

# St. Thomas

By The Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Lent

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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)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Anne Quinn ..... 303-324-3526

**Church Bookkeeper:** Marge Keller ..... 251-981-8132

**Church Office Secretary:** Jo-Ellen Karazim ..... 251-981-8132

**Driving Service:** Anyone needing a ride to a doctor's appointment or elsewhere can call the Parish Office ..... 251-981-8132

**Hispanic Ministry:** Contact St. Margaret of Scotland ..... 251-981-8132

**Knights of Columbus:** Bob Lindley ..... 251-978-8147

**Ministry of Care:** (to sick and bereaved) –  
Parish Office ..... 251-981-8132

**Respect Life Committee:** Suzanne Laurier ..... 251-981-1918

**CCD:** Contact Father Paul

**Choir Director:** Paul Anderson ..... 251-377-7923

**Parish Council:** Chairperson, Tina D'Aversa ..... 678-457-0677

**Finance Council:** Steve Kerchner ..... 251-981-8132

**Memorials:** Church Office ..... 251-981-8132

**Ministry:** To serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, contact Father Paul

**RCIA:** Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (September through Easter).  
Contact Father Paul

**St. Benedict School:** Contact Father Paul ..... 251-981-8132

**Winter Visitor Contact:** Ellen Passage ..... 517-881-6615

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact Church Office at least one month prior

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact Church Office at least six months prior

**Wedding Coordinators:** Cheryl Robinson ..... 251-422-1268  
Nancy Dickhute ..... 402-980-3258

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Maren Family,  
Jack & Carol Wydever*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Emma Bell Savoie*  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass intention: Parishioners*

### MONDAY, MARCH 21

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Bill Chambers*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Vince Duffy*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Peggy Kenyon*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Craig Brown*  
9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary meeting  
4:00-6:00 p.m. Fish Fry  
5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Jim Quack Peerenboom*

## LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Fridays during Lent**, Stations of the Cross  
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 5**, Penance Service and Confessions, 6:00 p.m.  
**Holy Thursday**, Mass 6:00 p.m., Adoration until 10:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday**, 9:00 a.m.-Noon – Adoration  
12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross  
(outside, weather permitting)  
3:00 p.m. – The Passion of the Lord  
**Holy Saturday**, 7:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday**, Mass – 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

## GIFTS TO GOD

March 13, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 10,879.05
Budgeted .....	\$ 8,398.90
Building Fund .....	\$ 2,353.00
Budgeted .....	\$ 2,751.00
Black & Indian missions.....	\$ 342.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 130.00
Votives.....	\$ 98.25
Online giving .....	\$ 1,946.76

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

*St. Thomas by the Sea Building Fund*

**Special Collection:** St. Benedict Catholic School  
(If you want your donation to be for this special collection,  
please use an envelope in the pews, or mark your check.)

## 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. If you need additional information, please contact Marge Keller at stthomasbk@gmail.com. Deadline to apply is April 16th.

We welcome back Vicki Gordziel as our interim Parish Secretary. God Bless you for sharing your talents with St. Thomas by the Sea Parish.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dominique deSanctis, Chad Smith, Tim Glennon, Babe Rohan, Lydia Williams, Dolores Mills, Sarah Knoll Lammons, Edward O'Brien, Lavonne McCumber, Donna Zeponi, Craig Horn, Katheryn Bennett, Frances Gagliano, Anthony Baroco, Stephanie Keeler, Daphne Stanford, Karen Kelley O'Brien, Joel Rivera, Susan Berezuk, Bill Sukman, Carly Barrett, Jenifer Davis, Sally Ashurst, Gene Brymer, Norman Hankins, Mary Schmid, Pat Chambers, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Paul Rohan, Mary & Jake Taffaro, Marion Waller, Pete Hourihan, Maria Luiza, Myles Harris, Marisa Jordan, Mike Offerle, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Steve Quinn.

## PARISH 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

A graph showing Income and Expenses by Category for the year 2021 can be viewed on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## ADORATION

As you can see from the Easter schedule, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, after Mass and until 10:00 p.m., and on Good Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. There is a sheet in the Narthex for you to sign up for one hour of Adoration on those days to ensure that there will be a constant presence in front of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are unable to commit to spending one hour, stop by for a short visit and sit with our Lord Jesus.

## A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS

This booklet explaining Church teaching on euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide and advance directives is available from the church office. It includes a Health Care Proxy and Advance Directive form that you can fill out and give to your family and to your medical providers. In this way, you can rest assured that your last wishes will be known, and will be in line with Catholic teaching.

## PENANCE SERVICE AND CONFESSION

Plan to attend our Penance Service and Confession on Tuesday, April 5, with Service at 6:00 p.m. and Confessions 6:30-7:30 p.m. Remember that we are created for eternity, but our eternal fate depends on how we make use of this present time. Lent is the most appropriate time to reflect upon this. Are you ready to die just as you are now?

## LENTEN MISSION

If you missed our Lenten Mission with Mr. Patrick Arensberg, you can stream two of the talks on the Value and Dignity of the Human Person through our website, [stthomasbythesea.com](http://stthomasbythesea.com).

## ROSARY FOR LIFE

Join us for a Rosary for Life starting one-half hour before each weekend Mass during Lent, which occurs during the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign March 2 to April 10.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lenten Fish Frys are back! In our Parish Hall on Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Knights' monthly meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. All men over the age of 18 are invited to join the Knights. For more information, call Bob Lindley at 251-978-8147.

## PALM TREE MEMORIALS

You may have noticed the new palm tress planted along the west side of the church property. Each of these trees is available as a memorial or honorific at a cost of \$600.00. A plaque will be affixed on or near your tree with your name and the name of your loved one. If interested, fill out one of the forms in the Narthex. Brick and flower memorials also are available.

## MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday, March 26, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Tina D'Aversa

*Communion:* Jay Powell, Mary Dalton, J. R. Bedel, Andree Drouilhet

*Ushers:* Jim Johnson, Joe Fierro, David & Melissa McClure

*Altar Server:* Pat Dalton

**Sunday, March 27, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Larry Mickwee

*Communion:* Vicky Brown, Betty McDuffie, Marian Smith

*Ushers:* Lynn Tampary, Paul Brown, LuAnne & Art Yaroch, Kelley Ouzts

*Altar Server:* Carlos DeSanctis

**Sunday, March 27, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Mark Dickhute

*Communion:* Darlene Kerchner, Alice Madere, Cheryl Robinson, Merrie Henderson

*Ushers:* Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Lee Barnes, Ron Slovinski

*Altar Server:* Steve Fletcher

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS. Training is provided. Please call the church office at 251-981-8132.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

March is our month to replenish the shelves of the CSC food pantry. The CSC serves the poor on Pleasure Island, and is supported by our parish. There is a list of needed items on the table in the Narthex to assist you in your shopping. You can leave your donation in the Narthex.

## FINANCE MEETING

The Third Wednesday of each month there will be a Finance Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Library.

## ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Welcome the student ambassadors who will be visiting with our Parish for the Annual Fund Drive. Make sure you read the bulletin insert, for more information.

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