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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 or on our website). 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, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bielkiewicz & Dazat Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: June Pumford+
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All St. Thomas By The Sea Parishioners and Sue Pizzitola+

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Communion Service
 11:15 a.m. Holy Mass – Concelebrated by Bishop Rodi and Priests
Intention: Maureen Kiernan+

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Communion Service
 11:15 a.m. Holy Mass — Concelebrated by Bishop Rodi and Priests
Intention: Frank Williams+

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Tom Poole (L)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Charles Bennett Long+

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bielkiewicz & Dazat Families



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Rey Segovia, Elizabeth Von Bergen, Mark Martz, Bill & Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Cheryl Strockis, Elliott Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Edith O’Rear, Patricia Ann Cassidy, Ron Gray, Chuck Coffey, Pam Rohan, Babe Rohan, Paul Rohan, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Jane Swain, Sally O’Donnell, James Hess, Melanie Mitchell, Eric Montross, Kylie Herring, Tony Cate, Dina Bazor, Thomas Potts, Hap Archer and Michael Fleshman.

Please contact the church office to add to or update list.

LIFE QUOTES

Suicidal individuals – with or without a terminal illness – typically do not want to die...The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?"

– USCCB, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

CONVOCATION MASS

On September 26th and 27th, please join in Priest Convocation Masses at 11:15 a.m. in the main Church being concelebrated by Bishop Rodi and Clergy of the Diocese. Everyone is invited to attend. On these two mornings, there will be Communion Service in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: The St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel is open every day for prayer, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE...HEALING MASS, October 7, 2023. The annual Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, October 7th at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a light lunch provided by the ladies of Altar Rosary Society. This sacrament is for those who have a chronic illness, are facing surgery or are of advanced age. Please come and show support for those who will be anointed.

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
on September 17, 2023**

Offertory	\$ 8,228.87
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 900.00
<i>Building Fund Budgeted</i>	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,552.50
Votives and Memorials	\$ 285.25
Catholic University	\$ 1,408.00

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:
ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND!**

Thank you for your generosity!

THE ANGELS OF JOY GIFT SHOP is open after all weekend Masses. We appreciate your patronage as we support many charities through your purchases. We currently have for sale books of coupons for local restaurants and businesses, to benefit St. Benedict School; available for \$20.00.

WALKING WITH A PURPOSE – A new ministry for women. Walking With A Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible Study for women. Join us for *Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point* as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Learn more about Jesus Christ through Scriptures. This group will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas By The Sea Library and continue on a weekly basis. If interested or any questions, contact Diana D’Angelo at 440-487-4373 or ddangelo17@icloud.com or Marge Keller at 251-709-9861 or margekeller@gmail.com.

Invitation for all women! **DAUGHTERS OF MARY**, a Faith-sharing group for women, will resume on Friday, September 29th after 9:00 a.m. Mass (in Parish Library). Please join us as we read, reflect and share thoughts on the Sunday readings while growing in faith and community with one another. PLEASE JOIN US!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST will be Sunday, September 24th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights offer this at no charge and sincerely invite everyone to attend.

PLEASE JOIN US for **PARISH WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL**, Saturday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m., following Saturday Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall. Come meet your neighbors, friends and fellow parishioners and share a glass and light hors d’oeuvres.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN – Please join us 30 minutes before each weekend Mass in October through November 5th as we pray a pro-life Rosary. Please arrive early and join us in praying for an end to the barbaric practice of abortion in our country and in the world.

Please call the church office to register for **CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION (CCD)** classes on Sunday from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Also, teens or adults seeking Confirmation **into the Catholic Church or RCIA**, contact office for more information.

Please let the Church office know of any **SPECIAL DATES (Anniversaries, Birthdays, Celebrations)**. Father Paul would love to include in daily Masses and prayers.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Tina D’Aversa	Tina D’Aversa, Andree Drouilhet, J.R. Bedel, Jay Powell	Tim Drouilhet	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Rob Shine, Van Bielkiewicz, Denise Jackson	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Raquel Coll, Bobbie Seymour		Paul Brown, Ouida Turner, Art Yarocho, Luann Yarocho, Robert Turner, Paul Brown	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Alice Madere	Darlene Kerchner, Merrie Henderson, Cheryl Robinson, Joanie Pruett	NOT FILLED	Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Lee Barnes, Mike Pruett	Deacon Steve

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

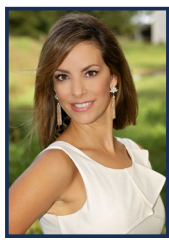
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