

September 11, 2022
The Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Saturday
September 17th
Vigil mass will be at 4PM

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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**

September 4th Collection: \$9,536.25

Direct Deposit: \$2,712.50

Online Deposit \$1,147.00

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Upcoming Second Collections

September 11th Building Fund

September 18th Seaman Center

September 25th No Second Collection

October 2nd Building Fund

October 9th No Second Collection

*Lord, thank you
for your tender
mercy toward us.*



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.

Beginning this Monday, September 12th 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 1pm – 2:30pm and Thursday from 6pm – 7:30pm. 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 book is \$30.00

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We would like to thank Young Yu with Dunbar Realty for supporting the parish bulletin. You can reach him at 601-583-8004 or 601-434-2046.



Ultreya is Back! Please join us on Wednesday evening, September 14, after the 6:00 PM mass for our first Ultreya in two years. Our speaker will be Michelle Moore. Please bring a dish to share and come hear her powerful story. We will begin about 6:45 and be finished by 8:00 PM. You do not have to have made a Cursillo to attend. Hope you will join us.

Mini-Library:

The Secret of the Rosary by Saint Louis de Montfort. The Table of Contents contains What the Rosary is, and descriptions of each decade. For more information contact Pat Peterson, librarian, by phone or text at 601-549-4620.

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.

Mass Intentions

M-Sept 12th Giovanni Miserendino – RIP
T-Sept 13th Ty Cannon – RIP
W-Sept 14th Claire & Willie White – Sp. Int.
T-Sept 15th George Yankay – RIP
F-Sept 16th Deacon Joe Lichtenhan – Sp. Int.
Sat-Sept 17th Josephina Lee – RIP
Sun-Sept 18th
8:00am Parish
10:15am Lilia Fernandez – BD
6:00pm Vicente Chua – BD

Readings Sept 12th – 18th

M 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
T 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
W Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
T 1 Cor 15:1-11/Jn 19:25-27
F 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Sat 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Sun Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

September Lector Schedule

10th 5:30 Noel Anne Bennett
11th 8:00 Laurie McCarthy
10:15 Carol Soriano Fernandez
17th 5:30 Roger Smith
18th 8:00 Reggie Blackledge
10:15 Italo Subarrao
24th 5:30 Liz Yankay
25th 8:00 Renee Britt
10:15 Valerie Acocella

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.

Brothers in Christ

men's bible study and prayer group will start it's fall session, **Tuesday September, Sept 13th**. We meet in the Parish Center and begin at 6:30 AM with a lite breakfast then study from 6:45AM until 7:45 AM.



The next **Men's Cursillo weekend, #290**, will be held October 27th - 30th, 2022 and the next **Women's Cursillo weekend, #291**, will be held December 8th - 11th, 2022 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!!

LIFE TEEN meets Sunday, September 11th, 4:30-5:45 The theme is "I Doubt it" - A night about atheism, doubt, science, and faith, featuring guest speaker, scientist and deacon, Joe Lichtenhan.

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

Relics at St. Thomas Aquinas

The relics of St. Faustina and Blessed Stanley Rother will be here at St. Thomas from September 8th until October 4th. They will be kept in the ambry holding the Holy Oils, except during Adoration when they will be out on display. There will be some poster boards that come with the relics for more information.



Save the Date:

Friday, October 21st (6pm - 9pm) and Saturday October 22nd (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. We will have two training sessions available. The first will be on Sunday, September 11th following the 10:15 mass.

The second training will be on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be provided at both sessions, and you only need to attend one. Please call the office to register for either session, 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 28th through November 6th, 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

40daysforlife.com/Hattiesburg

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St. Thomas RCIA will begin on Monday, **September 12th after the 5:30pm mass.** We'll have dinner followed by the program. This week will be a welcome and introduction. 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.

The ANNUAL MASS OF

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 years of marriage or more in 2022 are welcome to attend. A registration form is available at the entrance of the church. The deadline for registration is October 14, 2022.

You can return the form by mail to the Diocese of Biloxi, Attn: Deacon Karl Koberger, e-mail it to kkoberger@biloxidiocese.org or FAX it to 228-702-2178. A link for couples to register will also be set up on the Diocese website!

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.

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