

# SAINT THOMAS

By The Sea

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 21**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intentions: Mike & Tom Barnett †*  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Paul Peterson † and All the St. Thomas by the Sea Parishioners*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Mike Mahne †*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intentions: Mike & Tom Barnett †*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Yvonne Travels †*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Marge Lesniak †*  
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: David Cranston †*



**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 trees 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.



**DON’T FORGET TO SIGN UP!!!** 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>. 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.

**WELCOME HOME....**to all of our Winter Visitors. We certainly missed you.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD	
January 15, 2023	
Offertory .....	\$ 9,090.25
Budgeted .....	\$ 8,634.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 3,250.00
Votives .....	\$ 112.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1,979.34

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



# St. Thomas by the Sea Knights of Columbus March 2023 Mega Raffle

To Benefit Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast

For Information and Tickets Contact:  
Joe Fierro 251-504-0221  
or  
Geri Guarino, St. Thomas by the Sea Church  
251-981-8132

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Tickets are \$50 each.</b></p> <p><b>Winners determined daily using the Florida Lottery's Pick 3 Evening Drawing.</b></p>						
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Cooler &amp; More \$400 Value</p> <p>Donated by Grander Marine</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>\$250 Cash</p> <p>Donated by Bob &amp; Terry Barnett</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Golf Package \$220 Value</p> <p>Donated by Orange Beach Golf</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Gift Basket \$250 Value</p> <p>Donated by Tacky Jacks</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Gift Card \$250 Value</p> <p>Donated by Frank &amp; Co</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Gift Certificates \$125 Value</p> <p>Donated by Justice Marketing Group</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>3 Bottle Bourbon Asst. \$200 Value</p> <p>Donated by Cumberland Entertainment Group</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Good Dog Boutique Gift Card &amp; Dolphins Down Under 4 Pack \$155 Value</p> <p>Donated by Good Dog Boutique &amp; DDU</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Cooler &amp; Fishing Package \$220 Value</p> <p>Donated by J&amp;M Tackle</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>\$250 Cash</p> <p>Donated by Bob &amp; Terry Barnett</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Gift Basket \$240 Value</p> <p>Donated by Tacky Jacks</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Gift Card \$200 Value</p> <p>Donated by Publix</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>\$200 Cash</p> <p>Donated by Anonymous</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Gift Card &amp; Yeti Cooler \$350 Value</p> <p>Donated by Larfigue's Seafood &amp; Johnson Family</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>4 Pack \$105 Value</p> <p>Donated by Dolphins Down Under</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Gift Card \$200 Value</p> <p>Donated by Big Fish</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Gift Card \$200 Value</p> <p>Donated by Rouses Markets</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Gift Card \$200 Value</p> <p>Donated by Rouses Markets</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>2 Hour Foil Board Lesson \$350 Value</p> <p>Donated by Foil Gulf Coast</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Weber Grill \$150 Value</p> <p>Donated by Paris Ace Hardware</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>3 Bottle Bourbon Asst. \$200 Value</p> <p>Donated by Cumberland Entertainment Group</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Inshore Dive Trip \$130 Value</p> <p>Donated by Mike Shell</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>\$250 Cash</p> <p>Donated by Anonymous</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Bear Point, Alabama Home Rental Voucher \$1200 Gift Card</p> <p>Donated by Allen &amp; Marilyn Davis</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Inshore Fishing Trip (2 people) \$500 Value</p> <p>Donated by Capt. Aaron Abbott</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Gift Card \$200 Value</p> <p>Donated by Rouses Markets</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Southern by the Gulf Destin, Florida Condo 4 Day/3 Night \$1500 Value</p> <p>Donated by Terry &amp; Mickey Goodwin</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Segway Tour for 2 and Beach Chair Rental \$250 Value</p> <p>Donated by Ike's Beach Service</p>
<p>Thanks to <b>Printing Pros</b></p>						

**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 and drinks. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

**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.



Our **Respect Life Group** was blessed to attend the March for Life in Pensacola on a cold, sunny day, to hear the inspirational speakers encourage us to continue the fight for the lives of the most vulnerable of humans. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion, especially today, which has been designated by the Church as the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. If you would like to join our group, contact Suzanne, at 251-981-1918.

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.

**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!



**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!



**Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are back!** Every Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 and includes fish, french fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, and tea or coffee. Come join us for great food and fellowship. Proceeds help local charities.

The **St. Joseph Icon** is available for viewing in the **Narthex** for the next two weeks courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. Prayer cards are available next to the Icon.

**2022 tax statement** – Please pick up your tax statement from the narthex.

**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – January 28-29, 2023**

	Lector	Communion	Ushers	Altar Server
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Kathleen Shine	Mary Dalton, Joanne Cranston, Nancy Milton, Tina D'Aversa, Jay Powell	Joe Fierro, Van Bielkiewicz, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Rob Shine	Bill Cranston
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Jean Marzullo	Terry Barnett, Betty McDuffie, Vicki Brown Sharon Mahne, Anne Quinn	Paul Brown, Kelly Ouzts, Ouida & Robert Turner, Art & Luann Yaroch	Larry Mickwee
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Merrie Henderson	Darlene Kerchner, Joanie Pruett, Melanie Reece, Mary Mercer, Cheryl Robinson	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

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Contact Father Paul...251-981-8132

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**Winter Visitor Contact**  
Ellen Passage.....517-881-6615

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Contact Parish Office at least one month prior .....251-981-8132

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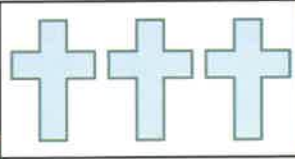
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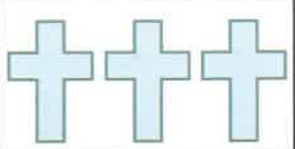
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