton	👤 People of St Thomas and Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr Satish	❤️ Ken Kimball ❤️ Kristy Randall
	5:30 PM Fr Braxton	❤️ Patti Chatham
Mon 7/14	8:30 AM Fr Satish	❤️ Max Waldrop, Jr.
Tue 7/15	8:30 AM Fr Satish	+ Christal Spence-Dessommes ❤️ Carter Misson
Wed 7/16	8:30 AM Fr Satish	❤️ Kristi Kouloukis ❤️ Beverly Leslie
	6:00 PM Fr Satish	
Thu 7/17	8:30 AM Fr Satish	🍰 Andria Levens Keyland 🍰 Fae Meyland 🍰 Beverly Leslie
Fri 7/18	6:30 AM Fr Satish	+ Christal Spence-Dessommes 🍰 Beverly Leslie
Sat 7/19	4:00 PM Fr Satish	🍰 Ella Katik Levens + Samuel Martin Cates (First Anniversary)
Sun 7/20	7:30 AM Fr Satish	🍰🍰 Maylee and Marlee Levens
	9:00 AM Fr Satish	👤 People of St Thomas and Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr Satish	+ Forrest and + Lena Johnson
	5:30 PM Fr Satish	🍰 Ellis Marie Claret



👤 Baptism 🍰 Birthday + Deceased ❤️ Healing 🎒 School Mass 👤 Special Intention ⚭ Wedding Anniversary

## Income for 7/05/25-7/06/25

Regular	\$8,571.00
ACH Regular	\$4,675.00
E-giving Regular	\$2,174.00
Building Restoration	\$10,530.00
Capital Campaign	\$8,436.00
Insurance and Utilities	\$88.33
Miscellaneous Deposit	\$320.00
Pickle jar	\$176.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,970.33</b>

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for your generosity!**

## Pray For Our Clergy

Sun 7/13	Father Joe Dilettuso (Retired)
Mon 7/14	**Father Adam Frey
Tue 7/15	Monsignor Dominick Fullam
Wed 7/16	Father Martin Gillespie Father Tomaz Golab
Thu 7/17	**Father Martin Herrera, SVD
Fri 7/18	Father Robert Higginbotham (Retired)
Sat 7/19	Father Rofinus Jas S.V.D. Father Ignacio Jimenez- Morales
Sun 7/20	Father Jeyanthan Jordan Father Fintan Kilmurray

\*\* We welcome our new Biloxi Diocesan Priests



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# SPLISH + SPLASH

BACK-TO-SCHOOL WATERSLIDE BASH

SATURDAY

26  
JULY

10 AM - 1 PM  
CHURCH PAVILION

FREE PIZZA FOR KIDS

Welcome to the Church,

Kyla Marie Barrett!

Through the waters of Baptism,  
you are now a child of God,  
claimed by Christ,  
and sealed with His love!

Rest In  
PEACE

Michael Holley Smith  
(Father of Rev. James Smith)

Elizabeth D. "Betty" Strasser

## St. Dominic's Men's Emmaus Retreat

Men 18 and older are invited to join Jesus on  
the Road to Emmaus for a weekend retreat.

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for High School

**CLASSES BEGIN AFTER LABOR DAY**



### MERCY MEALS UPDATE

To date, we have delivered 100 kits/200 Meals to Mercy Cross Center for their homeless clients. Loftus/Cuevas Team will be bagging meals again on Thursday, July 24. To find out how you can help, contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835.





# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As we face the pressing challenges associated with our aging chiller, which is currently costing our Parish an astonishing \$10,000 each month to maintain our air conditioning, we must rally together to address not only this critical issue but also the broader needs of our community.

If you have not yet committed to our Capital Campaign, we urge you to consider doing so. Our needs are significant, and your support is essential to ensure the continued vitality of our Parish.

Pledge cards are conveniently located in the pews and book racks. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

## Calling All Searchers



There are many reasons for someone to yearn for a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. A person you know may be searching for meaning in his or her life or simply searching for God. There are those on the outside who are searching for Belonging, or for Truth, or for a path to Family Unity.

Someone you know is searching. Christ is ready to welcome them into His loving embrace. The only thing lacking is an invitation from you. Someone you know is searching. **Take him or her by the hand to Come and See, Saturday, August 9th, at 8:30 am in the Religious Education Center.**

Help someone you know connect with Christ and His Church.

OCIA Weekly meetings start Monday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Dave Gauthier at (228) 596-8835 or [rcia@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:rcia@saintthomaslb.org).



## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

OCIA Weekly meetings start Monday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Dave Gauthier at (228) 596-8835 or [rcia@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:rcia@saintthomaslb.org).

## Adult Faith Formation Team

Are you ready to place your time and talents to use, accompanying people who want to become members of our Church? Helping them to better know Christ by better knowing His Church? To be part of our Faith Formation Team, contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835 or [rcia@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:rcia@saintthomaslb.org).

## Upcoming Mother- Son Dance

September 6, 2025

### WE NEED YOU!

Calling new volunteers (aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, young adults) to help with food and decor, set up and tear down for the memorable mother-son dance!

Please contact the church office for Geri Roberts (organist).  
Minimal commitment.

# MAHJONG & MIMOSAS

*Social Play + Novice Tournament*

## SATURDAY, JULY 19

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH LIFE CENTER  
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DOORS OPEN AT 9:30AM | PLAY BEGINS AT 10:00AM  
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Join us in spirit as Father Braxton embarks on a special 9-day pilgrimage with Mary to Medjugorje from July 14-22.

Follow his journey of faith through our social media channels—he'll be sharing updates from daily Mass, inspiring tours, and moments of prayer and reflection along the way.

And that's not all! Father Braxton also has 10 important things for you and your family to consider as you vacation this summer—tips to keep your faith alive and your hearts connected during your time away.

Let's pray for his safe travels and open hearts as he experiences this powerful pilgrimage.



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If you or someone you know are fighting the fight, please know you/they are **not alone!** The Healing Hearts Support Group will meet once a month on a Tuesday, 5:30 PM at the

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## DAILY READINGS

### July 13, Sunday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

or Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

Alleluia: John 6: 63c, 68c

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

### July 14, Monday

First Reading: Exodus 1: 8-14, 22

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 124: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8

Alleluia: Matthew 5: 10

Gospel: Matthew 10: 34 – 11: 1

### July 15, Tuesday

First Reading: Exodus 2: 1-15a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 69: 3, 14, 30-31, 33-34

Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8

Gospel: Matthew 11: 20-24

### July 16, Wednesday – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103: 1b-2, 3-4, 6-7

Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-27

### July 17, Thursday

First Reading: Exodus 3: 13-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27

Alleluia: Matthew 11: 28

Gospel: Matthew 11: 28-30

### July 18, Friday

First Reading: Exodus 11: 10 – 12: 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 116: 12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18

Alleluia: John 10: 27

Gospel: Matthew 12: 1-8

### July 19, Saturday

First Reading: Exodus 12: 37-42

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 136: 1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15

Alleluia: Second Corinthians 5: 19

Gospel: Matthew 12: 14-21

### July 20, Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 15: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28

Alleluia: Luke 8: 15

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/mass-reading/daily-mass-readings-2025/>

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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