

May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Baptism Class: Candee Goff 601-467-0914
Call to register. Next class is **May 22nd** at 6:30.
Ultreya: 2nd Wed. of each month @ 6:45 PM.



Mass Schedule

St. Thomas Weekend Masses:

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat. – 5:30 PM Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM

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: \$9,937.00
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Congratulations to our Graduating High School Seniors!



They are: (Left to right) *Michael Englert, Conner Goff, Will McGillis, Joseph Tavai, Grant Falla, Jourdan Green, Hunter Hammett & Katherine Robbins.*



May is the Month of Mary

Monday Adoration May 22nd, will be our last to have hours of 2:00 – 9:00 PM. There will be no Adoration on Memorial Day, the 29th. Summer Adoration with hours of 6:00 – 9:00 PM will begin on Monday, June 5th. To participate in Summer Adoration, please sign up at the door to the St. Thomas Room Chapel, or text or call Pat 601-549-4620 or Beverly Frosch 601-408-2853.

Thursday Adoration ~ begins 9:00 AM and continues through the day and night until Friday at 8:00 AM.

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

“Brother’s in Christ” Men’s group has started up again. Coffee & Breakfast at 6:00 AM. Prayers and Gospel Reading at 6:15AM. Please join us for fellowship and reflection on God’s word. For more info contact Don @ 601-270-3255.

Baptismal Preparation Class ~ Our next Baptismal preparation class is scheduled for Monday evening, May 22nd at 6:30 PM. Please call Candee Goff 601-467-0914 to register.



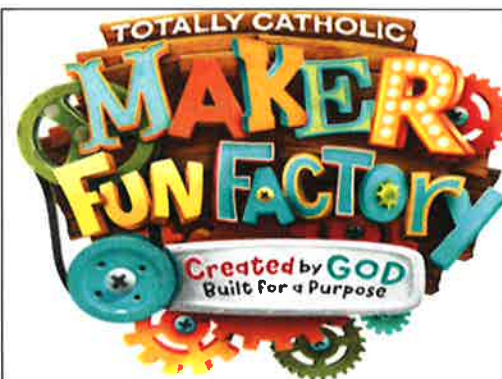
Ascension Thursday ~ In the Diocese of Biloxi, the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** is celebrated in place of the **Seventh Sunday of Easter**. Accordingly, this year the Ascension is observed on **Sunday, May 28th**.

Mass Intentions

M-May 22 Fernandez Family – In Thanks
T-May 23 Margaret Thomas – RIP
W-May 24 Nena Celdran Matias – RIP
T-May 25 Bernadette Kincade – RIP
F-May 26 Maria & Leavell Kelly – RIP
S-May 27 Alan Nation – RIP
S-May 28 8:00 Parish
10:15 Bobby & Joey Moreland

Readings May 22nd – 28th

M Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a
T Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11
W Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15
T Acts 18:1–8 Jn 16:16–20
F Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23
S Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28
S Acts 1:12–14, 1 Pt 4:13–16 Jn 17:1–11a
Ascension: Acts 1:1–11, Eph 1:17–23, Mt 28:16–20



Vacation Bible School

June 26th-30th 9:00 – Noon

This summer St. Thomas will be transformed into a Fun Factory! Your curious kids will become hands-on inventors who discover they’re lovingly crafted by God. Our parish will be buzzing with excitement geared toward kids aged 4-11. Older kids, teens, and adults are encouraged to join in the fun as helpers. To register, contact Renee Lichtenhan at saintthomasccd@gmail.com or 601-329-6075.

Dear Padre

MAY 21, 2017

We are often encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends to Mass, but is it also OK to visit their churches on Sunday?

It is good to invite friends to our Church and share our faith with others. We don't even have to invite or share as a way to convert. We can simply teach others about our Catholic faith. It is especially appropriate at a special celebration, a first Communion, a wedding, or a funeral. You can visit your friends' churches on Sundays or for special occasions in the same vein. It's good to learn about other religions and support our friends in their faith life.

However, as Catholics we also have an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday. Going to another church for a Sunday service is not the same as participating in the Mass, so it would not fulfill that Sunday obligation. Additionally, you won't be able to receive Communion in most other churches, just as your friends can't receive Communion in the Catholic Church.

So if you go to another service on a Sunday, make sure you also attend Mass. Many churches may have the same readings or similar rituals, but as Catholics we need to be nourished weekly through the celebration of the Eucharist.

A few churches believe what we believe about the Eucharist, and they will be listed in most missalettes. If you were to attend one of these churches, it would fulfill your Sunday obligation. For more information from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, do an Internet search for *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms of Ecumenism*, and see paragraph 123. It's on the website Vatican.va.

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 22nd 6:30 Baptism Preparation Class
 May 28th Mass of the Ascension
 May 29th Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed
 June 26th - 30th Vacation Bible School



New Wine ~ The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer a 3 year program called "New Wine" beginning in September of this year. The program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Interested individuals should contact their Pastor, Principal, DRE or Parish Religion Coordinator no later than June 9, 2017 for more information.

St. Joseph Catholic Church 12290 DePew Road Gulfport will host its 1st Annual Drawdown and Silent Auction on Saturday, September 16, 2017, in Depew Hall. The grand prize is \$10,000.00! Tickets are now available in the parish office or you can contact Barbara Brock for ticket information. Tickets are \$100, admit two adults or \$50 admits one (21 years of age and older only) it includes dinner and beverages. Contact Barbara Brock, chairperson, at 228-223-1059 or Michelle Petersen, co-chairperson, at 228-596-5571 for more information.

Prayer Blankets are available if you know of someone who is sick or homebound. Contact Kathy Schimel @ 601-270-4741 if you would like a Blessed Prayer Blanket to give.

Anyone is welcome to sew, knit, crochet or make a blanket for those undergoing surgery, chemotherapy, welcoming a new baby, in the hospital or at home due to illness. Blankets are blessed and given to the person when needed.

In Our Library ~ This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal. **May 13th is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.** Pope Francis will be making a pilgrimage to Fatima May 12-13th. Our Church Library has added the new book "Our Lady of Fatima: 100 Years of Stories, Prayers, and Devotions" by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. We also added two new DVD's on Fatima: *Apparitions of Fatima from EWTN*, and *Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*, a Warner Brothers film. For more information contact Pat at 601-549-4620 txt.

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LECTORS & COMMENTATOR

May 27th ~ 5:30 Michael Kincade

May 28th ~ 8:00 Adam Hays

10:15 Barbara Ellender

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Out for the Summer.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

May 6 Carolyn Nation
 13 Carmen Robinson
 20 Kim McCloskey
 27 Bob McCarthy
 ** Susan Arrington
 ** Sue Kern
 Alt: Beverly Frosch

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

May 7 Diane Hammond
 14 Richard Mohn
 21 Esebelia Perez
 28 Betty OR Roger King
 ** Vann Jones
 ** Matt Gerald
 Alt: Robbin Jones

SUNDAY 10:15 A.M.

May 7 Pat Peterson
 14 Hal Odom
 21 Pam Bigelow
 28 Patricia Burchell
 ** Jacquelyn Jones
 ** Brad OR Lisa Diaz
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