

October 9, 2022  
The Twenty-eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

**VOLUNTEERS**  
CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS  
Church Work Day  
Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
9am - 11am

**SOUTHERN MISS**  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Vigil mass will be at 4PM

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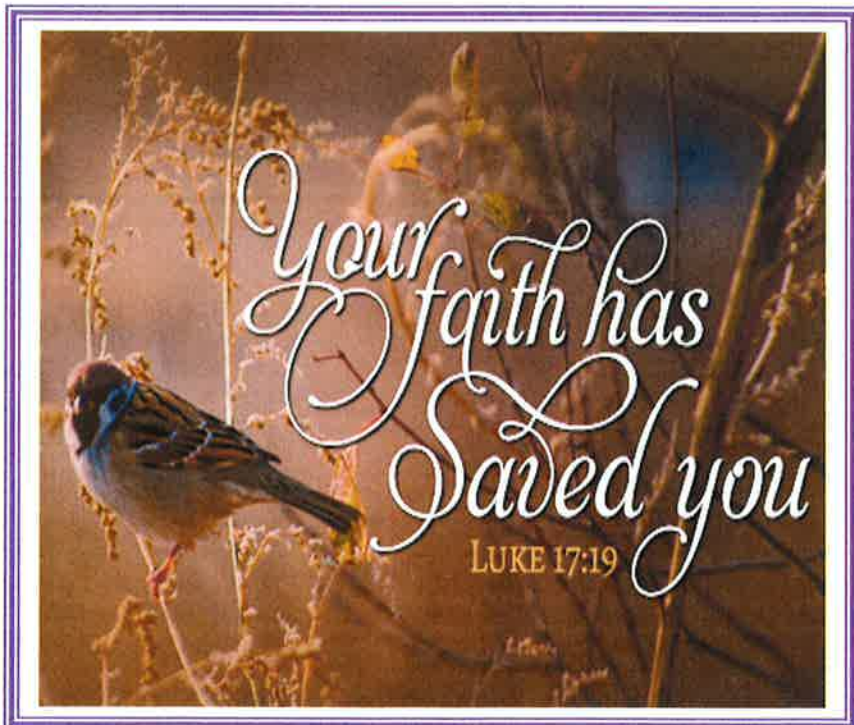
October 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 9,153.18  
Direct Deposit: \$2,218.00  
Online Deposit \$1,092.00  
Building Fund \$2,174.00

Upcoming Second Collections  
October 9th No Second Collection  
October 16th No Second Collection  
October 23rd World Mission Sunday  
October 30th St. Vincent DePaul

### Mass Schedule

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

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



## **Adoration**

### **Monday Adoration:**

Hours are 2-9PM. Starting at 4:45PM the Patriotic Rosary will be prayed during Adoration led by Noelanne Bennett. After the Rosary, we will pause Adoration to prepare for the 5:30 PM Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. Visitors are more than welcome and can come anytime for whatever amount of time they'd like. For any questions, contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 by phone or text

### **Tuesday Adoration**

From 9am after daily Mass until 12 noon. Please consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please be sure to sign in so we know the hours are covered.

### **Thursday Adoration**

begins after the 8:15 AM Mass and goes until 9:00 PM in the church. At that time Our Lord is moved into the Adoration Chapel and adoration continues through the night until Friday Mass.

**We currently need help with the 12am hour.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

### **Holy Land Gifts/Olive Wood Carvings**

Holy Land Gifts, represented by the Rashmawi Family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, will be visiting our Parish the weekend of October 15th and 16th to sell their olive wood gifts to help relieve the dire Christian situation in the Holy Land. Proceeds of the sales generate much-needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for 600 Catholic Families in Bethlehem. Please consider these gifts for your family, friends, and yourself and be as generous as God is to you.

### **Business Sponsor Spotlight**



We would like to thank Dr. John Guillot with Pine Belt Dental for supporting the parish bulletin. They are located at 49 Cross Creek Parkway. Phone – 601-264-5800.



Bishop Kihneman has authorized a special collection to be taken up to assist those whose lives have been impacted by Hurricane Ian and its aftermath. This collection will be taken up on October 15th – 16th.

### **LIFE TEEN**

Life Nights for ages 13-18 will be held in the Parish center from 4:40-5:45 every Sunday in October.

### **Life Teen (St Thomas teens)**

will be collecting items for USM's Eagle's Nest Food Pantry during the month of October. The most requested items are food and hygiene items, but we will take monetary donations as well. Item can be given to one of the teens after the weekend masses or placed in the donation box in the foyer.

### **TEEN DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Saint Thomas's Middle and High School students are participating in the Diocese of Biloxi Dodgeball tournament in Long Beach. Come join in the fun! To sign up, visit our parish website or email saintthomasccd@gmail.com for the sign-up link.

### **FAMILY FORMATION**

Our next Family Formation is scheduled for Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 1:30pm.

### **Mass Intentions**

M-Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Ty Cannon – RIP  
T-Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Aragam & Leticia Subbarao – Sp. Int.  
W-Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Peter Do Tinh – RIP  
T-Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Jeff King – BD  
F-Oct 14<sup>th</sup> David & Thu Sellers – 25th Wedding Anniversary  
Sat-Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Abigail Lott – BD  
Sun-Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am Merrill & Rogene Molaison – RIP  
10:15am Mark Newman – RIP  
6:00pm Parish

### **Readings Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

M Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32  
T Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41  
W Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46  
T Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54  
F Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7  
Sat Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12  
Sun Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

### **October Lector Schedule**

8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 David Williams  
9<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Kathy Schimel  
10:15 Peter Deucher  
15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Julie Calvetti  
16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Hannah Myers  
10:15 Michelle Whitacre  
22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 Debbie Boyer  
23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 Reggie Blackledge  
10:15 Renee Brett  
29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Carmen Robinson  
30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Malia Lewis  
10:15 Shirley Hendricks



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Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a blood drive held in the Eagle Catholic building from 12:30 - 4:30pm

### Mass Changes:

Fr. Mark and Fr. Braxton will be at the Priest Convocation Monday afternoon October 17th through Thursday, October 20th. Mass on Monday will be at 8:15AM with no 5:30 PM mass. Sacred Heart will have masses on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:15 AM and Thursday at 8:30 AM.

**There will be no Masses at St. Thomas on Tues, Wed., or Thursday.**

### All Souls Day Remembrance:

St. Thomas will have an All-Souls Day remembrance mass on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am. If you have lost a loved one, family member or friend, please let the office know, and bring a picture for our Memory Poster. Everyone is invited to attend the mass and lunch in the Parish Center following the mass. Please notify the office if you will attend the lunch so we can plan accordingly.

The All-Souls Day Novena runs from Oct. 25th to Nov. 2nd. Honor your loved ones with 9 days of Masses. You may use the envelopes located at the entrances of the church or the one included with your offering envelopes.

### Coast to Coast Rosary

This October 9<sup>th</sup> devoted Catholics across the country will unite in prayer to combat the evil that is penetrating our society. Please join us and pray the rosary on Oct. 9th at 3pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The spiritual battle has intensified with the forces of evil becoming even more extreme. Our Heavenly Mother calls us all to pray - will you answer her call?

### Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Please join us in praying the rosary for our nation on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at St Thomas on the front lawn. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. Please bring your rosaries, families, and a chair if you need one.

### Save the Date:

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (6pm – 9pm) and Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> (9am – 3pm) St. Thomas will be hosting Casting Nets Ministry. Three main mission talks will center upon the themes of “Discipleship”, “Stewardship,” and “Evangelization”.**

**Donut Sunday:** Join us this Sunday after the 8:00 AM mass for juice, coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the parish hall. If anyone would like to help Amber Vickery with this ministry, please let Kathy Schimmel know.

### Ultreya:

Our next Ultreya is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> following the 6:00 PM mass. Our speaker is Chris Brown, and we ask that everyone bring a dish to share.

### Catholic in Recovery

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry that provides healing for those seeking recovery from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join us as we overlap scripture from Sunday's mass, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. We meet every Monday night at 6:30 in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Emily at Emilyosbornerhodes@gmail.com or leave a message at the St. Thomas parish office, (601) 264-5192.

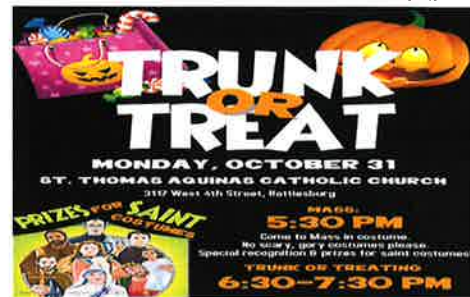


We extend our deepest sympathy to the Nguyen and Hoang family on the death of their mother and grandmother Sen Thi Nguyen. May God's loving presence strengthen them during this time of sorrow, and may they be consoled knowing that their loved one is at peace.



Can you help provide dinner for Eagle Catholic students?

Quads, Bible study, and small groups are needed to help feed our students. Contact Nathan at USMCATHOLIC@gmail.com or 228-596-2307 for more information.



### TRUNK OR TREAT

Saint Thomas will hold its annual All Saints Day Vigil Mass & Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31st. Mass begins at 5:30pm. Families are encouraged to dress in saint costumes (prizes for that!) or in a wholesome (not scary) costume. Trunk or Treat immediately follows Mass in the church parking lot and ends at 7:30pm.

### TRUNKS & CANDY NEEDED

We need your help to make our Trunk or Treat memorable for our little ones. Please consider decorating your car with a wholesome or saintly theme OR donate some candy (or both!). Bags of candy can be dropped by our Trunk or Treat display in the church foyer. You can reserve a space for your car by signing up at the display or on our parish website.

### Eagle Catholic Drawdown

#### Friday, November 18th

Please help support our Eagle Catholic students by purchasing a drawdown ticket. Each \$100 ticket admits 2 to the drawdown on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm. Tickets are available after mass and in the office.

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