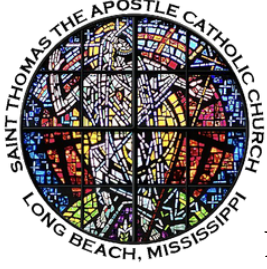


AUGUST 30, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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www.saintthomaslb.org

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Satish Adhav (228) 863-1610 FrSatish@saintthomaslb.org

Deacons: Ernest "Buddy" Vancourt and Jerry Dubuisson

ADORATION:

Wednesday:

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

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.



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)

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

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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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 30

All Day

8:00am – 9:00am

10:15am – 11:30am

4:15pm – 5:15pm

6:40pm – 8:00pm

Registration for She Fall Program before/after all Masses

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Church

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

NO Life Teen or Edge Meeting (Summer Break)

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30am – 12:30pm

6:00pm – 6:45pm

6:30pm – 8:00pm

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Society of SVdP Offering Help in the REC SVdP Offices

Children's Bell Choir Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

OCIA Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Youth Band Practice in the Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00am – 12:00pm

9:30am – 12:30pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

5:00pm – 8:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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

Cub Scout Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Cursillo #303 Meeting in the Choir Rehearsal Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00am – 5:00pm

9:15am – 11:15am

9:30am – 12:00pm

5:00pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Adoration in the Chapel

Lectio Divina in the REC Library

Society of SVdP Monthly Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Reconciliation/Adoration/Praise/Worship in the Church

Charismatic Mass in the Church

Cub Scout Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:30am – 12:30pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

5:00pm – 5:30pm

5:45pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Society of SVdP Offering Help in the REC SVdP Offices

Homeschool Band practice in the REC Multi-Function Room

Mercy Meals Team Peno/Wilkinson Packing Meals on second floor

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting in the KC Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00am – 5:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Adoration in the Chapel

Catholic in Recovery Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:00am – 2:00pm

2:30pm – 3:30pm

3:00pm – 3:45pm

3:30pm – 5:00pm

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Quo me Deus nunc vocat in the Church

Music Ministry Rehearsal in the Church

Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

Long Beach Food Pantry Donations in the East Foyer before/after Mass

Registration Open for She Shall Be Called Woman Fall Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

All Day

All Day

8:00am – 9:00am

10:15am – 11:30am

4:15pm – 5:15pm

6:40pm – 8:00pm

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Catholic in Recovery

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

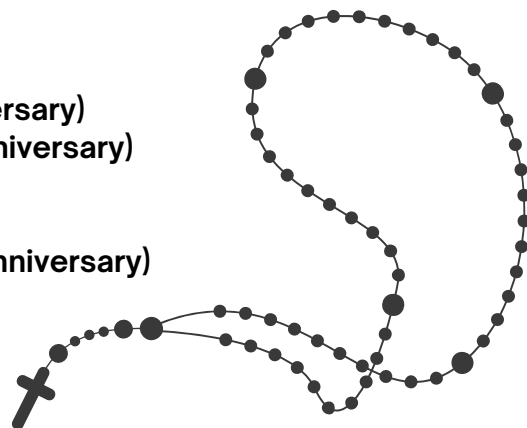
PRAYER IS POWERFUL! PLEASE PRAY WITH US.

Danny Alderman; Dave Anderson; Bryan Babin, Sr.; Cinnamon Barry; Mike Barry; Patrick Bishop; Fran Bridgett; Susan Bush; Greg Busche; Kim Busche; Sheryl Carver; Kendra Case; Ed Cuevas; David Wayne Culley; Keith Dedeaux; Lynn Doussan; Sarah Dubuisson and the Dubuisson Twins; Lori Dunaway; Doug Farwell; Carol Ferrara; Dominick Fimiano; George Frazer; Linda Frost; Donna Gauthier; Nita Gross; Ron Gross; Jamie Hornberger; Tommy Hysmith; Bettye Johnson; Jesse Leslie; Renee Leva; Angela Ladner Lucas; Kenneth Ray McDonald; Ginny Macken; Dee McKenna; Deloris McQueen; Joli Millet; Randy "Rip" Moran; Don Moudy; Sr. Cecilia Nguyen; Dayne O'Neal; Kayden Phillips; Olivia Rachal; Peggy Rester; Stephanie Rester; Ray Roberts; Peggy Rutherford; Donna Levens Schmidt; Robert Shirley; Roy Tootle; Karen Perronne-Tripp; Allison Voiron; Jim Westmoreland; Rosemary Wittman; 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 receptionist@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 08/30	7:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Frances Carrubba LeBlanc ✝ Margaret Ann Necaise ✝ Bobby Bates, Jr.
	9:00 AM Fr. Satish	🙏 St. Thomas Parish and the People of the City of Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr. Clyde	✝ Frances Carrubba LeBlanc ✝ James Sprinkle, Jr. ✝ Margaret Roberts
Mon 08/31	5:30 PM Fr. Satish	🎂 Jenny Levens
	8:30 AM Fr. Clyde	✝ Raymond Schmidt, III (Anniversary) ✝ Bobby Bates, Jr. (Second Anniversary) 🎂 ✝ Josie McDonald
		✝ Sonny Watts ✝ Charlie James Glenn (First Anniversary)
Wed 09/02	8:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Stockton Kathmann
	6:00 PM Fr. Maxwell	🙏❤️ Charismatic Mass
Thurs 09/03	8:30 AM Fr. Satish	✝ Margaret Roberts
Fri 09/04	6:30 AM Fr. Satish	❤️ Cancer Ministry
Sat 09/05	4:00 PM Fr. Satish	✝ Frances Carrubba LeBlanc ✝ Roni Sprinkle ✝ Clay Bishop ✝ Mary Levens ✝ Eleanor Lipski
Sun 09/06	7:30 AM Fr. Satish	🙏 St. Thomas Parish and the People of the City of Long Beach ✝ Randal Paul Duet-Champagne (First Anniversary) ✝ James Sprinkle, Jr. ✝ Jamison Guy Lee ✝ Carolyn Raborn
	9:00 AM Fr. Satish	
	11:30 AM Fr. Satish	
	5:30 PM Fr. Satish	



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

Income for 08/22/26 - 08/23/26

Regular	\$30,512.00
Capital Campaign	\$15,160.00
Building Restoration	\$664.00
Pickle Jar	\$228.41
Insurance and Utilities	\$35.00
Special Collection	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$46,629.41

THANK YOU
for your generosity!

Pray For Our Clergy

Sun	08/30	For Our Deacons and Those Discerning
Mon	08/31	Father Satish Adhav Father Clyde Mahler
Tue	09/01	Father Satish Adhav
Wed	09/02	Father Godswill Agbagwa
Thu	09/03	Father Vincent O. Ajayi
Fri	09/04	Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III
Sat	09/05	For An Increase In Vocations
Sun	09/06	Pope Leo XIV

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish:

I have completed my third full year serving as your pastor at our parish. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued love, support, encouragement, and commitment to our parish. I especially want to thank you for your prayers as I made a 510-mile walking pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in Spain in June and July. I also want to thank Fr. James Ward, C.M., a former St. Thomas Pastor (1988-1993), for serving the parish and its parishioners for me while I was on my sabbatical.

We continue to make considerable progress in the activities of our parish. I continue to be humbly grateful for my assignment as your Pastor.

A big thank you to Fr. Braxton for his time with us and to our Deacons Buddy and Jerry, along with our staff and the countless volunteers who are helping me in my pastoral ministry.

I submit to you for your review this Parish Annual Report. In one section, you will see the results of our ministry efforts in the parish this past year (2026) with the same statistics presented for two other years (2025 and 2024), for comparison purposes. Additionally, in the other section of our Parish Annual Report you will see our financial report for the results of the current fiscal year, ended June 30, 2026, with a comparison of the results for the prior two fiscal years (June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2024).

Thank you for making donations over the last two years (2026 and 2025), now totaling \$800,000, toward our \$ 1 million capital campaign goal. 2026-2027 represents the last year of our three-year campaign and with your continued support, I am optimistic that we will meet our goal.

Additionally, I would like to give a special call out and gratitude to the parishioner who built and paid for our new maintenance workshop facility, located north of our Pavillon, saving the Parish more than \$40,000.

Sincerely Your Servant in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Satish Adhav

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

	July 2025-June 2026	July 2024-June 2025	July 2023-June 2024
Parish Census:			
Average weekend Mass attendance	1,200	1,100	1,000
Average daily Mass attendance	60	55	45
Average weekly Charismatic Healing Mass attendance	75	n/a	n/a
Families on Parish rolls	864	n/a	n/a
Sacraments:			
Baptisms	52	45	39
First Communions	57	42	41
Confirmations	40	39	47
Marriages	20	13	10
Funerals	42	39	36
Religious Education:			
OCIA Candidates/Catechumens/Confirmadi	13	10	8
Parish School of Religion (SRE) (Pre K to 5th grade)	75	79	75
Youth ministry (EDGE & Life Teen) (middle school & high school)	95	80	65
St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School (Pre School-6th grade)	370	388	394
Outreach Programs:			
Homeless-Mercy Meals Ministry	5,100	n/a	n/a
<i>Assistance to Neighbors in need thru St. Vincent de Paul Society. (The information reported is from October thru September of each year)</i>			
Volunteer hours	3,316	4,417	4,552
Vincentian members/volunteers	36	35	31
Utilities, medical & housing assistance e.g. rent and mortgage payments	\$102,418	\$86,156	\$93,958
Value of food provided from pantry	\$12,105	\$12,020	\$7,380
Total families supported	638	699	534
Total individuals affected	1,610	1,762	1,345

FINANCIAL REPORT

	July 2025-June 2026	July 2024-June 2025	July 2023-June 2024
INCOME			
Ordinary income			
Weekly offertory collection (envelopes, loose, online, etc)	\$1,113,341	\$1,028,391	\$804,484
Utilities & insurance	37,779	37,834	35,488
Total ordinary income	1,151,120	1,066,225	839,972
Extraordinary income			
Lease of property	21,940	8,900	8,400
Votive candles	8,152	8,550	7,606
Interest, dividends & realized gain on investments	62,654	29,017	25,413
Collections for renovations & capital campaign(includes fund raising)	319,262	463,324	201,472
Total extraordinary income	412,008	509,791	242,890
Other income			
SRE, Life Teen, memorials, flowers, music, bazaar & miscellaneous	42,789	9,468	15,427
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,605,917	\$1,585,484	\$1,098,289
EXPENSES			
Personnel costs (salary, payroll tax, benefits for priest & staff)	\$269,241	\$241,264	\$247,090
Parish ministries&religious education (includes support to Catholic schools&Diocese)	202,902	131,047	204,355
Liturgical, church, parish office & rectory expenses	49,668	55,551	39,702
Operations & maintenance	12,343	29,314	58,525
Insurance	235,122	264,032	247,588
Utilities (electricity, water & phone)	113,236	118,402	131,961
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$882,511	\$839,610	\$929,220
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$723,405	\$745,874	\$169,069
OTHER NON-OPERATING ITEMS:			
REPAIRS & OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	(\$327,076)	(\$410,000)	(\$302,875)
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	\$150,018	\$54,540	\$47,578
INSURANCE CLAIM PROCEEDS	\$0	\$68,500	\$100,286
NET SURPLUS	\$546,348	\$458,913	\$14,058

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

CHARACTER. LEADERSHIP. ADVENTURE.

Your family is invited to join Scouting!

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church proudly sponsors Scouting in Long Beach. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are offered to all youth. Build skills, make friends, serve others—and have fun outdoors!



Boy Scout Troop 205
Boys age 11-17
Meets Tuesdays, 7pm
Troop 205 Scout Hut
207 E 1st St
Long Beach



BSA Troop 205 Long Beach, MS
www.facebook.com



Cub Scout Pack 321
Boys & Girls K-5
Meets 1st Wednesday
of the month at 6:30pm
St Thomas Catholic Church
720 E Beach Blvd
Long Beach



Cub Scout Pack 321 Long Beach,
Mississippi
www.facebook.com

For more information, Contact:
Pyke Van Dalsem
228-343-0373 or pyke.vandalsem@gmail.com



St. Thomas the Apostle
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bringing Christ to Those Who Cannot Come to Church



If you or someone you know is homebound, infirm, in a nursing facility, or in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or a visit from Father Satish, Deacon Buddy, or Deacon Jerry, please let us know.

HOW TO REQUEST A VISIT:

Call the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church office at 228-863-1610, or send an email to bulletin@saintthomaslb.org or receptionist@saintthomaslb.org

PLEASE PROVIDE:

- ☒ The person's name
- ☒ Address
- ☒ Name of hospital or care facility, if applicable
- ☒ Room number, if applicable

We will add them to our Prayer List and help arrange a visit. No one should feel forgotten or alone. Our parish family is here to bring the comfort, prayer, and presence of Christ to those who are unable to join us at Mass. ❤️

PLEASE JOIN US
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



ATTENTION!

St. Thomas Children's Bell Choir

is in need of new members ages 7 - 12 to participate. No experience is necessary!

This is a great chance for your child to participate in the Mass in a special way, learn more about their faith and music, and meet new friends!

The group rehearses weekly on Mondays from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

We will perform at Mass on Christmas Eve. For more information or to register, contact Tyler Brandon at music2@saintthomaslb.org

Love Thy Neighbor

**PLEASE BRING
NONPERISHABLE GROCERY ITEMS
TO RESTOCK THE
LONG BEACH FOOD PANTRY
WHEN YOU COME TO MASS ON
SEPTEMBER 5TH AND 6TH
AND LEAVE THEM
IN THE EAST FOYER
THANK YOU!**

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Join Lunchkins

Bring your favorite dish and join us!

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

11:30am -1:00pm

in the Community Center



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH**

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy Update

The St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy
Is unable to accept prescription
medication donations until further notice.

Unused medications and pills may be
safely deposited in the designated drop
boxes located at:

- Long Beach Police Station
- Walgreens Pharmacy
- The Corner Drugstore
- CVS Pharmacy

Thank you for your understanding
and for helping ensure
the safe disposal of medications.



ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS:

Non-Medicine items that can be
donated include: Insulin Supplies;
Adult Pull-Ups, Diapers, and Pads; and
Nutritional Drinks (Boost/Ensure)

She Shall Be Called Woman

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
Prodigious Dot

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 &
Co-Host of *Abiding Together* Podcast



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She Shall Be Called Woman



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Speaker, Evangelist, &
Life Coach



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Founder of *Be Loved Revolution*
Pine Hills Girls Camp



STEPHANIE REGITZ

Founder of Saint Gianna's
Hope Ministry



EMILY STIMPSON CHAPMAN

Best Selling Author



ALI HOFFMAN

Catholic Evangelist & Artist



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 22nd and 23rd OR Scan the QR Code to Register Now!

For more information, contact:
Lori Lea Sawyer at 228-596-8040
lorileasawyer@gmail.com (Morning Sessions)
Natalie Auger at 281-853-5398
dougnat@prodigy.net (Evening Sessions)

SEASON FOUR
RESTORED to RADIANCE
COMING THIS SPRING



BIBLE & BEERS IS BACK ON TAP!

10 week fall series featuring:

Lectio: Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre

Bible & Beers is a Catholic Men's gathering for brotherhood and formation through prayer, scripture, and honest Catholic conversation – helping men grow as Catholic husbands, fathers, and friends.

Each week includes a video, guided discussion, and fellowship all in a relaxed environment. No experts, no pressure. Just guys gathering over a beer to share, learn, and grow together.

WHO:

All Catholic Men

WHERE:

St Thomas SRE Building

WHEN:

Sundays
6:30 – 8:00pm
10 weeks
Sept. 13 – Nov. 15

CONTACT:

Pyke Van Dalsem
(228) 343-0373

BYOB:

Beer is part of the fellowship, but faith, prayer, and discussion come first. Moderation is expected and nonalcoholic beverages are welcome.



What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

–St. Augustine

 CatholicLink

HURRICANE PRAYER

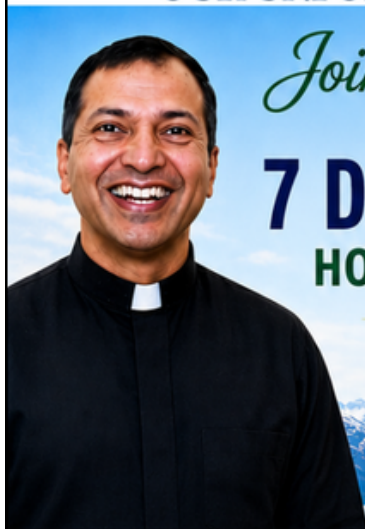
Lord Jesus Christ, Who once walked on the waters, Who uttered a word of command to the raging tempest of wind and sea and there came a great calm; please let Your glance fall upon us, Your servants. Please grant that by the power of Your blessing poured out on our Gulf waters, all wicked spirits may be repelled, the danger of the tempestuous winds may subside, and we may be protected from the ravages of storms and hurricanes. We ask this of You, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



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.

NEARLY SOLD OUT! LIMITED CABINS REMAIN!

RESERVE YOUR CABIN NOW AND JOIN US FOR
OUR UNFORGETTABLE ALASKAN CRUISE!



Join Father Satish
on a
7 DAY ALASKAN CRUISE
HOLLAND AMERICA EURODAM

June 19-26, 2027

 **Susi Wilson**
228 327-6245
SUSICZMLHR@BELLSOUTH.NET



YOU
ARE
NOT
ALONE



**Catholic
in Recovery**

**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**

THE THREE RINGS OF HEALING: FELLOWSHIP, FREEDOM, AND FAITH

Recovery isn't only about overcoming alcoholism (or any other addictive substance or behavior) but, rather, is about living with the freedom and joy that God desires for His beloved children. The solution CIR offers integrates three rings: fellowship, freedom, and faith. While these rings are separate and distinct from each other, they overlap to provide a holistic solution. Each one is necessary, and together they support your healing and freedom from addiction.

The solution we are proposing is not a new one—it's one many have followed to find true healing. It relies on the wisdom of 12-step recovery and the grace-led tradition of the Catholic Church.

KC LADIES AUXILIARY

Mahjongg & Mimosas

FALL BRUNCH

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Cost \$30.00
Includes Brunch and 1 Drink Ticket

Doors Open 9:00 AM for Brunch | **Play Time 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Event Includes

- Additional Drinks - Cash Bar
- Door Prizes
- Ticket for Mahjongg

Contact Phyllis Seal
228-860-7556

Location
St. Thomas Community Center
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DAILY READINGS

AUGUST 30, Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2
Alleluia: Ephesians 1: 17-18
Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

AUGUST 31, Monday

First Reading: First Corinthians 2: 1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
Alleluia: Luke 4: 18
Gospel: Luke 4: 16-30

SEPTEMBER 1, Tuesday

First Reading: First Corinthians 2: 10b-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14
Alleluia: Luke 7: 16
Gospel: Luke 4: 31-37

SEPTEMBER 2, Wednesday

First Reading: First Corinthians 3: 1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33: 12-13, 14-15, 20-21
Alleluia: Luke 4: 18
Gospel: Luke 4: 38-44

SEPTEMBER 3, Thursday

First Reading: First Corinthians 3: 18-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 19
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

SEPTEMBER 4, Friday

First Reading: First Corinthians 4: 1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 37: 3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
Alleluia: John 8: 12
Gospel: Luke 5: 33-39

SEPTEMBER 5, Saturday

First Reading: First Corinthians 4: 6b-15
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 17-18, 19-20, 21
Alleluia: John 14: 6
Gospel: Luke 6: 1-5

SEPTEMBER 6, Sunday

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10
Alleluia: Second Corinthians 5: 19
Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63.

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