

AUGUST 9, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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9:00am to 5:00pm

in the Chapel

5:00pm to 6:00pm

in the Church

Friday:

7:00am - 5:00pm

in the Chapel

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Monday - Friday

Recited 35 Minutes

Before Daily Masses

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday:

5:00pm

Saturday:

3:00pm - 3:45pm

or by appointment



Matthew 14: 22-33

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:

(Watch the Bulletin
for Mass Times)

JOIN OUR PARISH!

To join our St. Thomas family,
please visit our website or scan the QR code.



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.

SACRAMENTS

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IS THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE
PUBLICATION DATE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
THE BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU,

PLEASE CONTACT

LORI LEA SAWYER

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

All Day

All Day

8:00am – 9:00am

10:15am – 11:30am

10:00am – 10:30am

4:15pm – 5:15pm

6:40pm – 8:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:30am – 12:30pm

11:00am – 11:30am

11:30am – 12:30pm

1:30pm – 3:30pm

6:30pm – 8:00pm

7:30pm – 8:30pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00am – 12:00pm

9:30am – 12:30pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

5:00pm – 6:45pm

5:00pm – 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00am – 5:00pm

9:15am – 11:15am

5:00pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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, AUGUST 14

7:00am – 5:00pm

10:00am – 4:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

All Day

9:00am – 10:00am

10:00am – 6:00pm

2:30pm – 3:30pm

3:00pm – 3:45pm

3:30pm – 5:00pm

4:00pm – 5:00pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

All Day

8:00am – 9:00am

8:30am – 6:00pm

10:15am – 11:30am

4:15pm – 5:15pm

6:40pm – 8:00pm

Registration for She Shall Be Called Woman before/after all Masses

Core Team Retreat in the Youth Room

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Church

Baptisms in the Church

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

NO Life Teen or Edge Meeting (Summer Break)

Society of SVdP Offering Help in the REC SVdP Offices

Funeral Visitation for Eleanor Lipski in the Church

Funeral for Eleanor Lipski in the Church

Funeral Reception for Eleanor Lipski in the Community Center

OCIA Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Youth Band Practice in the Church

Quilters Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Society of SVdP Offering Help in the REC SVdP Offices

Homeschool Band Practice in the REC Multi-Function Room

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

NO Cub Scouts (Summer Break)

Adoration in the Chapel

Lectio Divina in the REC Library

Reconciliation/Adoration/Praise/Worship in the Church

Charismatic Mass in the Church

NO Cub Scout Meeting (Summer Break)

Society of SVdP Offering Help in the REC SVdP Offices

Homeschool Band practice in the REC Multi-Function Room

Music Ministry Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Men's Bible Study in the REC Library

New Wine Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Cursillo Ultreya Meeting in the Chapel

Adoration in the Chapel

Set-Up for Shroud of Turin Exhibit in the Community Center

Catholic in Recovery Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Shroud of Turin Exhibit in the Community Center

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Church

Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

Registration Open for She Shall Be Called Woman Fall Program

Vigil Mass in the Church

Registration for She Shall Be Called Woman before/after all Masses

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Shroud of Turin Exhibit in the Community Center

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Church

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

NO Life Teen or Edge Meeting (Summer Break)

Healing for those seeking recovery
from addiction
and a deeper
relationship with Jesus Christ
and the Catholic Church



EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:00PM
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
in the Religious Education Center

PRAYER IS POWERFUL! PLEASE PRAY WITH US.

Danny Alderman; Cinnamon Barry; Mike Barry; Patsy Bishop; Nancy Bosarge; Corey Bradley; Fran Bridgett; Susan Bush; Greg Busche; Sheryl Carver; Kendra Case; David Wayne Culley; Vergie Dannheim; Lynn Doussan; Sarah Dubuisson and the Dubuisson Twins; Lori Dunaway; Doug Farwell; Carol Ferrara; Dominick Fimiano; George Frazer; Linda Frost; Donna Gauthier; Nita Gross; Evelyn Hutchins; Bettye Johnson; Gwen Killebrew; Jesse Leslie; Renee Leva; Angela Ladner Lucas; Kenneth Ray McDonald; Ginny Macken; Dee McKenna; Julie Mikolajczyk and Family; Joli Millet; Randy "Rip" Moran; Don Moudy; Sr. Cecilia Nguyen; Dayne O'Neal; Kayden Phillips; Olivia Rachal; Peggy Rester; Stephanie Rester; Margaret Roberts; Ray Roberts; Peggy Rutherford; Joe Schepens; Donna Levens Schmidt; Robert Shirley; Karen Perronne-Tripp; Penny Tripp; Sonny Watts; Jim Westmoreland; Rosemary Wittman; Jim Allen Young; and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

If you know of someone homebound, in a hospital or care facility and would like a visit from Father Satish, 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 four weeks unless an extension is requested. Please keep us informed.

PRIEST MASS ASSIGNMENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Sun 08/09	7:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Margaret Ann Necaise
		✝ Frances Carrubba LeBlanc
	9:00 AM Fr. Joe	🙏 St. Thomas Parish and the People of the City of Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Kathy Sullivan
		✝ Robert Sibille
	5:30 PM Fr. Satish	✝ Carolyn Raborn
Mon 08/10	8:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ James "Jimmy" Hillman (First Anniversary)
Tue 08/11	8:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Robert Joseph Neale (Anniversay)
		✝ Justin Brown (Second Anniversary)
		🎂 Jacinta Walker
Wed 08/12	8:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Frances Carrubba LeBlanc
		✝ Monsignor James McGough
	6:00 PM Fr. Maxwell	❤️🙏 Charismatic Mass
Thurs 08/13	8:30 AM Fr. Satish	🎂 Tim Tolson
		✝ Dennis Amberger
Fri 08/14	6:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Christopher Castiglia
Sat 08/15	4:00 PM Fr. Satish	✝ David LaRosa
Sun 08/16	7:30 AM Fr. Satish	🎂 ✝ Edward McKenna
		✝ Deceased Members of the Irwin Family
		✝ Roni Sprinkle
		🎂 ✝ Dina Forbes
	9:00 AM Fr. Joe	🙏 St. Thomas Parish and the People of the City of Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Frances Carrubba LeBlanc
	5:30 PM Fr. Satish	✝ Carolyn Raborn



💧 Baptism 🎂 Birthday ✝ Deceased ❤️ Healing 🙏 School Mass 🙏 Special Intention 💍 Wedding Anniversary

Income for 08/01/26 - 08/02/26

Regular	\$25,850.00
Building Restoration	\$5,432.00
Capital Campaign	\$1,261.00
Pickle jar	\$269.22
Insurance and Utilities	\$43.33
Special Collection	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$32,880.55

**THANK YOU
for your generosity!**

Pray For Our Clergy

Sun 08/09	Father Cuddy O'Connell
	Father Michael O'Connor
Mon 08/10	Father Bernard Papania
	Father Daniel Martinez Patino
Tue 08/11	Father Dominic Vu Xuan Pham
	Father Thang John Pham
Wed 08/12	Father Tomasz Powroźnik
Thu 08/13	Father Donbosco Puthiyakunnel
	Father J. Maxwell Quayle
Fri 08/14	Father Ken Ramon-Landry
Sat 08/15	Father Mark Ropel
Sun 08/16	Father Alwin Kuzhandai Samy, HGN



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

takes place on
Saturday, August 15, 2026.

This solemnity commemorates the end of Mary's earthly life and her assumption body and soul into Heaven.

Because the solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Holy Mass is abrogated in accordance with the norms observed in the dioceses of the United States.

Therefore, the Solemnity of the Assumption is *not* a holy day of obligation in 2026.

**At St. Thomas, we will celebrate her feast
on August 15th at 9:00 am.**

at 9:00 am.

Rest in Peace



**ELEANOR APOLONIA LIPSKI
JANET KAY WILLIAMS**

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

ABIDE

A WOMEN'S RETREAT INSPIRED BY
SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

AUGUST 21-23

SACRED HEART
DEDEAUX

21 & UP

SCAN TO SIGN UP



**SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!
REGISTER AT THE PARISH OFFICE!**



**CATHOLIC DEVOTION
for the Month of
AUGUST**



**The IMMACULATE
HEART of MARY**

Anasthoul

Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of the family of Carolyn Raborn, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support you showed us following the passing of our mother.

Your prayers brought us comfort and strength during a very difficult time in our lives.

We would especially like to thank the Bereavement Committee and Life Teen for the generous food donation. Your thoughtfulness allowed our family to set aside the many responsibilities that come with such a loss and simply spend time together. After the food was delivered, all of our mother's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and close family friends gathered together in fellowship. It was exactly the kind of gathering our mother would have loved.

Thank you for surrounding our family with Christ's love through your prayers, generosity, and compassion. I am truly blessed to be part of the St. Thomas parish family.

With sincere gratitude,
Tim Raborn and the Family of Carolyn

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EVERY
Wednesday
FOR A
CHARISMATIC
MASS
OF
Healing

AND
PERPETUAL NOVENA
TO
Mary, Undoer of Knots

BEGINNING WITH
ADORATION
INTERCESSORY PRAYER
RECONCILIATION
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

AT
**5:00
PM**

AND A
CHARISMATIC MASS
BEGINNING AT **6:00 PM**
CELEBRATED BY

FATHER SATISH AND FATHER MAXWELL

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Save the Date!
OCTOBER 10 AT 9AM
SATURDAY
**FALL
MAHJONG BRUNCH**

Hosted by the Ladies of
Society of
St. Vincent de Paul and
Knights of Columbus

DETAILS AND A
QR CODE
TO REGISTER
COMING SOON!

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

The exhibit is a self-guided tour with video, information stations, and physical exhibits. A content expert will be on hand to answer questions to all attendees, as well as providing a presentation to any group(s) interested in pre-scheduling a specific time slot.



**WHO IS THE MAN
OF THE SHROUD?**

OTH  **NIA**

The exhibit is privately owned through Othonia, which was represented at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis in 2024.

Please visit the Othonia website for more information:
<https://othonia.org>

The Shroud of Turin has been venerated for centuries as the actual burial cloth of Jesus and is widely considered to be the most studied object in the world. You are invited to explore faith, science, Scripture, and hope in this exhibit by Othonia, a part of the Institute of Science and Faith at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University located in Rome, Italy.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR SCHEDULE

Sat, Aug 15: 10 am to 6 pm

Sun, Aug 16: 8:30 am to 6 pm

Parish Community Center

Daily Special Presentation Schedule

11:00 am

1:30 pm

4:00 pm

**TO SCHEDULE A TOUR
GROUP, PLEASE TEXT
ALAN ROBERTS
228-343-6049**

NO CHARGE, BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

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She Shall Be Called Woman

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
Prodigius Dei

SEASON THREE LOVE UNVEILED

In this season, we will explore what it means for us, as women, to represent the identity of Christ's bride to the world. This relationship is marked by joy and intimacy, but also, like any relationship, it includes moments of failure, heartbreak, and the need for restoration. As we journey together, we will delve into the depths of Christ's love for His Bride, discovering the beauty of reconciliation and the grace that heals and strengthens us. Prepare your heart to be pursued by the Lord in a way that deepens your love for Him, invites your soul to heal, and fortifies your relationship with Christ.



HEATHER KHYM

Co-Founder of Life Restoration Ministries &
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RACHEL BULMAN

Author & Speaker

DISCOVER CHRIST'S LOVE

EACH SESSION OFFERS:

- ENCOUNTER:** "SHE inspires me for the week ahead and helps to keep me on track with my faith and daily prayer time."
- MESSAGE:** "I appreciate that a personal relationship with Jesus is central to each video presenter. This series is excellent!"
- FELLOWSHIP:** "I really felt heard and listened to by the other ladies in my small group, and I enjoyed growing spiritually with other women."

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Two Options on Monday
MORNING OR EVENING SESSIONS
September 14, 2026 - November 16, 2026

SCHEDULE:

9:15am or 6:00pm - Fellowship
9:30am or 6:15pm - Video Presentation
10:00am or 6:45pm - Small Group
10:30am or 7:15pm - Dismissal



**In-Person Registration beginning August 8th and 9th
OR Scan the QR Code to Register Now!**

For more information, contact:
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SEASON FOUR
RESTORED to RADIANCE
COMING THIS SPRING

SUMMER 2026

SAINT THOMAS LIFETEEN & EDGE



CAMP COVECREST & CAMP HIDDENLAKE

This summer, our youth ministry was blessed to send teens to both Camp Hidden Lake and Camp Covecrest for a week of faith, fellowship, and adventure. Throughout the week, our middle and high school students encountered Christ through the Sacraments, inspiring talks, small group discussions, and heartfelt prayer, all while building lasting friendships through games, outdoor activities, and unforgettable experiences. We are so grateful for the generosity and prayers of our parish family, whose support helped make these opportunities possible. Please continue to pray for our young people as they carry the joy, confidence, and deeper relationship with Christ they experienced this summer back into their homes, schools, and our parish community!



STEUBENVILLE ATLANTA

This summer, our high school teens had the incredible opportunity to attend the Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference, where they joined thousands of Catholic teens from across the Southeast for a weekend centered on encountering Jesus Christ. Through dynamic speakers, uplifting worship, powerful Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, our teens were challenged to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with the Lord. The weekend was filled with moments of joy, friendship, and spiritual renewal that will continue to bear fruit long after the conference ended. Thank you to our parish family for your prayers, encouragement, and support in making this life-changing experience possible. Please continue to pray that our teens remain rooted in Christ and boldly live out their faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WE WILL KICK OFF OUR YEAR WITH OUR ANNUAL
MESSY GAMES KICK OFF ON SEPTEMBER 13TH
AFTER 5:30 MASS!!

BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR
TEEN REGISTERED BY
SCANNING THIS QR CODE



youthministry@saintthomaslb.org



SRE, EDGE, & LIFETEEN SIGNUP!!

GRADES PRE K - 12TH
CLASS STARTS SEPT 13TH

PRE K - 5TH SUNDAYS 10:10 AM
6TH - 12TH SUNDAYS 6:45 PM

SCAN TO
SIGN UP!



REGISTER NOW!

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL
YOUTHMINISTRY@SAINTTHOMASLB.ORG OR
RELIGIOUSEDUCATION@SAINTTHOMASLB.ORG



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

We Invite You ALL to the next
Co-Ed ARISE Retreat #13
Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13, 2026
Sacred Heart Retreat Center Dedeaux
14595 Vidalia Road, Pass Christian

Sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of 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. It is especially for:

- ✓ Non-Catholic spouses or fiancés 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/religious affiliation who are "searching" for a new one or a more meaningful faith experience
- ✓ Those taking/have recently taken instruction (OCIA/RCIA) in the Catholic faith

Applications for the weekend can be found at www.biloxicursillo.org

For more information, please contact
Kim Duffy at (228) 623-3331 or David Kopszywa at (228) 627-5824.



CURSILLO ULTREYAS AT ST. THOMAS!

**Cursillistas from our Parish and Diocese
are invited and encouraged to join us!**

Cursillo "Utreyas"
at St. Thomas are
planned for 7pm on
the 2nd Thursday of
every month.
Meetings will be in
the Chapel.

**UPCOMING ULTREYAS:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026
AT 7:00PM**



If you have ever
attended a Cursillo
weekend, please make
plans to attend! Ultreya
fosters living out the
three tenets of Cursillo
Prayer, Study and
Action.



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



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LOST PURSE

A black, two-compartment 12-inch Michael Kors purse with handles was left behind after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 26. If you have any information about its whereabouts, please contact the parish office at 228-863-1610.

DAILY READINGS

AUGUST 9, Sunday

First Reading: First Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5
Alleluia: Psalms 130: 5
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

AUGUST 10, Monday

First Reading: Second Corinthians 9: 6-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 112: 1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
Alleluia: John 8: 12bc
Gospel: John 12: 24-26

AUGUST 11, Tuesday

First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 8 – 3: 4
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 29
Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

AUGUST 12, Wednesday

First Reading: Ezekiel 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Alleluia: Second Corinthians 5: 19
Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

AUGUST 13, Thursday

First Reading: Ezekiel 12: 1-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 78: 56-57, 58-59, 61-62
Alleluia: Psalms 119: 135
Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 – 19: 1

AUGUST 14, Friday

First Reading: Ezekiel 16: 1-15, 60, 63 or 16: 59-63
Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Alleluia: First Thessalonians 2: 13
Gospel: Matthew 19: 3-12

AUGUST 15, Saturday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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, Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8
Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 23
Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/mass-reading/daily-mass-readings-2026>

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven. Pray together the Morning Offering or the Lord's Prayer.

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