

SAINT THOMAS

By The Sea



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WELCOME!

On behalf of our church family, we are pleased to welcome you to St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church, and to our beautiful gulf beaches. If you are a new parishioner, or a long-term or frequent visitor, please take time to complete a registration form (in the church pamphlet). We hope you will enjoy your time in Orange Beach.

Fr. Paul Iruthayasamy, HGN
Deacon Stephen Seymour

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday, 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. Mass

First Fridays: Morning Mass is followed by Holy Hour

Our Chapel is open every day for prayer.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m. (and upon request)

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intentions: Bielkiewicz & Dauzat Families † and Bill Chambers †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett †
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Don Passage †
 9:30 a.m. Snowbird Coffee & Donuts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass, Ashes Distributed
Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett †
 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass, Ashes Distributed
Intention: Mavis Adams

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Elaine Lombard † and Baby Henry Finnorn †
 5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Dick Sampson †
 4:00-6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Peter Spaulding †, Gary & Edward Sibille † and Mary Lou Peerenboom †

Please pray for: Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Rey Segovia, Patricia Chambers, Elizabeth Von Bergen, Mark Martz, Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Cheryl Strockis, Elliott Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Edith O'Rear, Patricia Ann Cassidy, Bishop Gregory Parks, Lisa Hughes, Claire Hughes, Ron Gray, Chuck Coffey, Pam Rohan, Babe Rohan, Paul Rohan, Mary Newsome, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Jane Swain, Bob Pumford and Sally O'Donnell.

To add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.



PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

St. Thomas by the Sea is in need of a part-time Parish Secretary. Please let us know if you are interested – contact Marge Keller at stthomasbk@gmail.com for more information or call the church office at 981-8132.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL is once again selling their coupon book for \$20.00. There are a variety of coupons for businesses here and close by. These are especially useful for visiting friends and family – you can purchase one in our gift shop.

Congratulations to Joshua Kumar and Ethan Kumar, who will receive the precious Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time at 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. We wish them and their family many blessings.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Information on our Parish Finance Council, as well 2022 financial reports, is now available online. Go to stthomasbythesea.com, click on "Contact Us," then on the Finance Council tab on the dropdown menu under "About Us." If you have any questions, contact any member of the Finance Council.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
 February 12, 2023**

Offertory	\$12,244.00
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St. Benedict's Catholic School	\$ 4,373.00
Memorials.....	\$ 295.00
Votives.....	\$ 32.75

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

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Next weekend the Second Collection will be for **Black & Indian Missions**, to benefit mission activities in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities.



LIFE QUOTES

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”
 USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*.

A little extra for Lent: Pick up a copy of the Lent edition of The Word Among Us in the narthex. You can also sign up for Dynamic Catholic’s *Best Lent Ever* program, based on Matthew Kelly’s book *Holy Moments*; a short video will be delivered to your inbox every day to help you focus your day and create more holy moments in your life. Sign up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>.

ROSARY FOR LIFE: During Lent, we will be praying a Rosary for Life starting one-half hour before every weekend Mass. Please plan on joining us.



WELCOME HOME...to all of our Winter Visitors. We invite you to join us and your fellow visitors for SNOWBIRD COFFEE & DONUTS following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall. This Snowbird-led activity has been a tradition in our parish for over twenty years!



WINTER POTLUCK: Join us this Sunday, February 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall! The church will provide meat and drinks; please bring a vegetable or dessert to share. All visitors and parishioners are welcome! You will not want to miss the ladies of the Altar Rosary Society as they present a Fashion Show featuring great finds from the new Mary’s Shelter Thrift Store!

CHECK OUT THE ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE FOR MARY’S SHELTER GULF COAST

A mega raffle is scheduled for March 2023 with a drawing for a prize every day of the month – see the insert for a list of the great prizes! **Tickets are only \$50.00 each** and all proceeds will benefit Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast (MSGC) in Elberta, Alabama. MSGC is the only charitable organization in this five-county area able to offer shelter and support to homeless, pregnant adult women, before and after the birth of their child. Tickets are being sold in the back of church, the gift shop or in the church office during the week. Please help support Mary’s Shelter by buying a ticket today.

FISH FRY... Join the Knights of Columbus every Friday at the Parish Hall, 4:00-6:00 p.m. now until March 3. For \$12.00/plate, you will receive fried fish, hushpuppies, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. Beer is available for a donation. Eat-in or Take-Out.

MARY’S SHELTER BINGO: We are back playing bingo on Thursday evenings, starting with Early Bird Games at 5:30 p.m. Please come join us, it’s great fun!

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – February 25-26, 2023

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	Kathleen Shine	J.R. Bedel, Tina D’Aversa, Jay Powell, Andree Drouilhet	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz, Rob Shine, Tim Drouilhet	Bill Cranston
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Larry Mickwee	Terry Barnett, Vicki Brown, Betty McDuffie, Anne Quinn	Paul Brown, Kelley Ouzts, Bill Cranston, Robert Turner, Luann & Art Yaroch	Carlos DeSanctis
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Jean Marazullo	Darlene Kerchner, Melanie Reece, Joanie Pruet, Cheryl Robinson	Steve Kerchner, Richard Mercer, Mike Pruet, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings	Steve Fletcher

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES:
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS.
 Training is provided – please call the church office at 251-981-8132 to volunteer.**

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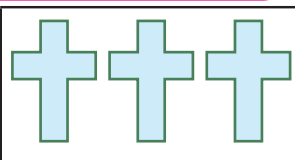
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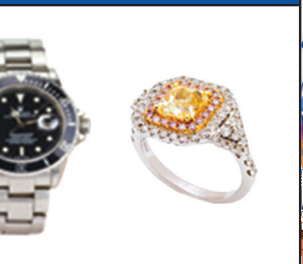
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