

September 18, 2022  
The Twenty-fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
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**Saturday  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Vigil mass will be at 4PM**

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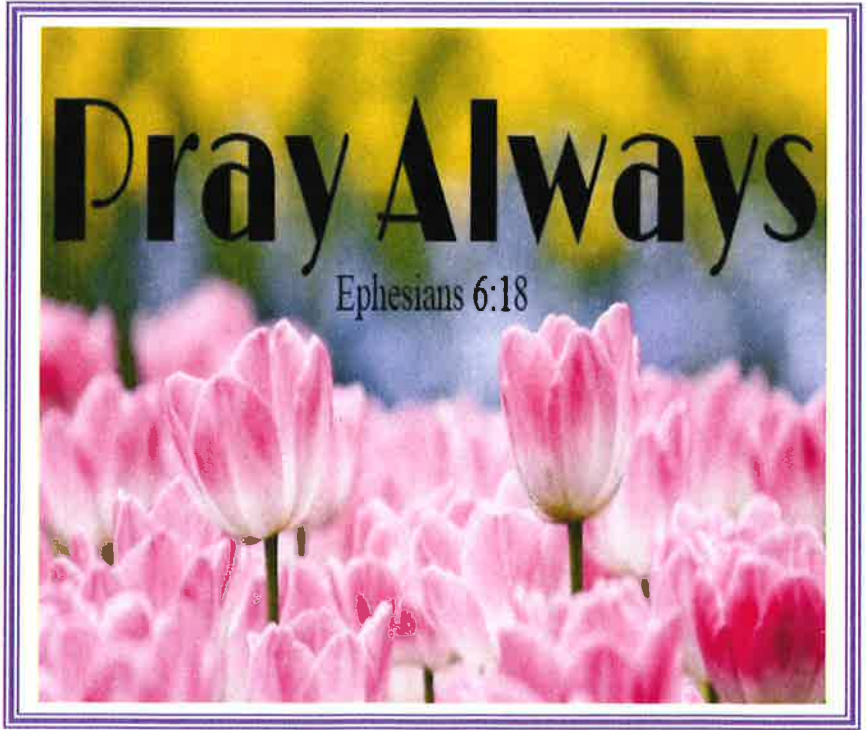
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**September 11<sup>th</sup> Collection:** \$11,141.70  
**Direct Deposit:** \$2,172.50  
**Online Deposit** \$478.75  
**Building Fund** \$1,838.00

**Upcoming Second Collections**  
September 18<sup>th</sup> Seaman Center  
September 25<sup>th</sup> No Second Collection  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> Building Fund  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, 1am, and 4am hours.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

### The Bible and the Virgin Mary Bible Study.

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 meet Monday afternoon from 1pm – 2:30pm and Thursday from 6pm – 7:30pm. 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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### Mini-Library:

New Book: Nothing Short of a Miracle: God's Healing Power in Modern Saints by Patricia Treece. ("America's most experienced and revered saint-watcher.") Patti Gallagher Mansfield (Catholic Charismatic Renewal) says: "Anyone picking up this book will be moved by these manifestations of the love of God reaching into human lives with healing power. Take up and read! You will enjoy! 'For more information contact Pat Peterson, librarian, by phone or text at 601-549-4620.

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

Bishop Kihneman is celebrating a **Red Mass for the judiciary and legal community** on October 16th at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Any parishioners who are judges, clerks, lawmakers, or lawyers; if you are interested in attending, please let Kathy Schimel know so we can send your invitation.

## Mass Intentions

M-Sept 19th Dn Calvin Authement – Sp. Int.  
T-Sept 20th Victoria Ashton – healing  
W-Sept 21st Sue Marquardt – RIP  
T-Sept 22nd Keith Melancon – RIP  
F-Sept 23rd Eli Sandejas – RIP  
Sat-Sept 24th Dn Joe Lichtenhan – Sp. Int.  
Sun-Sept 25th  
8:00am Merrill & Rogene Molaison – RIP  
10:15am Parish  
6:00pm Thais Brody – RIP

### Readings Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

M Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18  
T Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21  
W Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13  
T Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9  
F Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22  
Sat Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45  
Sun Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

### September Lector Schedule

17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Roger Smith  
18<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Reggie Blackledge  
10:15 Italo Subarao  
24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Liz Yankay  
25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Renee Britt  
10:15 Valerie Acocella

The feature length film produced by the Knights of Columbus, **Mother Teresa: No Greater Love**, will be shown at the Hattiesburg Grand Theatre at 7:00 PM on October 3rd & 4th. Tickets may be purchased at the K of C website or at the theatre. It will also be shown in Gulfport and D'Iberville.

### Relics at St. Thomas Aquinas

The relics of St. Faustina and Blessed Stanley Rother will be at St. Thomas until October 4th. They will be kept in the ambry holding the Holy Oils. There are poster boards to view and papers with more information for you to take.



## UPDATED SCHEDULE

The next **Cursillo weekend, #290**, will be held December 8-11, 2022, for **WOMEN**, and the next **Men's Cursillo weekend, #291**, will be held February 9-12, 2023, both will be at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, Dedeaux.

So, what is a Cursillo you ask? The Spanish word "Cursillo" means "short course" or "little course". The full title is "a little course in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, but everyone simply calls it "Cursillo." For more information you can contact Shelby Miserendino in the church office. De Colores!!

September 23-25th, the Diocese of Biloxi will be hosting its first ever **Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend.**

Rachel's Vineyard is a world-wide retreat that serves those who have been affected by abortion. The people who will be attending this weekend have suffered and grieved their decisions and now seek the merciful touch of God's healing hand upon them. I ask you to please pray for these people who will be attending as well as the team that will be facilitating the weekend. If you would like to write a short letter (similar to Palanca) expressing your support for the participants and let them know that you are praying for them, please email to:

[rachelsvineyard@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@biloxidiocese.org)

If you would like to donate to help defray the cost of the weekend for our participants, please follow the attached link:

<https://biloxidiocese.org/rachels-vineyard>

Thank you for your prayers and may God richly bless you!  
Deacon Johnny Williams  
Facilitator, Rachel's Vineyard -  
Diocese of Biloxi



### 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".**

### Altar Server Training

Do you have a child that would like to have the privilege of helping the priest on the altar? If your child has received his/her first communion, they are eligible to serve with the priest. Training will be on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be provided. Please call the office to register so we know how much pizza to order, or if you have any questions.

### 40 Days for Life

takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion through the use of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. From September 28<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Bryan Shaver at (901) 338-7638 by phone or text or you can email me at [bryananthonyshaver@comcast.net](mailto:bryananthonyshaver@comcast.net)

[40daysforlife.com/Hattiesburg](http://40daysforlife.com/Hattiesburg)

### Brothers in Christ

men's bible study and prayer group meets Tuesday morning beginning at 6:30 AM with a lite breakfast then study from 6:45AM until 7:45 AM.

## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St. Thomas RCIA meets Mondays, **after the 5:30pm mass.** RCIA is a process of learning and living the Good News of Jesus as revealed by the Bible and Catholic Tradition. It is a place where deeper Christian faith development happens through a series of teachings, discussion, faith sharing and fellowship. RCIA is for anyone who:

- Is not Catholic but wants to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- Is not Catholic but desires to come into full communion with the Catholic Church and deepen your faith life.
- Is not a Christian (never baptized) but feels the desire to know more about Jesus and Christianity.
- Was baptized Catholic but did not receive the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

### 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.

### 9th Graders

will participate in the Rite of Initiation into the Confirmation program at the 6pm Mass on Sunday, September 18th. If your 9th grader has not yet enrolled in CCD or goes to Sacred Heart and would like to participate in the Rite here at St. Thomas, email or call Renée Lichtenhan whose information is in the bulletin and website.

### FAMILY FORMATION

next meeting is on Sunday, October 2nd from 11:30-1:30pm in the parish center.

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