

**Stations of the Cross
Friday at 5:30pm &
KC Fish Fry 5:30- 7:30pm**

March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

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February 27th \$7,647.55
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Upcoming Second Collections

March 6th Black & Indian Missions
March 13th Building Fund
March 20th No Second Collection
March 27th Catholic Relief Services

Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8AM, 10:15 AM, 6:00PM
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: 10:00AM



**Return
to me
with
your
whole
heart.**

Joel 2:12

Adoration

Monday Adoration:

Hours are 2PM-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 5:30PM Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. St. Pope John Paul has stated "Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration..." **Currently we need help with 7PM hour.** To offer your help for a weekly hour or for information please contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are always welcome.

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.

Irish/Italian raffle tickets have been mailed to registered parishioners this week.

This year we will be raffling the chance to win \$3000. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be held at 8:30pm at the festival and you do not have to be present to win. If you have not received your tickets or if you would like additional tickets, they are also available in the office.



Business Sponsor Spotlight

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We would like to thank Mark at Mark's Leather Shoppe for supporting our parish bulletin.

Mark can be reached at jcarenal@gmail.com for all your leather needs.

Irish-Italian Festival March 19th. Schedule: Mass @ 4PM Festival @ 5 - 10:00PM

Great food, music, fellowship, and more will be on the menu for St. Thomas in Hattiesburg's 19th annual Irish-Italian Festival Saturday, March 19th.

The festival is from 5-10:00p.m. at the church, following a 4 p.m. Mass. Admission is free to these events, with tickets for food and drink items available for purchase at the entrance. The festival will feature games for kids, a silent auction and an art show featuring the work of some of the Pine Belt's best local artists, including beautiful work by local school children. The menu for the event includes Irish stew, spaghetti and meatballs, funnel cakes, egg rolls, pizza, cotton candy, beer & wine, as well as a variety of deserts.

The Irish Italian Festival

will take place on **Saturday, March 19th**. Sign up posters are on display in the foyer for each family to sign up for at least 2 hours to help make the festival a success.

The Irish-Italian Festival is looking for items to be donated for the **Silent Auction**. 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 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

Mass Intentions

M-Mar 7th Joe Lichtenhan-deaconate formation
T-Mar 8th Capt. Charles "Skip" Ryland - RIP
W-Mar 9th Joey Villacorta - Birthday
T- Mar 10th Ty Cannon - RIP
F-Mar 11th William Trago - RIP
Sat-Mar 12th Rogene Molaison - RIP
Sun-Mar 13th
8:00 Richard Joseph Chrosniak - RIP
10:15 Parish
6:00 Paz Sandejas - Healing

Readings March 7th - 13th

M Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
T Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
W Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
T Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Fri Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1

March Lector Schedule

5th 5:30 Noel Anne Bennett
6th 8:00 Laurie McCarthy
10:15 Carol Soriano-Fernandez
12th 5:30 John Perry
13th 8:00 Reggie Blackledge
10:15 Renee Brett
19th 4:00 Patricia Sherman
20th 8:00 Kathy Schimel
10:15 Silvia Preston
26th 5:30 Roger Smith
27th 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Shirley Hendricks

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning this Friday, March 4th and continuing every Friday of Lent at 5:30pm

The Brothers in Christ

Brothers in Christ is a men's study and prayer group open to all men. Meetings are each Tuesday beginning with breakfast at 6:30am



KC Lenten Fish Fry

Each Friday, 5:30 – 7:30 PM during Lent, the Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per plate. Fried catfish, fish tacos, and boiled shrimp plates are available, with fries and coleslaw. Dine-in or Take-out.

This weekend is Catholic Sharing Appeal commitment weekend!

Every gift you make has a tremendous impact by providing for the physical and spiritual needs of those most in need of hope, creating faith-centered communities, supporting our clergy as they support the diocese's spiritual needs and so much more. This year we are inspired by the words of Psalm 91:2, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Our mission, as a Diocesan community of pilgrims journeying towards eternity together, is to share the hope of God with all. Your gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal ensures that the hope of God can reach every corner of Southern Mississippi. We can't do it without you. Please share the hope of God by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, either through a one-time gift or an easy monthly gift through the St. Francis Circle. Your gift provides necessary resources that support ministries like pro-life causes, the Guardian Angel Program, Catholic Charities, faith formation, seminarian formation, care for retired clergy and so much more. God gives us the grace to act generously, and together we can make a significant impact for those in need. Thank you so much for coming together as the People of God and supporting the physical and spiritual ministries of our great diocese!

SAVE THESE DATES:

March 25, 26, & 27th

ANANIAS Retreat

Friday 6:00PM to 8:00 PM

**Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
(Lunch will be provided).**

Sunday 9-11AM

Signup sheets are at the entrances of the church.

Do you need childcare for the Ananias sessions? Please call the office to register.

*Breaking the Silence
Being Ananias for one Another*

As much as Saul came to understand his encounter with Christ during his "day with the disciples in Damascus" (Acts 9:20), so we can come to a deeper relationship with God and a deeper understanding of our call to follow Jesus in a community of fellow believers. Looking at your own life, who has been an Ananias to you? All the Saints had someone God sent them as His instrument. St. Thomas Aquinas had St. Albert, St. Augustine had St. Ambrose, St. Francis Xavier had St. Ignatius of Loyola. Reflect on who has been there for you. Maybe it was your grandparents, parents, siblings, or a high school or college friend. Take time to thank God for that person God placed in your life. Is there someone God is placing in your life at this moment to walk with him/her? Father Mark

St Vincent de Paul needs hygiene items for the homeless.

Small items such as toothpaste & brushes, soaps, shampoo, deodorants, and any usable towels and wash cloths. Thank You for helping those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank Doleac Electric for their donation of lights and electrical work to the St. Vincent de Paul building. The donation is very much appreciated.

Lenten Schedule 2022

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

KC Fish Fry

Fridays 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Family Formation will meet on Sunday, March 6th from 11:30am-1:30pm. Shirley Hodges Hendricks, PhD mental health professional will speak to parents and teens about anxiety, depression, and suicide prevention. All parishioners are welcome whether or not you typically attend Family Formation. To get an accurate headcount for lunch and childcare we ask that you RSVP with the front office or by email: saintthomasccd@gmail.com

Mini-Library: In addition to our several books from a series entitled "Lent and Easter Wisdom," in which each book offers a daily reading from the wisdom of an individual saint which you choose, we also have a beautiful book from TAN Books, "Celebrating a Holy Catholic Easter: A Guide to the Customs and Devotions of Lent and the Season of Christ's Resurrection" by Fr. William Saunders. This book, with its lavish illustrations, will provide you with traditions, activities, and spiritual practices, bringing joy and a prayerful spirit to your home so your family can enjoy a spiritually richer Lent and Easter. For information contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for Your priests and for ours during this Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis. Amen.</p>						
We welcome our newest Priest to the Biloxi Diocese And PFP Calendar <i>Father Tomasz Powroźnik</i>		1 Father Satish Adhav	2 Father Vincent O. Ajayi	3 Father Godfrey Andoh	4 Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihneman III	5 Please Pray For An Increase In Vocations
6 Pope Francis	7 Father Charles Arthur	8 Fathers Philip J. Audet & Mike Austin	9 Fathers Sergio Balderas & Joseph Benjamin S.S.J	10 Father Hyginus Boboh SSJ	11 Father Tommy Conway	12 Father Ruben Covos
13 Father Arockia Doss I.V.D.	14 Msgr. Dominick Fullam	15 Fathers Martin Gillespie & Tomaz Golab	16 Fathers Rofinus Jas S.V.D. & Ignacio Jimenez-Morales	17 Fathers Fintan Kilmurray & George Kitchin	18 Fathers Piotr Kmiecik & Bartosz Kunat	19 Fathers Richard LaCorte & George Manchapilly CMI
20 Fathers Michael Marascalco & Chinnappa R. Mark H.G.N.	21 Father David Milton H.G.N	22 Father Ryan McCoy	23 Fathers Henry McInerney & Paddy Mockler	24 Father Thomas Mullally SVD	25 For Our Deacons & Deacon Candidates & Those Discerning	26 For Priest & Brothers @ St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School
27 For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Morin	28 For Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers, & Deacons	29 For ALL Our Biloxi Bishop, Priests & Deacons	30 For Our Seminarians	31 For Your Parish Priest(s)	***PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER FATHER DENNIS CARVER WHO HAS RETIRED AND ALL OUR PRIESTS WHO ARE BEGINNING THEIR NEW ASSIGNMENT(S) WITHIN THEIR NEW PARISH!	

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