

Our Staff:

Fr. William P. Saucier	Pastor (In case of emergency call: 251-454-4866)
Deacon James Bullock Deacon Charlie Groves	Parishioner Home Visitations and Hospital/ Nursing Home Visitations
Donna Christian	Office Manager & Religious Education
Monique Bosarge	Secretary
Lewis Archer	Director of Music
Kimberly Foster	Communications and Fundraising Coordinator
Bob Bothmann & Frank Coate	Building and Maintenance

SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

Baptism of infants: If you are expecting a child or have recently had a child and want to prepare for baptism, please call the parish office to schedule a preparation session.

First Eucharist, Confirmation, RCIA : Contact our parish office for more information.

Matrimony: Contact our parish office 6 months prior to intended date of the wedding. We follow all Archdiocesan policies and guidelines.

Anointing of the Sick, Homebound: Please keep Fr. Saucier or the Parish Office informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Contact the parish office at 251-452-9837 or Rectory 251-456-7931

Annulments: Fr. Saucier and Deacon Groves are available to discuss questions concerning annulments. There is no cost associated with annulments.

Renting Guidelines: Please contact the parish office one month before the event for fees, paperwork and Archdiocesan Guidelines.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are interested in joining our parish family, please fill out a card located in the back of our church or online at www.stthomastheapostleatholicchurch.com

Moving or Changing Address? Please notify the parish office via email office@stthomastheapostleatholicchurch.com or call 251-452-9837

Two Parishes, One Family

St. Bridget Catholic Church
Est. 1867



3625 West Main Street
Whistler, Alabama 36612

St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church Est. 1947



251 North Craft Highway
Chickasaw, Alabama 36611

251-452-9837

Email: office@stthomastheapostleatholicchurch.com

St. Bridget Mass Schedule:

- Wednesday - 8 a.m.
- Saturday - 9 a.m.
- Sunday - 8 a.m.
- Latin Mass 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at -2p.m.

St. Thomas Mass Schedule:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8 a.m.
- Wednesday - 6 p.m.
- Saturday Vigil - 4 p.m.
- Sunday - 11 a.m.

***Holidays and Holy Day Mass schedules will be recorded for our answering service and added to our website's calendar.**

Look For Us On:

 * @St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and @St. Bridget Catholic Church

 * @St. Thomas Chickasaw

 * www.stthomastheapostleatholicchurch.com

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day	Date	Where	When	Intentions
Saturday	July 20th	St. Thomas	4 p.m.	+RIP+ JR & Cecilla Thompson
Sunday	July 21st	St. Bridget	8 a.m.	For the Protection of All Government Officials
		St. Thomas	11 a.m.	Parishioners
		St. Bridget	2 p.m.	Elizabeth Schuner
Monday	July 22nd	St. Thomas	8 a.m.	Infant of Prague for Parish Finances
Tuesday	July 23rd	St. Thomas	8 a.m.	Deacon Stephen A. Tidwell
Wednesday	July 24th	St. Bridget	8 a.m.	Deacon Jim Bullock
		St. Thomas	6 p.m.	+RIP+ Rev. Francis Sophie, O.P.
Thursday	July 25th	St. Thomas	8 a.m.	Valley O'Neal
Friday	July 26th	St. Thomas	8 a.m.	+RIP+ Ernest Lewis
Saturday	July 27th	St. Bridget	9 a.m.	For Vocations

Confessions Offered

◇ 30 mins before each mass

◇ Wednesday Evenings from 5 to 6pm during Holy Hour

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

We invite you to try electronic contributions and we hope you find it very convenient.

You can use any computer or mobile device to donate electronically towards the General Fund, Building Fund and/or the Legacy Campaign; for either Parish. Please check out our website for more details. As always, we thank you for your generous sharing of treasures in the spirit and practice of stewardship.

St. Bridget's Collections:

\$928.00

St. Thomas the Apostle's Collections:

\$2119.00

SCAM ALERT!

No one from the Parish Office or the Clergy will send you text asking for a favor.

Do Not Reply to this text.

Block the number and delete the text.



Events and Meetings for the Week

Men of St. Joseph	Weekly Meetings, Thursdays at 7:00 am
Daughters of Mary	Weekly Meetings, Thursdays at 8:30 am
Knights of Columbus	Meetings are set for the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Society	If you would like to join or learn more please leave a message at (251)458-4578

* Events and Meetings are subject to change.

* Link your Calendar App with our Parish Calendar to keep up with all the events and upcoming activities. Find out more information on the parish website:

<https://stthomastheapostleatholicchurch.com/wordpress/>



Eucharistic
Adoration
5pm Wednesday

**Saturday Morning Bible Study at
St. Bridget's starting at 9:30am**

(We are discussing the Gospel of St. John)



**Wednesday Night Teaching
Mass at St. Thomas begins at
6:00pm**

The Secret of Mary
By St. Louis de Montfort

Our Parish Family's Announcements

In honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, whose feast day was this past Tuesday (July 16th), and St. Bridget of Sweden's feast day, this coming Tuesday (July 23rd), How wearing the Brown Scapular can lead to a "habit" of holiness (Philip Kosloski, www.aleteia.org)

While most Catholics are familiar with the smaller piece of brown cloth that people wear underneath their clothing, the Brown Scapular is still worn in its fullest form as part of the habit of Carmelites.

When St. John Paul II addressed the Carmelite Order in 2001, he wanted to make sure that anyone who wore the Brown Scapular would see it as a spiritual sign:

The sign of the Scapular points to an effective synthesis of Marian spirituality, which nourishes the devotion of believers and makes them sensitive to the Virgin Mother's loving presence in their lives. The Scapular is essentially a "habit." Those who receive it are associated more or less closely with the Order of Carmel and dedicate themselves to the service of Our Lady for the good of the whole Church

He then goes one step further to say how this habit needs to inspire holy habits:

[T]he awareness that devotion to her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in her honor on certain occasions, but must become a "habit," that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, woven of prayer and interior life, through frequent reception of the sacraments and the concrete practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this way the Scapular becomes a sign of the "covenant" and reciprocal communion between Mary and the faithful.

In this way the wearing of a piece of brown cloth can be a constant reminder to the wearer to lead a holy life, united to the Blessed Virgin Mary.