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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, January 13

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Jane Pumford +

SUNDAY, January 14

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike and Tom Barnett+
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Parishioners

MONDAY, January 15

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

TUESDAY, January 16

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Frank Raue+
 9:30 a.m. Snowbird Coffee
 9:30 a.m. ARS Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 17

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Babe Rohan+
 6:30 p.m. Walking With Purpose

THURSDAY, January 18

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

FRIDAY, January 19

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Frank Raue +
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, January 20

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Cindy Marie Melugin+

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', Joe Mullen, Pat Hutton, Patty Tucker, Jerry Tucker, Eddie Werneth, Larry Cloran, and Maureen Cloran. *Please notify the church Office if you need to add a name to this list.*

COFFEE AND 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!

ALTAR CARE for January: June Murray and Luann Yaroch. Thank you, ladies.

BLESS YOUR HOME FOR EPIPHANY – This tradition is a way of blessing all who enter, exit and dwell in your home throughout the new year. Pick up your blessed chalk and blessing prayer in the Narthex.

On **MONDAY, JANUARY 22**, the Church in the USA will observe the **Annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. You're invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer during a special Novena called *9 Days for Life* – either pick up the Novena in the Narthex, or sign up at 9daysforlife.com. Locally, the 2024 Walk for Life will take place on Saturday, January 27th, at Seville Square in Pensacola at 11:00 a.m. Our Respect Life group will be attending; to join them and carpool, call Suzanne at 251-213-3035.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES – January is St. Thomas by the Sea's month to help stock the food pantry. There is an urgent need for: cereal, canned chili, diced tomatoes, tuna and Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap. Remember – we cannot give expired or opened food items. Leave your bags in the enclosure in the Narthex. God Bless you for your generosity!

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** is held every Friday at the Parish Center, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Plan to join us for delicious fish and sides. More information to follow!

LIFE QUOTES: When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share His love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness and authentic friendship with them.

– UCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
on December 31, 2023**

Offertory	\$ 14,485.55
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 9,000.00
Memorials	\$ 40.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,037.18
Votives	\$ 167.86
Building Fund	\$ 4,680.25
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 4,000.00

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
January 7, 2024**

Offertory	\$ 9,591.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 9,000.00
Memorials	\$ 40.00
Online giving	\$ 2,462.71
Votives	\$ 25.50
Building Fund	\$ 2,015.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 4,000.00

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR
THE ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND.
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FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Until further notice,
 the St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel
 is open weekdays for prayer,
 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



NEXT WEEKEND: Mrs. Shannon D. Roh (Executive Director of Development & Stewardship) will speak to endorse the Catholic Charities Appeal.

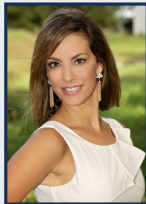
ADULT FAITH FORMATION... All are welcome!

- **Small Christian Communities:** Please join in our next series, beginning the week of January 14. As the church continues to focus on the National Eucharistic Revival Mission in 2024, over seven weeks we will be reading together and discussing our Christmas gift book, *Beautiful Eucharist*. "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist should be like touching Heaven, and that should change the way we live here on earth!" (Matthew Kelly). To join a group, complete the registration card (on back table in Narthex) or contact Melisa Sibille at 850-566-1016. Existing group members will be contacted by their group facilitator. Groups meet once a week on different days and times – 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 rbbtrb@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, growing in faith and community with one another. Contact Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997, or ata_drouilhet@yahoo.com.

MARY'S SHELTER BINGO is on Thursdays, starting with Early Bird games at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a fun evening! Food available for purchase. Call Suzanne at 251-213-3035 (stthomasvolunteers@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information. We have an urgent need for volunteers to provide homemade desserts – call June Murray at 205-799-4096.

MARY'S SHELTER BE MY VALENTINE IV – Tickets are on sale for the 2024 **Be My Valentine IV \$10,000.00 Drawdown Extravaganza** event which is scheduled for February 18, 2024 from 12 Noon-4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Hall, 308 East 22nd Avenue, Gulf Shores. In addition to the drawdown, the event will include lunch and a live "Elvis" performance. Tickets are \$100.00 each and go fast, so purchase yours by calling Shannon at 251-986-6351. Mary's Shelter is our local home for pregnant, homeless women; this is its major fundraising event every year.

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MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – JANUARY 20-21, 2024

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Shine	Tina D'Aversa Jay Powell Sharon Mahne J.R. Bedel	Tim Drouilhet	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell Van Bielkiewicz Rob Shine, Denise Jackson	Andree Drouilhet
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bob Barnett	Anne Quinn Betty McDuffie Joanne Cranston Bill Cranston	Carlos DeSanctis	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch Luann Yaroch Robert Turner Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary	Aracelly Cain Smith
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Annette Mitchell	Melanie Reece Mary Mercer Cheryl Robinson Merrie Henderson	John Scheel	Richard Mercer Patty Cumming Dan Cummings Steve Kerchner Lee Barnes, Mike Pruett	John Scheel

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES – EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND USHERS. Training is provided. Please call the Church Office at 251-981-8132.

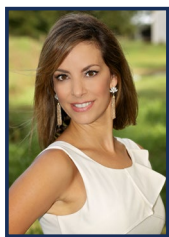
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