

Behold,  
the virgin  
shall be  
with child  
and bear a son,  
and they shall  
name him

*Emmanuel*

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Holy Mass*  
*Intentions: Bill Chambers †, Bielkiewicz & Dauzat families †*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett † & All Parishioners*  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*David Cranston † & Natalie Carr (L)*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Dick Samson †*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Isabelle Yaroch † & Kathryn Hire †*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 – First Friday**

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett † & Mike Mahne †*  
 9:30 a.m. Adoration/Holy Hour  
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass  
*Intentions: Bielkiewicz & Dauzat 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, Tommie Werneth, 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, Jane Swain, Bob Pumford 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 tress 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 the form in the narthex. Brick and flower memorials are also available.



**Check out the 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.

**St. Benedict Catholic School** is, once again, selling their coupon book for \$20.00 each. There are a variety of coupons for local and neighboring towns, and are especially useful for visiting friends & family. Coupon books can be purchased in our Gift Shop.



**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD  
 December 25, 2022**

Offertory .....	\$10,751.00
Budgeted .....	\$ 8,634.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 5,005.61
Memorials.....	\$ 680.00
Votives .....	\$ 12.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1,897.82

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

**The 7th Annual Emerald Coast Walk for Life** will be held Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Seville Square Park in downtown Pensacola. A group from our parish will be attending – if you would like to carpool, contact Suzanne Laurier at 251-981-1918.

**Mary's Shelter Bingo** will be back in January, starting Thursday, January 5. The 2021 season was cancelled 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 a.m. Mass on Wednesday mornings. It is a great time for fellowship and fun in the Parish Hall.

**As the weather turns colder, the Alfred-Washburn Center is in great need of tents for the homeless.** The people the Center serves daily usually sleep in the woods, under overpasses or anywhere they can, and they appreciate having a roof over their head, even if only a canvas roof. If you can help, please place your contribution in the collection basket or take it to the church office. The tents cost approximately \$30.00 each. Your donation will make a difference.

**The Altar Rosary Society** will meet on January 10, 2023. We will meet in the Parish Hall after Tuesday morning Mass. All ladies are welcome and we would love to have you join us.

The **Baldwin-Escambia Deanery ACCW Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at St. Agatha Parish in Bay Minette, AL. Registration and coffee begin at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall followed by the business meeting at 9:15 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in St. Agatha Church at 11:00 a.m., with lunch at 12:00 p.m. Cost of the luncheon is \$13.00 (checks made payable to St. Agatha Altar Society). Please call Anne Quinn at 303-324-3526 to make your reservations.

The **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** will start on January 13th in the Parish Hall. We will be serving from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Proceeds go to support local charities through the local Council.

The next **Knights of Columbus meeting** will be Friday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. All Knights and men interested in receiving more information about the Knights are invited.

**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – January 7-8, 2023**

	Lector	Communion	Ushers	Altar Server
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Tina D'Aversa	Mary Dalton, Patrick Dalton, Jay Powell, Joanne Cranston, Nancy Milton	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz	Bill Cranston
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Melissa Sibille	Vicki Brown, Anne Quinn, Marian Smith, Bob Lindley, Kathy Lindley	Paul Brown, Kelly Ouzts, Robert & Ouida Turner, Art & Luann Yaroch	Carlos de Sanctis
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Annette Mitchell	Merrie Henderson, Darlene Kerchner, Mary Mercer, Joanie Pruett, Alice Madere	Steve Kerchner, Richard Mercer, Mike Pruett, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings	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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**Winter Visitor Contact**  
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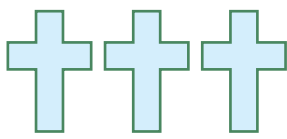
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