

JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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9:00am to 5:00pm

in the Chapel

5:00pm to 6:00pm

in the Church

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7:00am - 5:00pm

in the Chapel

ROSARY:

Monday - Friday

Recited 30 Minutes

Before Daily Masses



RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday:

5:00pm

Saturday:

3:15pm - 3:45pm

or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Thursday:

Mass: 8:30am

Wednesday:

6:00pm

Charismatic Mass

Friday:

Mass: 6:30am

Saturday:

4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday:

7:30am, 9:00am,

11:30am, and 5:30pm

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Holy Days:

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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.

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.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

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Marriage

Contact the office at 228-863-1610 at least six months in advance of the planned wedding date.

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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES SUBMISSION

IS THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE PUBLICATION DATE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU, PLEASE CONTACT LORI LEA SAWYER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00am – 10:00am OLG to speak after Mass

10:10am – 11:20am SRE Classes in the REC SRE Classrooms

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

5:30pm – 6:30pm OLG to speak after Mass

6:40pm – 8:00pm NO Life Teen/Edge Meetings – Rosary Walk (Family Event)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00am – 11:00am Book Club Meeting in the REC Library

9:15am – 10:30am She Shall Be Called Woman Morning Session in the Church/Community Ctr

9:30am – 12:30pm Society of SVdP Offering Help in the REC SVdP Offices

3:30pm – 6:00pm Set-Up for She Shall Be Called Woman Evening Session in Community Ctr

6:00pm – 7:30pm She Shall Be Called Woman in the Church and Community Center

6:30pm – 8:00pm OCIA Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00am – 12:00pm Quilters Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

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

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

5:30pm – 6:30pm Jazz Mass Rehearsal (Instruments) in the Church

6:30pm – 7:30pm Jazz Mass Rehearsal (Vocals and Instruments) in the Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00am – 5:00pm Adoration in the Chapel

9:15am – 11:15am Lectio Divina in the REC Library

5:00pm – 6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation in the Church

5:00pm – 8:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

6:00pm – 7:00pm Charismatic Mass in the Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

9:30am – 12:30pm Society of SVdP Offering Help in the REC SVdP Offices

2:00pm – 4:00pm Home School Band Practice in the REC Multi-Function Room

5:45pm – 6:45pm Jazz Mass Rehearsal (Vocals) in the Church

6:00pm – 7:00pm Men's Bible Study in the REC Library

6:00pm – 8:00pm New Wine Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30am – 10:45am Baptism Seminar in the REC Library

11:00am – 11:30am Diocesan Altar Server Awards Mass at OLG

11:00am – 9:00pm Reception Set-Up for King Cake Social following Jazz Mass

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

4:00pm – 5:00pm Collection for Long Beach Food Pantry

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

ALL DAY Collection for Long Beach Food Pantry before/after all Masses

9:00am – 10:00am Jazz Mass in the Church

10:00am – 12:00pm King Cake Social in the Community Center

10:10am – 11:20am NO SRE Classes

10:35am – 11:15am Sacramental Preparation – Parents Meeting in the REC

2:00pm – 4:00pm Little Flowers Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

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

6:40pm – 8:00pm Life Teen/Edge Meetings in the Youth/Edge Rooms/Community Center



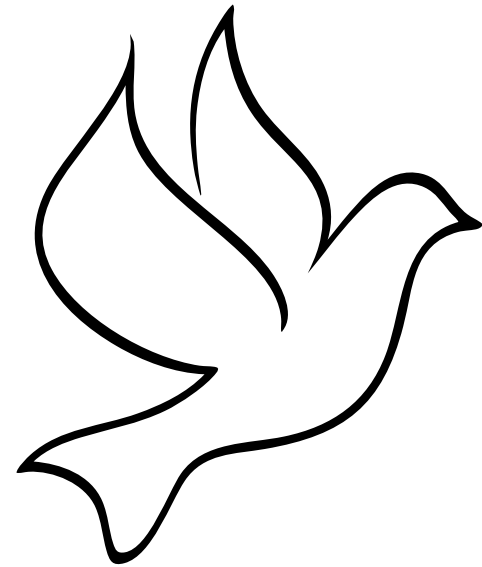
PRAYER IS POWERFUL! PLEASE PRAY WITH US.

Cinnamon Barry; Susan Bush; Robert Cole; Cynthia Cornell; Terri Favre; Jimmy Lerma; Kenneth Ray McDonald; Mary Meyers; Peggy Ann Moran; Diane Moudy; Sr. Cecilia Nguyen; Dayne O'Neal; Adeline O'Neill; Sheri Paulson; London Raymer; Peggy Rester; Stephanie Rester; Donna Levens Schmidt; Robert Shirley; Ann Sizemore; Maisie, Corbin, and Henley *Sine Nomine*; Belinda Tipton; Sawyer Triolo; Catherine Weindorf; Danette Wesselmann; Rhonda Wetzel; 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 informed.

PRIEST MASS ASSIGNMENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Sun 01/25 7:30 AM Fr. Braxton + Stockton Kathmann
 9:00 AM Fr. Braxton 🙏 St. Thomas Parish and the People of the City of Long Beach
 11:30 AM Fr. Satish + James Beck (First Anniversary)
 ⚭ Justin & Caroline Mather
 5:30 PM Fr. Satish + 🎂 Evelyn Monti
- Mon 01/26 8:30 AM Fr. Braxton + Jerry James Olson
- Tue 01/27 8:30 AM Fr. Satish + Carolyn Ladner
- Wed 01/28 8:30 AM Fr. Braxton + James Sprinkle, Jr.
 + Libby Wagner (Anniversary)
 6:00 PM Fr. Satish ❤️🙏 Charismatic Mass
 Fr. Maxwell
- Thu 01/29 8:30 AM Fr. Satish + Curt Beyer, III
- Fri 01/30 6:30 AM Fr. Braxton ❤️ Sheri Paulson
- Sat 01/31 4:00 PM Fr. Satish ❤️ Maisie, Corbin, and Henley *Sine Nomine*
- Sun 02/01 7:30 AM Fr. Satish + Clay Bishop
 9:00 AM Fr. Satish 🙏 St. Thomas Parish and the People of the City of Long Beach
 11:30 AM Fr. Braxton ❤️ Cancer Ministry Prayer List
 5:30 PM Fr. Braxton ❤️ Sheri Paulson



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

Income for 01/17/26 - 01/18/26

Regular	\$23,818.50
Capital Campaign	\$8,125.00
Building Restoration	\$200.00
Special Collection	\$190.00
Pickle jar	\$273.00
Insurance and Utilities	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$32,676.50

**Thank You
for your generosity!**

Pray For Our Clergy

Sun 01/25	Father Ryan McCoy Father Henry McInerney
Mon 01/26	For Our Seminarians
Tue 01/27	For Our Deceased † Popes and Bishops † Bishop Joseph Howze † Bishop Roger Morin
Wed 01/28	For Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers, and Deacons
Thu 01/29	For Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School
Fri 01/30	For Our Deacons and Those Discerning
Sat 01/31	Father Satish Adhav Father Braxton Ncaise
Sun 02/01	Pope Leo XIV

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FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

MANDATORY

PARENT MEETING
for

St. Thomas families with children
attending Catholic Schools.

SATURDAY,
MARCH 7, 2026
AT 9:30 A.M.

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It is time to prepare for our St. Joseph Altar!
We invite all parishioners to join us for a planning
meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 6:00 PM in the
Community Center. With grateful hearts and willing
hands, let us come together to honor St. Joseph and,
once again, make the celebration on March 19th a truly
beautiful and blessed day for our Parish.



WARNING *SPAM alert*

There are still spam emails circulating, which appear to
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Parish Wide JAZZ MASS

AND KING CAKE SOCIAL
THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP!

We are seeking donations of King Cakes,
drinks, and finger foods for our King Cake
Social following the Jazz Mass on February 1.
You may also support the event by becoming
an official sponsor with a \$100+ donation.

To help, please call the parish office at
228-863-1610 by Wednesday, January 28th,
and leave your contact information.

Rest in Peace



**Charles Champayne
Sidney Gremillion
Henry Christian Stiller Jr.**

First Holy Communion 2026

Classes for First Holy Communion begin on February 1st, and continue on Feb 22nd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, April 12th and April 19th. These are for all children and parents in both private and public school programs.

On February 1st, families attend the 9:00 Jazz Mass and King Cake Social. Pick up your badges before Mass for front of line privileges at the Social. You will be called out at 10:30 to parade to the Religious Education Center.

ALL CLASSES ARE MANDATORY FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS.

First Reconciliation is Saturday morning, March 21st. First Holy Communion is Saturday evening, April 25th.



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DAILY READINGS

January 25, Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14
Second Reading: First Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 23
Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 or Matthew 4: 12-17

January 26, Monday

First Reading: Second Timothy 1: 1-8 or Titus 1: 1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Alleluia: Second Timothy 1: 10
Gospel: Mark 3: 22-30

January 27, Tuesday

First Reading: Second Samuel 6: 12b-15, 17-19
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24: 7, 8, 9, 10
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25
Gospel: Mark 3: 31-35

January 28, Wednesday

First Reading: Second Samuel 7: 4-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30
Gospel: Mark 4: 1-20

January 29, Thursday

First Reading: Second Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14
Alleluia: Psalms 119: 105
Gospel: Mark 4: 21-25

January 30, Friday

First Reading: Second Samuel 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25
Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

January 31, Saturday

First Reading: Second Samuel 12: 1-7a, 10-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Alleluia: John 3: 16
Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

February 1, Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; Zephaniah 3: 12-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Second Reading: First Corinthians 1: 26-31
Alleluia: Matthew 5: 12a
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In Matthew 8:14-15 for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

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