

# March 4, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

**Each Friday in Lent**  
Stations of the Cross ~ 5:30 PM  
Fish Fry ~ 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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**Ultreya: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.-5:30 PM Sunday 8:00, 10:15 AM & 6:00 PM  
Weekday Masses:  
Mon. - 5:30 PM, Tues. - 12:00 noon, 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

## St. Thomas Lenten Schedule 2018

### Weekday Masses

Monday 5:30 PM  
Tuesday 12:00 noon  
Wednesday 6:00 PM  
Thursday 8:15 AM  
Friday 8:15 AM

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays 5:30 PM

### Fish Fry

Fridays 5:30 - 7:00 PM

### Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

## Lenten Fish Fry

### Fridays

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### Up-Coming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections

March 4<sup>th</sup> *Building Fund*

March 11<sup>th</sup> *Catholic Relief Services*

March 18<sup>th</sup>

March 30 *Holy Land (Good Friday)*

**Monday Adoration** ~ Hours are 2:00 – 9:00 PM. All are welcome. Come join us and spend some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for you! Contact Pat at 601-549-4620 txt or Beverly at 601-408-2853 for details.

**Thursday Adoration** begins 9:00 AM and continues through the day and night until Friday at 8:00 AM. For information call Beverly Frosch 601-408-2853.

**Catholic Social and Community Services, Inc.** has the following position available: Case Manager at Catholic Social and Community Services, Inc.'s office in Hattiesburg, MS. This is a part-time position that will transition to full-time within six months. All interested candidates are asked to submit a resume to Jennifer Williams at 1450 North Street, Gulfport, MS 39507 by March 7, 2018. For additional information, including a job description, please call 228-701-0555.

**Theology On Tap** ~ Please join the Catholic Young Adult group for Theology on Tap. We are meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 at Mugshots. Deacon Ralph will be speaking about Lent. Please join us and bring a friend!

**FAMILY HOLY WEEK:**  
**Wednesday, March 28** at 7:00 PM.  
- Candlelight Passover Seder Meal (Reservations Required)

**Holy Thursday, March 29** at 6:00 PM. Mass followed by a "living" candlelight Rosary. Each person is a "Rosary bead" and says one prayer as their candle is lit. Everyone gets a cue card, so even children are encouraged and welcome to participate.

**Good Friday, March 30** at 8:30 AM. Gather at St. Thomas to get into groups, choose from a list of people and places in need, and go be the hands and feet of Christ for the day. Family / children projects included. Followed by 3:00 Good Friday service.

**St. Thomas Rosary Prayer Group** meets each Wed. at 5:15 PM in the St. Thomas Room.

**Clean-up Day** ~ We will have a Parish Clean-up day at St Thomas on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM till noon. Please come join us in this effort to get our grounds and buildings ready for a joyful Easter.



**Mass Intentions**  
M-Mar 5 Steve Tramell – RIP  
& Alan Trussell – RIP  
T-Mar 6 Katlyn Smith – RIP  
W-Mar 7 Bobby & Susan Arrington –  
38<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
T-Mar 8 Moreland Boys – Sp Int  
F-Mar 9 Tita Tiotuyco – RIP  
& Jean Luwosky – healig  
S-Mar 10 John P. Curley - RIP  
S-Mar 11 8:00 Parish  
10:15 Tomas Padilla – RIP  
6:00 Kyle Gilbert – RIP

**Readings Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**  
M 2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24–30  
T Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35  
W Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19  
T Jer 7:23–28 Lk 11:14–23  
F Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34  
S Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14  
S 2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23 Eph 2:4–10  
Jn 3:14

**Confessions** will be heard 30 minutes before every Mass on the weekends during Lent

**Coffee & Catholicism** ~ During the CCD Hour, Sunday 9:00 – 10:00 AM in the Parish Center

## **Irish Italian Festival is Coming Soon!**

**Silent Auction** ~ The Irish-Italian Festival of St Thomas Catholic Church is looking for items to be donated for the Silent Auction this year on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, if anyone has a special talent, such as painting, wood working, furniture making, stained glass crafting, jewelry making, or other craft items that you would be willing to donate, please contact me at 601-297-5831. Or please feel free to drop your items off at the church office at St. Thomas at your convenience with your name and contact information and retail value of the item donated. Thank you and God bless. Amanda Daho-Habeeb

**Calling All Artists!** ~ Are you a local artist and would like to show off and possibly sell your work? Well then the **2018 Don & Fran Hegwood Art Exhibit** is the place to be! The exhibit will be taking place during the St. Thomas Irish Italian Festival and is open to artists of all ages. For registration or information please contact Maria Englert at [airame@gmail.com](mailto:airame@gmail.com) or 601-520-0317. Forms are also available on the St. Thomas website.

**Raffle Tickets** ~ Please try to turn in your Ireland Trip tickets as soon as possible. We will however continue to sell them until Festival time.

**T-shirts** are available and will be sold on Mar. 3<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> following Mass, or in the church office during the week. Cost is \$12 for one or \$50 for five shirts.

**The Press Conference** to announce the Festival Royalty will be Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center.

**Meatball Monday** Come help us **make meatballs**, and **sort beads** at 8:30 AM on March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center.

**St. Joseph's Altar** bake sale volunteers are needed. Cookies, candy, cupcakes, brownies, etc. Homemade or store bought.

**Festival Sign-up Forms** are available..... Please let us know what area you would like to help.

**Needed! Irish Italian Festival Children's Games Organizer Team** We are looking for an individual or team of individuals who can help organize and run the children's games at the Irish Italian Festival for this year. We have an assortment of the games already. Please call Kim Busche at 601-299-2815.



## LOOKING AHEAD

March 17<sup>th</sup> Irish Italian Festival  
Parade-10:30 AM, Mass 4:00 PM  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Clean-up Day  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Penance Service

## Knights of Columbus

Shot Gun / Cross Bow ~ The Knights are selling tickets for the chance to win a Shotgun and a chance to win a Crossbow. \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00. Support your local Knights. Thank You. For sale after Masses.

T-Shirts Available ~ The Knights of Columbus are selling T-Shirts as a "Silent Ministry". Short sleeve \$10.00, Long sleeve \$15.00. Available after Masses.

Lenten Penance Service ~ Our Penance Service is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has produced a 10-episode series of 30-minute TV programs for EWTN TV that will air every week over the next ten weeks starting Sunday March 4. The programs will be shown twice on Sundays, at 5:30 AM & 3:30 PM CT, and then repeated again the following Saturday at 5:00 PM CT. These programs show the many different activities that Vincentians do to serve those in need around the country. Our St. Thomas parish is affiliated with the very active St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Hattiesburg.

Archived episodes of Father Joe Dilettuso's television program, Living Words: Scripture and Tradition, can be viewed on the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi's YouTube page. Currently featured is a six-part series on The Passion Narratives with Father Austin Walsh, ST. This is a valuable and timely resource for the Lenten Season. We will continue to add additional episodes of this program in the future. A link to the YouTube page is also available at [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org).



### Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank Chesterfields for supporting the parish bulletin. They are located at 4646 Hwy. 98 West- Phone 601-336-7134.

## Next Week

### LECTORS & COMMENTATOR

Mar 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 Michael Kincaide  
Mar 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 Adam Hays  
10:15 Carol Soeiano

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

March 3 Carolyn Nation  
10 Sue Kern  
4:00 17 Irish Italian Fest  
24 Bob McCarthy  
31 Judi Williams  
\*\* Chris Brown  
\*\* Beverly Frosch  
Alt: NoelAnne Bennett

#### SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

March 4 John Curley  
11 Vann Jones  
18 Richard Mohn  
25 Ondine Rudolph  
\*\* Teresa Curley  
\*\* Robbin Jones  
Alt: Kathy Schimel

#### SUNDAY 10:15 A.M.

March 4 Joe Lichtenhan  
11 Sean Fink  
18 Hal Odom  
25 Ronnie Kemp  
\*\* Kim Rutland  
\*\* Brad OR Lisa Diaz  
\*\* Kim Rider  
\*\* Barbara Ellender  
\*\* Jimmy Kendrick  
\*\* Jacquelyn Jones  
Alt: Renee Lichtenhan

## CYO News

\*\*\*It's time to register for the Diocesan Youth Convention held in Biloxi, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>! Information packets are in the foyer. See Megan, Mary Lou, or Renee for details! Forms due March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Changes in Mass Schedule

Tues., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 AM  
Tues., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 AM  
Thurs., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM  
(No morning Mass)  
Fri., Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> - No Mass  
3:00 PM Service

Mon., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:15 AM  
Tues., Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> - No Mass  
Wed., Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> - No Mass  
Thurs., Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> - No Mass

**Dear Padre March 4, 2018**  
*Much time is given to purify the vessels after Communion. At another parish, two people bring the cloth and unfold it on the altar before the gifts are presented. Shouldn't the preparation and cleanup of the table be less significant than the Eucharist itself?*

Our liturgy is a beautiful expression of our faith, and we value its simplicity and grace. When we celebrate a liturgy, we keep in mind the nature of a particular part and its relationship to the whole celebration. We want the Eucharist to be the clear, central part of the liturgy.

The preparation of the gifts is a practical rite that gets us set for the eucharistic prayer; it is done with simplicity and few additional gestures. The Roman Missal says an "acolyte or another lay minister arranges the corporal on the altar" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 139) and places the chalice and other vessels. It seems appropriate for laypeople to help dress the altar, especially if they assist the entire Mass. Their actions should be inconspicuous and not extend the rite. These ministers can be lay faithful because they are encouraged to present the bread and wine, emphasizing the inclusive nature of the Eucharist (GIRM 140, 141).

The purification of vessels is tricky because it must be done by a priest, a deacon, or an instituted acolyte. Since churches use several vessels, this action can take time and be overemphasized. However, its placement in the Mass is flexible, taking place "after Communion, or after Mass" (GIRM 279) and should be "done briefly and inconspicuously" (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 138). These pastoral suggestions enable us to leave the purification of the vessels until after Mass so we maintain a proper focus on the Eucharist and the meditation that follows. —Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR

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