

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 29, 2017—THIRTIETH 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

BALANCE

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

There will be an All Saints Vigil Mass on Oct 31 at 7pm

Masses on Nov 1 will be at 8:30am, 12noon, and 7pm.

Parish office will be closed on Nov 1st.

On Nov 2, All Souls Mass will be at 8:30am and the Memorial Mass will be at 6pm.

INCLUSIVE LOVE

Love of our neighbor is included in the love of God.
—St. Thomas Aquinas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, 1011-1016
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

7th ANNUAL LONG BEACH VETERANS PARADE



All veterans, active, reserve, or retirees are invited to participate in the 7th annual Long Beach Veterans parade on Nov 5th.

Muster at Long Beach Methodist Church at 12:30pm. The parade rolls at 1pm, followed by a concert on the Town Green at 1:30pm.

If you would like to participate as a rider or driver, please contact Len Krapcha at 228-547-8555.

FEW REMINDERS

- Sun, Oct 29....**After all Masses, Hand out grocery bags for Thanksgiving Baskets
- Mon, Oct 30....**6:30pm, Catholics Returning Home, Life Teen Rm
- Mon, Oct 30....**7pm, RCIA, Rm 222
- Tues, Oct 31....**9am, Quilters, Rm 222
- Tues, Oct 31....**7pm, All Saints Vigil Mass
- Wed, Nov 1....**Masses at 8:30am, 12noon, and 7pm
- Thurs, Nov 2....**8:30am, All Souls Mass
- Thurs, Nov 2....**6pm, Memorial Mass
- Thurs, Nov 2....**7pm, New Wine, Rm 222
- Fri, Nov 3....** 8am-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel
- Sat-Sun, Nov 4 & 5....**After all Masses, Good Shepherd Showcase, East Foyer

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council meets every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 6th at 6pm. This meeting will include reports of activities completed as well as 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 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".

ALL SAINTS DAY VIGIL MASS AND ALL SOULS MASS

All Saints Day Vigil Mass will be Tues, Oct 31st at 7pm. All Saints Day masses will be at 8:30am, 12 noon and 7pm on Wed, Nov 1st.

All Souls Mass will be celebrated on Thurs, Nov 2 at 7pm. All souls who passed away from Nov of 2016 until Nov 2017 will be celebrated. Feel free to bring a picture of your loved one which will be displayed for the month of Nov.

Refreshments will be served in the East foyer after mass.

HURRICANE PRAYER

God our Father, You set the earth on its foundation. Keep us safe from the danger of Hurricanes and storms and let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and serve You with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

GIRLS' YOUTH RETREAT



A retreat for all young ladies ages 15-18 will be held on Nov 10-12, 2017 at the Dedeaux Cursillo and Retreat Center, 14595 Vidalia Rd, Pass Christian. For more information, please call Candy Dubuisson 228-547-5158 or Wanda Cole 228-669-5901.

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**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

COUNCIL #4898
Upcoming Events

Nov 2, ...7pm, Meeting,
4th Degree meeting to follow
Nov. 16....7pm, meeting

For more information on membership or any questions, contact Ben DiLorenzo,
Grand Knight, at 596-3379

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Carnival Association of Long Beach Upcoming Event:



HOLIDAY TEA PARTY/FASHION SHOW
To be held on Nov 4th
at St. Vincent de Paul School at 12:30pm

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

Contact:

Angie Johnson 228-897-9298
queenrosalie16@gmail.com



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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 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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Since their inception in the late 1800's, The Knights of Columbus continue to exist as one of the most viable charitable organizations in the World. Charity has been the building principle of the Knights. Worldwide, in 2016 alone, over 75 millions hours of service to the needy were performed by these "men of Mercy". Locally, the Knights, under the direction of the Grand Knight and Council 4898, epitomize the very essence for which they were founded, whether it be by the cooking and serving of meals, giving a helping hand to the indigent or promoting the right to life of the unborn. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus, you may contact Ben DiLorenzo at 863-1610.

THE PRISON MINISTRY

The Prison Ministry presents a very different aspect of the Catholic service community. Visiting and tending to the spiritual and emotional needs of those individuals who, for whatever reason, made bad decisions at some time in their lives, is essential. This somewhat unique ministry takes very special and talented individuals to navigate the narrow path between right and wrong. Deacon Buddy VanCourt is assigned the task of providing support, advise and spiritual direction to the male prisoners and is a group of female helpers IS responsible for tending to the spiritual needs of the women of the Harrison County Detention Center. Through prayer, communion services and counseling, members of the Prison Ministry reach the many individuals who, without their presence would not hear the word of Christ and His preachings.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

The Youth Faith Formation Committee serves as a liaison between the SRE/Life Teen programs and the Pastoral Council. It is an advisory group made up of parents and volunteer youth ministers, as well as the parish staff Youth Minister and Director of Religious Education. The goal of the Youth Faith Formation meetings is to foster communication, coordination and cooperation among the various ministries under this committee.

The committee meets every other month to discuss, suggest and plan events that will ensure that the educational and formational needs of the youth in our parish are met. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Starita (Lisa.Starita@lbsdk.com)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE



Coming on Nov 4 & 5 are new religious items on display at the Good Shepherd Showcase. The showcase will be in the east foyer and items will be on sale following all Masses.

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!

November

5th...**Edge**—“**Catholic Social Teaching**” - The middle school youth will discover the teachings of the Church regarding how to care for others and create a just society.

Life Teen—“**Big Feet**” - The goal for this night is to help the teens understand the difference between charity and justice, as well as the necessity for both in the Christian Life. This night will also help teens experience the power of God’s mercy so that they can have mercy on others.

11th...**11th and 12th Grade Retreat - Ropes Course and Leadership—9am until 2pm.**

12th...**Edge**—“**Blessing Bags and Corporal Works of Mercy**” - The middle school youth will learn about the corporal works of mercy and prepare Blessing Bags to distribute to the homeless. **Life Teen**—Night of Service—The high school students will help the SVDP Society prepare Thanksgiving food baskets to distribute to the needy.

19th...**NO EDGE OR LIFE TEEN DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK**

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 who 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.

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

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

***SAINT MOVIE SUNDAYS BEGIN AT 11:30 AM

Oct 29.....SRE Class

Nov 5..... SRE Class - *MOVIE: SAINT DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI*

***Nov. 8.....**MEETING with 2nd grade parents at 7pm (SRE building)**

Nov 12..... SRE Class— Safe Environment

Nov 19.....NO SRE Class/Thanksgiving Holidays

Nov 26.....SRE Class

Saint Movie Sunday on Nov 5th: *SAINT DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI*. The touching story of Father Damien, who went to the island of Molokai to minister to the lepers who had been exiled there. 1 hour and 52 minutes. Pop-corn and drinks will be provided!

SRE "SAFE ENVIRONMENT" CLASS

The Diocese of Biloxi is committed to providing a safe environment to all children entrusted to our care and assisting each child to grow in grace and wisdom. Please note that the classroom component of this diocesan program will be offered for lower grades on Sun, Nov 12. The children will be separated into boy groups and girl groups and the lessons will be taught for 30 minutes during SRE class time. This program was begun several years ago by the Diocese of Biloxi in an effort to raise awareness among children and parents about the signs of various forms of abuse. The Diocese’s policy concerning the abuse of minors can be found on the diocesan website: www.biloxidiocese.org. Materials of the safe environment lesson will be emailed to parents. Questions... please call or email Sr. Cecilia.

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).

RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

The next RCIA inquiry session is Mon, Oct 20, at 7pm (upstairs in the parish office administration complex- enter through the back 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. For more information, contact Sue Hoffman at 864-5868 or psuehoffman@gmail.com

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 10/31 8:30am +Sharon McKay (Birthday)
Wed, 11/1 8:30am +June Stuart
Thurs, 11/2 8:30am +Roger Franke
 +Joseph M. Frisco, Sr
 +John Atwell
 +Connie Cole
Fri, 11/3 6:30am +Adolph Delgado
 (1st Anniversary)
Sat, 11/4 5:00pm +Michael Glenn Jones
 Daniel Jordan (Birthday)
 +John Wilson, Sr
 +John Wilson, Jr
 +Jean McLeod
Sun, 11/5 7:30am +Jim Daniels
 +Lloyd Johnson
 9:00am St. Thomas Parish Family
 11:30am +Leon Ladner
 5:30pm +Melany Hamel

PETITIONS OF PRAYER

*Effie Violanti, Ernest Necaize, Estelle Papania,
 George Frazer, Jimmy DiLorenzo, Jimmy Hillman,
 Kenneth Necaize, Linda Mignor, L.J. St. Pierre, Leola
 Alexander, Marion Tindall, Myrna Jordan, Rene
 McDonald, Richard Olaivar, Roland Samson, and all
 others in our parish and community in need of healing,
 physical or spiritual.*

WEEKEND OF OCT 21 & 22 OFFERINGS TOTALS

Envelopes, \$11,278.00
 Loose Money, \$1,025.00
 Children's Pickle Jar, \$64.50
 Electronic Giving, \$6,087.00

NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

REPOSE OF SOULS

† *Connie Cole*
 † *Deacon Ben Wimberly, Jr*
 † *Betty Cropper*
 † *Bonnie Mahalak*
 † *Mary Duggins Everett (Sister of Dave Duggins and
 Rick Love)*

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERINGS TOTALS

Envelopes, \$7,278.00
 Loose Money, \$913.00
 Children's Pickle Jar, \$44.00
 Electronic Giving, \$1,422.00

	<u>Nov 4&5</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	Mike Bohlke	Ashley Morgan	Sandra Ladner	Sue Hoffman	L1 Lauren Cobb
C	<u>Billie Lee</u>	<u>Phyllis Carlton</u>	<u>Annette Williams</u>		L2 Brooke Kouba
	<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>
EMI	Deacon B. Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt
2	Wendy Boettner	Jason Green	Christine McCummins		Pat Holliday
3	Norman McDonald	Phyllis Seal	Darlene Barry		Ashlie Moran
4	Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest
	<i>CHALICE</i>	<i>CHALICE</i>	<i>CHALICE</i>	<i>CHALICE</i>	<i>CHALICE</i>
1	Gayle Vancourt	Maureen Sheets	Susan Paternostro	Brenda Boney	Suzanne Gibson
2	Lisa Jones	Edgar Dapremont	Bob McCummins		Doc Holliday
3	Linda Carden	Eric Williams	Mike Barry		Sharon Perez
4	<u>Bitsy McDonald</u>	<u>Dave Gauthier</u>	<u>Martita Pierce</u>	<u>Anne Scafide</u>	<u>Julie LaFontaine</u>
AS1	Christina Parry (K)	Ada Shirk (S)	Jayden Cooley (P)	Nathan Ribar (K)	Addison Herodes
2	Gabriel Chappell (S)	Samuel Shirk (S)	Abby Stephens (P)	Blake Shaw (P)	Leah Tuminello
3	Joseph Chappell (S)	Jenna Shirk (P)	Jack Mullins (S)	Bradley Shaw (S)	
4			<u>Hayes Johnson</u>		
Gr E	Jim/ Joyce Delinski		Rita Sadler	Amanda Memill	
Gr S	Linda Carden		Evon Womack	Brenda Boney	
Gr W	<u>Barbara DeBlasi</u>		<u>Cora Shull</u>	<u>Bob Boney</u>	

FEATURED AD OF THE WEEK

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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, Fri
Youth Gift Cards (Scrip) sales... After all Masses &
 during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays
"Testify" Preteen Choir Rehearsals... 4pm, Most
 Sundays, music rehearsal room
Children's Choir Rehearsals... 6:15pm, Wed, music
 rehearsal room (except last Wed of month)
Liturgical Choir Rehearsals for 9am Mass... 7:15pm,
 Wed, (except last Wed of month)

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