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August 7, 2022
The Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Upcoming Second Collections
 August 7th Extension Society
 August 14th Building Fund
 August 21st Eagle Catholic
 August 28th No Second Collection

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

**NOW FAITH IS  
 THE SUBSTANCE  
 OF THINGS HOPED  
 FOR, THE EVIDENCE  
 OF THINGS NOT SEEN.**

HEBREWS 11:1

## **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, 1am, and 4am hours.**

To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

August 15th the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not observed as a holy day of obligation this year (because it falls on a Monday this year).

### **Update on Father Tommy**

Fr Tommy was released from the hospital on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send a Get-Well Card, St. Fabian's has a box at their church for any cards, and they will make sure he gets them.

## **Business Sponsor Spotlight**



We would like to thank Shipley DO-NUTS for supporting our parish bulletin. They are located at 2011 Hardy St. and can be reached at 601-545-1891.



Thank you so much to those who have contributed to our goal for FOCUS. We appreciate your investment in our Catholic Students! Thanks to your generosity we have met our goal for this year of \$67,000.



The annual Lady Eagle Golf Classic is planned for September 9th at Canebrake Country Club. Mark your calendar and join us for an eventful day of fun and fellowship. This year we are renovating our office space to create a Tradition Room to honor the players and coaches before us. Your participation in our Golf Classic allows us to continue to RISE TO THE TOP. Registration forms are available in the church office.

This Monday, August 8th, **Father Erick Burckel** will celebrate a mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30pm, after which everyone will have the opportunity to receive a special "first blessing" from him.

## **Mass Intentions**

M-Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Ramon Sandejas – RIP  
T-Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Merrill & Rogene Molaison – RIP  
W-Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Ty Cannon & Marie Walton – RIP  
T-Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Jude Moreland – Sp. Int.  
F-Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Magdalena Hernandez – Sp. Int.  
Sat-Aug 13<sup>th</sup> George Yankay – RIP  
Sun-Aug 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am Richard J. Chrosniak – RIP  
10:15am Parish  
6:00pm NO PM MASS

### **Readings August 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

M Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27  
T Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
W 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26  
T Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1  
F Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12  
Sat Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15  
Sun Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

### **August Lector Schedule**

6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Julie Calvetti  
7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Renee Brett  
10:15 Shirley Hendricks  
13<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Debbie Boyer  
14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Laurie McCarthy  
10:15 Valerie Acocella  
20<sup>th</sup> 5:30 David Williams  
21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 Rich Mohn  
10:15 Italo Subarao  
27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Carmen Robinson  
28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Reggie Blackledge  
10:15 Silvia Preston

### **Divine Mercy Cenacle**

If you would be interested in joining a group to study St Faustina's diary, consider joining the Cenacle. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the St. Thomas room. Feel free to come & see. For more information call Tish at 601-543-9723. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.



### **Catholics 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](mailto:Emilyosbornerhodes@gmail.com) or leave a message at the St. Thomas parish office, (601) 264-5192.

### **The St. Thomas Comfort and Care**

committee will have a day of prayer and reflection for all the ladies of St Thomas parish, on Monday, August 22nd from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Center with talks by Fr Mark and Fr Braxton. Lunch will be served. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.

### **Mini- Library:**

New book; "Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer" by Joseph Hollcraft. This inspiring book walks you through nine key steps to boosting your intercessory prayer's power and efficiency. Each step has practical tips to help you implement the principle in your daily life, a patron saint to provide direction and encouragement on your journey, and prompt questions to guide meditations and journaling. With this book's help, your "Yes, I will pray for you!" will have new meaning. "Dr. Hollcraft reminds us of our beautiful calling to pray for others and how to do so in deepest intimacy with Jesus Christ!" – Fr. David Pivonka TOR, president, Franciscan University of Steubenville. For more information contact Pat Peterson, librarian, by phone or text at 601-549-4620.

### **Family Formation begins Sunday,**

**August 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30pm.**

If your child does not attend Catholic school, registration in our monthly CCD program, Family Formation, is necessary for sacramental preparation. Our aim, however, is to support all parents in their role as the primary educators of their children in the Catholic faith. Therefore, Catholic school families are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents, teens, and children 4 and up enjoy separate tracks with engaging, age-appropriate content. Nursery is provided for children younger than 4. We equip parents with the materials and training to lead three family lessons at home. We request an annual \$50 fee per family to help defray the cost of meals and materials.

### **LIFE TEEN begins Sunday,**

**August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-5:45pm**

Life Teen serves as both our Religious Education (Confirmation preparation) and youth group for 13-18-year-olds. If your teen does not attend Catholic school, registration in Life Teen is an obligatory step toward receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 11th grade. However, all teens are encouraged to join Life Teen as we aim to bring them into relationship with Christ through retreats, prayer, Catholic friendships, service, and evangelization.

**REGISTER ONLINE WITH THIS QR CODE OR BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:**



A warm and appreciative thank you to Father Mark and Father Braxton, Deacon's Sean and Joe, the Parish Staff, and all St. Thomas family and friends for your prayers, participating at Mass, the beautifully prepared dinner, well-wishes, and gifts on my retirement from active ministry Sunday July 24, 2022. You will all continue to be in our prayers every day. Be Blessed and be a Blessing!

### **The ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 years of marriage or more in 2022 are welcome to attend. A registration form is available at the entrance of the church. The deadline for registration is October 14, 2022. You can return the form by mail to the Diocese of Biloxi, Attn: Deacon Karl Koberger, e-mail it to [kkoberger@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:kkoberger@biloxidiocese.org) or FAX it to 228-702-2178. A link for couples to register will also be set up on the Diocese website!

### **Beginning in September we will start the bible study, The Bible and the Virgin Mary.**

The 12 sessions are part of the St. Paul Center's dynamic journey through the scripture bible series. It is based upon Dr. Scott Hahn's book, Hail, Holy Queen. We will meet Mondays from 1pm – 2:30pm and Thursday from 6pm – 7:30pm. Sign-up sheets are at both doors. Please sign up so we know how many books to order. You do not need to attend both sessions, but if you miss one day you can catch up in another class.

The cost of the book is \$30.00



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