

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30am
Friday: 6:30am



NOVEMBER 19, 2017—THIRTY-THIRD 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, 3:15 – 3:45 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

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week’s scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for every one.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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**THANKSGIVING MASS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 9AM**

ULTREYA



The West Harrison County Ultreya group will combine the November and December meetings. This combined meeting will occur on Mon, Dec 4 at 7pm at St. Joseph’s Parish in Gulfport. Deacon David Allen from St. John Parish will be spirit speaker and Jane Smith from St. Joseph parish will be the Lay speaker.

All are welcome to attend the Ultreya for a great spiritual boost!

For more information contact Deacon Karl Koberger at Deaconkarl2013@gmail.com or Michelle Fleming at Michelle2694@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

FEW REMINDERS

****Sat Masses are now at 4pm. Reconciliation is from 3:15-3:45pm.**

- Sun, Nov 19....SRE, Edge, LifeTeen, No classes**
- Mon, Nov 20....7pm, RCIA with sponsors, Rm 222**
- Tues, Nov 21....9am, Quilters, Rm 222**
- Wed, Nov 22....6:15-6:45pm, Preschool Choir Rehearsal, Children’s Church**
- Wed, Nov 22....6:15-7pm, Children’s Choir rehearsal. Rehearsal**
- Wed, Nov 22....7:15-8:30pm, Liturgical Choir Practice, Church**
- Thurs, Nov 23....9am, Thanksgiving Mass**
- Nov 22-24 & 27....Parish Office closed, Thanksgiving holidays**
- Fri, Nov 24.... No Adoration in the Chapel**
- Sat, Nov 25....4pm, Vigil Mass**
- Baptism classes are the last Sat of each month, Rm 222**

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COMMUNITY PHARMACY

We have much to be thankful for here in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. On this upcoming Thanksgiving Day, we are sure that each of you, individually and as a family or gathering, will stop to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

There will be a collection for St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy on Thanksgiving.



THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

Advent begins on December 3rd and ends on December 24th, 2017.

Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.



CLAIBORNE HILL GROCERY

.... in Waveland is offering 1% cash back to organizations; so if you shop there, save your receipts and put them in the manila envelope in the east foyer so that the church can take them to Claiborne Hill and get a rebate on your grocery shopping.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET SATURDAY VIGIL MASS IS NOW AT 4PM RECONCILIATION IS FROM 3:15-3:45PM

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2017-2018 School Calendar



Nov 17-24....Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov 27....Christmas Blessings begin

For information contact office at 228-222-6000
Or www.svdpcatholicsschool.org or



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COUNCIL #4898
Upcoming Events

Dec 7....7pm, meeting
Dec 21....7pm, meeting

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

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Eat, DRINK & BE

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UGLY SWEATER PARTY & CONTEST

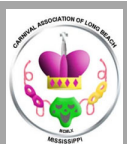
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes Awarded

Team Walker/Frost CALB Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul School & Local Charities

SATURDAY DEC. 16 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Scott Levanway & Suzy O'Brien
1520 Olive Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39501

RSVP: BY DEC. 5th
SUZY (228) 216 - 1569



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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.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

The next RCIA inquiry session is Mon, Nov 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

PLEASE WATCH FOR DETAILS ON A WOMEN’S G.I.F.T. RETREAT TO BE HELD AT KELLY RETREAT CENTER IN BAY ST. LOUIS IN JANUARY.



**SVdP THANKSGIVING HOME
GIVE AWAY**

Thanks to Foxhole Promises, LLC a new home located in St. Martin is being raffled. The home is 2,110 sq. ft., valued at \$250,000. The grand prize will include the house plus \$50,000 toward taxes. This is HUGE as most families that win a home can’t afford the taxes. Additional gifts of varying value up to \$10,000 will be included in the drawing which will take place on Nov 24th at d’Iberville Convention Center.

Where will the proceeds go? To help the poor served by St. Vincent de Paul Societies along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. All Proceeds stay in South Mississippi. Imagine how many people will receive the benefit of this event if we raised \$500,000; it is possible!

Drawdown tickets (which include a chance to win the grand prize and all other prizes) are now available. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at St. Thomas Church Office or online at svdphomegiveaway.com

We hope you prayerfully consider being a part of this worthwhile fundraiser. God bless our donors and those we serve.

COMMUNICATION & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

The mission of the Communication/Publicity Committee is to develop open communication among parish ministries and organizations, and to seek methods to keep the congregation and local communities informed of all parish activities. This is carried out primarily through the bulletin, website, news media (*Gulf Pine Catholic, Sun Herald* and local newspapers), parish calendar, parish bulletin boards, and mailings.

The mission of the Evangelization Committee is to promote parish ministry outreach, support hospitality and supportive ministries, and to develop social opportunities for members to get to know one another. This is carried out through such activities as volunteer recruitment, welcoming new parishioners, publicizing recovery groups, and helping plan parish festivals and social activities.

Both of these ministries are vital to the Church. If you are interested in either committee, please contact Dr. Sandra Bishop at 228-424-3345 or lsj@cableone.net for more information.

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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

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

26th....

December

3rd Rite of Entry Mass for all 9th grade Confirmation candidates and sponsors at Life Teen Mass.

“He’s Here” – Advent FAMILY Night –The goal of this Edge Night is to help the youth and their parents come to a greater understanding of the birth of Jesus and the reality that God became man. Families will end the night together in Eucharistic adoration.

Ashlie Moran, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org



SCRIP CARDS OFFERED

There is a wide variety of gift cards being offered just in time for the upcoming holidays. We offer Academy, Bass Pro Shop, Cabela’s, and Dick’s Sporting Goods for sports enthusiasts. For wearing apparel there is Belk’s, Dillard’s, J.C. Penney, Kohl’s and Marshalls, to name a few. Food wise - Harbor View Café, Longhorn Steakhouse, Shaggy’s, or Ruth’s Chris Steak House are available.

The gift cards are featured at the Support Our Youth Scrip Gift Card sales table in the east foyer after Masses or at the Parish Office during the week. Remember, when you buy the gift cards from St. Thomas, the proceeds go to youth programs that not only benefit our church, but the whole community. Thank you for your continued support!

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 19.....No SRE Class due to Thanksgiving break

Nov 26.....SRE Class

Dec 3.....SRE Class - MOVIE: THE FOURTH WISE MAN

Dec 3..... RITE OF ENTRY (9th gr ONLY) at 5:30pm Mass

Dec 10.....SRE Class

***Dec 16.....Christmas CAROLING/Gift Distributions to children in need

Dec 17.....SRE Class

Dec 24.....Christmas PAGEANT at 3:30pm (church)

Dec 31.....NO SRE Class/Christmas Holidays

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).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will begin on Sun, Nov 26 from 12:45 pm to 2 pm in the church. If you have children in Pre-K to 5th grade and would like to participate, please email Sr.Cecilia for more information (ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org). This year our Christmas Pageant will be on Sun, Dec 24 at 3:30pm prior to our Children Christmas Mass at 4pm.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 11/21	8:30am	+ All Souls
Wed, 11/22	8:30am	+ All Souls
Thurs, 11/23	8:30am	+ All Souls
Fri, 11/24	6:30am	+ All Souls
Sat, 11/25	4:00pm	+ All Souls
Sun, 11/26	7:30am	+ All Souls
	9:00am	+ All Souls
	11:30am	+ All Souls
	5:30pm	+ All Souls

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas cards & ornaments this year as well as KCIC car magnets and lapel pins. More information is coming the next bulletin.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERINGS TOTALS

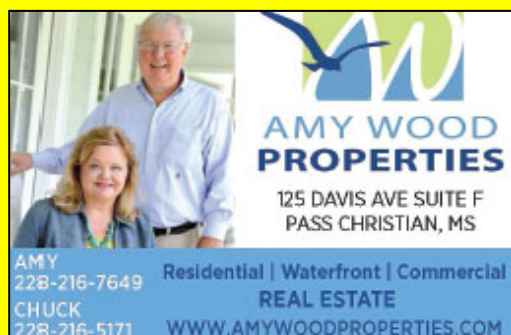
Envelopes, \$11,703.00
Loose Money, \$1,206.00
Children's Pickle Jar, \$60.00
Electronic Giving, \$1,422.00

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

FEATURED AD OF THE WEEK



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PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Barbara Monson, Claire Farwell, James Byrnes, Jimmy DiLorenzo, Joanne Anderson, Linda Mignor, Mae Higgins (Jan Hansen's mother), Michelle Strahan, Mike Kurowski, Myrna Jordan, Nita Gross, Ruby Morton, Rusty Trowbridge, Vicki Weinstein, and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

Names for the sick list come from hospital visitation lists; also from telephone calls made to the parish office. There are many others in the parish and community who are suffering and, therefore, we ask those who are praying to include in your prayers "all in our parish and community who are in need of healing, physical or spiritual." The names remain on the list for a period of four weeks before being removed.

NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>Nov 25&26</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 Billie Lee	Edgar Dapremont	Annette Williams	Alice Lawson	L1 Sebastian Mink
C AnnMarieMcIntyre	Cindy Cox	Rodney Sandoz		L2 Leigha West
HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST
EMI Priest	Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest
2 Chris Johnson	Pam Fallo	ChristineMcCummins		Pat Holliday
3 Lisa Starita	Charles Fallo	Novaline Shirley	Rose Marie Ginn	Heather Annulis
4 Lisa Jones	Linda Shirk	Ginny Macken		Beth D'Aquila
CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE
1 Judi Matsuba	Frank Castiglia	Bob McCummins	Kelly Ribar	Pat Holliday
2 Bitsy McDonald	Phylis Carlton	Gwen Tootle		Elizabeth Mink
3 Gayle Vancourt	Carmen Peters	Robert Shirley	Andrew Ribar	Keith Annulis
4 Eleanor Commiskey	Tim McCaffrey	Mena Sandoz		Geri Richards
AS1 Christina Parry (K)	Ada Shirk (S)	London Tredek (P)	AthanAlexander(P)	Gabe Chappell
2 Sammy Starita (P)	Samuel Shirk (S)	Grace LeFort (P)	Julia Ribar (K)	Alexander Eleuterius
3 Charlie Starita (S)	Jenna Shirk (P)	Jackson Pearce (P)	Samuel Ribar (K)	
4		Theo. Kallinikos (P)		
Gr E Jim Joyce Delinski		Dottie Bush	Brenda Boney	
Gr S Melinda Broom			Bob Boney	
Gr W Jeanne Brian Jernigan		Joyce Stinziano	Amanda Merrell	

RECURRING AROUND THE PARISH...

- St. Vincent de Paul Society**...9:30am-12:30pm, Mon & Thurs, open to help
- St. Joseph's Helping Hands**....Work day is every first Sat of the month; mtg is every 4th Thurs
- 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
- Knights of Columbus, Council #4898**....7pm, every 1st & 3rd Thurs of month

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