

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Public Mass for the next 30
days has been canceled!
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Call to register. Next class is Mar 23rd at 6:30 PM.
Ultreya: 2nd Wed. of each month @ 6:45 PM.



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Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat. – 7:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM & 6:00 PM
Weekday Mass:
Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. 8:15 AM,
Wed. – 6:00 PM, Thurs. & Fri. – 8:15 AM

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 7:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM, 1:30 PM in Spanish
Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 7:00 AM
St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM

Adoration

Mon. 2:00 – 9:00 PM
Thur. 9:00 AM until
Fri. 8:00 AM
1st Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Can you not spend one hour with me?

"It is so overwhelming to just tune out the outside world and give my full love, faith, gratitude and attention to Christ. Every experience is different and mine was life changing." Debbie Beach
Hours we need your commitment:

Monday

7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday

6:00-7:00 PM, 10:00-11:00 PM,
11:00 PM-12:00 AM, 1:00-2:00 AM,
& 2:00-3:00 AM

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Last Week's Collection: \$564.24
Direct Deposit Weekly: \$2,350.00
Pickle Jar: \$00
Pro Life Billboard: \$1,072.56

Upcoming Second Collections - 2019
March 8th Pro Life Billboard
March 15th Pro Life Billboard
March 22nd Catholic Relief Services
March 29th St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Thomas Church

On-Line Weekday Masses

Monday	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8:15 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	8:15 AM
Friday	8:15 AM

Friday

Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM

Bible Study Class ~ The Prophets Bible studies have been cancelled. Please keep up with the classes on-line. The code information is on the front of your book.

Coming Soon to St. Thomas - Small Groups! If you are interested in helping build better community in our church through hosting, leading, or being part of a small group, or already meet in a small group, please contact Ryan or Megan Medeiros at 601-447-2943 or meganmmedeiros@gmail.com.

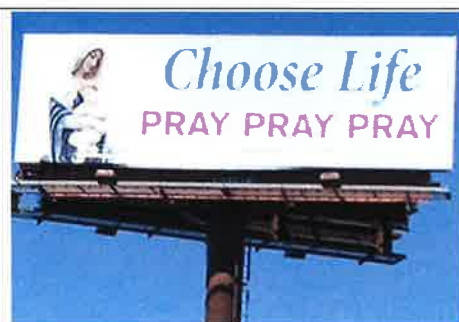
PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! ~ The directories are in. If you had your photo taken for the directory, your copy is in Kathy's office. Office is open from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.

Spiritual Communion Prayer ~
My Jesus I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen – St. Alphonsus Liguori

CONFESSION will be offered on Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 5:50, before a private mass and Saturday evening at 4:45. If you go to confession you will be asked to wipe the kneeler where you place your hands before you leave for the safety of others. You are also asked to kneel in front of the curtain rather than face to face with the priest.

2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal – “Bring Christ to the World”

The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 8 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 17 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education and care of all these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal in support of our future and retired priests? Your generous gift of prayer and financial resources ensures that we will continue to help “Bring Christ to the World. Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank you!



Thank You for your support of the Pro-Life Billboard. It is on Hwy 49 between Planned Parenthood & USM. On March 8th & 15th we had a 2nd collection to continue to sponsor the billboard. This is our Lenten Charity for this year. **Thank you, we raised \$1,924.30.**

Mass Intentions

M-Mar 23	Charles Harry Hills – RIP
T-Mar 24	Floye Berry & Vent & Vaughn Harrington – RIP
W-Mar 25	Jax & Bianca – In Thanks
T- Mar 26	Alex Blouin – RIP
F- Mar 27	Caryl Hubble – RIP
S- Mar 28	xxxxxx
S- Mar 29	10:15 Parish

Readings for March 23rd – 29th

M	IS 65:17-21	JN 4:43-54
T	EZ 47:1-9, 12	JN 5:1-16
W	IS 7:10-14; 8:10	HEB 10:4-10 LK 1:26-38
T	EX 32:7-14	JN 5:31-47
F	WIS 2:1A, 12-22	JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
S	JER 11:18-20	JN 7:40-53
S	EZ 37:12-14	ROM 8:8-11 JN 11:1-45

All Knights of Columbus of the Diocese will be selling raffle tickets to offset the cost of educating our seminarians. There will be a grand prize of \$5,000, a 2nd place prize of \$3,000 and a 3rd place prize of \$2,000 to be given away on April 15th. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available until April 1, 2020. Available from Chris Brown 601-329-1823, or the Parish office.

Irish / Italian Festival Raffle

The drawing for the Irish/Italian festival has been delayed one week in order to give Father Adam time to collect all the tickets that have been sold. Due to the schools being closed, time is needed to gather them up and turn them in. Tickets may still be purchased at the Parish Office. The drawing will now be held on **Saturday, March 28th** at approximately 5:30 PM. Thank you for your patience.

ADORATION

Monday Adoration will be held in church from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM - stop for the private mass - then will continue until 9:00 PM, also in the church

Thursday Adoration will begin after the 8:15 private mass - with only the celebrant and a deacon and then adoration will also be in the church all day until 9:00 PM at which time Deacon Sean will move the monstrance into the Adoration Chapel, a secure area for our Adorers.

Please Note

There can be no more than 4 people in the Adoration Chapel and no more than 10 people in the Church. If there are already 10 in the church, you MUST wait or come back.

The Adoration Chapel, Church and Reconciliation Room are being sanitized regularly.

Sanctuary Candle ~ March 22 - 28th is for a Special Intention for Martha Adams.

NO PUBLIC MASSES

All masses will be online at the usual times except, no Saturday Mass and only a 10:15 Mass on Sunday.

These masses are to be private, only the priest and the deacon will be there.

On-line Mass Options

St. Thomas Website

<http://www.stthomas-usm.org/our-parish/watch-mass-live/>

Biloxi Diocese

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

St. Louis Cathedral

<https://thedailymass.com/mass/>

EWTN

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/podcasts/daily-mass-ENMASS>

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We would like to thank **Helen Rayburn with Vitamins Plus** for supporting our parish bulletin. Vitamins Plus can fill all your vitamin and health food needs. Please visit them at 427 Weathersby Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39402. **Remember on the 1st Tuesday of every month everything is 25% off.**

Dear St Thomas Parishioners,

We are faced with an unprecedented situation that is affecting how we operate as a Church and as a community. Since we do not know how long this will affect our community, St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church would like our parishioners to know that we are here for them at this time.

We know that some of our parishioners might be dealing with job layoffs or a cut in pay and we want you to know that you can contact us for help. We will also be offering Saint Vincent de Paul food boxes here at the church if you or someone you know needs food.

The church office will remain open during the week to take phone calls if you have any questions. We will be keeping you informed of changes through our on-line emails, bulletins and social media.

For our parishioners who have not been put in a financial hardship because of this virus, please consider continuing to tithe to enable our parish to help those who need financial and spiritual help at this critical time. You may contact the office if you would like to sign up for Online Giving. This will allow revenue to continue to help the parish operate until this crisis is over. You may also mail in or drop off your contributions at the office. Our mailing address is 3117 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

The most important thing to remember during this time is to pray!

Blessings!

The Staff of St Thomas

Pray, Pray, Pray!

Irish Italian Festival

In the best interest of everyone concerned, the **Irish/Italian Festival** has been ~~postponed~~ temporarily.

The new date will be announced as soon as possible.

2020 Festival T-Shirts are still available for purchase, in the Parish office.

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