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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). 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 14

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
*Intentions: Allison Kate Wolfe †
 Bielkiewicz & Dauzat Families †*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett †
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Claude Laurier †

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Luc Tourangeau †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Lucie Richer (L)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Johanna Van Zeeland †
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Thomas Poole (L)



Please pray for: Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, PatricThomas 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, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Jane Swain, Bob Pumford, Priscilla Miller 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 tree 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, in 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.



SAVE THE DATE!!! We are working on our parish directory. The first photo session will be on Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sign up for your preferred time by going to <http://stthomasbythesea1.flocknote.com/signup/109830>. Please add your phone number and number in your party to the sign-up for reference. One time slot per family. Please add your phone number to the sign-up for reference. By coming in to be photographed, you will be entitled to a free copy of the directory – you will not be under any obligation to purchase photos. For more information, call or email the church office.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
 January 8, 2023

Offertory	\$10,251.00
Budgeted	\$ 8,634.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,747.00
Memorials.....	\$ 20.00
Votives	\$ 43.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,419.34

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

Mary's Shelter Bingo is BACK!!! 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**, especially **CALLERS**. Please consider giving us a hand – you can work anywhere from once a month to every Thursday. Early Bird games start at 5:30 p.m., regular games at 6:30 p.m. 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.

January is the month our parish helps restock the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry. They prepare bags for their clients based upon family size and makeup, with food for at least three days. Items especially needed are: Canned Chili, Ravioli, Beef Ravioli, Beenie Weenies, Vienna Sausages, Spam, Canned Meats/Tuna/Chicken, Hearty Soups, Canned Fruit, Pork and Beans. Thank you for your help and support. God Bless!



The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is now on Fridays in the Parish Hall. We will be serving from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Proceeds go to support local charities through the local Council.

THE WINTER POTLUCK

Please join us for the 2023 WINTER POTLUCK on Sunday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The church will provide the meat, rolls and drinks. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

SNOWBIRD COFFEE – If any of our winter visitors would like to take on the responsibility of our Tuesday morning Snowbird coffee and donuts, please contact the office – we would love to revive this tradition that started many, many years ago!



Due to the overwhelming response to the Epiphany Chalking of the Door Kits, we now have more blessed kits ready for you to take home and bless your home. One kit per family.

January 22, 2023 has been designated by the Church as the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Please consider joining in a Novena for the protection of human life from January 19 through 27. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. You can sign up to receive the Novena at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – January 21-22, 2023

	Lector	Communion	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	Patrick Dalton	Mary Dalton, JR Bedel, Nancy Milton, Tina D'Aversa, Jay Powell	Joe Fierro, Van Bielkiewicz, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Tim Drouilhet	Al Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Bob Barnett	Terry Barnett, Betty McDuffie, Vicki Brown Joanne Cranston, Anne Quinn	Paul Brown, Kelly Ouzts, Ouida & Robert Turner, Art & Luann Yaroch	Bill Cranston
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Jean Marzullo	Merrie Henderson, Darlene Kerchner, Joanie Pruett, Alice Madere, Mary Mercer	Lee Barnes, Steve Kerchner, Mike Pruett, Dan & Pat Cummings, Richard Mercer	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...251-981-8132

RCIA

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.,
 September-Easter
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St. Benedict School

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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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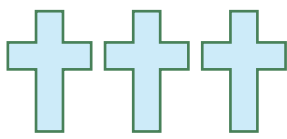
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