

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth 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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Complete and submit
a registration form.
Paper forms can be found
in the office or in the back of the Church.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Annie Nguyen 832-794-5309 anniemsu@yahoo.com

Marriage

Contact the office at 228-863-1610 at MONDAY, AUGUST 11

least six months in advance of the planned wedding date.

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LORI LEA SAWYER

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00am - 10:00am Back-to-School Mass with Reception to follow in the Community Center

12:30pm - 1:00pm **Baptisms**

4:15pm - 5:15pm Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

9:30am - 12:30pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help in the REC SVdP Office

Youth Band Practice in the Church 7:30pm - 8:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

2:00pm - 4:00pm Homeschool Band rehearsal in the REC Multi-Function Room

5:00pm - 8:00pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

5:15pm - 7:15pm Young at Heart Line Dancing in the REC Multi-Function Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration in the Chapel

Lectio Divina in the REC Library

5:00pm - 8:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

5:30pm - 7:00pm CALB Meeting in the Edge Room Reconciliation in Parish Office 5:30pm - 6:00pm

6:00pm - 7:00pm Mass in Chapel

7:00pm - 8:30pm Rehearsal for Music/Prayer Teams for Charismatic Mass in the Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

9:30am - 12:30pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help in the REC SVdP Office

2:00pm - 4:00pm Homeschool Band rehearsal in the REC Multi-Function Room

6:00pm - 7:00pm Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven - Vigil Mass in the Church

6:00pm - 8:00pm New Wine in the REC Multi-Function Room 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ladies' Bible Study in the REC SRE Classrooms

6:00pm - 7:00pm Men's Bible Study in the REC Library 7:00pm - 9:00pm Ultreya in the Choir Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

All Day

Holy Day of Obligation - Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

6:30am - 7:30am Mass in the Church - Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

Adoration in the Chapel 7:00am - 5:00pm

Set up for Office of Youth Empowerment in Community Center 9:00am - 3:00pm

12:00pm - 1:00pm Mass in the Church - Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Office of Youth Empowerment in the Community Center 9:30am - 3:30pm

3:15pm - 3:45pm Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00am - 11:00am Parish Family Breakfast in the Community Center sponsored by KOC

10:00am - 11:00am Free Donuts Holes for Kids in Community Center by Donut Moms

10:00am - 12:00pm SRE Teachers' Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

4:15pm - 5:15pm Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

Volunteer Spotlight

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them -Matthew 18:20

In times of need—whether physical, emotional, or spiritual—one of our most invaluable resources is prayer. We are truly blessed to have a dedicated prayer team committed to interceding on behalf of those in need. Through our Prayer Chain, the reach of these prayers often extends far beyond the immediate circles of friends and family. This week, we are proud to shine our Volunteer Spotlight on Martha Johnson, who consistently and swiftly mobilizes a vast group of devoted prayer partners. **DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES SUBMISSION** These individuals provide essential support to those facing life's challenges. Martha's efforts not only foster a sense of unity and fellowship within our Church Community but also bring participants together for a common purpose: to offer comfort and strength to those in need. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Martha for her dedication to this vital ministry and for creating opportunities for us to support others. If you would like to become an integral part of this prayer ministry or if you have a prayer request, please reach out to Martha at prayer@stthomaslb.org. On behalf of our Church family, thank you, Martha, for your unwavering commitment and leadership. We are truly grateful for the gift of your service.

Prayer is Powerful! Please Pray with Us.

Shane Anderson, Cinnamon Barry, Ryan Bass, Kate Bohlke, Charles Cospelich, Jason Cuevas,
Trace Favre, Jerry Garrett, Mary Gibson, Barb Halupka, Lloyd Harris, Bette Johnson, Marcia Kruse,
Brennan Ladner, Frances Carrubba LeBlanc, Philip LeBlanc, Al Lewando, Kenneth Ray McDonald, Carter Misson,
Wayne Papania, Cristal Pierro, Laurie Rivenbark, 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.

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		SUBJECT TO CHANGE			
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			
		Fr. Dennis Carver			
Mon 8/11	8:30 AM Fr Braxton	+ Michael Holley Smith			
		Frin Kinberger (Healing)			
		+ David Williams			
		+ Justin Allen Brown (First Anniversary)			
Tue 8/12	8:30 AM Fr Satish	Fr. Jey Jordan			
		Fr. Dennis Carver			
		+ Becky Henley			
Wed 8/13	8:30 AM Fr Braxton				
		# Hannah Levens			
		■ Tyler Tolson ■ Ty			
	6:00 PM Fr Satish				
Thu 8/14	8:30 AM Fr Satish				
		+ Christopher Castiglia			
Fri 8/15	6:30 AM Fr Braxton	+ Snowball McKenna			
		Marianne Schmidt			
		+ Michael Morgan (10 th Anniversary)			
Sat 8/16	4:00 PM Fr Satish	+ Dina Forbes			
		+ Wilfredo Mana-ay, Sr.			
Sun 8/17	7:30 AM Fr Braxton	+ ≜ Ed and + ≜ Marguerite Hatem			
		+ Catherine and +Bill Wood			
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	11:30 AM Fr Satish	+ Roland Bobinger			
	5:30 PM Fr Satish	♥ Fr. Jey Jordan			
		♥ Fr. Dennis Carver			
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of Little Ones

Are you wanting to be a part of a fun, faithfilled group called the **DONUT MOMS?**

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CURSILLO ULTREYAS ARE BACK AT ST. THOMASI **Mark your calendar for August 14th!**

Cursillo " Utrevas" at St. Thomas are planned for 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month beginning August 14th (after the Assumption Vigil Mass). 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

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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



INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? LOOKING FOR A CHURCH? NEED A SPIRITUAL BOOST?

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Saturday-Sunday, September 13th & 14th, 2025 Sacred Heart Retreat Center Dedeaux 14595 Vidalia Road Pass Christian

Sponsored by the Cursillo Movement South Mississippi of the Diocese of Biloxi, ARISE is designed primarily for those who would like to receive additional information about the Catholic faith in one meaningful and information-filled weekend.

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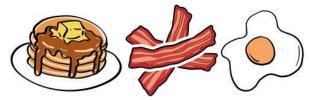
- ✓ Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics
- ✓ Non-Catholic Teachers, parents, grandparents affiliated with a Catholic School who want to know more about the Catholic faith
- ✓ Catholics who have been away from the church for a while or those needing a spiritual boost
- ✓ Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new one or more meaningful faith experience
- ✓ Those taking/have taken instruction (OCIA/RCIA) in the Catholic faith

Applications for the weekend can be found at www.biloxicursillo.org (copy attached at Arise-Application-current as of 02-2025.pdf)

For more information, please contact Dale Dorcik at (228)365-4057 or Jill Olsen at (228)327-5090.



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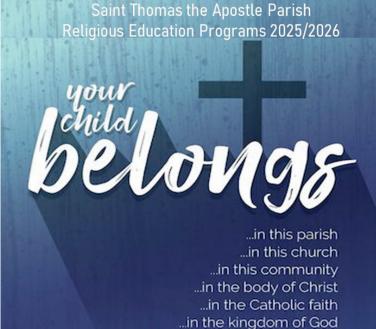


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August 10, Sunday

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

August 11, Monday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Alleluia: Second Thessalonians 2: 14 Gospel: Matthew 17: 22-27

August 12, Tuesday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 31: 1-8 Responsorial Psalm: Deuteronomy 32: 3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 Alleluia: Matthew 11: 29ab Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

August 13, Wednesday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 66: 1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 Alleluia: Second Corinthians 5: 19 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

August 14, Thursday

First Reading: Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Alleluia: Psalms 119: 135 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 – 19: 1

August 15, Friday

August 15, Friday Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity Holy Day of Obligation

First Reading: Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 45: 10, 11, 12, 16 Second Reading: First Corinthians 15: 20-27 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

August 16, Saturday

First Reading: Joshua 24: 14-29 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25 Gospel: Matthew 19: 13-15

August 17, Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 40: 2, 3, 4, 18 Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4 Alleluia: John 10: 27 Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Years ago, most families had only one or two clocks in their home. Today, we have clocks everywhere—on our walls, on our microwave ovens, on our DVD players, on our cell phones, and so on. As a family, go through the house and count how many clocks (time-telling devices) your family has. Talk about important events for which family members need to be on time. Recall experiences of being late for something, either as individuals or as a family. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something.

Read aloud Luke 12:32-48. Talk about the parable that Jesus told and discuss how the master will feel if he arrives to find his servant doing his job. Discuss what our job is as disciples of Jesus. Explain that, just as we need to be aware of the time so that we don't miss anything important, we also need to be alert and focused on our jobs, our responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

Encourage each family member to place a sacred symbol near the clock that they use most in the house and to use the symbol and the clock as a reminder that it is always "time" for us to be acting like disciples of Christ.

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