

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



St. Thomas Adult Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 15th
following the 6pm mass

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Malia Lewis 850-363-3894
Baptism Class: Candee Goff 601-467-0914
Call to register. Next class is November 30th
This is the last class this year.



November 28th Collection: \$8,231.13
Direct Deposit: \$2,711.25
Online \$656.00

Upcoming Second Collections
December 5th St Vincent de Paul
December 12th Retired Religious
December 19th Building Fund
December 26th No Second Collection

Mass Schedule

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

Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM

St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday: 10AM

Saint Andrew Christmas Novena
Hail and blessed be the hour and
moment in which the Son of God was
born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at
midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to
hear my prayer and grant my desires,
through the merits of Our Saviour
Jesus Christ, and of His
Blessed Mother. Amen.



Imprimatur
+ Michael Augustine, Archbishop of New York,
February 6, 1897

It is piously believed that whoever recites
the above prayer fifteen times a day from the
Feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30th) until
Christmas will obtain what is asked.

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Adoration

Monday Adoration: hours are from 2pm – 9pm. The Patriotic Rosary is said during Adoration prior to the 5:30 Mass. After the Rosary we pause Adoration to prepare for the Mass. Adoration resumes when Mass is over and will continue until 9pm. **We need help with the 6pm hour.** Visitors are welcome. To offer your help or for information contact Pat Peterson by calling or texting 601-549-4620 or contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068. **Tuesday Adoration** is from 9:00 AM after daily Mass until 12:00 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.

Just a reminder

With the holiday season upon us, we wanted to remind everyone that Adoration will continue as normal. If you can't attend your scheduled hour, please get someone to cover for you, contact those who share your hour, or contact the captain for that hour. All names and phone numbers are in the front section of each sign-in notebook. Please remember that Our Lord should never be left alone in the Chapel. Thank you for your faithfulness to Adoration!

T-Shirt contest:

Would you like to design the t-shirt for the Irish Italian Festival scheduled for March 19, 2022? If so, please submit your design to Kathy Schimel by January 5. There will be a \$200 prize for the winner. Good Luck and happy designing!!!



Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank Dr. Sean D Fink, Gastroenterologist with Hattiesburg Clinic for supporting our parish bulletin. You can reach him at 601-268-5680.

2nd Collection December 4/5th

SVDP Community Pharmacy provides prescription medication and wellness education to those in need. We have now been serving the poor in the Dioceses of Biloxi for over 20 years and our program continues to evolve to meet the increasing demands for prescription medicine. We filled over 30,100 prescriptions in 2020. The value of the medicine dispensed or secured for clients through our Patient Assistance Program topped \$1.5 million. Our pharmacies in Biloxi and Hattiesburg have worked tirelessly during the Covid-19 pandemic. At no point has our pharmacy had to close, we've simply changed how we operated. We are grateful to Bishop Kihneman and Fr. Mark for setting aside the weekend of December 4th & December 5th, for the annual second collection for the SVDP Community Pharmacy. Thank all of you for your generous support of our Mission.

SAVE THE DATE:

St Thomas' Parish Adult Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, following the 6:00 PM mass. Please call the office if you will need childcare. The church will provide the main course, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to **IGiveCatholic** for St. Thomas church. This year we raised almost \$2,000.00. This money will be used to have the pews and the floor in church professionally steam cleaned. Contributions are still be accepted if you missed the online giving.

Mass Intentions

M-Dec 6th Deaconate classes of 2022&2025, Calvin, Joe & Felix
Tues Dec 7th Charles Hosey – RIP
W-Dec 8th Christopher Wilson – Healing
T- Dec 9th Teresa Moon – RIP
F-Dec 10th Edgar Charles Desforges – RIP
S-Dec 11th Jax Fernandez – BD
S-Dec 12th
8:00 Richard Chrosniak – RIP
10:15 Enrica Reyes – healing
6:00 Parish

December 6-12th

M Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
T Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14
W Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
T Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15
F Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
Sat Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18

December Lector Schedule

4th 5:30pm David Williams
5th 8:00am Rich Mohn
10:15am Shirley Hendricks
11th 5:30pm Debbie Boyer
12th 8:00am Malia Lewis
10:15am Italo Subbarao
18th 5:30pm Carmen Robinson
19th 8:00am Reggie Blackledge
10:15am Valerie Acocella
24th 4:00pm Elizabeth Yankay
6:00pm Noel Anne Bennett
Midnight: Carol Soriano
25th 10am **Need Volunteer**
26th 8:00am Kathy Schimel
10:15am Shelby Miserendino
31st 11:30pm Rich Mohn
January 1st 9am Need Volunteer
5:30pm Need Volunteer

Lectors: As you see the schedule is not complete. Please contact Kathy if you are willing to read at one of the masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve and Day.



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Girl's Retreat #91

December 10th-12th, 2021

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#92**

MARCH 4TH-6TH,
2022

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**Retreat Opportunities for our
Teenagers.**

Registration forms can be found near the church entrances.

Girl's Retreat- December 10th-12th, 2021

SEARCH- January 14th-16th, 2022
February 4th-6th, 2022

Boy's Retreat- March 4th-6th, 2022

St Thomas' email bulletin is being sent out using a new system. If you have received the bulletin in the past and did not receive it this week – please contact the office to be registered to receive it again.



Fr. James' sister in WV and her husband have produced their debut Christmas music album, "Comfort and Joy"! It features 15 fresh arrangements of classic Christmas songs and is available in physical CD and digital format at www.rebeccahardingmusic.com



**SANTA'S
COMING
TO SAINT THOMAS'S
FAMILY FORMATION**

**DEC
5**

11:30 AM

LUNCH WITH SANTA
FOLLOWED BY CLASSES

If you have completed your **Call & Gifted** questionnaire and would like to schedule your Gifts interview; please call Kathy in the office 601-264-5192.



The parishioners and staff of St. Thomas extend their deepest sympathy to Deles Roberts and her family on the death of her husband, Deacon Truett Roberts. May God's loving presence strengthen her and her family during this time of sorrow, and may they be consoled knowing that he is at peace.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob Bateman and his family on the death of his father, Robert Carey Bateman. May God's loving presence strengthen him and his family during this time of sorrow, and may they be consoled knowing that their loved one is at peace.



Our Advent Penance Service will be held on Monday, December 20th immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.



*Solemnity
of the
Immaculate
Conception
December 8*

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St Thomas will be at 12 Noon and 6pm.

Mini -Library: A new book in our collection for you is "12 Life Lessons from St. Thomas Aquinas: Timeless Spiritual Wisdom for Our Turbulent Times" by Kevin Vost. These lessons from St. Thomas will help you cultivate a rich, robust faith life that will bring you into closer communion with God and beckon others to follow. With the help of Vost and Aquinas, you'll soon find yourself confidently and happily living in imitation of Our Lord.

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