

# August 13, 2017 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Holy Day of Obligation ~ August 15<sup>th</sup> the  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Vigil Mass Monday 5:30 Tuesday  
Masses at 8:15 AM and 12:00 noon.**

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Call to register. Next class is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.  
**Ultreya: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month @ 6:45 PM.**



**Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**  
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## Mass Schedule

**Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.**  
**Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8:00, 10:15 AM & 6:00 PM**  
**Weekday Masses:**  
**Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. – 8:15 AM, Wed. – 6:00 PM,**  
**Thur. & Fri. – 8:15 AM**

**Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,**  
**Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM; 1:30 PM in Spanish**  
**St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM**  
**Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM**

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**Last Week's Collection: \$15,142.00**  
**Direct Deposit Weekly: \$2,197.50**  
**The Pickle Jar: \$41.00**  
**Extension Society: \$622.54**

**Our Goal for "focus" for 1 year is \$60,000.00**  
**To date we have \$51,794.69 in Pledges.**  
**The amount collected is: \$33,535.00**  
**70 families have pledged so far.**  
**Thank you for your generosity!**



*We welcome our FOCUS Team  
Left to right. Pat, Autumn, Seth & Gabrielle*

### Monday Summer Adoration ~

Our hours currently are 6:00 – 9:00 PM. All are welcome to join us in the presence of Our Lord. There will be no Adoration on Labor Day, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. We will begin having the hours of 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Thursday Adoration ~ begins

9:00 AM and continues through the day and night until Friday at 8:00 AM. Please consider coming for an hour to be with Our Lord. For more information call Beverly Frosch 601-408-2853. Help in needed from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

### St. Thomas Rosary Prayer Group

meets each Wed. at 5:15 PM in the St. Thomas Room.

"Brothers in Christ" Men's group will be taking the month of August off. They will start back on September 12<sup>th</sup> with the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of "That Man is You". Please join us! Any questions contact Don @ 601-270-3255.

Our High School CYO will be starting back Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> with an ice cream social! More details to come!

### Prayer for Protection Against

Storms and Hurricanes ~ Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### Ever Thought Of Becoming A

Deacon? ~ An information session for men in the Diocese of Biloxi who are interested in pursuing the Deacon Formation program, will be held in the Parish Hall at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 8:30 AM to Noon.

To register, please call the Parish office 601-264-5192. If you are married, you and your wife will need to attend. Thank You, Deacon Ralph.

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• Enter Parish Access Code: **W3JV3W**

If you have questions of difficulties regarding FORMED please contact Judy Fink [snjfink@att.net](mailto:snjfink@att.net) or 601-467-2434.

### Join us on Covered Dish Sunday

On August 13<sup>th</sup> as we welcome our new FOCUS Team to St. Thomas.

CCD - Religious Education Classes for grades Pre-K - 11 begin today from 9:00-10:00 AM. If you've missed registration or class, come join us next week. All teachers have registration forms in the classrooms or you may register online.

### CCD Parents / Adult Faith

Formation - On Sundays during the CCD hour (9-10 AM), you are invited to "*Coffee and Catholicism*", which is a different hour-long video presentation from FORMED, each week. There is no commitment and no homework. All are welcome!

### Holy Family Homeschool Group

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Back to School Mom's Morning Retreat ~ August 26, 2017 at 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM @ Our Lady of Gulf in Bay St. Louis ~ Mass, Confession, Talk by Father Mike O'Connor, Book Sale and lunch. For more information and to RSVP: Email: [Cecilia4kids@gmail.com](mailto:Cecilia4kids@gmail.com) or cell number 302-367-5273.

Latin Mass? ~ Anyone interested in starting a Latin Mass in the Diocese of Biloxi please email [ORMS@yahoo.com](mailto:ORMS@yahoo.com).

### Mass Intentions

M-Aug 14 Lee Clark – RIP  
T-Aug 15 St. Thomas Parish  
12:00 Enrique Amio – RIP  
W- Aug 16 William Robinson (Robby) – RIP  
T-Aug 17 Special Intention  
F-Aug 18 Wilbur Moreland – Bday  
S-Aug 19 Gabriel Delgadillo – Bday  
S-Aug 20 8:00 Parish  
10:15 Joseph Anthony Scoma – RIP  
6:00 Jonathan, Gabe & Chris

### Readings Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

M Dt 10:12–22 Mt 17:22–27  
T Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20–27 Lk 1:39–56  
W DT 34:1–12 MT 18:15–20  
T Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17  
Mt 18:21–19:1  
F Jos 24:1–13 Mt 19:3–12  
S Jos 24:14–29 Mt 19:13–15  
S Is 56:1, 6–7 Rom 11:13–15, 29–32  
Mt 15:21–28

### St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving

Home Giveaway ~ Home to be given away on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> ~ \$100 per ticket. Single Family Residence ~ Location: 15021 Dismuke Dr., Biloxi, MS ~ 2,110 Sq. Ft. living space – 240 Sq. Ft. Porch ~ All appliances included, central heat & air, elevator, custom cabinets, granite countertops & more! Home valued at \$300,000.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Pot Luck  
Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Mass resumes  
Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Assumption  
Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Deacon Info Meeting  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Bible Study – Galatians  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> RCIA Begins  
Sept.12<sup>th</sup> That Man Is You Men's Group.

**Second Collection** ~ This week the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity. Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be for the Catholic Student Association.

Dear Padre

AUGUST 13, 2017

*I look at what's going on in our world today and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?* Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so filled with vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history....In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God" (Oscar Lukefahr, A Catholic Guide to the Bible, Liguori Publications, 1998).

It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote: "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that He can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin" (Crossing the Threshold of Hope, 58, Knopf, 1994). Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven (1 John 5:18-20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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### ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Recent data shows that 14% of kindergarteners, 15% of 9th graders, and 26% of 12th graders were chronically absent in Mississippi. On a local level, 14% of students in the Hattiesburg Public School District were chronically absent, 12.1% in Forrest County, 8.4% in Lamar County, 13.2% in Marion County, and 9.1% in Perry County.

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## Next Week

### LECTORS & COMMENTATOR

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 Carolyn Nation  
Aug 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 Laurie McCarty  
10:15 Carol Soriano

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Out for the Summer.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

August 5 Judi Williams  
12 Melinda Miller  
19 Kim McCloskey  
26 Sue Kern  
\*\* Richard Mohn  
\*\* Beverly Frosch

Alt:

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

August 6 Kathy Schimel  
13 Adam Hays  
20 Ondine Rudolph  
27 Esbelia Perez  
\*\* Matt Gerald  
\*\* Betty King  
Alt: Roger King

SUNDAY 10:15 A.M.

August 6 Sean Kink  
13 Joe Lichtenhan  
20 Patricia Burchell  
27 Pam Bigelow  
\*\* Renee Lichtenhan  
\*\* Barbara Ellender  
\*\* Kim Rutland  
\*\* Melanie OR Rick Pecunia  
\*\* Brad OR Lisa Diaz  
\*\* Charlene OR Robbie Robinson  
Alt: Kim Rider

### The Diocese of Biloxi

has a YouTube page where you can view Daily Mass Homilies from the Diocesan Pastoral Center and other videos, including Bishop Kihneman's Ordination and Installation. Go to youtube.Com and search for Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe4xLBFUnmm1wBhCrNwjGjQ>

You can also follow Bishop Kihneman on Twitter and Instagram @kihnemanBP.

### CSA KITCHEN MINISTRY

#### New CSA Kitchen Ministry Director

The CSA Kitchen Ministry is pleased to welcome Ms. Nancy Ewing as their CSA Kitchen Ministry Director. To Contact Ms. Ewing: 601-549-9834

#### Take Them A Meal

Please consider partnering with the CSA Kitchen Ministry by going to this link: <http://www.takethemameal.com/EAOH5420>

#### What WE NEED HELP WITH

Individuals, families, ministry groups, businesses to sponsor a Wednesday and/or Sunday dinner. A conservative estimate number of students for Wednesday dinner is 60-75 people, and Sunday dinner ranges from 75-100+.



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