

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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



## NOVEMBER 26, 2017—THIRTY-FOURTH 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 everyone.

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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**WE ARE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**  
**Advent begins on December 3rd**

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. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

Please join us for an hour of prayer and reflection, spending time with the Lord during the Advent season in preparation for His coming.

We will meet in the Chapel from 3pm to 4pm on Tues afternoons—Dec 5, 12 and 19. For more information, call Jean Warburton at 228-223-4548

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**WHY BE CATHOLIC?**

There will be a Four-Night Parish Mission scheduled for Mon-Thurs, Dec 9-14. Father Ken Geraci will be the speaker of the Mission and the site is St. Clare Church in Waveland.

The mission is for people of all ages and levels of faith, from those who are madly in love with Jesus, to those who pretty much cannot stand church or religion. Regardless of your level of faith, come and experience God’s Divine Mercy!

More information in next week’s bulletin.

**FEW REMINDERS**

**\*\*Sat Vigil Mass is at 4pm**  
**Reconciliation is from 3:15-3:45pm**

**Mon, Nov 27....Parish Office Closed**

**Mon, Nov 27....SVdP Office Closed**

**Mon, Nov 27....7pm, RCIA with sponsors, Rm 222**

**Tues, Nov 28....9am, Quilters, Rm 222**

**Thurs, Nov 30....7pm, New Wine, Rm 222**

**Fri, Dec 1....7:15pm, Midnight Mass Rehearsal**

**Fri, Dec 1.... 8am-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel**

**Sat & Sun, Dec 2/3....Following masses, Good**

Shepherd Showcase, East Foyer

**Sat, Dec 2....4pm, Vigil Mass**

**Sun, Dec 3....PreK-5th, SRE, Edge, Life Teen**

**Sun, Dec 3....All Masses, SVdP, Hand out Christmas Food bags**

**Sun, Dec 3....5:30pm, RITE OF ENTRY MASS, all 9th gr. Confirmation candidates**

**Sun, Dec 3....11am-5:30pm, LifeTeen “Sunset” Retreat**

**Baptism classes will be the last Sat of each month, Rm 222**

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**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.co

**CHRISTMAS "ANGEL" TREE**

Please help us bring Christmas JOY to the children again this Christmas by taking an ornament from our "CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE" located in the EAST FOYER of the church. Please purchase a gift (\$10+), wrap it, carefully tape the ornament back on the gift, and place it under the "Christmas Angel Tree" by Sun, Dec 10. Our Young Vincentians and their families will deliver your Christmas gifts to needy children in our local community on Sat, Dec 16. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

**GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE**

The Good Shepherd Showcase will be on display in the East Foyer of the Church following all Masses on Dec 2nd/3rd. Shop now for some wonderful Christmas gifts.



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



Nov 18-26 school closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Visit the website: svdpcatholicsschool.org  
228-222-6003

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

**Thurs, Dec 7....7 pm, Mtg with 4th Degree Mtg to follow**  
**Thurs, Dec 21....7pm, Mtg**  
**The Knights of Columbus will sell be selling Christmas Cards in December**

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**Eat DRINK & BE UGLY**

**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





***“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.

**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.

Mass will be celebrated in my home church – St. Patrick’s in Newbridge, County Galway, and then lunch 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 an entertaining yet touching performance of an Immigrants Tale will be enjoyed. 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](mailto:Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS  
CARDS WILL BE ON SALE IN DECEMBER**

In many ways, the celebration of Christmas has become a paradox: It is, of course, a time to celebrate the birth of Christ, to give generously to charity and to spend time with family. At the same time, Christmas is often a time of heightened frustration as people overspend on lavish gifts and suffer bouts of consumerist rage in the malls, in the supermarkets and on the roadways. Communicating the fundamental meaning of Christmas is hard enough without having to search in vain for greeting cards that don’t compromise the holiday’s Christian meaning.

The Knights of Columbus Support Keep Christ In Christmas Christmas Card & Ornament Sales . For Orders and Inquiries, please contact: Dominick Fimiano at 228-323-5812 or email: [dominick@exitbiloxi.com](mailto:dominick@exitbiloxi.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*

*26th*

Edge —“Live it Up”

The middle school youth will understand the concept of grace, and consider how they experience grace through the Sacraments.

Life Teen — “Grace Infusion”

This Life Night provides an introduction to grace and the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. It challenges teenagers to be sustained by the sacraments of the Church and to constantly seek God’s grace in all aspects of their lives.

*December*

*3rd*

Edge — “He’s Here” Advent FAMILY Night

The goal 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.

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

*9th*

Edge and Life Teen — Christmas Party and Life Teen “Snowed in with Jesus” Overnight Retreat

*10th*

Edge — “Praying, Waiting, Anticipating”

The goal is to draw the youth deeper into the liturgical season of Advent. They will come to understand the symbolism behind the decorations in their parish and how these things point them to the events and preparation of Advent.

Life Teen Night – “She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain” The goal is for the youth and their parents to understand the significance of the Visitation and how they can and should bring joy to others during Advent.

Ashlie Moran, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org  
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 26.....SRE Class

Dec 3.....SRE Class

Dec. 3..... Movie: THE FOURTH WISE MAN,  
Movie begins at 11:30am in the SRE Bldg. 1 hour and 12 minutes.

Dec 3..... RITE OF ENTRY (9th gr ONLY) at 5:30pm Mass. Confirmation candidates (9th gr) and their sponsors are invited to the RITE OF ENTRY.

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

**About the movie—THE FOURTH WISE MAN**

Based on Henry van Dyke’s classic, The Story of the Other Wise Man, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah.

Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn.

**POPCORN AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED!  
FREE ADMISSION**

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).

**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, 11/28** 8:30am + All Souls  
**Wed, 11/29** 8:30am + All Souls  
**Thurs, 11/30** 8:30am + All Souls  
**Fri, 12/1** 6:30am  
**Sat, 12/2** 4:00pm + Earlene Selensky  
 + Clay Bishop  
 + Isabel Bishop  
 + Alan Dupuis  
 (1st Anniversary)  
 + James Tolson  
 (1st Anniversary)  
 + Fred McIntyre  
 + Roberta Varvel  
 + A.D. Taylor &  
 + Marge Taylor  
 + Sharon McKay  
 + Connie Cole  
**Sun, 12/3** 7:30am + Bruce Cornell  
 9:00am St. Thomas Parish Family  
 11:30am + Connie Cole  
 5:30pm + Marion Carver

## PETITIONS OF PRAYER

*Anita Sipler, Donnie Joe Pearson, Frances Scheel,  
 James Byrnes, Jimmy DiLorenzo, John Hadden, Linda  
 Mignor, Mae Higgins (Jan Hansen's mother), Mike Ku-  
 rowski, Myrna Jordan, Nita Gross, Rene McDonald,  
 Robbie, Ruby Morton, Rusty Trowbridge, Vicki Wein-  
 stein, and all others in our parish and community in  
 need of healing, physical or spiritual.*

Anyone needing to add someone to the electronic  
 prayer group e-mail, send the information electronically  
 to: [prayer@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:prayer@saintthomaslb.org)

## REST IN PEACE

RONALD HAMMONS, SR

GLENN BURSELL



## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STORMS

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.

*Amen*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>Dec 2&amp;3</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 AnnMarieMcIntyre	Phylis Carlton	Sandra Ladner	Sue Hoffman	L1 Brooke Kouba
C Heather Neale	Cindy Cox	Brenda Allen		L2 Sara Hollingsworth
HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST
EMI Deacon B.Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt
2 Spencer Ellett	Frank Castiglia	Mike Barry		Traci Hollingsworth
3 Gayle Vancourt	Tim McCaffrey	Susan Patemostro		Sharon Perez
4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest
CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE
1 Norman McDonald	Pam Fallo	Candi Mauffray	Brenda Boney	Julie LaFontaine
2 Jennifer Ellett	Charles Fallo	Darlene Barry		Jennifer D. Thomas
3 Lisa Starita	Linda Shirk	Martita Pierce		Elizabeth Mink
4 Sr. Consilio Buckley	Susan Pennell	Ginny Macken	Rose Marie Gum	Kali Husband
ASI Christina Parry (K)	Ada Shirk (S)	Jayden Cooley (P)	Samuel Ribar	Nathaniel Mink
2 Sammy Starita (P)	Sammel Shirk (S)	Abby Stephens (P)	Blake Shaw (P)	Sebastian Mink
3 Charlie Starita (S)	Jenna Shirk (P)	Jack Mullins (S)	Bradley Shaw (S)	
4		Hayes Johnson		
Gr E Nathan/Carol Paola		Rita Sadler	Amanda Merrill	
Gr S Barbara de Blasi		Evon Womack	Brenda Boney	
Gr W AnnMarieMcIntyre		Cora Shull	Bob Boney	

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## 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  
**Lunchkins**....11:30am, Second Wed of month, Bring  
 covered dish, CC  
**Knights of Columbus, Council #4898**....7pm, every 1st  
 & 3rd Thurs of the month

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