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*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation."*

2 COR 6:2

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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, February 17

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass –
Intention: Lorraine Bianchini +

SUNDAY, February 18

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: June Pumford +
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners

MONDAY, February 19

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

TUESDAY, February 20

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Evelyn Mrutchowski +
- 9:30 a.m. Snowbird Coffee

WEDNESDAY, February 21

- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Walton Smith +
- 6:30 p.m. Walking with Purpose

THURSDAY, February 22

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Leonard Traveis +
- 5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

FRIDAY, February 23

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Kathryn Ingram +
- 9:30 a.m. (Silent) Holy Hour of Adoration
- 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary
- 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, February 24

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Peter Spaulding +

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Patrick Rogers, Bill & Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Elliott Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Becky Cate, Mark Cate, Dina Bazor, Thomas Potts, Michael Fleshman, Michael Dalton, Brian Coco, Lorrie Larew, Rebecca London, Jordan Dupre', Kathleen Dupre', Joe Mullen, Pat Hutton, Patty Tucker, Jerry Tucker, Eddie Werneth, Larry Cloran, Maureen Cloran, Denny Villano, Sal Lupo, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Gustavo Caceres, Living and Deceased members of Caceres, Rios, Alonso, and SantaCruz families and Anna Claire McKean. *Please notify the Church Office if you need to add a name to this list.*



PARISH SECRETARY POSITION: The Parish is in need of a secretary. Please let us know if you are interested, or if you know someone who would be. Contact Marge Keller at stthomasbk@gmail.com, or call the Parish Office for more information at 251-981-8132.

MARK YOUR SCHEDULE and join us for our **Lenten Mission**, to be given by Fr. Paul Zoghby, pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland in Foley – Tuesday, February 27, 9:30 a.m. (followed by coffee & donuts) and Thursday, February 29, 6:30 p.m., followed by Reconciliation (and a wine & cheese reception).

JOIN FR. PAUL as he prays a (silent) **Holy Hour** on Fridays after morning Mass, for the intention of our Country and our Church.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to lead a Rosary before each weekend Mass, starting one-half hour before Mass – especially needed for Sunday Masses. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact the church office.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, DISTRICT MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT will be held February 24, 2024 at Our Lady of the Gulf Church, 308 E.22nd Avenue, Gulf Shores. See the bulletin board notice in the Narthex for more info. All men are invited

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2024 WINTER POTLUCK on Sunday, February 25, 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Church provides meats and drinks. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS are now available to attend the **National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024. To see the guidelines and apply, go to eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is this Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Serving fried fish, coleslaw, french fries and hush puppies, with tea or lemonade. All proceeds go to local charities. See you then!



Friendly Reminder:

St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

February 11, 2024

OFFERTORY	\$ 11,741.02
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,825.00
MEMORIALS.....	\$ 110.00
Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast.....	\$ 3,975.00
OFFERTORY ACTUAL – January 2024	\$ 47,233.41
<i>BUDGETED.....</i>	<i>\$ 42,000.00</i>
BUILDING FUND ACTUAL – January 2024	\$ 13,228.17
<i>BUDGETED.....</i>	<i>\$ 14,800.00</i>

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Rev. Fr. Charles Dominique will speak and share personal witness at all Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION... All are welcome!

- **Small Christian Communities:** To join a group, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016. Winter visitors are welcome.
- **Men of St. Joseph:** Men join in reading and discussing readings for the following Sunday Masses, along with the Wednesday reflections from *Magnificat*. Contact Bob Barnett at 251-979-1573 or rbbrb@gmail.com.
- **Walking With Purpose:** This Bible Study Group for women meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Contact Diana d'Angelo at 440-487-4373 or ddangelo17@icloud.com
- **Daughters of Mary:** These women meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. Contact Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997, or at a_drouilhet@yahoo.com.
- **Formed.org:** Sign up free as a parishioner and take advantage of the many Catholic faith formation resources available.

OUR PARISH IS IN NEED of a golf cart-type vehicle for transporting materials, tools, etc. around the campus. If anyone has one they no longer use, we would appreciate your donation. Call Parish Office at 251-981-1981.

ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL extends an invitation to attend a Spirit Night at the Wolf Bay Restaurant in Foley on Tuesday, February 20th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. 10% of all proceeds will go directly to the School. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL has a coupon book available with discounts to local restaurants and other businesses. The booklet is \$20.00 and is available from the Gift Shop after Mass.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER will have its annual **SPAGHETTI DINNER** on Monday, February 19, 2024, 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Methodist Church auditorium. Tickets are \$10.00, dine-in or drive-thru! See poster on bulletin board for more information.

MARY'S SHELTER BINGO is on Thursdays, starting with Early Bird games at 5:30 p.m. Regular games start at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun evening! Food is available for purchase.

MARY'S SHELTER BE MY VALENTINE IV – Mary's Shelter Be My Valentine IV is this Sunday, February 18, 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Hall. Tickets are still available for the \$10,000 Drawdown Extravaganza! Tickets are \$100.00, available at the door. This fun event includes lunch, door prizes and a live "Elvis" performance in addition to the Drawdown. Mary's Shelter is our local home for pregnant, homeless women; your support is appreciated.

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WORD OF LIFE: "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you. God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

– **UCCSB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

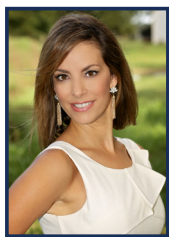
MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 24-25, 2024

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	J.R. Bedel	Tina D'Aversa Jay Powell Dorothy Dutilly Sharon Mahne	Al Bedel	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz Andree Drouilhet Tim Drouilhet	Rosemary Spaulding
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bob Barnett	Anne Quinn Betty McDuffie Vicki Brown Beverly Mills	Bill Cranston	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary	Mike Shell
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Francie Towey	Cheryl Robinson Bob Lindley Kathy Lindley Merrie Henderson	John Scheel	Lee Barnes, Patty Cummings Dan Cummings June Murray, Sandy Tryles Steve Kerchner	Aracelly Cain Smith

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Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., September-Easter
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- Respect Life Committee**
Suzanne Laurier251-981-1918
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