



# St. Thomas

**By The Sea**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Jim 'Quack' Peerenboom,  
Ron Ludtke*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Jim Prough*  
10:00 a.m. Mass

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Emily Bell*  
\*\*\* Coffee & Donuts Social after Mass

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: John Holt*  
5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Dean Spies*  
9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary Meeting

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Jane Fleshman*

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## GIFTS TO GOD

February 6, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 8,288.20
Budgeted .....	\$ 8,861.00
Building fund .....	\$ 2,751.00
Budgeted .....	\$ 2,585.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

*St. Thomas by the Sea Building Fund*

We need the help of visitors and parishioners alike in maintaining this beautiful church. Your assistance is much appreciated.

## 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You can pick up your Contribution Statement from the table in the Narthex. If you do not see yours, call the church office at 251-981-8132.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUNDAY

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal. There are pledge cards in the pews that you can fill out and return to the church office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Those in need in our parish and archdiocese thank you!

**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, Brandt Quinn, 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 Jorden, Mike Offerle, Phillip Coco, Patrick Rogers, Randy Quinn, Thomas Cichoski.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Please join fellow winter visitors and parishioners on Tuesdays after morning Mass – a great opportunity to visit with and get to know each other!

**MARY'S SHELTER BINGO UPDATE**

Please join us for Mary's Shelter Bingo on Thursdays. Early Bird at 5:30 p.m. and regular games at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 4:15 p.m. Attendance is limited and wearing masks is recommended. Food will be available for purchase. We still need volunteers, especially callers! If you can help, call Suzanne at 251-213-3035. Hope to see you there!

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Two years ago, just before COVID-19 swept over us, we had just begun a weekly series in preparation for Lent and Holy Week. We are going to revive that series. Music Director Paul Anderson will take us through *The Passion of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew*, with music by Johann Sebastian Bach. Many people consider this to be the greatest piece of music ever written. We will meet for two hours weekly for six weeks on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. Want to join the group? It's simple, just email Paul at [epmusic.paul@gmail.com](mailto:epmusic.paul@gmail.com) to get all the details.

**SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

Small Christian Communities began a few weeks ago. In this 10-week series we are viewing and discussing *SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained*, a video program available on FORMED.org (Catholic Faith Resource on Demand available through St. Thomas by the Sea for FREE). Groups meet weekly on Tuesday or Thursday mornings and Sunday, Monday or Thursday evenings. These small communities are a part of the wider Church and provide opportunities to grow in knowledge and relationship with God, strengthen faith-sharing, and participate in prayer and fellowship with others in St. Thomas parish. **We welcome our northern, winter visitors to join us for all or part of the series.** Look for sign-up cards in the Narthex, fill out and place in collection basket or return to church office. For more information, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016 or [mldsibille@gmail.com](mailto:mldsibille@gmail.com).

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING**

The parish would like to form a group for young adults at the parish, ages 21 and up. If you are interested in joining a group of young Catholics for socializing and service, please contact Chris Dickhute at 402-490-9454 or email him at [dickhute@gmail.com](mailto:dickhute@gmail.com).

*God never promised to take you out of your problems,  
but He did promise to take you through them.*

**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**

**5:00 p.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Nancy Milton

*Communion:* Peggy Newsome, Mary Dalton, J.R. Bedel, Andree Drouilhet

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

*Altar Server:* Al Bedel

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Bob Barnett

*Communion:* Bety McDuffie, Vicky Brown, Marian Smith, Terry Barnett

*Ushers:* JoEllen Karazim, Lynn Tampary, Paul Brown, LuAnne & Art Yaroch

*Altar Server:* Carlos DeSanctis

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Annette Mitchell

*Communion:* Darlene Kerchner, Cheryl Robinson, Steve & Barb Vichich

*Ushers:* Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Mark Dickhute, Lee Barnes, Rita Essig

*Altar Server:* Steve Fletcher

**HOME VISITS & CONFESSIONS**

Father Paul is available to bless your home. Please call the parish office at 251-981-8132 for an appointment. You can also schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you can't come on a Saturday or on a weekday before or after morning Mass.

**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.

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