

July 17, 2022
The Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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next baptism class is scheduled for Monday,
July 18th at 6:30pm



July 10th Collection: \$11,364.00

Direct Deposit: \$2,638.75

Online Deposit \$1,608.50

Upcoming Second Collections

July 17th No Second Collection

July 24th No Second Collection

July 31st 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

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

*Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."
Luke 10:41-42*



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 1am hour.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

Brothers in Christ

men's bible study and prayer group will resume meeting after Labor Day.

CatholicMassTime.org

provides easy access to Mass schedules, church locations, parish contact information and more. If you are traveling, check for masses near you or check church contact information within a specific area.

Business Sponsor Spotlight



We would like to thank Chesterfields for supporting the parish bulletin. They are located at 4646 Hwy. 98 West- Phone #601-336-7134.



Thank you so much to those who have committed to our goal for FOCUS. We appreciate your investment in our Catholic Students! As of July 15th, we have raised \$53,910.00 of the \$67,000 needed to cover the cost for the year. (Only \$13,090.00 to go!!). If you are interested in pledging for FOCUS, please pick up a green pledge card, located in the pews and near the entrances of the church. To turn your pledge card in you may drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Please help us reach our goal & Thank You for your support.

Vocation Prayer

Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest has told us that the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women, Dedicated Married couples, and Committed Single persons. Help us to follow Christ faithfully and to answer the call to holiness and discipleship. We ask this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III
Bishop of Biloxi

Mass Intentions

M-July 18th Gil & Virginia Hall – RIP
T-July 19th Allen May Jr. – RIP
W-July 20th Bruno Subbarao family – Sp. Int.
T- July 21st Sue Marquardt – RIP
F-July 22nd Keith Melancon – RIP
Sat-July 23rd David Echols family – Sp. Int.
Sun-July 24th
8:00 Parish
10:15 Cristina Moreland – BD
6:00 NO PM MASS

Readings July 18th – 24th

M Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
T Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
W Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
T Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
F Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sat Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
Sun Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

July Lector Schedule

16th 5:30 Patricia Sherman
17th 8:00 Kathy Schimel
10:15 Valerie Acocella
23rd 5:30 Roger Smith
24th 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Shirley Hendricks
30th 5:30 Debbie Boyer
31st 8:00 Renee Brett
10:15 Silvia Preston

Bible Study:

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 1:00 PM to 2:30PM and Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. 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 books is \$30.00

Please join us for Deacon Ralph's Retirement Party on Sunday, July 24th after the 10:15am mass.

It will be a covered dish with the parish providing the main course and cake. Please help us plan by signing up at the entrances of the church. Let us know how many will be attending, and what you will bring to the dinner. Thank You.



Lynda Grace Holifield would like to THANK her Saint Thomas family for helping to raise over \$1700 for the ARC of Southeast MS! She really appreciates your support to help ARC continue to provide assistance to individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities.

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 or leave a message at the St. Thomas parish office, (601) 264-5192.

WARNING! You may have received a spam text message or email pretending to be from Fr. Mark asking for assistance. **THOSE ARE FAKE!** If possible, report the message which can be done on most phones by forwarding them to shortcode 7726 (which spells out "SPAM" on most keypads.) NEVER reply to spam messages or tap on any of the links in the message and always report spam text messages immediately. Once reported, delete the message from your device.

The Healing Road: Moving Through the Change Weekend Retreat

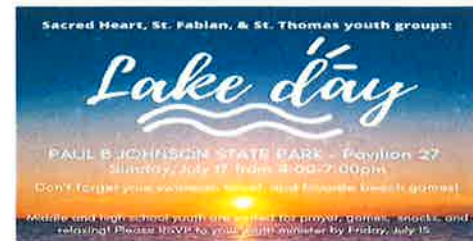
Friday, August 26 –
Sunday, August 28, 2022
Retreat Description: Everyone experiences at one time or another life events that bring them to their knees, where Hope and Light fade. The Healing Road retreat participant has an opportunity to tune in to God's healing presence in the context of prayer fellowship and wisdom words
WHAT TIME DOES IT START?
Check-in Friday night from 6-7 pm EST. Retreat begins at 7pm EST and ends after Lunch on Sunday
NEED INFORMATION?

Contact: Retreat Team Leader
Cindy Hoover, MCA
Phone: 334-614-8669
Email:
cjhoover_99@yahoo.com

WHERE IS IT HELD?
Blessed Trinity Shrine
Retreat

107 Holy Trinity Rd
Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856
WHAT IS THE COST?

Overnight: \$200.00 per person (includes \$85.00 non-refundable deposit).
Day Hop: \$95.00 per person (includes a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit).



LIFE TEEN LAKE DAY

This Sunday, July 17th from 4-7pm, all Jr. & Sr. High school students are welcome to join in the all-Hattiesburg youth event at Paul B. Johnson State Park. Picnic, games, prayer. Bring a towel.

Mini- Library:

From our collection: "Go in Peace: Your Guide to the Purpose and Power of Confession" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. and Sean Brown. It has 101 Questions and Answers. In this much-needed book, the authors put all the most commonly asked questions and objections to this indispensable sacrament which is required by the Church. They demonstrate that, through the power of confession, we are freed from the burden of sin and brought to peace with God and ourselves. For information contact Pat Peterson, librarian, by phone or text at 601-549-4620.

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.

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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