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A warm welcome to everyone, parishioners and guests, whether coming from near or far. I am so happy you could join us today, as we reflect on the Word of God and partake of the Eucharist. My hope is that you feel at home at St. Thomas. ~ **Fr. Glenn**

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:00 am (Monday Friday);
Saturday 8:00 am: Communion
Service Only
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Parish Choir)

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Consult our bulletin or parish website:
www.MyStThomas.org
First Friday Adoration: 8:30 am to Noon
Saturday: Reconciliation (Confession)
3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

It is our pleasure to serve you!

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Friday - Sunday: Closed

PASTORAL STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, Pastor

Assisting Clergy:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak
Deacon Mark Manko

Robert Adams: Maintenance

Karen Ballaban: Comms. Specialist

Robin Furciato: Coord. of Religious Ed.

David Martin: Custodian

Joseph McEvoy: Pastoral Assistant

Michelle Kim-Painter: Music Director

Alfred Papino: Bookkeeper; Cantor,
& Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office and
Communications Manager

21st

*Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

*He said to them, "But who do you
say that I am?" Simon Peter said
in reply, "You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God."
Jesus said to him in
reply, "Blessed are you,
Simon, son of Jonah.
For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my
heavenly Father. And so I say to
you, you are Peter, and upon this
rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16:15-18*



Messiah

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023



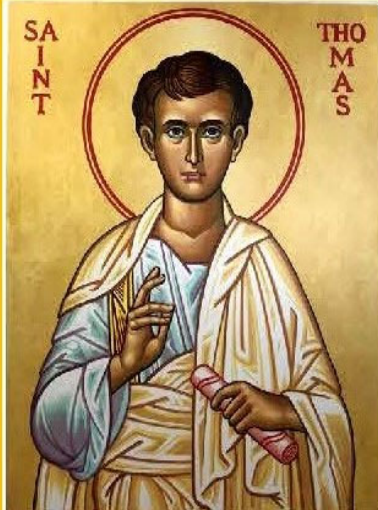
TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

27 August 2023 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



1. Last night, August 17, we celebrated our first of several **evening Masses** planned at St. Thomas. We invite everyone to join us, to come together as the Body of Christ, to worship, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and to grow in our faith. If you enjoy worshipping at St. Thomas, I ask you to get involved in a meaningful and fulfilling way by supporting our Masses as a server, reader, usher, projectionist, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact me at KarenR@MyStThomas.org to discuss these opportunities. At just an hour a month, you can make a positive and lasting impact in our parish.
2. On Saturday, September 16, several parishioners from St. Thomas, including five members of the pastoral staff, are going to the **Eucharistic Encounter** at the JW Marriott in downtown Tampa. This will truly be an encounter with Jesus and a celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. Our goal is to find new ways of building reverence and belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, body, blood, soul, and divinity. May I ask you to pray for us and for all who attend this very special and unique event in our diocese that we may become instruments of God's grace in our diocese.
3. In today's **gospel** (Mt 16:13-20), Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Then he presses them further by asking, "But who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks this same question of us today. Like Peter, we know that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God." But do we live our lives believing this truth? To be followers of Jesus, we have to profess this truth not only in our words, not just in coming to Sunday Mass, but in every action we take. With God's grace, may we become "living witnesses to the gospel" and "follow Christ's example by using our time, talent, and treasure in building up God's Kingdom on earth".

August 18, 2023 | Karen M. Robben



ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER

Gracious God, you have called us to be missionary disciples of Jesus, your Son. Grant that we, your loving sons and daughters, may become living witnesses to the gospel. Together as a parish family, we are committed to follow Christ's example by using our time, talent, and treasure in building up God's kingdom on earth. Through the intercession of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle, we humbly ask that you keep us steadfast in our faith, serene in our hope, and faithful in our love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW PARISHIONERS // FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION // KofC HOLY HOUR

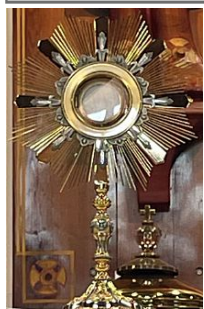


Thank you for joining the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. *We are so glad to have you here! Welcome to our parish family!*

Below are the names of those who joined our parish in the last five (5) months. If we accidentally missed listing anyone, please call our parish office at (352) 628-7000.

Please let us know how we may best serve your spiritual needs. We hope you find an area in which to share some of your time and talent with our parish family. More information on our church and ministries is located on our parish website at www.MyStThomas.org. We also invite you to Follow & "LIKE" us on [Facebook@MyStThomas.org](https://www.facebook.com/MyStThomas.org).

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Mr. & Mrs. Walter Tengey	Mr. Joseph Trotta		



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH (SEPTEMBER 1) EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION FOLLOWING THE 8 AM MASS UNTIL NOON

Our Lord waits for you to come and spend some time with Him. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring Christ fully present in the Eucharist. We know as Catholics that the Eucharist is Jesus truly and fully present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! Eucharistic Adoration is the contemplation of this Mystery of Christ truly present before us.

During Eucharistic Adoration, we are invited to look upon our Lord as He looks back at us. As we enjoy silence or prayer in His Presence, we open ourselves to His Grace which flows to us in a unique way through the Eucharist. Worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus brings us into a fuller relationship with Him and invites Christ to gently transform us into the person God intends us to be. In Eucharistic Adoration, we reach out to God as He ever more fervently seeks us.

During the first half-hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we devote time as a group to pray for the sanctification of priests. This specific group prayer time is called the Vianney Cenacle, named after the patron saint of priests, St. John Vianney. All are welcome to join in group prayer at the next Vianney Cenacle (September 1st.). We will pray and ask God to keep all priests, especially Bishop Parkes, Msgr. Joe, Fr. Glenn, and Fr. Ron, close to the heart of our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary.

Knights of Columbus, council 15154 will hold a First Friday of the Month Holy Hour on Friday, September 1, between 11:00 am and Noon.



IN OUR PRAYERS // BREAD & WINE DONATIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am: Parish Family

10:30 am: Antonio Del Nero †

Requested by: Helen Del Nero

Monday, August 28

8:00 am: Mary & Karol Klumas & Family †

Requested by: Granddaughter, Norma Pafcheck

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 am: Carmen Floreno †

Requested by: Joseph & Beverly McEvoy

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 am: Jane Keenan †

Requested by: Kevin Dunn & Family

Thursday, August 31

8:00 am: Thomas Wolak †

Requested by: Barbara Chaplin

6:00 pm: Arthur Frisbie †

Requested by: Karen Ballaban

Friday, September 1

8:00 am: Joanna Daly †

Requested by: Pat Daly

Saturday, September 2

8:00 am: Arlene Moody †

Requested by: Barbara Moody

4:30 pm: Parish Family

Sunday, September 3

8:00 am: Alice Morrow †

Requested by: Loving Husband, Children &
Family on your Birthday in Heaven

10:30 am: Margaret Hittner Vandergon †

Requested by: The Heymans & Hittner Families

DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-20

Monday

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab;

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17;

Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12;

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Bread & Wine Donations

Monday: 8:00 am Mass on August 28

In loving memory of

Mary & Karol Klumas & Family †

By: Granddaughter, Norma Pafcheck



Sunday: 10:30 am Mass on September 3

In loving memory of

Jason Shaw †

By: Scott & Jeanne Shaw

LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family who are ill, especially:



Karl Wolf, Ethan Grayshan, Rita Frisbie, Virginia Kanis, Scott Klaben, Kerrie Schmidt, Mike Jablonsky, Skip Guss, Stephanie St. Clair, Mary Ann DeSimone, Charles Terreault, Christine Gicola, Elizabeth Dostal, Ron Rothe, Anthony Cimorelli, Marguerite Corrao, Norma Galvin, Wendell Miller, Joseph Hertrich, Nick Russo, Michelle LaGreca, Sutton Hotard, Charles Harvey, Betty Parker, David Cheevers, Joseph & Gail Carey, Deacon Vince Small, Raymond Huffman, Tony Caposieno, Wade Wolfe, Samantha Wasley, Don Harnett, Frank Watson, Peggy Lingrosso, Pat Cleary, Mary Ann Zack, Arria Wheeler, Kathy Farrell, Jim Crouse, Andy Lunk, Sarah Phillips, Peggy Paul, Sheila Greifenkamp, Pat Allard, Philip Porter III, Phyllis Fylak, Sandy Mueller, Richard and Lorraine Kwiecienski, Sandy Marecki, Linda DeWitt, Neill Aiken, Peg Laurie, Sheyna Clements, Jim Duncan, Sandra Boros, Edward & Rusty Ryal, Maria Casey, George Cole, Fred Di Battista, Tonya Leigh & Family, Evelyn Sweeny, Kevin Watson, Ron Zasada, Audrey Shetton, Fr. Robert Pesarchick, Mariann De Pue, and our Website Prayer Requests.

To add or remove someone from our parish prayer list, please contact the parish office.

We are opening the 2024 Mass Book on Tuesday, September 5th.

Mass Intentions should be scheduled by appointment, especially if you request more than two dates. Kindly contact the office as soon as possible to make an appointment with Robin Furciato.

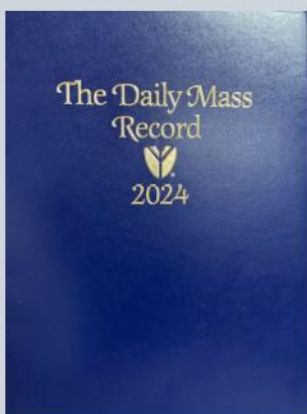
Please note that weekend masses will be limited to two (2) per parishioner; however, there is no limit for weekday masses.

2024 donations are as follows:

\$20.00 - Mass Intention (per Mass)

\$50.00 - Bread & Wine (per Mass)

\$70.00 - Altar Flowers (per Week)

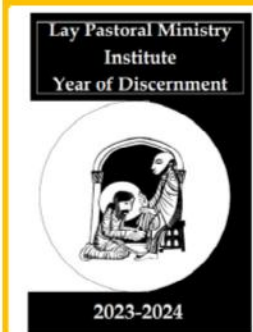


ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARISH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP?

Please read the information provided here on the Diocese of St. Petersburg's Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI). You can also access more details about the LPMI at: www.dosp.org/lpmi/

If you are interested, please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Glenn.

In order to assure availability of space and materials, registrations must be received by September 11, 2023 to be accepted.



Safe Haven Sunday

Equipping the Family
Healing Marriages and Fatherhood



Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Healing Marriages and Fatherhood

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is setting aside this weekend as Safe Haven Sunday to address the sin of pornography and other online threats to marriages and family life. After Mass, pick up one of two business cards – *Restored Vows* or *Strive*. The QR codes will allow you to access materials to help marriages recover from the damage done by pornography or gain access to a 21-day challenge for men struggling with pornography addiction.

If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please visit www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn.

WHAT IS THE LPMI?

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI) of the Diocese of St. Petersburg is a four-year program for lay leadership formation consisting of an informal Year of Discernment, and three years of formational training. Upon the completion of these four years, the Institute offers a certificate in foundational pastoral ministry leadership and participants are formally commissioned to service by the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg during an evening prayer service. The LPMI is built upon the principles put forward by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the document "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry."

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1

The LPMI will serve as a resource for preparing persons, in response to their baptismal call, for leadership and ministerial roles in the parish, the diocese, the local community, and the world.

Goal 2

The LPMI will provide opportunities for persons to acquire knowledge, develop skills, and strengthen commitment to a life of discipleship in order to be effective leaders in specific ministries.

Goal 3

The LPMI will encourage collaboration among LPMI participants and their pastors in order to meet the ministerial needs in their families, their parishes, the Church, the Diocese, and in the world.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute is to provide an integrated lay ecclesial ministry formation program that will prepare the laity to offer their unique gifts in service to the local church. Responding to the implications of their baptismal commitment they will be better equipped to serve as competent leaders in the parishes of this culturally diverse diocese, ever mindful of their primary commitment to family life. In accordance with the teachings and tenets of the Roman Catholic Church, they serve as agents of evangelization and transformation in the society in which they live, as members of the Body of Christ, here in the Diocese of St. Petersburg.





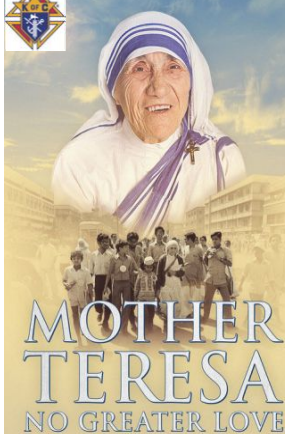
REMINDER: The Silver Rose Prayer Service will be held this Monday, August 28th at Noon

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Please join our Knights, council 15154, along with fellow parishioners, and many others from within or outside our local community for this special and important prayer service held this Monday, August 28th at Noon.



MOVIE



Join us for a heartwarming event on Tuesday, September 5th, in celebration of the Memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. We'll be screening the touching movie "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love" right here in our church.

Admission? It's simple: a donation from your heart. Come enjoy the film which will be held in our church, with the Sacrament moved to an Altar of Repose for the occasion.

Feeling thirsty? No worries, we'll have bottled water on hand for a donation.

Movie Start Time? The movie will start at 3:00 pm and runs for 1 hour and 55 minutes.

After the movie, our dedicated Knights will take care of the cleanup, so all you need to do is sit back and enjoy.

Please bring your friends, bring your family, and let's share in the spirit of Saint Teresa of Calcutta together. ***We can't wait to see you there!***

First Saturday Rosary: September 2nd. @ 9:00 am

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have joined us for the First Saturday of the month Rosary with the St. Thomas *Respect Life Ministry*. Your presence has been truly appreciated.

We're excited to invite more of you to join us on Saturday, September 2nd, at 9:00 am. Praying the Rosary together as a group is a meaningful & powerful experience with endless benefits.

Please come and together, let us pray!



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Calling All Faithful Hearts: Volunteer Catechists Needed

We invite you to consider becoming a Catechist and guiding our children on a journey of spiritual discovery.

Our Youth Faith Formation program is a special place where the teachings of Jesus and our Catholic faith are nurtured.

We know time is a precious gift, and if you can share some of your time to help, please contact our parish office.

Classes begin Sunday, September 10th.



EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // ONLINE GIVING // GULF COAST CATHOLIC


The church is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for personal prayer time. Access to the church is available through the rear door, directly across from the entrance to the parish office.

Refer to the Daily / Weekend Mass and Reconciliation Schedule located on the front cover.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.



Sunday, August 27 Collection: Catholic School & Camp	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass
Monday, August 28	10:00 am Noon	The Prophets Bible Study Orientation KofC Silver Rose Prayer Service
Tuesday, August 29:	8:45 am	Holy Face Devotion
Thursday, August 31:	8:00 am 8:45 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mass Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting Evening Mass
Friday, September 1:	8:30 am - Noon 11:00 am—Noon	First Friday Adoration KofC Holy Hour  NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival
Saturday, September 2:	8:00 am 9:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt. 4:30 pm	First Saturday Mass followed by confession First Saturday Rosary Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sunday, September 3: Collections: Building Fund and Pregnancy & Family Life	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

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