

**NO 6PM Sunday Mass
until August 20th**

**May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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Next Class is May 23rd at 6:30PM



May 15th Collection: \$9,235.00
Direct Deposit: \$2,513.75
Online \$818.50

Upcoming Second Collections
May 22nd Catholic Communication
May 29th St Vincent DePaul
June 5th Building Fund
June 12th No Second Collection
June 19th Diocesan Priest Supplemental
June 26th Peter's Pence

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 & 4:00 PM; 1:30 PM in Spanish

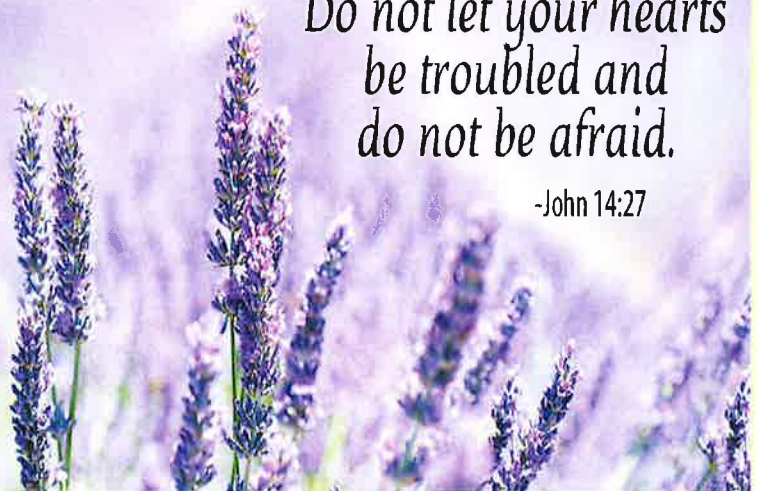
Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM

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

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

*Do not let your hearts
be troubled and
do not be afraid.*

-John 14:27



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 5:30 Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. St. Pope John Paul has stated "Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration..."

Currently we need help with 3PM – 4PM and 7PM-8PM.

To help, please contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are more than welcome and can come anytime for whatever amount of time you'd like.

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.

Pope Francis prayer intention for May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



Business Sponsor Spotlight

Dr. Trey Thomas and Dr. Rick Pecunia, specialize in plastic, cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. They care for children and adults and care for victims of birth defects, cancer, and traumatic injuries. They are board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and are active in several local, state, and national medical societies. Their office is located at 28th Place behind Forrest General Hospital and can be reached by calling 601-261-3690.

Conference USA begins this Wednesday, May 25th.

USM will be using our parish center and parking lot for media and workers at the stadium. They will be monitoring the parking lot, and they are aware of mass and Adoration times, and will be blocking spots for parishioners. Please be aware that parking will be limited during the week, so if you can, please call the office or try to take care of any business early in the week.

Thank you.

Mini – Library:

In honor of Our Blessed Mother, we have added the following items: Our Lady of Fatima: 100 years of Stories, Prayers, and Devotions by best-selling author and EWTN television host of "Everyday blessings of for Catholic Moms" Donna -Marie Cooper O'Boyle. This is an easy read which helps us grow closer and develop a deeper love for Our Lady. The next book we have added is Fatima in Lucia's Own Words: Sister Lucia's Memoirs edited by Fr. Louis Condor, SVD. For those interested in learning about Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima, this is the book to read. The book also includes a section of photographs. For information or help, contact Pat Peterson, librarian, at 601-549-4620

Mass Intentions

M-May 23rd Deacon Ralph & Mary Torrelli – 63rd Wedding Anniversary
T-May 24th Carol Soriano – Thanksgiving
W-May 25th Lockhart family – Sp. Int.
T- May 26th Allen May – RIP
F-May 27th Keith Melancon – RIP
Sat-May 28th Rogene & Merrill Molaison – RIP
Sun-May 29th
8:00 Jared Parish Skalko – RIP
10:15 Parish
NO 6 PM MASS

Readings May 23rd -29th

M Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
T Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
W Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
T Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sun Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

May LECTOR SCHEDULE

21st 5:30 Roger Smith
22nd 8:00 Evelyn Ruckstuhl
10:15 Carol Soriano-Fernandez
28th 5:30 Debbie Boyer
29th 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Shirley Hendricks

Catholics in Recovery

is a community of men and women finding freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. We meet every Monday after the 5:30pm mass. Meetings are for anyone that is looking for some help, or if you are looking for ways to help someone else.

OLG will be hosting the 2022 Summer "Iron Sharpens Iron" men's prayer breakfast on Saturday, June 11th at 7:30 am at OLG

Church. We welcome all men, their male guests and high school age sons to this event. Please click on the link below for free registration.

NOTE: If you are in a Quad and all members of your Quad are planning to attend, we will reserve a table especially for you. After registering, please call (504) 250-7539 to reserve your Quad table.

<https://pray0622.eventbrite.com>



May is the month in which we honor Our Blessed Mother in a special way. One way that each of us can honor Our Lady is by saying the Rosary more frequently. Please join us in the month of May as we pray the Rosary. Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday, before mass; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, after mass. Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us!”

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next Baptism class is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd at 6:30 PM. To have your child baptized at St. Thomas, you must attend the Baptism Class. Call Candee Goff at 601-467-0914 to register.

Memorial Day, Monday May 30th

Mass is at 9:00 AM. The Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 30th



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that we are free.

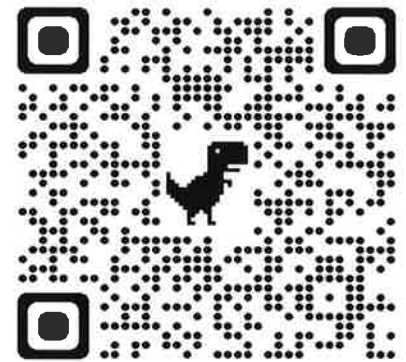
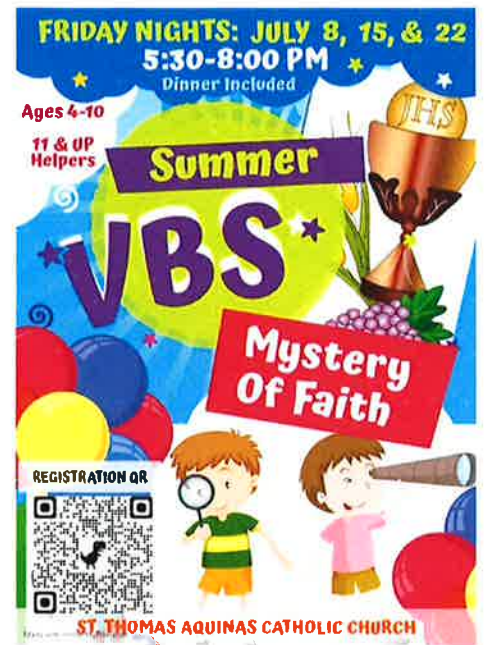
We ask you this week to pray for Jonathan Cao, as he continues in his studies and discernment to become a priest for the Diocese of Biloxi.

“My name is Jonathan Cao and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Biloxi. I graduated from D’Iberville High School in May of 2020 and continued onto Mississippi Gulf Coast where I received an Associates of Science in December of 2021. I have just finished my first semester at St. Joseph Seminary College and will be going into my junior year this upcoming fall. I began to discern the priesthood in Lent of 2021 when I began to attend daily masses at Vietnamese Martyrs, my home parish. Father Thang has been a role model and has guided me throughout my vocation journey. As I discerned during that time period, I felt a sense of peace in my heart when I decided to apply and submit my application to become a seminarian for the Diocese of Biloxi. As I finish my first semester, I have come to really know myself along with my strengths and weaknesses. I have been able to create a bond with all of my brothers at the seminary and grow with them. Seminary has taught me so many and especially has helped me to become a better Catholic.”

Prayer for Seminarians:

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen.

Please keep Chris, along with all our other seminarians, in your prayers. Pray also for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Biloxi.



Register for VBS using the above QR code.

Looking for Volunteers

Notre Dame Hospice is looking for Volunteers to serve in their Mississippi Church Parishes. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, provide companionship for patients, run errands, or occasionally help with projects in the office. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: Janine Bonner, Volunteer Coordinator at 504-418-1049. Our Mississippi office is in Diamondhead, MS. We need volunteers in all Mississippi Church Parishes to serve those in your community. Thank you.

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