

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 1, 2017—TWENTY SIXTH 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

GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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ST. THOMAS CHURCH CENSUS

St. Thomas will be conducting a census of our church population. You will be receiving a form in the mail. Please fill out and return to church on October 8, 2017.

If you don't receive a form, this means you are not registered or there is an incorrect address. You may find a form on the website, in the back of church, or in the parish office. We are asking everyone to complete the forms so we can get an accurate count. Remember, **return the forms to church on October 8.**

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

Calling all goblins, ghosts, princesses, runners, and walkers---join us for St Thomas Youth Ministry's "Run for your Life" 5k and 1 Mile Run/Walk on Oct 7, 2017. This will be an evening race in Downtown Long Beach!



For registration information please go to <https://saintthomaslb.org>

We encourage all our parishioners to come out and support our Youth Ministry program.



For more information visit www.sacredheartdiberville.org or follow Sacred Heart on Facebook.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

FEW REMINDERS

- Sat, Sept 7/Oct 1.... After all Masses, Good Shepherd Showcase, East Foyer
- Mon, Oct 2....7pm, RCIA, Rm 222
- Tues, Oct 3....9:30am, SVdP Society Mtg, Rm 222
- Wed, Oct 4.... 9am, Quilters, Rm 222
- Thurs, Oct 5....7pm, New Wine, Rm 222
- Fri, Oct 6.... 8am-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel
- Sat, Oct 7....Run for your Life
- Sun, Oct 8....12:45pm, Baptisms

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WOMEN'S G.I.F.T. REFLECTION

"It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of Prayer, a virtuous life." —Saint John Chrysostom

Women's Growing In Faith Together is presenting a "Get Your Mary On!" Weekend

When: 2 Days October 14th and 15th

Time: Saturday 9-3, Sunday 1-4

Where: St. Thomas Community Center

Cost: \$25.00 fee for any participant, which includes the workbook, or \$5.00 registration fee to attend but not receive the study materials.

For information call or text Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835

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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

COUNCIL #4898
Upcoming Events

Oct 5...7pm, Meeting, Followed by 4th Degree Mtg
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!



WORKSHOP FOR ALL LAY MINISTERS

There will be a workshop for ALL Lectors, Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Sat, Oct 7 from 9-11am in the Church. Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you for your commitment to your ministries. We invite and welcome anyone interested in becoming a Lector, Commentator or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Please contact the office as to whether or not you will be able to attend (863-1610).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2017-2018

School Calendar



Wed, Oct 4....Blessing of Animals

Mon, Oct 9....NO SCHOOL

Get ready in October –the Book Fair is coming!!

Visit the website:

svdpcatholicschool.org

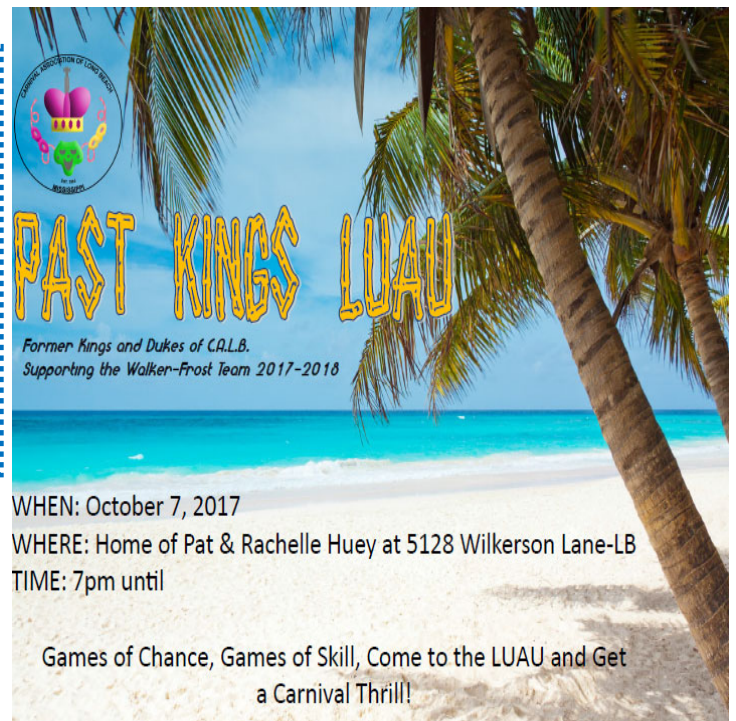
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SVS ANNUAL TECH RUN



OCT 14, 2017
SVS TECH RUN

This family friendly fun run will benefit the Technology Department at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. The race is an out and back course. Runners and walkers of all fitness levels are invited.



WHEN: October 7, 2017

WHERE: Home of Pat & Rachele Huey at 5128 Wilkerson Lane-LB

TIME: 7pm until

Games of Chance, Games of Skill, Come to the LUAU and Get a Carnival Thrill!

Contact:

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queenrosalie16@gmail.com

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

(An open door for Returning Catholics)

- ◆ Were you or do you know someone who was raised Catholic but seldom or never attend Church anymore?
- ◆ Are you or do you know someone who feels separated from the Church?
- ◆ Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church of today?
- ◆ Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

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 16...6:30pm	Welcome, Overview of Series
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

A NOTE FROM FATHER LOUIS LOHAN

Come visit me in Ireland and tour my beautiful country in April 2018, Spring, one of the most colorful months of the year. It promises to be a wonderful holiday on the Emerald Isle. Visit quaint little towns and villages along the way. The Irish are delighted to have you come and visit. We will be in "The Quiet Man" country side. Enjoy a cruise on the River Shannon. Pray and celebrate Mass at Ireland's beautiful place of Pilgrimage, the Basilica at Knock Shrine where Our Lady appeared in 1879. I will also celebrate Mass with you in my home church – St. Patrick's in Newbridge, County Galway, and then feed you at my home on the family farm. Every evening we will retire to the very best hotels along The Wild Atlantic Way. Completely take over the elegant 14th Century Markree Castle, with a two - night stay, where we will enjoy an entertaining yet touching performance of an Immigrants Tale. On this Adventure, you will see Ireland at its best, with beautiful green, lush country side only matched by the warm and inviting hospitality of its people. I would love to have you join me on this trip. Send me an email and I'll give you all the information you need. Thanks, and God bless. With Love, Father Louis Lohan. Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com

R.C.I.A. INQUIRY SESSIONS

The next RCIA inquiry session is on Mon, Oct 2, 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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE

The Good Shepherd Showcase will be featured on Sept 30 and Oct 1 following all masses.

Please stop by the east foyer this weekend!



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 November 24th, 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

1st – Edge – “Lead Me” –

The goal of this Edge Night is for the middle school youth to understand that Jesus is their Good Shepherd and is fully present in the Eucharist.

LifeTeen – “Consumed” –

The Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Catholics. The goal for this night is to show that every movement of the Church points to and flows from the Eucharist.

4th – 9th and 10th grade Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SRE Building

7th – Run for Your LIFE 5k and 1 mile fun run –

Join us for an evening glow run and help raise money for our youth ministry programs

8th – Worship Night –

Both Edge and Life Teen will gather in the Church for a night of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and confessions.

15th –Edge – “Gifts and Fruits” –

The goal of this Edge Night is to help the youth understand the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the grace, fruits, and gifts of the Holy Spirit that are strengthened and perfected in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

LifeTeen – “Sealed” –

The goal for this night is to instill an excitement about the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Life Night will break through the common misconceptions in order to reveal the true nature of Confirmation and also help teens understand the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Ashlie Moran, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org 863-1610

SALUTE VIP CARDS ARE BACK

Our parish now has available VIP discount cards which you can purchase for \$20 at the parish office (Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm). The VIP discount card allows you to get discounts on 10 meals at Salute (lunch & dinner).

Thank you to Salute Italian Restaurant, for including our parish in this great deal.

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

Classes meet on Sundays From 10:10 – 11:20AM

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

Sept 24.....SRE Class

Oct 1.....SRE Class

Oct 8.....SRE Class and movie

***Oct 11.....**MEETING with 9th & 10th grade parents & sponsors at 7pm (SRE building)**

Oct 15.....SRE Class

***Oct 18.....**1st MEETING with 11th grade parents & sponsors at 7pm (SRE building)**

Oct 22.....SRE Class

***Oct 26.....**2nd MEETING (make up) with 11th grade parents and sponsors at 7pm (SRE building)**

Oct 29.....SRE Class

MOVIE: SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA. Although his famous expedition from Mexico to California was filled with trials and hardships, Junipero Serra was determined to go “ever forward, never back.” **STARTING AT 11:30AM** in the SRE building. **POPCORN & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED! FREE ADMISSION!!!** 2 hours and 50 minutes.

“SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION”
MANDATORY MEETINGS WITH
PARENTS & SPONSORS (who live here locally)
AT 7PM IN THE SRE BUILDING:

9TH & 10TH GRADE - **parents and sponsors only**

Wednesday, October 11

11TH GRADE - **parents and sponsors only**

October 18 (Wednesday) or October 26 (Thursday)

PARENTS and SPONSORS are required to attend

ONE MEETING only...

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).

PASTORAL COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE

This week we recognize our Facilities and Grounds Committee. Our goal is to work to enhance and keep the beauty of our church, community center and surrounding grounds. We are always looking for people to maintain the grounds, clean the church, and do anything to keep our area beautiful. If you think you would be interested, contact Deacon Buddy or Ben Dilorenzo at 863-1610 or Maintenance@saintthomaslb.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 10/3	8:30am	+Alice Carrubba
Wed, 10/4	8:30am	
Thurs, 10/5	8:30am	+Beatrice Stout Norma Bond (healing)
Fri, 10/6	6:30am	
Sat, 10/7	5:00pm	+Clay Bishop +Mike Bishop +A.D. & +Marge Taylor +John Atwell +Alice Carrubba +Alvin Busche
Sun, 10/8	7:30am	+Elmer Scott
	9:00am	St. Thomas Parish Family
	11:30am	+Betty Carpenter
	5:30pm	James & Carolyn Raborn



PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Baby Dazes, Fritzi Presley, Herbert Hoffmeyer, Jacob Liberto, Janice Cannon, Jimmy Hillman, Jimmy DiLorenzo, Joanne Morgan, John Hadden, Joyce Smith, Judith Reyer, Katherine Johnston (Aline Marshall's sister), Laurie Rivenbark, Leola Alexander, Lidna Mignor, McKenzie Mailes, Mary Wise, Matthew Meyer, Melinda Broom, Mike Lott, Myrna Jordan, Nicholas Vizzini, Roland Samson, Travis Darby (Carolyn Anderson's nephew), Una Mae Ladner and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Leslie Kelley (Allison Voiron's sister)

Felicia Enrriquez and Children

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST HURRICANES

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.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERINGS TOTALS

Envelopes, \$
Loose Money, \$.00
Children's Pickle Jar, \$.00
Electronic Giving, \$.00

NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>Oct 7&8</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 Patti Salvador	Matt Powers	Sandra Ladner	Sue Hoffman	L1 Leigha West
C <u>Connie Cole</u>	<u>Ashley Morgan</u>	<u>Annette Williams</u>		L2 Ashton Herodes
<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 Norman McDonald	Jason Green	Christine McCummins		Jeré Anthony
3 Susan Samson	Phyllis Seal	Bob McCummins		Traci Hollingsworth
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	Dave Gauthier	Martita Pierce	Kelly Ribar	Sharon Perez
2 Judi Matsuba	Jane Storey	Susan Patemostro		Julie LaFontaine
3 Jennifer Ellett	Donna Gauthier	Cindy Vogt		Beth D'Aquilla
4 <u>Spencer Ellett</u>	<u>Edgar Dapremont</u>	<u>Bob Vogt</u>	<u>Andrew Ribar</u>	<u>Elizabeth Mink</u>
AS1 Christina Parry (K)	MariaSchuyler(S)	Jack Mullins (S)	Samuel Ribar (K)	Bryce Warden
2 Gabriel Chappell (S)	SofiaSchuyler (S)	Jayden Cooley (P)	AthanAlexander(P)	Nathaniel Mink
3 <u>Joseph Chappell (S)</u>	<u>Secilia Gundlach</u>	Jackson Pearce (P)	<u>Nathan Ribar (K)</u>	
4		<u>Theo. Kallinikos(P)</u>		
Gr E Anne DiLorenzo		Helen Bristol	Amanda Merrill	
Gr S Connie Cole			Brenda Boney	
Gr W <u>Jeanne/Brian/Jernigan</u>		<u>Lucy O'Connell</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, 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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