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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 20

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

SUNDAY, January 21

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Paul Peterson +
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Parishioners

MONDAY, January 22

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

TUESDAY, January 23

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Yvonne Travers +
 9:30 a.m. Snowbird Coffee

WEDNESDAY, January 24

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

THURSDAY, January 25

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
*Intention: Kathryn M. and
 Ralph J. Villano +*
 5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

FRIDAY, January 26

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Denny Villano
 9:45 a.m. (Silent) Holy Hour
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary
 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, January 27

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
*Intention: The Rowland Family,
 Don Passage +*

Friendly Reminder:
 St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel is open
 Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 A (Silent) Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
 will be held every Friday after Morning Mass.



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, Maureen Cloran, Denny Villano and Sal Lupo. *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!

OUR PARISH IS IN NEED OF A GOLF CART-TYPE VEHICLE for transporting materials, tools, etc. around the campus. If anyone has one they no longer use, we would appreciate your donation. Call the Parish Office at 251-981-1981.

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONGRESS will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024! Register by January 24 to get discounted rates, at www.mobarch.org/eucharistic-revival. All parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider if they can attend.

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, french fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, water or iced tea for \$13.00 per dinner. Beer and wine available for a donation.

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. 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!*

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
January 14, 2024

Offertory	\$ 8,963.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 10,500.00
Memorials.....	\$ 10.00
Online giving	\$ 1,507.71
Votives.....	\$ 48.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,573.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 3,900.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR
THE 2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity!

Welcome to Mrs. Shannon D. Roh, Executive Director of Development and Stewardship, who will speak to endorse the Catholic Charities Appeal.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUNDAY. Each parishioner is asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal. You can also make your pledge online at mobarch.org/giving or text CCA to 91999 for a link to give online. There are also pledge cards in the pews you can fill out and return to the Parish Office. *Thank you!*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION... All are welcome!

- **Small Christian Communities:** Our current series began the week of January 14 but it's not too late to join a group. 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*. Winter visitors are welcome. Contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016.
- **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 rbtrb@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 at a_drouilhet@yahoo.com.

Mary's Shelter Bingo is on Thursdays, starting with Early Bird games at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a fun evening! Food is available for purchase.

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 to 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.

Life Quotes:

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

– United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Living the Gospel of Life," c 1998 USCCB

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK - PIER HOUSE

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND - JANUARY 27-28, 2024

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Tina D'Aversa	Sharon Mahne Nancy Milton Andree Drouilhet Jay Powell Tina D'Aversa	Al Bedel	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz Denise Jackson, Rob Shine	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Beverly Mills	Anne Quinn Melissa Sibille Raquel Coll Marian Smith	Bill Cranston	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner Paul Brown, John Neese	Mike Shell
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Alice Madere	Bob Lindley Kathy Lindley Darlene Kerchner Joanie Pruett	John Scheel	June Murray, Steve Kerchner Mike Pruett, Sandy Tryles Lee Barnes, Richard Mercer	Decon Steve

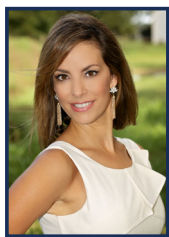
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES – EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND USHERS. Training is provided. Please call the Church Office at 251-981-8132.

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September-Easter
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