

# 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



## NOVEMBER 5, 2017—THIRTY-FIRST 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**

**THE GREATEST AMONG US**

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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**CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

*Dear Parishioners:*

*Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Sherry on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.*

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE**



The Good Shepherd Showcase is open this weekend in the East Foyer following all masses with new religious items. From now until Christmas, there will be many Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers available. Please check it out!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14  
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24  
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33  
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

**IMPORTANT CHANGES IN CHURCH SCHEDULE**

**The time for Saturday Masses has been changed to 4pm, effective November 11th. Reconciliation will be from 4:15pm to 4:45pm.**

**The baptism class is the last Saturday of every month at 9:30am in Room B222.**

**The session for CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME which was scheduled to begin on Nov 6th has been cancelled.**

**FEW REMINDERS**

**\*\*Sat Masses will be at 4pm, effective Nov 11th**  
**Sat & Sun, Nov 4/5....**Good Shepherd Showcase in East Foyer following all masses  
**Sun, Nov 5....**Handing out grocery bags for Thanksgiving Baskets  
**Mon, Nov 6....**Catholics Returning Home has been cancelled  
**Mon, Nov 6....**7pm, RCIA, Rm 222  
**Tues, Nov 7....**9am, Quilters, Rm 222  
**Wed, Nov 8....**11:30am, Lunchkins (Bring a dish to share) CC  
**Thurs, Nov 9....**7pm, New Wine, Rm 222  
**Fri, Nov 10....** 8am-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel  
**Sat-Sun, Nov 11& 12....** 9am-2pm, 11th & 12th Grade Retreat

**\*\*Baptism classes will be the last Sat of each month, Rm B222**

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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".

### 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)

### HURRICANE PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### 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

All veterans, family and friends are invited to the gym for morning prayer and pledge at 7:50am followed by a special reception in the dining room to honor our veterans.



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

**COUNCIL #4898**  
**Upcoming Events**

#### Nov. 16...7pm, meeting

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



*Carnival Association of Long Beach  
Team Walker-Frost*

# FALL FESTIVAL

*Saturday, November 11*

<b>L.B. Town Green</b> 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	<b>Veterans Appreciation Tent</b>	
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#### ACTIVITIES

Children's Games, Cupcake Decorating, Cake Walk, Face Painting, Crafts, Hay Rides, Craft Vendors

#### FOOD

Burgers & Dogs, Pizza, Craft Beers, Popcorn

#### CONTESTS

10am....Pet Costume Contest  
12noon...Celebrate Veterans  
2pm....Chili Judging Contest  
3pm....Karaoke Contest

#### Contact:

**Angie Johnson 228-897-9298**  
**quenrosalie16@gmail.com**

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**“He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.” (Mat 1:24)**

God chose Joseph for a very special mission. Out of all of humanity, God chose Joseph to teach Jesus what it meant to be a man. Pope Francis calls St Joseph “the model for dads.”

As we prepare for Christmas, join us as we look at this man entrusted with the care and protection of God’s own son.

### **ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY St Joseph—A Father Like No Other**

The study of Matthew Chapters 1,2 will be on Wed, Nov 29, Dec 6, and Dec 13 at 7pm on the 2nd floor, St Thomas Parish Office Complex. For more information call or text Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835. No registration is required.



### **ST THOMAS YOUTH MINISTRY PARTY & RAFFLE**

Mark your calendars for “Cocktails and Confetti” New Year’s Eve Party and Raffle sponsored by the St Thomas Youth Ministry. An awesome band is lined up, as well as champagne, breakfast, and tons of fun to ring in the New Year together. Ticket pricing and more information to come soon.

### **ST PATRICK OPEN HOUSE**

St Patrick Catholic High School will be hosting an Open House on Sun, Nov 12 from 2-4pm.

For any questions please contact Erin Rosetti at [erosesti@stpatrickhighschool.net](mailto:erosesti@stpatrickhighschool.net)

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 12 DAYS: MAY 28 – JUNE 8, 2018**



Join us on our pilgrimage to the beautiful country of Italy. Italy’s timeless art and architecture, history, and symbols, representing two thousand years of Christian faith, have fascinated travelers for centuries. Our Pilgrimage begins in Venice, the city waterways, gondolas and picturesque bridges, and ends with four days in Rome where the highlight of our visit will be an audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

You will be pleased with this tour for it is both high in value and low in cost. Email: [tourofitaly2018@gmail.com](mailto:tourofitaly2018@gmail.com) or Call Paula: 228 697 7814.

*In Christ, Father Mike Austin*

### **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](http://svdphomegiveaway.com)

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Both Middle and High School Students gather after the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass. Edge Nights (6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> grade) will gather upstairs in the Youth Room and Life Nights (9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> 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

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

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mother Teresa said, “Every holy hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity.” She was talking about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Here at St. Thomas, we offer the opportunity for you to please the Heart of Jesus by spending a holy hour in Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Fridays from 8am until 7pm in the Chapel (upstairs in the office complex)

You may choose to drop in any time, spend an hour or a few minutes, whatever your schedule will allow. However, our great need is to have two or three people committed to spending each hour on Friday in the chapel.

Please look over your schedule and see if you can commit to being on of those persons—you may choose any hour(s) you wish. For additional information, please call 228-863-1610.

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

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

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

\*\*\*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: **SAINTE 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. Popcorn 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](http://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](mailto:ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org)).

### RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

The next RCIA inquiry session is Mon, Nov 6, 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](mailto:psuehoffman@gmail.com)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tues, 11/7** 8:30am + All Souls  
**Wed, 11/8** 8:30am + All Souls  
**Thurs, 11/9** 8:30am + All Souls  
**Fri, 11/10** 6:30am + All Souls  
**Sat, 11/11** 4:00pm + All Souls  
**Sun, 11/12** 7:30am + All Souls  
 9:00am + All Souls  
 11:30am + All Souls  
 5:30pm + All Souls

## PETITIONS OF PRAYER

*Effie Violanti, Ernest Necaize, Estelle Papania, George Frazer, James Byrnes, Jimmy DiLorenzo, Jimmy Hillman, Kenneth Necaize, Linda Mignor, L.J. St. Pierre, Leola Alexander, Mae Higgins (Jan Hansen's mother), Myrna Jordan, Rene McDonald, Roland Samson, Ruby Morton and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.*



## REST IN PEACE

† Rick Love  
 † Richard Olaivar

## NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>Nov 11 &amp; 12</u>				
<u>4:00 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 <u>AnnMarieMcIntyre</u>	Jason Green	Rodney Sandoz	Alice Lawson	L1 Matthew Holland
C <u>Patti Salvador</u>	<u>Jerry Levens</u>	<u>Annette Williams</u>		<u>L2 Andrew Mayer</u>
<u>HOST</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>HOST</u>
EMI <u>Norman McDonald</u>	Richard Donald	Cindy Vogt	Rose Marie Ginn	Traci Hollingsworth
2 <u>Beverly Leslie</u>	Cindy Levens	Paige Stinson		Jennifer D. Thomas
3 <u>Priest</u>	3 <u>Priest</u>	3 <u>Priest</u>	3 <u>Priest</u>	3 <u>Priest</u>
4 <u>Judi Matsuba</u>	Carolyn Anderson	Novaline Shirley		Elizabeth Mink
<u>CHALICE</u>	<u>CHALICE</u>	<u>CHALICE</u>	<u>CHALICE</u>	<u>CHALICE</u>
1 <u>Eleanor Commiskey</u>	Barbara Donald	Bob Vogt	Kelly Ribar	Ray Lacy
2 <u>Sr. Consilio Buckley</u>	Susan Pennell	Candi Mauffray		Gen Richards
3 <u>Jerry West</u>	Mary Levens	Mena Sandoz	Andrew Ribar	Keith Annulis
4 <u>Charlotte West</u>	<u>Dave Anderson</u>	<u>Robert Shirley</u>		<u>Heather Annulis</u>
ASI <u>Christina Parry (K)</u>	<u>Ashleigh Sutton (P)</u>	<u>London Tredek (P)</u>	<u>Julia Ribar (K)</u>	<u>Nathaniel Mink</u>
2 <u>Morgan Eleutenius (P)</u>	<u>Ava Sutton (P)</u>	<u>Grace LeFort (P)</u>	<u>Athan Alexander (P)</u>	<u>Sammy Starita</u>
3 <u>Alex. Eleutenius (S)</u>	<u>Connor Sutton (S)</u>	<u>Jackson Pearce (P)</u>	<u>Samuel Ribar (K)</u>	
4	<u>Taylor Sutton (P)</u>	<u>Theo. Kallinikos (P)</u>		
Gr E <u>Anne DiLorenzo</u>		Helen Bristol	Bob Boney	
Gr S		Lucy O'Connell	Amanda Merrell	
Gr W <u>AnnMarie McIntyre</u>		<u>Dottie Bush</u>	<u>Brenda Boney</u>	

## LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERINGS TOTALS

Envelopes, \$11,002.00  
 Loose Money, \$1,538.00  
 Children's Pickle Jar, \$87.00  
 Electronic Giving, \$1,422.00

## PRAYER FOR MILITARY

With this Veterans Day, please remember also the future veterans with this prayer:

“Lord, hold our troops in your hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. In Jesus' name we pray.” *Amen*

## FEATURED AD OF THE WEEK

**HERBERT J. STELLY** | **YVETTE L. STELLY**  

  
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## RECURRING AROUND THE PARISH...

**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  
**Lunchkins**....11:30am, Second Wed of month  
**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)  
**Christmas Midnight Mass rehearsals**....Thurs at 7:15pm until Christmas

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