

# 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 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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Rey Segovia, Patricia Chambers, 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, James Rudolph, Melanie Mitchell, Eric Montross, Kylie Herring, Tony Cate, Dina Bazor, Kathleen Dupre’, Thomas Potts and Jayden Thompson. *Please contact the church office to add to or update list.*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: All St. Thomas By The Sea Parishioners*  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Robert Cross+*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Sue Pizzitola+*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Robert Moore+*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Mary Newsome+*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Mavis Adams+*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

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

**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.



**LIFE QUOTE**

God’s love – individual, real, unchanging – is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because His love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

We welcome Father **Nghia Cao** of Cross Catholic Outreach, who is celebrating Holy Mass with us this weekend while Fr. Paul is away. Fr. Cao is speaking on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** will be August 27th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights offer this at no charge and sincerely invite everyone to attend.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

*You can give electronically wherever you travel!* Just get the Vanco, Inc. “Give Plus+” Smart Phone app. Vanco is the company that provides e-giving capability at St. Thomas by the Sea and at more than 25,000 churches nationally. Once you have the app, just look up the Church by Name, City or Zip Code. An immediate e-mail receipt will confirm your gift.

<b>YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on August 13, 2023</b>	
Offertory .....	\$ 8,440.00
Budgeted .....	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 1,799.00
Building Fund Budgeted .....	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1,352.96
Votives and Memorials .....	\$ 326.23
Church in Latin America .....	\$ 50.00
<b>THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:</b>	
<b>CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS</b>	
<b>NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR:</b>	
<b>ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND</b>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

**CHILDRENS FAITH FORMATION (CCD)** begins Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 8:50-9:45 a.m. for all St. Thomas By The Sea children. If you are new to St. Thomas by The Sea, please call the church office to add your child/children to the program. Also, **Confirmation Students – 10th graders** considering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Catholic Church, please contact the church office to register for Confirmation classes beginning this September.

**SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES** will resume meeting the week of September 11, 2023. In this series, we will view and discuss *Rediscover The Power/Mysteries of the Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries*, a video program available on FORMED. Org (Catholic Faith Resource On-Demand available through St. Thomas by the Sea for FREE). Groups will meet weekly on Tuesday or Thursday mornings and Sunday or Thursday evenings. These small communities are a part of the wider Church and provide opportunity to grow in knowledge and relationship with God, strengthen faith sharing, prayer and fellowship with others in St. Thomas parish. For more information, contact the church office or Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016 or mldsibille@gmail.com.

**WALKING WITH A PURPOSE – Coming Soon**, 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. Beginning this Fall at St. Thomas By The Sea Library on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We are looking for a WWP coordinator. Training will be provided. If interested or any questions, contact Diana D’Angelo at 440-487-4373 or ddangelo17@icloud.com.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSION –** Nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States and in its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). Thank you for your generosity.

Celebrating a **MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** this year? Our Archdiocese would like to invite Couples celebrating 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries to special Milestone Wedding Anniversary Masses and receptions. These will be held in September.

- On September 2, 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Auburn
- On September 16, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Parish in Eufaula
- On September 23, 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley
- On September 23, 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish, Mobile

Please register by August 27, 2023 at [mobarch.org/milestone-anniversary](http://mobarch.org/milestone-anniversary).

**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – AUGUST 26-27**

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Patrick Dalton	Mary Dalton, Tina D’Aversa, J.R. Bedel, Nancy Milton	Al Bedel	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz, Rob Shine, Agnes Johnson	J.R. Bedel
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Melissa Sibille	Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Sharon Mahne, Betty McDuffie	Carlos DeSanctis	Lynn Tampary, Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner, Paul Brown	Deacon Steve
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Annette Mitchell	Darlene Kerchner, Joanie Pruett, Bob Lindley, Kathy Lindley	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Steve Kerchner, Patty Cummings, Dan Cummings, Richard Mercer, Mike Pruett, Lee Barnes	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.

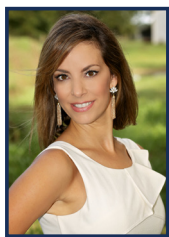
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