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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30am
Friday: 6:30am



OCTOBER 22, 2017—TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Religious Education (SRE): Pre-School-5th Grades, Sundays 10:10-11:20am
6th-12th Grades, Sunday evenings, following the 5:30pm Lifeteen Mass, (September-May)

Baptism: Usually held on the second Sunday of each month. Preparation workshop is required.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Chapel (upstairs in the Office Complex)

Marriage: Call the office at least six months in advance of scheduled wedding date. Attendance at pre-marriage course is required. Wedding policy guidelines may be obtained from office or on website.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 – 4:45 pm (or call 863-1610 for an appointment.)

We welcome you to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Long Beach, MS.

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself before or after Mass.

*Please pick up a census form located in the back of the church, in the display cases,
or call the parish office.*

SCRIPTURE CORNER

POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL OF SERVICE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

We presently live in an imperfect world with a huge imbalance of wealth and power. Our God is a God of justice and love and asks that we, his people, make a difference in the world, standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves and sharing that what we have with those who have nothing. This is the premise that we, as Catholics, hold sacred and take very seriously. The Pastoral Council's Service and Social Justice Committee here at St. Thomas strives to do just that. This can only be accomplished through the works of the very dedicated and loving individuals who accept the task that God has given them in serving the poor and needy and the socially oppressed. Each of our ministries present with a very distinct and individual challenge.

ENVELOPES FOR ALL SOULS

The envelopes for All Souls were attached to last weekend's bulletin. Please return the envelopes by Oct 28th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

R.C.I.A. INQUIRY SESSIONS

The next RCIA inquiry session is on Mon, Oct 23, at 7pm (upstairs in the parish office complex—enter through the north parking lot).

It is not too late—if you are or you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please come or bring them to this session. There is no commitment at this stage—no fees—just “Come and See.”

For more information, contact Sue Hoffman at 864-5868 or psuehoffman@gmail.com.

GIRLS' YOUTH RETREAT

For young ladies ages 15-18. November 10-12, 2017 at the Dedeaux Cursillo and Retreat Center, 14595 Vidalia Road, Pass Christian. Closing at 3pm. For your application please call Candy Dubuisson 228-547-5158 or Wanda Cole 228-669-5901.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and leave your bags in the vestibules of the Church. Cash is also needed. Just put it in an envelope in the collection basket marked for the Food Party. All donations will be delivered to the Food Pantry. Thanks for your generosity!

FEW REMINDERS

- Mon, Oct 23....6:30pm**, Catholics Returning Home, Life Teen Rm
- Mon, Oct 23....7pm**, RCIA, Rm 222
- Tues, Oct 24....9am**, Quilters, Rm 222
- Wed, Oct 25....7pm, 9 & 10th Gr Confirmation Parent Mtg**, SRE
- Thurs, Oct 26...7pm**, 11th Gr Make-up Parent Mtg, SRE
- Thurs, Oct 26....7pm**, New Wine, Rm 222
- Fri, Oct 27.... 8am-7pm**, Adoration in the Chapel

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A PRAYER FOR RECOVERY AFTER DISASTER

God our Father, in the wake of disaster, visit our places of desolation with your consolation.

Bring strength to the weary and courage to those who feel overwhelmed.

We believe that you hold our concerns in your Fatherly care, and that you entrust us to one another as sisters and brothers.

Mobilize your people near and far to feed the hungry, shelter the displaced, and protect those in deepest poverty.

As we rebuild what is ruined, may we recover together as a stronger community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

Due to Hurricane Nate, the "Run for Your Life" 5k and 1 Mile Run is rescheduled for Sat, Oct 28th 8am at the Town Green in Long Beach. Check in will begin at 7am. While we were disappointed to have to cancel this past Saturday's run, the good news is that you can still register for the run that is now on Oct 28th! It will be a morning of fun— free Halloween tattoos for the kids, popcorn and cotton candy for sale, coupons from local businesses for runners, and a really cool t-shirt ! To register, go to St. Thomas webpage, click on Life Teen Ministry and then click on the registration like for "Run for Your Life". All proceeds will benefit St. Thomas Youth Ministry programs.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council meets every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 6th at 6pm. At this meeting the reports of activities completed will be heard and upcoming activities for the various committees. If any parishioner has a concern or suggestion that he/she would like to bring to the Pastoral Council, please send a written request giving a brief summary of the topic you wish to discuss no later than ten days before the meeting to St. Thomas Pastoral Council, P.O. Box 1529, Long Beach, MS 39560 and in the subject line put "Attention Pastoral Council".

GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2017-2018
School Calendar



Nov 9...Veterans Day Reception

Plans are underway for the celebration of our veterans to whom we owe so much.

 **KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS** COUNCIL #4898
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL. **Upcoming Events**

Oct 15...8-11am, Breakfast, 8am CC

Oct 19...7pm, Meeting

For more information on membership or any questions, contact Ben DiLorenzo, Grand Knight, at 596-3379.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



Contact:
Angie Johnson 228-897-9298
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UPCOMING EVENT

*Supporting the Walker-Frost Team 2017-2018
King Shane Walker & Queen Linda Nguyen Frost*



Nov 4.... 12:30pm, SVdP School
Holiday Tea Party/Fashion Show

MISSING ANY KITCHEN ITEMS?



The parish office has a variety of bowls, trays, and kitchen items that have not been picked up after parish events. If you are missing an item or two, please call or stop by the parish office during business hours to see if we have what you're missing.

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

(An open door for Returning Catholics)

No matter how long a person has been away and no matter the reason, we issue this invitation to all non-practicing Catholics to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please come or invite someone you know to participate.

Oct 23...6:30pm	Sharing Stories of Faith
Oct 30...6:30pm	The Church Today: Changes Since Vatican II
Nov 6...6:30pm	Explanation of the Mass
Nov 13...6:30pm	Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance
Nov 20...6:30pm	Explanation of the Nicene Creed

All meetings will be in the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Admin. Office Building (upstairs).

For more information please contact Cindy Vogt, Coordinator, 860-5250 or cynanne6@yahoo.com

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & ST. JOSEPH'S HELPING HANDS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul personifies what giving and serving is all about. Over the last few years, the Society has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many in the Long Beach area. Most of the services performed are very tangible such as paying the rent for a person out of work, helping with the utility bill of a family whose power or water is getting ready to be turned off or assisting the elderly and physically afflicted with their medications and basic needs. On the other hand, some are not so materially obvious. Just about as many "hugs and prayers" are given as dollars and cans of food. All this is accomplished by the generosity of the people here at St. Thomas.

St. Joseph's Helping Hands, by their very definition, serves another very distinct and different function in our parish. As St. Joseph himself was a carpenter, so are the workers who comprise this ministry by offering a helping hand to those in need of small job repairs to their home and their surroundings. They do almost anything a handyman would do.....clean yards, fix fences, patch sheetrock, minor electrical and plumbing repairs, paint and putty. Over the years this ministry, by their very special works, has helped numerous individuals and thus enhanced the quality of their lives.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

"THANK YOU! The words 'Thank You' are so inadequate for the gratitude and appreciation I feel for all the wonderful Masses, cards, prayers and visits my illness have brought to me these last six months. God, you and prayers have brought me through Lymphoma, which is in remission and now God, you and prayers will heal me of the lung cancer. Know that each of you are close to my heart and in my prayers. heart and in my prayers.

God Bless, Myrna Jordan."

OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A CAR

Tickets are being sold by Sacred Heart Parish, d'Iberville for a raffle on a 2017 Buick Encore. All proceeds will benefit the Sacred Heart Edge and Life Teen programs. Sacred Heart is grateful to Mandal Buick for their kindness.



The cost of tickets is \$50 each and are available in the St. Thomas and Sacred Heart parish offices. For more information or to arrange a ticket purchase, please email shdlifeteen@gmail.com. The drawing is being held on Oct 28th.

The car is on display at St. Thomas this weekend so that everyone can view it.

SVdP THANKSGIVING HOME GIVEAWAY

How to Help

BUY A TICKET... You can buy 1 ticket, or... up to 50 tickets. Limit of 50 tickets per person. The raffle will end on Nov 24, 2017.



Grand Prize

Single Family Residence Valued at \$250,000. \$50,000 will be paid toward taxes making the total prize worth \$300,000. Designed by Darrell Bell, 15021 Dismuke Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532. 2,110 Sq. Ft Living Space, 240 Sq. Ft Porch, Elevator, Custom Cabinets, Central Heat & Air, Granite Countertops. All Appliances Included and MORE...

Other Prizes

Purchasers will qualify in the Drawing of Other Gifts & Door Prizes
(Details Will Be Available as More Prizes Are Donated)

Tickets

Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at St. Thomas Church Office or online at: svdphomegiveaway.com

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Both Middle and High School Students gather after the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass. Edge Nights (6th—8th grade) will gather upstairs in the Youth Room and Life Nights (9th—12th grade) will gather upstairs in the R.C.I.A. / Balcony area. The sessions will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm. Attendance will be taken each Sunday evening!

October

22nd....**Edge and Life Teen** –“Lights Out Dodgeball Social”

26th.... A second meeting (make up) with 11th gr parents at 7pm in SRE Bldg

28th....9th and 10th Grade Retreat 10am until 2pm details TBA

29th.... **Edge** – “Call to Holiness and Sainthood” – The middle school youth will understand the concepts of sainthood and holiness, as well as their personal call to be a saint.

LifeTeen – “Heroes” – The goal of this night is for teens to understand the role of the saints and martyrs as holy examples of living and powerful intercessors.

Ashlie Moran, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org
863-1610

ALTAR KNIGHTS TRAINING

The Altar Knights will meet on Sat, Nov 4th from 9am to 10am in the Church. The meeting will consist of training and the advancement of those altar servers who have moved up in rank. All current altar servers should attend. Any 4th through 12th graders that would like to join the Altar Knights program are also welcome to attend.

The person to contact is Andrew Ribar at 228-369-2074 or contact the Parish Office.

PROOF OF LOVE

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

—St. Gregory the Great

PreK-5th Grade & RCIC Calendar (2017-2018)

CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:10 – 11:20 AM

Oct 22....SRE Class

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MANDATORY MEETINGS WITH PARENTS & SPONSORS (who live here locally) at 7pm in the SRE Bldg:

9th & 10th Grade—Parents and sponsors only on Wed, Oct 25

11th GRADE—Parents and sponsors only

*****Oct 26.....2nd MEETING-make up** (Only required if you missed the Oct 18 mtg)

Oct 29.....SRE Class

If you have children enrolled in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and have not received an email message from Sr. Cecilia regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, please email Sr. Cecilia so you can be added to our Confirmation email list (ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org).



GULF COAST ADORE

Life is messy. We make wrong turns that turn out to be the right ones. We make right turns out as wrong ones. Sometimes we make wrong turns that just keep getting “wronger”. Where is Jesus in all this”? Does He really have a plan for me today? What about in the future? Will I be happy on His path? What if I’m not? Is following God just an oppressive monotony of constantly saying *yes* to things that I don’t want to do?

Gulf Coast ADORE Ministries will be at Sacred Heart in Dedeaux on Oct 26th at 6:30pm. All ages are invited.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 10/24	8:30am	
Wed, 10/25	8:30am	
Thurs, 10/26	8:30am	+Roger Franke +Joseph M. Frisco, Sr +John Atwell
Fri, 10/27	6:30am	+Adolph Delgado (1st Anniversary)
Sat, 10/28	5:00pm	+Michael Glenn Jones Daniel Jordan (Birthday) +John Wilson, Sr +John Wilson, Jr
Sun, 10/29	7:30am	Jim Daniels
	9:00am	St. Thomas Parish Family
	11:30am	+Leon Ladner
	5:30pm	+Melany Hamel

PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Haley Samms, Jimmy DiLorenzo, Marguerite Corle Edwards, Myrna Jordan, Rene McDonald, Richard Olaivar, W.C. Fowler, and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

If you or a loved one want to receive visits and/or the Eucharist while you are admitted to the hospital, be sure the Admissions Office has your religious affiliation and you are listed under St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Day
Monday: St. John of Capistrano
Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude

FAITH

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear 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 through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERINGS TOTALS

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NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>Oct 28&29</u>				
<u>5:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>7:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>	<u>11:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>5:30 PM Mass</u>
L Connie Cole	Cindy Cox	Amnette Williams	Rose Marie Gim	L1 CC Annulis
C <u>Mike Bohlke</u>	<u>Mike Kurowski</u>	<u>Rodney Sandoz</u>		<u>L2 Sebastian Mink</u>
HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST
EML Priest	Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest
2 Jennifer Ellett	Maureen Sheets	Paige Stinson	Anne Scaife	Keith Annulis
3 Gayle Vancourt	Nita Gross	Robert Shirley		Ray Lacy
4 Jerry West	Ron Gross	Darlene Barry		Elizabeth Mink
CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE
1 Patti Salvador	Eric Williams	Mena Sandoz	Kelly Ribar	Suzanne Gibson
2 Spencer Ellett	Carmen Peters	Gimmy Macken	Andrew Ribar	Heather Annulis
3 Wendy Boettner	Mary Levens	Novaline Shirley		Pat Holliday
4 <u>Charlotte West</u>	<u>Jennifer Schmidt</u>	<u>Mike Barry</u>		<u>Doc Holliday</u>
AS1 Christina Parry (K)	Ashleigh Sutton (P)	Abby Stephens (P)	Julia Ribar (K)	Jacob Holland
2 Charlie Starita (S)	Ava Sutton (P)	Hayes Johnson	Blake Shaw (P)	Joseph Chappell
3 <u>Sammy Starita (P)</u>	Connor Sutton (S)	London Tredek (P)	<u>Bradley Shaw (S)</u>	
4	<u>Taylor Sutton (P)</u>	<u>Grace LeFort (P)</u>		
Gr E Patti Salvador		Helen Bristol	Brenda Boney	
Gr S Melinda Broom			Bob Boney	
Gr W <u>Heather Neale</u>		<u>Gail Stopson</u>	<u>Amanda Merrell</u>	

RECURRING AROUND THE PARISH...

Lighthouse Catholic Media Stand... East foyer
St Vincent de Paul Society ...9:30am-12:30pm,
 Mon & Thurs, open to help
Adoration in the Chapel ...8am-7pm, Fridays
Youth Gift Cards (Scrip) sales ...After all Masses &
 during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays
Knights of Columbus, Council #4898 ...7pm,
 every first & third Thursday of the month
St. Joseph's Helping Hands ...Work day is every
 first Saturday of the month; meeting is every fourth
 Thursday

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