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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)

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intentions: Bielkiewicz & Dausat Families † & Edith Jackson †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Steve Quinn † & All Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Angela Foy & Louise Madere †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mario Coll †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Tom Jordan †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Barbara Seymour †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 – FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Meg Cates † Joe Grimes †
 9:30 a.m. Adoration/Rosary
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intentions: Bielkiewicz & Dausat Families †



Please pray for: Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Rey Segovia, Patricia Chambers, Elizabeth Von Bergen, Mark Martz, Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Cheryl Strockis, Elliott Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Edith O’Rear, Patricia Ann Cassidy, Sarah Tino, Bishop Gregory Parks, Lisa Hughes, Claire Hughes, Ron Gray, Chuck Coffey, Pam Rohan, Babe Rohan, Paul Rohan, Mary Newsome, Don Passage, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax and Sally O’Donnell.

To add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

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 call to schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you can’t come on a Saturday.

PALM TREE MEMORIALS...You may have noticed the new palm trees 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 form in the narthex. Brick and flower memorials are also available.



Christmas Preparation is underway!!!



ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE FOR MARY’S SHELTER GULF COAST – A mega raffle is scheduled for March 2023 with a drawing for a prize every day of the month! **Tickets are only \$50.00 each** and all proceeds will benefit Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast (MSGC) in Elberta, Alabama. Please buy a ticket to support this worthy cause. MSGC is the only charitable organization in this five-county area able to offer shelter and support to homeless, pregnant adult women, before and after the birth of their child. Tickets are being sold in the back of church, the gift shop or in the church office during the week. Please help support Mary’s Shelter by buying a ticket today.

CHRISTMAS MESSIAH – Come to Sacred Heart Cathedral and get in the Christmas Spirit and hear our very own Vicki Gordziel. The Choral Society of Pensacola is performing Handel’s Messiah December 2, 7:30 p.m. and December 3, 12:00 noon at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 12th Avenue, Pensacola, FL. Come and listen to this glorious 80+ choral group perform this beautiful work and a few more lovely pieces!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
November 20, 2022

Offertory	\$ 5,909.00
Budgeted	\$ 8,634.00
Building Fund	\$ 205.00
Memorials.....	\$ 10.00
Special Collection.....	\$ 832.00
Votives.....	\$ 28.20
Online Giving	\$ 2,106.67

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:
 ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH!**
Thank you for your generosity!

The Altar Rosary Society ladies are busy planning on decorating our church and rectory, but we need your help. Please call the church office if you are able to help lift the large Christmas Trees for the altar or just to help decorate. The decorating will begin on Sunday, December 18th immediately following 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Mary's Shelter Bingo will be back next January, starting Thursday, January 5. The 2021 season was can-celled due to COVID, and the 2022 season was shortened and had reduced attendance. This year will be our 19th, and we hope to be back to full capacity! But **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to be callers, floor attendants and kitchen helpers. Please consider giving us a hand – you can work anywhere from once a month to every Thursday. Call Suzanne at 251-213-3035 to volunteer or for more information.

WELCOME HOME....to all of our Winter Visitors. We certainly missed you.

Please join us for **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR** following 9:00 Mass on Wednesday mornings. It is a great time for fellowship and fun in the Parish Hall.

"HOLY ROLLERS" BICYCLE CLUB – Want a great opportunity to keep physically and spiritually healthy while getting to know each other better? If you are free on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. and want to join this group, please call the church office at 251-981-8132 for more details. Fr. Paul and others meet at Catman Trail off of Orange Beach Blvd.

ALTAR LINENS – Altar Linen care for December: Merrie Henderson and Sharon Mahne. Thank you ladies!

Are you wondering what's going on with the construction on the east side of the church? This will be the St. Thomas by the Sea Prayer Garden. Our Prayer Garden will have a water fountain, St. Michael Statue, gardens, seating, etc. It will also serve the purpose of addressing the erosion that has taken place on the west side of the retention pond. Construction should be complete in 3-4 months. We are very excited about this new addition to our Holy Grounds at St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church.



Information on our **Parish Finance Council**, as well as Annual & Quarterly Financial Reports, are available online through our website. Go to www.stthomasbythesea.com, click on "Parish Ministries," then "About Us," to find the latest financial information. If you have any questions, contact any member of the Finance Council.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – December 3-4, 2022

	Lector	Communion	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	Tina D'Aversa	Mary Dalton, Patrick Dalton, Jay Powell, Nancy Milton	Jim and Agnes Johnson, Joe Fierro, Van Bielkiewicz, Jay Powell, JR Bedel	Al Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Melissa Sibille	Betty McDuffie, Terry Barnett, Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Marian Smith	Paul Brown, Kelley Ouzts, Robert & Ouida Turner, Art & Luann Yaroch	Bill Cranston
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Annette Mitchell	Mary Mercer, Alice Madere, Cheryl Robinson, Darlene Kerchner, Merrie Henderson	Lee Barnes, Dan & Patty Cummings, Richard Mercer, June Murray, Steve Kerchner	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 to volunteer.

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Ministry
To serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister..... Contact Father Paul

RCIA
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.,
September – Easter
Contact Father Paul...251-981-8132

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

Sacrament of Baptism
Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132

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