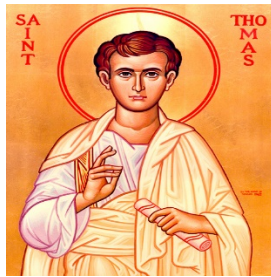


Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



July 2018

We the Catholic community of St. Thomas Parish, come together to be transformed by the Eucharist. We regularly help each other to hear the Sunday Gospel, serve those in need, and bring our lives to faith and bring faith to our lives. Parish mission Statement.

Father Brian P. Spencer, Pastor

Deacon Imani Boyd, Associate Pastor

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MASS TIMES: Wednesday -9:00am, Saturday - 5:00pm, Sunday -10:00am

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PARISH COUNCIL: Father Brian P. Spencer-Pastor, Jan Moore- Senior Steward, Allison Spencer-Senior Steward/Secretary, Marie Kirker-Treasurer/Fundraising, Archie Kirker- Building and Grounds, Jeffery Ryder-Website, Judy Baxter

Music Minister: Meghan Mucciarelli

ALTAR GUILD: Patricia DiPonzio and Luella Bean

CHURCH SACRISTAN: Marge Campbell

Readings for July 8, 2018.
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING	RESPONSORIAL PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
EZ 2:2-2-5	Psalms 123: 1-2,2,3-4	2 Cor 12: 7-10	MK 6: 1-6

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM: Baptism class is held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. Godparents are required to attend the same class. **MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Church office. It is not advisable to set a date before your first appointment with a priest. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILLATION:** For individual confession, contact Father Brian at the Church office. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Church office.

CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: Wednesdays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Thank you for your Donations!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Connie Pagano, Felix Olivias, Karen Costa and Family, Willie Kaye Burke, Danny Hitchcock, Rita Anderson, Laura Patrick, Jeannette Sabha, and all who have requested prayer. To be added to our prayer list please, contact Carol Anderson.
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Baptized in Christ

Ella May Sylvester

June 24, 2018

Attention New Members of Saint Thomas

We want to get to know you and you to know us. Please see Fr. Brian to schedule a time to meet.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, July 6
12:00pm -1:00pm.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The month of July is upon us. The longer I live in Vegas, I understand why they call it the hottest month of the year. On July 3rd, the church celebrates the feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle, our patron. The powerful intercession of our patron has prompted God's blessings on us as a church. For example, church membership continues to grow. More members are becoming active in the life of the parish. Our church community is alive with spirit and in the Spirit. As we get excited about our church, we get excited about our faith. In a spirit of thanksgiving and celebrating the feast of Saint Thomas, we will be having a cookout on Sunday, July 1st, following the 10:00 a.m. mass. Let's come together and celebrate who we are as a church family with good food and fellowship.

The Feast of Saint Thomas is an opportune time for me thank our many dedicated volunteers at the church. Deacon Imani, and myself would be lost without you. A heartfelt thank you to our liturgical ministers, servers, readers, communion ministers, ushers, musicians, choir, soundboard assistants, our parish council, money counters, church cleaners, website helpers, food pantry helpers, catechists, and the people who bring in refreshments for after mass. Thanks to all who give to the church in your own unique way.

On Wednesday, August 1st, the church will be hosting a Day for Kids. It is for ages 7-12. It is much like vacation bible school, condensed into one day. The theme of the day will be, "Finding Jesus." Sign up and permission slips are located at the entrance of the church. This is guaranteed to be a day of fun and learning for our kids. Also, please let others know about this special event as it is not only for children of the parish.

Finally, beginning in the fall with the start First Communion and Confirmation classes, a religious education class will be added for our children in the 1st through 7th grades who are not preparing for the sacraments. The class will meet after the 10:00 am mass. Parents will be encouraged to socialize in the fellowship hall as they wait for this short class to end and collect their children. Myself and Carol Anderson, are in the process of designing a curriculum. If anyone is interested in teaching or assisting in any of our religious education classes, including our youth group, please let me now.

Have a great fourth of July celebration.

Blessings,

Fr. Brian



Lord God Almighty,
in whose Name the founders of this country
won liberty for themselves and for us,
and lit the torch of freedom
for nations then unborn:
Grant that we
and all the people of this land
may have grace to maintain our liberties
in righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Book of Common Prayer, 1979