

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



MARCH 18, 2018 —FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 Life Teen 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

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendar for our Parish Picnic on Sun, May 20 in the Gym Pavilion. We will have delicious foods, wonderful entertainment, and fun games for the children. What a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish for fellowship. This year we will have several St. Thomas Parish ministries represented at the picnic. More details coming soon....



ULTREYA!

St. Joseph Catholic Church
12290 DePew Road
Gulfport, MS

Mon, Mar 19 at 7pm in Depew Hall
Lay Speaker-Rob Vivian, St. James, Gpt
Spiritual speaker-Helene Roth, St. Joseph, Gpt

Come for a great spiritual boost for Lent.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

The communal Evening Prayer Service is held in the Church at 6:15pm, Mondays-Fridays during the season of Lent. This short prayer service lasts only 15 minutes. It begins with sacred song and follows with psalms, a reading from scripture and prayers.

You are most welcome and encouraged to join in this daily prayer service Monday through Friday at 6:15pm in the church!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

5TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' APPRECIATION DINNER is next weekend Sat, Mar 24 at 5pm in the Community Center. **IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT YOUR RSVP TO ATTEND, YOU CAN STILL RESPOND BY TUESDAY.**

THANK YOU to the following individuals and businesses who donated the dinner gift certificates and door prizes for this special occasion: Drs. Jeff-Jennifer Sutton (Beach View Veterinary Hospital LLC), Boomtown Casino, Hard Rock Casino, Island View Casino, Scarlet Pearl Casino, Fabulous Nails & Spa, IP Casino, Kim Long Vietnamese & Thai Restaurant, Lil' Ray's Poboys & Seafood, and the Golden Nugget.

GREENERY ON THE ALTAR

The altar greenery last weekend was provided by the family of Marge and A.D. Taylor in their memory.



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NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR LUNCHKINS

Lunchkins will be held on Wed, Mar 28 in the Community Center following the Anointing Mass at 11am.

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

Here at St. Thomas, we have a chapel on the second floor of the Office Complex. On each Friday from 8am-7pm, there is the opportunity for our parish family to spend time in the chapel. We call it "Adoration". Basically, you come into the Chapel and spend time with Jesus (the Eucharist is exposed in the Monstrance for everyone to see and "adore"). What would you do in there? Well, you can do nothing or you can pray or read (we have a book shelf with inspirational and devotional resources). You can ask God for favors; you can thank God for blessings. It is a time for quietness and being still in the Lord.

Mother Teresa said, "A Holy Hour of Adoration brings everlasting peace to the earth...adoration is the most beautiful thing you could ever think of doing."

If you can commit to spending an hour in Adoration on Fridays, please call the Church @ 863-1610. It is important to have at least one person committed so that Jesus will not be left alone. It is good to have three or four signed up for every hour time slot so that if something happens and one person cannot be there, we always know that the hour is covered. If you cannot commit to an hour, please feel free to drop in any time during the hours of Adoration on Fridays. It is a beautiful thing.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning on Mon, Apr 2 at 6:30pm in Room 203B (upstairs in the office administrative complex-enter through the back parking lot). The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church, please invite them or bring them to these informative sessions. There is no obligation. For more information, contact Cindy Vogt, 860-5250 or cynanne6@yahoo.com.

YARD SIGNS FOR CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Any parishioner who is willing to put a sign in his/her yard may check one out with the secretary at the church office. The signs will need to be returned to the office when the sessions begin on April 2.

GULF PINE CATHOLIC

If you are not receiving the Diocese of Biloxi's *Gulf Pine Catholic* newspaper, please notify the parish office. Every registered family in the diocese should receive the newspaper free of charge.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION

According to diocesan policy and guidelines, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish subsidizes the tuition rate for parish families who wish to enroll their children in Grades K-12 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, St. Patrick High School and Our Lady Academy. To be eligible for the subsidized (lower) rate of tuition, a family must be registered in the parish, attend Mass here at St. Thomas regularly and use their church support envelopes or the electronic method of making regular church offerings. Parish subsidy is not based on the amount of contributions made by a family. However, it is important for all families to contribute to the upkeep of the church and its ministries. A form is available at the school office and should be turned in to the parish office for completion.

FEW REMINDERS

- Mon, Mar 19-Thurs, Mar 22....** 8:30am, Mass; Noon, Lenten Mass
- Mon, Mar 19-Fri, Mar 23....**6:15-6:30pm, Evening Prayer
- Mon, Mar 19....** 7pm, RCIA, Rm 222
- Tues, Mar 20...**9-10am, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Cry Room
- Tues, Mar 20....**9am-1pm, Quilters, Rm 222
- Tues, Mar 20....**7pm, Long Beach Concert Choir performs in Church
- Wed, Mar 21....**7-8:15pm, 11th Gr. Confirmation Prep Class, SRE
- Thurs, Mar 22....**7pm, New Wine, Rm 222
- Fri, Mar 23....**6:30am, Mass; Noon, Lenten Mass
- Fri, Mar 23....**8am-7pm, Adoration, Chapel
- Fri, Mar 23....**5:30pm Childrens' Stations of the Cross, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat, Mar 24....**4pm, Vigil Mass
- Sat, Mar 24....**5pm, Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner, CC
- Sun, Mar 25....**Palm Sunday, Wear Red

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SIXTH ANNUAL CRESCENT CRAWFISH BOIL FUNDRAISER



Our Lady Academy (OLA) is holding its 6th Annual Crescent Crawfish Boil Fundraiser on April 27, 2018 at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center at 7:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, an OLA tuition raffle (valued at \$6,000.00) or \$3,000 cash, theme basket raffle and a silent auction.



Tickets are \$75.00 for two guests. Please contact Leigh Chapman at 228-467-7048 or leigh.chapman@ourladyacademy.com for more information or to purchase tickets.



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March 22....7pm, Mtg

Fish fry events are available every Friday during Lent from 5-7pm in the Community Center until March 23rd.

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

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



Mar 19-22...8:10am, Prayer & Pledge,
Leaders, 4th Gr.

Mar 23...8:30am, School Mass, Leaders, 5th Gr., Holy
Family

Visit the website: svdpcatholicschool.org

GOOD NEWS FROM MELINDA BROOM

Dear St. Thomas,

I am now cancer free!! Michael, Kelly and I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, flowers, food, Masses and most of all—The Prayers. I am so grateful for all of the support all of you have shown me. It meant so much to know that everyone was praying for me during this very scary time.

Thanks again, Melinda Broom

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Mon, Mar 26....Masses at 8:30am and 12Noon

Tues, Mar 27....No Masses in Church, Chrism Mass at 10:30am at NVM Cathedral

Wed, Mar 28....Anointing Mass at 11am, Lunchkins to follow.

Wed, Mar 28.... Penance Service at 7pm in Church

Thurs, Mar 29....Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm.

Thurs, Mar 29....Adoration from 11pm-12am;
Reposition at 11:50pm

Fri, Mar 30....Stations of the cross at 3pm

Fri, Mar 30....The Passion of the Lord at 7pm

Sat, Mar 31....Easter Vigil at 7pm

Sun, Apr 1....Masses at 7:30, 9 & 11am

No evening Mass



SALUTE CARDS ARE ON SALE

Buy 1 entrée and get 1 entrée for FREE! The cards cost \$20, and it is up to \$15 value per visit per card. Each card allows the cardholder to 5 lunches and 5 dinners.

The food and service are delicious and a portion of the sale of the cards is donated to the church. If you try it, you will not be disappointed.

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LIFE TEEN

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 RCIA / Balcony area. The sessions will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm. Attendance will be taken each Sunday evening!

MARCH

18th **Edge** – “The Return” - Tonight’s goal is to increase the youth’s understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the necessity of this sacrament in our lives. The night will also address some of the misconceptions the youth have about Reconciliation.

Life Teen – “Freed” - This night is about God’s love and mercy poured out through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By explaining what happens in Reconciliation and answering the teens’ questions, this night will move teens past excuses and fear into the forgiveness and freedom from sin.

23-25th - Diocese of Biloxi Youth Celebration (9th – 12th grades)

25th – Edge - Diocese of Biloxi Jr. High Youth Rally

Ashlie Moran, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org

SPECIAL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Our SPECIAL CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES for our 11th graders and our SPECIAL CONFIRMATION SESSIONS for their SPONSORS (who live here locally) are underway. We are meeting on Wednesdays from 7-8:15 pm in the SRE building. Please contact Sr. Cecilia for the schedule and more information

(ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org)

Rehearsal for Confirmation: 7pm, Thurs, May 3rd.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: 6pm, Fri, May 4.

EVENING PRAYERS FOR LENT

You are invited to join us for evening prayers with the **Holy Icons** on Mar 21 & 28 (Weds) at 6-7:30pm in the W.J. Kelley Retreat Center’s Chapel, Bay St. Louis. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Contact: Marilyn Smith (228-467-2032) or Fr. Joseph Dang, SVD (732-754-6970)

PREK-5th GRADE & RCIC CALENDAR (2017-2018)

Classes Meet On Sundays from 10:10 – 11:20am

***Saint Movie Sundays begin at 11:30am

Mar 18.....SRE Class

***Mar 24.....Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner at 5:00 pm (CC)

Mar 25.....NO SRE Class – Palm Sunday

Our saint movie on April 8 is “Saint Padre Pio”. This is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio who died in 1968. 3 hours. Everyone is welcome!! Drinks and popcorn will be served.

REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“Parade Around the Our Father” registration will continue from now until May 11 during SRE in the School of Religious Education. Registration forms are also located in the display cabinets in the Church and in the cabinet outside the parish office. Children in Pre-K4 to 6th gr. are invited to join our week of learning and fun!!! Register early to reserve your spot!!!



RED CROSS “GO BAGS”

Audrey Coughlin from our AHG troop is collecting items to create “go bags” for the Red Cross. The goal is to put together 100 bags. We are in need of trial size shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, and washcloths. Cash donations are welcome too! Please drop donations in the collection bin in the east foyer of the Church. We will be collecting through Sun, Apr 29th. Please consider donating this Easter season in honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

FEATURED AD OF THE WEEK

Happy Nails Salon
15240 Crossroads Pkwy.
228-832-1202
Mon.-Sat. 10am to 7pm Sun: Closed

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 3/20	8:30am	+Mack Webb (Anniversary of Death)
	12noon	
Wed, 3/21	8:30am	+Roger Trisotto
	12noon	
Thurs, 3/22	8:30am	+Myrna Jordan
	12noon	
Fri, 3/23	6:30am	
	12noon	
Sat, 3/24	4:00pm	+Marge Taylor (Anniversary of Death)
		+Eliseo & Segundia Cura
		+Pelagio Cura
		+Michael Poliskie
Sun, 3/25	7:30am	+Ty Ezelle
	9:00am	St. Thomas Parish Family
	11:30am	
	5:30pm	+Diane Angel Mayer

PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Bobbie McIntyre, Breanna Halley, Carolyn Mink, Chris Papania, Eileen Smith, Fionnuala Wilson, Gail Stopson, George Sheridan, Jackie Crawford, Jimmy DiLorenzo, Joe Castiglia, John French, Lois Dawson, Lois Garrett, Louise Rishel Ray, Lyla Dubuisson, Nita Gross, Patrick Pierce, Phyllis Seal, Reece Bentz, and all others in our parish and community who are in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

GONE HOME TO GOD

†Stephen Hicks
†Bruce Schepens
†Woodrow Ladner
†Effie Violanti
†Elinor Harding
†Stephen Hicks
†Drenda Holifield
†Leonard Moran
†Robert Selensky

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
Knights of Columbus, Council #4898....7pm, every
1st & 3rd Thurs of the month

BAPTISMS FOR FEBRUARY

*Matthew Ryan Glass
Maddox Taylor Gale
Levi Jordan Leslie*

NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

PALM SUNDAY

If you would like to wear red next Sunday to commemorate Palm Sunday, please feel free to do so. A congregation in red is awesome.

FEBRUARY MARRIAGES

Nathan Sikes & Cassie Cuevas

Gui Zheng & Thy Pham

Henry Adams & Darlene Adams

Mar 24&25

<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 Patti Salvador	Jason Green	Rodney Sandoz	Alice Lawson	L1 Matthew Holland
C Beverly Leslie	Frank Castiglia	Brenda Allen		L2 Alyssa Pepper
HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST
EM1 Priest	Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest
2 Chris Johnson	Maureen Sheets	Bob Vogt		Traci Hollingsworth
3 Susan Samson	Jane Storey	Mena Sandoz		Heather Annulis
4 Sr. Consilio Buckley	Eric Williams	Charlotte West	Rose Marie Ginn	Kali Husband
CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE
1 Gayle Vancourt	Charles Fallo	Paige Stinson	Sandra Lobrano	Jerry Dubuisson
2 Sr. Consilio Buckley	Pam Fallo	Cindy Vogt		Keith Annulis
3 Bitsy McDonald	Connie McKay	Ginny Macken		MurphFortenberry
4 Judi Matsuba	Tommy McKay	Jerry West	Kelly Ribar	Julie LaFontaine
AS1 Christina Parry (K)	AshleighSutton(P)	Jack Mullins (S)	Samuel Ribar (K)	Sebastian Mink
2 Morgan Eleuterius(P)	Ava Sutton (P)	Jayde Schilz (P)	Blake Shaw (P)	Nathaniel Mink
3 Alex. Eleuterius (S)	Connor Sutton (S)	Jackson Pearce (P)	Bradley Shaw (S)	
4	Taylor Sutton (P)	Theo. Kallinikos (P)		
Gr E Cathy Warden		Joyce Smith	Brenda Boney	
Gr S Ann DiLorenzo			Bob Boney	
Gr W Patti Salvador		Joyce Stinziano	Amanda Merrell	

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