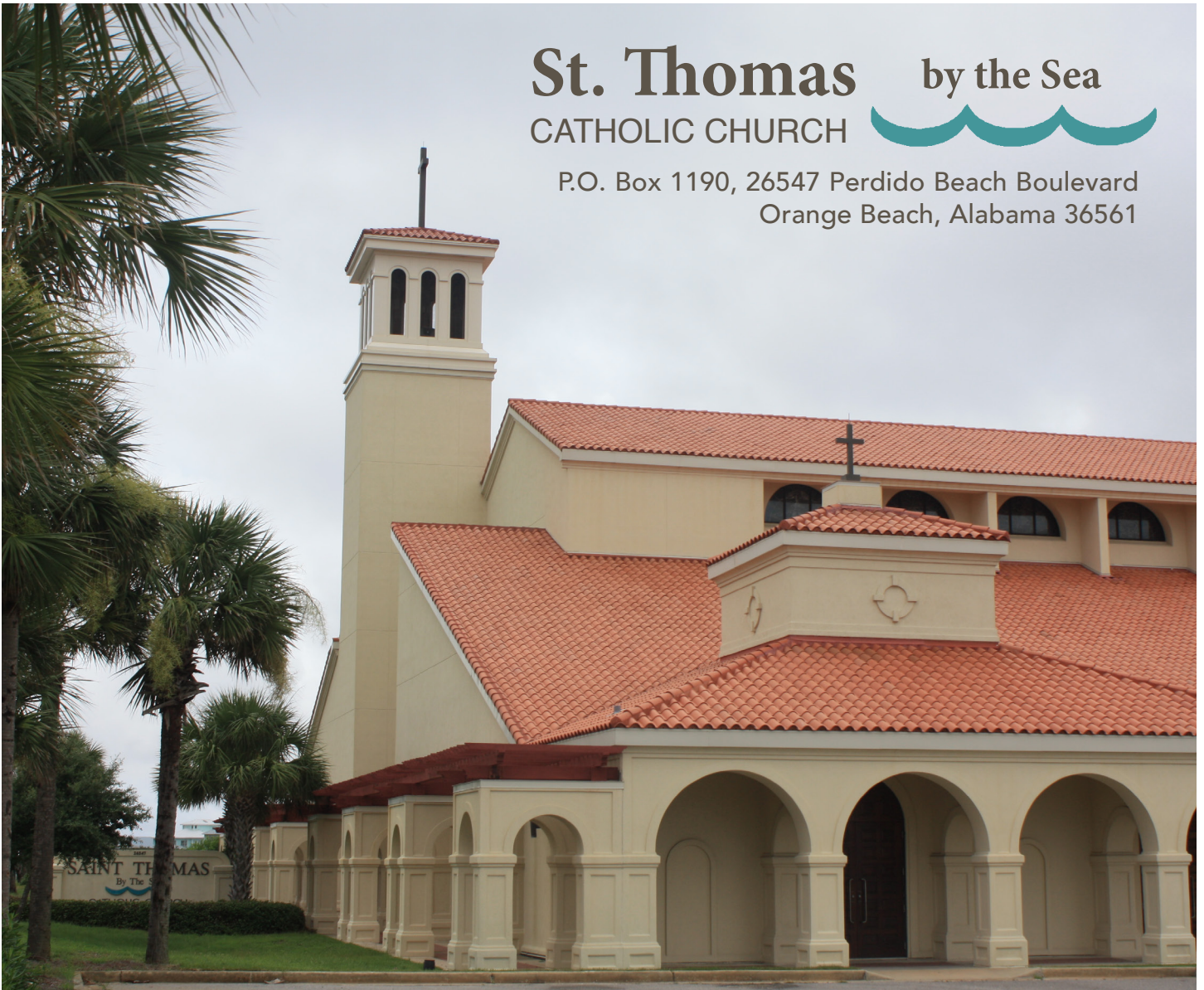


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WELCOME!

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 27

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

SUNDAY, January 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Bill Chambers +

MONDAY, January 29

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

TUESDAY, January 30

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: David Harveston
9:30 a.m. Snowbird Coffee

WEDNESDAY, January 31

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

THURSDAY, February 1

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

FRIDAY, February 2

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
9:30 a.m. *Intention: Joe Kenny, Joseph Maren +,
and Marie Walsh +*
(Silent) Hour of Adoration
10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary
4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, February 3

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Babe Rohan
6:00 p.m. Parish Wine and Cheese Social

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.*

CONGRATULATIONS to Cole Pinther and Nicole Fletcher who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church on Saturday, February 3rd.

OPEN POSITION

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION: The Parish is in need of a secretary. Please let us know if you are interested, or if you know someone who would be. Contact Marge Keller at stthomasbk@gmail.com, or call the Parish Office for more information at 251-981-8132.

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONGRESS will be held in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024! Please prayerfully consider if you can attend. A group from our parish is going, so let Fr. Paul or the office know if you can join them.

JOIN US....at a Parish Wine & Cheese Social in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 3, 6:00 p.m., following the Vigil Mass. Come meet your neighbors, friends and fellow parishioners and share a glass and light hors d'oeuvres. Please feel free to bring a dessert, finger food or treat to share.

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.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: The February meeting date is changed to February 6th instead of the 13th, which is Mardi Gras. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library. All ladies (parishioners and visitors) are welcome.

ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available to pick up from the table in the Narthex.



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 21, 2024

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| Offertory | \$ 7,332.00 |
| <i>Budgeted</i> | \$ 10,500.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 2,284.35 |
| <i>Budgeted</i> | \$ 3,900.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 1,563.22 |
| Votives | \$ 62.60 |

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR
THE ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND**

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**FEAST OF THE
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OF THE LORD**

February 2nd

On this Feast of Candlemas, candles are blessed for use in the home for prayer throughout the year. We will have candles available at 9:00 a.m. Mass for people to take home, or you can bring your own (beeswax) candle to be blessed.

THIS IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUNDAY. Complete the pledge card you received in the mail from Archbishop Rodi and put it in the collection basket this weekend, or use the pledge envelope in the pews. You can also donate online – text “CCA” to 91999 for a link. Funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese, and help thousands of people in need. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to this Appeal.

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 rbbrb@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: "Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion." <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>."

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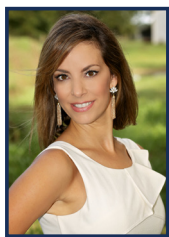
MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024

| | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | ALTAR SERVER | USHER | SACRISTAN |
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| Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | Tina D'Aversa | Nancy Milton Dorothy Dutilly Andree Drouilhet J.R. Bedel | Al Bedel | Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz J.R. Bedel, Tim Drouilhet | Rosemary Spaulding |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | Eva McDuffie | Anne Quinn Sharon Mahne Bettie McDuffie Vicki Brown | Carlos DeSanctis | Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner Paul Brown, John Neese | Mike Shell |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. | Alice Madere | Joanie Pruet Mary Mercer Bob Lindley Kathy Lindley | Bill Cranston | Mike Pruet, Richard Mercer Patty Cummings Dan Cummings Steve Kerchner Lee Barnes | Aracelly Cain Smith |

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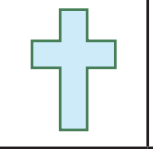
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