



August 3, 2025

Eighteenth 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

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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SACRAMENTS

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LORI LEA SAWYER

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

All Day

4:15pm – 5:15pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

All Day

**9:30am – 12:30pm

7:30pm – 8:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

ALL DAY

All Day

**2:00pm – 4:00pm

**5:00pm – 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

All Day

9:00am – 6:00pm

**9:15am – 11:15am

**9:30am – 12:00pm

**5:00pm – 8:00pm

5:30pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:30pm – 8:30pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

All Day

**9:30am – 12:30pm

**2:00pm – 4:00pm

5:00pm – 6:30pm

5:45pm – 7:45pm

**6:00pm – 7:00pm

**6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:15pm – 7:15pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

All Day

7:00am – 5:00pm

3:00pm – 5:00pm

5:00pm – 10:00pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30am -- 9:30am

3:15pm – 3:45pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00am – 10:00am

12:30pm – 1:00pm

4:15pm – 5:15pm

**** Please note that any event and/or meeting scheduled in the Religious Education Center for August 4th through August 8th may be relocated to an alternative location in the main complex/offices/Community Center due to the floor refinishing.**

Food Pantry Sunday Donations in the East Foyer of the Church

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

SRE Building – Floor Refinishing (Day 1/5)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering CLOSED due to floor refinishing

Youth Band Practice in the Church

NO ROSARY, NO MASS, OFFICE CLOSED due to installation of A/C

SRE Building – Floor Refinishing (Day 2/5)

Homeschool Band rehearsal moved to Pavilion due to floor refinishing

Cub Scouts Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

SRE Building – Floor Refinishing (Day 3/5)

Adoration in the Chapel

Lectio Divina in the REC Library

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting in the Community Ctr

Cub Scout Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

Reconciliation in Parish Office

Mass in Chapel

Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Community Center

SRE Building – Floor Refinishing (Day 4/5)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help MAY BE CLOSED

Homeschool Band rehearsal moved to the Pavilion

Mercy Meals Team B in the Edge Room

Music Ministry Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Ladies' Bible Study in the REC SRE Classrooms

Men's Bible Study in the REC Library

Knights of Columbus Meeting in the KC Room

SRE Building – Floor Refinishing (Day 5/5)

Adoration in the Chapel

Pink Heart Funds ("PHF") Setup for Bunco in the Community Center

PHF Bunco in the Community Center (Doors open at 5:00/Play at 6:00)

OCIA Come and See in the REC Multi-Function Room

Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

Back to School Mass and Reception following in the Community Ctr

Baptisms

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

Volunteer Spotlight

We have a group of guys with expertise and specialized knowledge who continually work behind the scenes and are so deserving of our Volunteer Spotlight! These remarkable individuals, **Donny Michelli; Don VanSpeybroeck; Henry Schepens, Jr.; and Steve Shirk and Crew**, are our volunteer HVAC technicians and Electricians. These talented professionals inspect, test, install, maintain, repair and replace countless systems essential for keeping our facilities operational. They not only keep our environment comfortable, but they ensure that our systems meet safety standards and codes. For all of their selfless contributions in creating and maintaining a safe, comfortable, and functional environment in our Church, Community Center, Religious Education Center, Offices, Meeting Rooms, interior and exterior electrical and lighting systems, we offer our deepest gratitude for the critical roles they handle in maintaining a well-functioning environment for worship and community events. Thank you for keeping the lights on and so much more! We are incredibly grateful for everything you do!

Prayer is Powerful! Please Pray with Us.

Shane Anderson, Cinnamon Barry, Ryan Bass, Leonard Carrubba, Charles Cospelich, Jason Cuevas, Trace Favre, Jerry Garrett, Mary Gibson, Barb Halupka, Bette Johnson, Marcia Kruse, Brennan Ladner, Frances Carrubba LeBlanc, Philip LeBlanc, Al Lewando, Kenneth Ray McDonald, Carter Misson, Keith Pierce, Crista! Pierro, Laurie Rivenbark, Phyllis Seal, Elizabeth Shaw, Ann Sizemore, D. Smith,

Henry Stiller, 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 or 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

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|----------|--------------------|---|
| Sun 8/03 | 7:30 AM Fr Satish | + Clay Bishop |
| | 9:00 AM Fr Braxton | 👤 People of St Thomas and Long Beach |
| | 11:30 AM Fr Satish | + James Raymond O'Neal |
| | | + Warren Doussan, Sr. (First Anniversary) |
| | 5:30 PM Fr Braxton | |
| Mon 8/04 | 8:30 AM Fr Braxton | + Hilda Ott |
| | | ❤️ Fr. Jey Jordan |
| Tue 8/05 | 8:30 AM Fr Satish | 👤 Jerry and Sandi Favre |
| | | + Percy Chaina |
| Wed 8/06 | 8:30 AM Fr Braxton | ❤️ Trace Favre |
| | 6:00 PM Fr Satish | |
| Thu 8/07 | 8:30 AM Fr Satish | + Mary Jean Ropel |
| | | ❤️ Fr. Jey Jordan |
| Fri 8/08 | 6:30 AM Fr Braxton | + Florence and Matthew Ajayi |
| Sat 8/09 | 4:00 PM Fr Satish | + Warren Doussan, Sr. |
| | | + Warren Doussan, Jr. |
| Sun 8/10 | 7:30 AM Fr Braxton | 🎂 Kayonne Levens |
| | 9:00 AM Fr Braxton | 👤 People of St Thomas and Long Beach |
| | 11:30 AM Fr Satish | 🎂 Jim Tolson |
| | 5:30 PM Fr Satish | ❤️ Fr. Jey Jordan |



👤 Baptism 🎂 Birthday + Deceased ❤️ Healing 🏫 School Mass 👤 Special Intention ⚭ Wedding Anniversary

Pray For Our Clergy

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|----------|-------------------------------|
| Sun 8/03 | Pope Leo XIV |
| Mon 8/04 | Father David Milton H.G.N |
| | Father Joseph Mensah |
| Tue 8/05 | Father Paddy Mockler |
| | Father Everardo Mora- Tores |
| Wed 8/06 | Father Braxton Necaie |
| | Father George Murphy(Retired) |
| Thu 8/07 | Father Cuddy O'Connell |
| | Father Michael O'Connor |
| Fri 8/08 | Father Bernard Papania |
| | Father Daniel Martinez Patin |
| Sat 8/09 | Father Dominic Vu Xuan Pham |
| | Father Thang John Pham |
| Sun 8/10 | Father Tomasz Powroźnik |

Income for 7/26/25-7/27/25

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular | \$9,325.00 |
| ACH Regular | \$1,540.00 |
| E-giving Regular | \$1,920.00 |
| Building Restoration | 6,389.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$1,605.00 |
| Insurance and Utilities | \$90.00 |
| Pickle jar | \$188.00 |
| TOTAL | \$21,057.00 |

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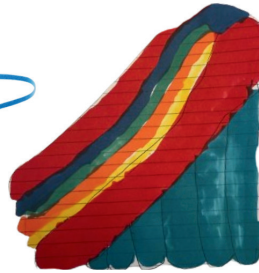
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



August 13th, 2025
6 PM
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Catholic Charities of South Mississippi is proud to team up with CASA of South Mississippi to help recruit dedicated volunteers who can make a real difference in the lives of children throughout our community.

Join us on August 13th at 6 P.M. to learn more about what CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) does and discover how you can help advocate for children in South Mississippi who need your voice. Whether you're curious about becoming a CASA volunteer or simply want to learn more about this vital program, all are welcome to attend this informational session.

RSVP: Michelle Eleuterius: meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org or 228-219-5995

Love Thy Neighbor

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ON AUGUST 2ND AND 3RD
AND LEAVE THEM IN THE EAST FOYER - THANK YOU!**

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

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.



CURSILLO ULTREYAS ARE BACK AT ST. THOMAS!

Mark your calendar for August 14th!

Cursillo "Utreyas" at St. Thomas are planned for 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month beginning August 14th (after the Assumption Vigil Mass). The first meeting will be in the choir rehearsal room across from the parish office.

**CURSILLISTAS
FROM OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE
ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED
TO JOIN US!**

UPCOMING ULTREYA DATES:

AUGUST 14, AT 7PM

SEPTEMBER 11, 7PM

OCTOBER 9TH, 7PM

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please pick up a registration form in the office or in the back of the church. The next Men's Cursillo will be October 9-12, 2025; The Women's Cursillo is November 13-16, 2025.

There are well over 200 people of our parish who have attended a Cursillo weekend.

If you are in that number, please make plans to attend! Ultreya fosters living out the three tenets of Cursillo — prayer, study and action; It also encourages community and supports evangelization. "Ultreya" is a Spanish word, derived from the original Latin, meaning "onward" and was used by pilgrims to greet and encourage one another along the way. It is now used by the Cursillo community to signify meetings held after a Cursillo experience.



**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, 2025.

For more information, contact Dave Gauthier
at (228) 596-8835 or rcia@saintthomaslb.org

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxillary

JOIN US FOR BUNCO!

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person**



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FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AWAITS!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025 AT 2:00PM

Senior Citizen Center in Long Beach

20257 Daughtery Road

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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
Religious Education Programs 2025/2026

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belongs*

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...in this church
...in this community
...in the body of Christ
...in the Catholic faith
...in the kingdom of God
...In Religious Education

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To truly understand the way the Lord views femininity is to live as one who is fully alive. In a world that often speaks in clichés and labels, God desires to reveal who He is through a greater understanding of who we are. This season will not only unpack the wealth of celebration of what Saint John Paul II called "*The Feminine Genius*" but will also give real advice on how to combat the mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges we, as women, face every day.



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- MESSAGE:** "The speakers were outstanding and their talks were inspiring and relatable. What a great experience!"
- FELLOWSHIP:** "I loved being with other like-minded women and having the opportunity to engage in relevant discussions."

SEASON TWO TEN VIRTUES of MARY

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Mondays at 6:00pm
September 8th-November 3rd
St. Thomas Catholic Church
Community Center

SCHEDULE:

6:00pm - Fellowship
6:15pm - Video Presentation
6:45pm - Small Group
7:15pm - Dismissal



REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR code to register!
For more information, contact:
Morgan Bergeron
(337) 356-7747

Fr. Braxton's Bulletin Blessings

Last week, our Gospel reading emphasized persistence in our prayer life, and my homily focused on quieting our hearts to hear God's voice. I would like to offer some suggestions that may help you better connect with Him: **Set Aside Dedicated Time** Whether it's five minutes or an hour, carve out intentional time in your day to spend with God. This commitment is essential for fostering a deeper relationship. **Create a Peaceful Environment:** Find a location where you can calm your mind and soul. A serene setting can significantly enhance your ability to focus and listen. **Engage with Scripture** Read the Bible. Allow the words to resonate within you, creating a foundation for your prayers. **Pray and Embrace Silence** After praying, take time to be still. Silence can be a powerful space for reflection and receptivity. **Practice Persistence and Patience** Do not be discouraged if you do not hear God's voice clearly. Spiritual communication often requires time and perseverance. **Acknowledge Wandering Thoughts** If your mind wanders, recognize that sometimes God may be prompting you to reflect on others, your work, or other aspects of your life. **Remain Open to Divine Communication** Be attentive to the various ways God may speak to us—through Scripture, thoughts, visions, nature, impressions, and even through the words of others. **Heed Subtle Promptings** Pay close attention to the gentle nudges of your heart and mind, as these may be God's way of reaching out to you. **Be Receptive to His Responses** Cultivate an openness to receive whatever insights or messages God may impart. **Document Your Experiences** Write down any revelations/thoughts you receive. Journaling can help you process the information and discern its meaning.

DAILY READINGS

August 3, Sunday

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Alleluia: Matthew 5: 3
Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

August 4, Monday

First Reading: Numbers 11: 4b-15
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 81: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 4
Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

August 5, Tuesday

First Reading: Numbers 12: 1-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13
Alleluia: John 1: 49b
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-36 or Matthew 15: 1-2, 10-14

August 6, Wednesday – Transfiguration of the Lord

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9
Second Reading: Second Peter 1: 16-19
Alleluia: Matthew 17: 5c
Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36

August 7, Thursday

First Reading: Numbers 20: 1-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Alleluia: Matthew 16: 18
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-23

August 8, Friday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-40
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 77: 12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21
Alleluia: Matthew 5: 10
Gospel: Matthew 16: 24-28

August 9, Saturday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 4-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 18: 2-3a, 3c-4, 47 and 51
Alleluia: Second Timothy 1: 10
Gospel: Matthew 17: 14-20

August 10, Sunday

First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 or 11: 1-2, 8-12
Alleluia: Matthew 24: 42a, 44
Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the Confiteor. End this time together by praying the Confiteor ("I confess to almighty God...").

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