

# September 7, 2025

## Twenty-Third 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:

(Watch the Bulletin for Mass Times)



*And whoever does not carry their cross  
and follow Me  
cannot be My disciple.*

## JOIN OUR PARISH!

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please visit our website  
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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.

## 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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LORI LEA SAWYER**

# HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ALL DAY

7:30am – 12:30pm

10:10am – 11:20am

10:15am – 11:00am

2:00pm – 4:00pm

4:15pm – 5:15pm

6:40pm – 8:00pm

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ALL DAY

9:30am – 12:30pm

6:00pm – 6:45pm

6:00pm – 7:15pm

6:30pm – 8:00pm

7:30pm – 8:30pm

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00am – 12:00pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

5:00pm – 8:00pm

5:15pm – 6:45pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

7:00pm – 9:00pm

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00am – 6:00pm

9:15am – 11:15am

11:30am – 1:00pm

5:00pm – 8:00pm

5:30pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:15pm – 8:45pm

6:30pm – 8:30pm

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30am – 12:30pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

5:45pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

7:00pm – 9:00pm

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00am – 5:00pm

3:00pm – 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00am – 12:00pm

9:00am – 11:30pm

10:00am – 12:00pm

3:15pm – 3:45pm

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:10am – 11:20am

12:30pm – 1:00pm

4:15pm – 5:15pm

6:40pm – 8:00pm

Food Pantry Sunday – before and after all Masses

Good Shepherd Showcase before and after all morning Masses

SRE Classes Begin in the REC SRE Classrooms

SRE Parent Meeting in the REC

Little Flowers in the REC Multi-Function Room

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

Life Teen and Edge Meetings – Messy Games Kickoff at the Pavilion

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Children's Bell Choir in the Choir Rehearsal Room

SHE Shall Be Called Woman Program in the Church and Community Ctr

OCIA Sessions in the REC Multi-Function Room

Youth Band Practice in the Church

Quilters Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Homeschool Band rehearsal in the REC Multi-Function Room

Cub Scouts Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

Young at Heart Dance Class in the REC Multi-Function Room

Funeral in the Church

Funeral Reception in the Community Center

Adoration in the Chapel

Lectio Divina in the REC Library

Lunchkins in the Community Center

Cub Scout Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

Reconciliation in Parish Office

Mass in Chapel

Practice for Charismatic Mass in the Church

Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Community Center

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

Homeschool Band rehearsal in the REC Multi-Function Room

Music Ministry Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Men's Bible Study in the REC Library

New Wine in the REC Multi-Function Room

Ultreya in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Adoration in the Chapel

Private Event Set-Up in the Community Center

St. Vincent de Paul Society District Meeting in the REC SVdP Office

Private Event in the Community Center

Altar Server Training in the Church

Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

SRE Classes in the REC SRE Classrooms

Baptisms in the Church

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

Life Teen and Edge Meetings – in the Life Teen and Edge Meeting Rooms

## Volunteer Spotlight

This week, we highlight the exceptional contributions of **Southern Linen Services** to our Parish. The care needed for the linens utilized in our Community Center for various events and activities are often overlooked, yet they play a crucial role in protecting our tables and providing sanitary dining surfaces. Southern Linen Services provides meticulous care in maintaining our tablecloths for our round, rectangular, and bistro tables, as well as the accompanying toppers. Their services go beyond laundering; they also ensure that each linen is expertly pressed, enhancing the overall aesthetics in our Community Center. We are so grateful to and for Southern Linen Services for their invaluable support to our community, and we extend our sincere thanks to them!

# Prayer is Powerful! Please Pray with Us.

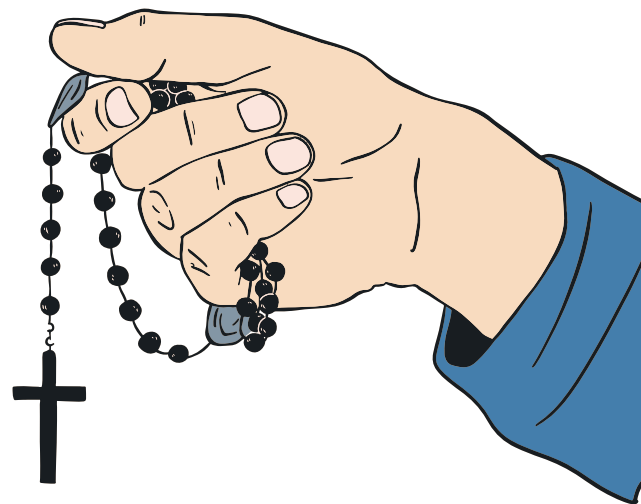
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If you know of someone who is homebound, in a hospital or care facility and would like a visit from Father Satish, Father Braxton, Deacon Buddy or Deacon Jerry, and/or their name on the bulletin prayer request list, please call the Parish Office at 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 9/07	7:30 AM Fr Braxton	🙏 Danette and Mike Wesselmann + Clay Bishop + Elva Smith
	9:00 AM Fr Braxtpm	🙏 People of St Thomas and Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr Hi	+ Jimmy Hillman
	5:30 PM Fr Braxton	🎂 Kaylee Dubuisson + Joseph Patrick Hendrix
Mon 9/08	8:30 AM Fr Braxton	🙏 Johnny Watkins, Jr.
Tue 9/09	8:30 AM Fr Hi	🎂 Cameron Dubuisson + 🎂 Joseph Patrick Hendrix
Wed 9/10	8:30 AM Fr Braxton	+ Vivian Castiglia (Anniversary)
	6:00 PM Fr Braxton	🙏 Queen of Peace Media
Thu 9/11	8:30 AM Fr Braxton	+ Rick Gilbert
Fri 9/12	6:30 AM Fr Braxton	🙏 Christine Watkins
Sat 9/13	4:00 PM Fr Braxton	+ Sally Miconi 🙏 Raymond Ebberman
Sun 9/14	7:30 AM Fr Braxton	+ Jimmy Hillman 🎂 Mike Wesselmann
	9:00 AM Fr Braxton	🙏 People of St Thomas and Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr Hi	
	5:30 PM Fr Braxton	+ Ron Welch



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

## Income for 8/30/25-8/31/25

Regular	\$12,688.50
ACH Regular	\$1,975.00
E-giving Regular	\$1,446.00
Miscellaneous Office Deposit	\$160.00
Insurance and Utilities	\$43.33
Building Restoration	\$75.00
Capital Campaign	\$3,189.00
Pickle jar	\$1,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,976.83</b>

**Thank You  
for your generosity!**

## Pray For Our Clergy

Sun 9/07	Pope Leo XIV
Mon 9/08	Father Mike Austin Father Emmanuel Awe, SSJ
Tue 9/09	Father Sergio Balderas Father Greg Barras (Retired)
Wed 9/10	Father Hyginus Boboh, SSJ
Thu 9/11	Father Tommy Conway
Fri 9/12	Father Ruben Covos
Sat 9/13	Father Joe Dilettuso (Retired)
Sun 9/14	Father Adam Frey



# FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

PLEASE BRING  
NONPERISHABLE GROCERY ITEMS  
TO RESTOCK THE  
LONG BEACH FOOD PANTRY  
WHEN YOU COME TO MASS  
ON SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup>  
AND LEAVE THEM IN THE EAST FOYER



## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

# Rest in Peace

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## \$100

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NOVEMBER  
2<sup>nd</sup>

St. Thomas Catholic Church

# Fall Festival

## \$5k Raffle & Silent Auction

Event is free to attend!

Hayrides | Face-Painting | Craft Stations  
Children's Games | Petting Zoo  
Bake Sale | Food Booths

DIRECTLY FOLLOWING  
11:30 AM MASS  
ON CHURCH GROUNDS

## SAINT THOMAS Lifeteen & Edge

2025-2026 Registration

6TH-12TH GRADE EVERY SUNDAY EVENING  
AFTER 5:30PM MASS UPSTAIRS

### MESSY GAMES KICK OFF

September 7th  
AT THE  
PAVILLION!

Scan to Register!



Cursillistas from our Parish and Diocese  
are invited to join our Cursillo "Utreyas"

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 IN THE CHOIR ROOM**

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 is October 9-12

Women's Cursillo is November 13-16

## ATTENTION FAMILIES!

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN JOIN US  
AT THE 9AM MASS ON SEPTEMBER 14TH  
TO SING THE E-U-C-H-A-R-I-S-T SONG AT THE ALTAR FOLLOWING COMMUNION!







School of Religious Education  
Monthly Newsletter  
September 2025

Class Schedules

Class is from 10:10-11:20

We will meet on the following days this month:

September 7\*

\*Parent Meeting during class time.

September 14

September 21

September 28

Upcoming Events

Movie Night  
Friday, September 19, 2025

We will be watching:  
*The Jungle Book*  
A light snack will be provided: S'mores and Juice



SRE News

We are all excited to make Sunday mornings fun and full of learning about Jesus. He has a purpose for all of us and we are all children of God.

Each child in Grades 2 – 5 will develop his own Faith Formation Plan. One aspect of that is to build a sense of community and charity in our students. Each month we will designate a cause to support. Attend the parent meeting on the first day of class to learn more.

Our September cause is to stock the St Vincent de Paul food pantry with peanut butter, jelly, and crackers.



Pslam 150:6- "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

# Altar Server ANNOUNCEMENT

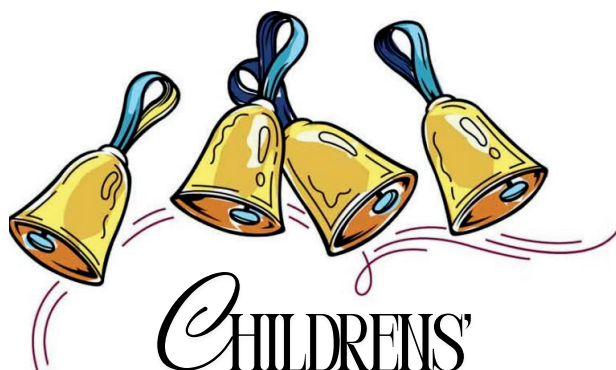
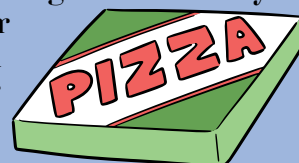


Training for new altar servers will take place on Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

We welcome all who are interested in being a part of this wonderful ministry. For further information or to sign up, please email: [altarserver@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:altarserver@saintthomaslb.org).

As a special treat, all new servers will enjoy fellowship and delicious pizza after the training session!

Please note that this training is exclusively for new altar servers. Our current altar servers will have a refresher training session at a later date.



## CHILDRENS' BELL CHOIR ATTENTION!

The St. Thomas Children's Bell Choir rehearsals begin Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> !

All children, ages 7 – 12, are invited to participate!

No experience necessary!

The bell choir will rehearse on Mondays from 6:00pm – 6:45pm in the Choir Room.

We will perform at the Christmas Eve Mass.

If you are interested, please contact Tyler Brandon by email at [music2@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:music2@saintthomaslb.org).

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## Catechist Commissioning

Never underestimate the gift you are: by your teaching and example, you draw children and youth into friendship with Jesus. You are sent by the Church to be living signs of God's love:

Pope Leo XIV to Catechists, 26 July, 2025

**All parish catechists, in children, teen and adult programs, are invited to Commissioning for the 2025-2026 year as a Catechist in St Thomas Parish.**

**Commissioning will be followed by Holy Hour and Confession.**

**Families are invited.**

**What: Catechist Commissioning and Breakfast**

**Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**Time: 8:30am - 10:30am**

**Place: Parish Community Center for breakfast, followed by Holy Hour and commissioning in the Church**

**Please RSVP with a count of attendees no later than Sept 15th to Dave Gauthier at [religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org).**

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## HURRICANE PRAYER



O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey Your Command. Please calm the storms that threaten us, and turn our fears into praise for Your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.

We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?  
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Saturday-Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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



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# DAILY READINGS

## September 7, Sunday

First Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18b  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17  
Second Reading: Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17  
Alleluia: Psalms 119: 135  
Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

## September 8, Monday

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading: Micah 5: 1-4a or Romans 8: 28-30  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 13: 6ab, 6c  
Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23

## September 9, Tuesday

First Reading: Colossians 2: 6-15  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 1b-2, 8-9, 10-11  
Alleluia: John 15: 16  
Gospel: Luke 6: 12-19

## September 10, Wednesday

First Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab  
Alleluia: Luke 6: 23ab  
Gospel: Luke 6: 20-26

## September 11, Thursday

First Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Alleluia: First John 4: 12  
Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

## September 12, Friday

First Reading: First Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 16: 1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11  
Alleluia: John 17: 17b, 17a  
Gospel: Luke 6: 39-42

## September 13, Saturday

First Reading: First Timothy 1: 15-17  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7  
Alleluia: John 14: 23  
Gospel: Luke 6: 43-49

## September 14, Sunday

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4b-9  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38  
Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11  
Gospel: John 3: 13-17

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

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to “hating” father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>



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