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AUGUST 22, 2021

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MY HOUSEHOLD,

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the Lord.*

JOSHUA 24:15

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MASS SCHEDULE

ATTEND MASS

TUES-THURS
8:30AM
FRI
6:30AM

CONFESSION

SAT
3:15PM-3:45PM
Or by appointment

SATURDAY VIGIL
4PM

SUNDAY
7:30AM, 9AM,
11:30AM & 5:30PM

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JOIN OUR PARISH

To join the St. Thomas family, complete a registration form on our website under "Join Our Parish" and submit your registration electronically. If you have questions, please call or visit the church office (228-863-1610).



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DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a courageous risk-taker but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually made decisions to fulfill his purpose. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to see the path and make similar choices. He never made decisions for others or forced others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We may not feel confident. However, what is certain is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St Rose of Lima, Virgin

Tuesday: St Bartholomew, Apostle

Wednesday: St Louis; St Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Friday: St Monica

Saturday: St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

PRAY FOR OUR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS & SEMINARIANS AUGUST 2021

22nd

**Deacon David Hughes & Rosemary
Deacon Robert Illanne & Barbara**

23rd

**Fr. Rofinus Jas
Deacon John Jennings & Suzanne**

24th

**Deacon Roberto Jimenez & Molly
Fr. Paul Kahan, SVD**

25th

**Sr. Janice Kaiser, RSM
Fr. John Kelly**

26th

Bishop Louis F Kihneman

27th

**Fr. Fintan Kilmurray
Fr. George Kitchin**

28th

**Deacon Brian Klause & Patricia
Fr. Piotr Kmiecik**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our clergy, religious and seminarians. Through them, we experience your presence in all aspects of our lives and worship. Help them to be strong in their vocation and set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them wisdom, understanding, and the strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to be instruments of your Divine Grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, in unity with the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen

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IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE HOMEBOUND!

Homebound persons can get help with COVID-19 vaccinations by sending an e-mail to COVIDHomebound@msdh.ms.gov

If you know of someone homebound that needs/wants the vaccination, please bring this to their attention or send the email, using the link, with their permission, on their behalf.



CURSILLO DRAWDOWN:

This is our only fundraiser, so we need your support. The Drawdown and Silent Auction will be at **Sacred Heart in Pascagoula at 6:00 pm September 11**. Tickets are \$50 and include 30 drawings of \$100 with a final drawing of \$5,000 (your name is never pulled out of the drawing) and a Boiled Shrimp or Shrimp Spaghetti dinner with wine, beer, and soft drinks. *You do NOT have to be present to win!* Please contact Ann Marie McIntyre for tickets 228-860-8749.



School of Religious Education (SRE)

Registration is underway for Grade Pre-K thru 5.

We begin on Sunday, **September 12, 2021**.

Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:10 am to 11:20 am

in our SRE building located behind the church.

Registration fee is \$25 per student or \$40 per family.

To register or for any questions or concerns, contact **Dave Gauthier** at 228-596-8835 or email religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org

You can also register by following this link:

<https://saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd>

Click on the **CLICK HERE FOR FORM** link in the paragraph for Registrations

The Bill Seal Memorial Golf Tournament to support Catholic Education

Saturday, August 28 at the Oaks.

Lunch is at 12 pm

Tee-off is at 1 pm

All proceeds will assist families with students in the Biloxi Diocese schools.

For a registration form or more information on sponsorships see FB page:

[Bill Seal Charity Golf Tournament](#)

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you can make a tax exempt donation to:

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**Thank you,
The Seal family.**

FEAST OF FAITH Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an epiclesis, a Greek word that means “invocation upon” or “calling over here.” At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: “Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son” (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops.

Liturgists sometimes call this first epiclesis the epiclesis of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another epiclesis, the epiclesis of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. “Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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MOVING FORWARD...

- Adoration** 8:30am-12pm, Fri, 2nd Floor Chapel
- Baptism Class** 9:30am, Last Sat of every month, in the SRE bldg. Contact Sue Hoffman at 228-864-5868 to reserve your spot.
- Choir** Small Group Practices. As per Choir Dir.
- Church** Daily Mass, Tues-Thurs, 8:30am, Fri 6:30am
Confession, Sat, 3:15pm to 3:45pm
Vigil Mass, Sat, 4pm
Sun Mass, 7:30am, 9am, 11:30am & 5:30pm
- Good Shepherd Showcase** Open before and after all Masses the 1st weekend each month. You can still call or email Darlene for a personal shopping appt. at 404-630-6624 or dar.gbarry@gmail.com
- Knights of Columbus**
Meetings 1st & 3rd Thurs every month, 7pm
(4th Degree follows after the 1st Thurs meeting)
- Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus**
Meetings 3rd Thurs every month, 7pm
- Quilters** Meetings are every Tues, 9:30, Rm 222
- St Joseph's Helping Hands** Temporarily inactive.
- SVdP Society** Mon & Thurs, 9:30am-12:30pm,
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We are so excited to be starting the year on September 12!
We will have details for our 6th-12th grade kickoff very soon.

In the meantime, we ask you to register your teen(s) at the link below!

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

If you have any questions, please email, call, or text Kaitlynn Snow at youthministry@saintthomaslb.org or (228)236-4899

Register with this link [EDGE/LIFETEEN](https://www.google.com/docs/EDGELIFETEEN) then *click on the google docs link* in the first paragraph.

Lay Minister Schedule August 28 & 29

<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/C Beverly Leslie	Cindy Cox	Gina Hicks	Alice Lawson	Faith Ponte
<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>	<i>HOST</i>
EM1 Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest	Priest
2 Chris Johnson	Jason Green	Mike Barry	Sandra Lobrano	Jerry Dubuisson
3 Vickie Kuehnlein	Susan Pennell	Paige Stinson	Ann Mink	Candy Dubuisson
4 <u>Pam Fallo</u>	<u>Jennifer Schmidt</u>	<u>Darlene Barry</u>	<u>Sue Hoffman</u>	<u>Jennifer D. Thomas</u>
AS1 Alexander Eleuterius	Ava Sutton	Jack Mullins		Ashlyn Johnson
2 <u>Ava Eleuterius</u>	<u>Taylor Sutton</u>			
Gr 1 Susan Bush	Frank Castiglia	Susan Paternostro	Sue Hoffman	Life Teen

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PETITIONS FOR PRAYER

Danny Alderman	Dana Ladner
Heather Annulis	Ernie Ladner
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Samuel Cates	Jerry Olson
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John French	Mark Peno
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Dr Hurd Gaddy	Dee Dee Ray
Francis Carrubba Gamble	Laurie Rivenbark
Paula Garton	Josie Sandoz
Ann Gordon	Angie, Gerald & Dalton Scott
Amelie Gassiott	Martin Selenski
Delbert Green	Beth Shanks
Ron Gross	Steve Shirk
Julie Langton Hale	Kevin Smith
Leo Hamel	Van Stennet
Blakely Quinn Hammons	Tony Strnad
Jake Harshbarger	Al Synoweiz
Jack Hedrick	Jason Thomas
Jimmy Hillman	Jerrie Trowbridge
Donald Holliday	Richard Turpin
Pat Holliday	Ed VanCleave
Kory Hudson	Anastasia Vinilis
Lauren Hymel	Kelly Weaver
Mack Jackson	Josh Welch
Molly Jimenez	Terry Welch
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Dottie Hertzog Kelly	Perry Wilson
Mike Kurowski	Angie Parker Yonkin
Anna Ladner	

RESTING IN THE ARMS OF OUR LORD

† Timothy Cruthirds

† Mary Anna Loftus

† Paul Reed

† Sonny Walters

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday August 24th

8:30am + Harold Barnes

Wednesday August 25th

8:30am + Earline Selensky

Thursday August 26th

8:30am + Bob Cuccaro (birthday)
Mary Ball (Spec. Int.)

Friday August 27th

6:30 

Saturday August 28th

4:00pm + Mike Flowers
+ Cayce Seal
+ Gail Stopson

Sunday August 29th

7:30am 

9am

*The people of St Thomas Parish
and the surrounding community of
Long Beach*

11:30am + Dr. Gary Goulet

5:30pm 

...and for all who are suffering from Covid and for the first responders and hospital staff who care for them.

COLLECTION AUG 14 & 15

*This collection information
will be available in the bulletin
on August 29th.
Thank you for your patience
and generosity.*

2nd Collections Upcoming

Catholic University
September 4 & 5

Seaman's Center
September 18 & 19

*The family of Lourdes "Miss Lou" O'Connell
wish to thank the St. Thomas parish
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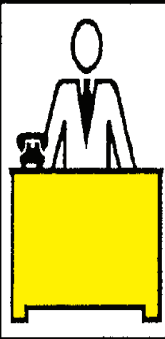
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