

# St. Thomas by the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation."*

2 COR 6:2

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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, February 24**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life  
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass –  
*Intention: Peter Spaulding +*

**SUNDAY, February 25**

7:30 a.m. Rosary for Life  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Tyler Forrester +*  
 9:30 a.m. Rosary for Life  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: All Parishioners*  
 2:00 p.m. Winter Potluck

**MONDAY, February 26**

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

**TUESDAY, February 27**

8:40 a.m. Rosary for Life  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Merle Carroll +*  
 9:30 a.m. Lenten Mission  
 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

**WEDNESDAY, February 28**

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

**THURSDAY, February 29**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: David Cranston +*  
 5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo  
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Mission and  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**FRIDAY, March 1**

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Kathryn Ingram +  
 Tom Cranston +*  
 9:30 a.m. First Friday Holy Hour  
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary  
 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 2**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life  
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Intention: John Smith +*

**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', Kathleen Dupre', Joe Mullen, Patty Tucker, Jerry Tucker, Eddie Werneth, Larry Cloran, Maureen Cloran, Denny Villano, Sal Lupo, Anna Claire McKean, and Cecil & Jesse Young. *Please notify the Church Office if you need to add or remove a name to this list.*



**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.

**MARK YOUR SCHEDULE** and join us for our **Lenten Mission**, to be given by Very Rev. Fr. Paul Zoghby, pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland in Foley – Tuesday, February 27, 9:30 a.m. (followed by coffee & donuts) and Thursday, February 29, 6:30 p.m., followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available to hear Confession.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to lead a Rosary before each weekend Mass, starting one-half hour before Mass – especially needed for Sunday Masses. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact the Church Office.

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN-SPONSORED SEARCH RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** will be held on March 15-17, 2024 at Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia, AL. See the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more details.

**“TO BE OPTIONS FOR WOMEN”** – March is our month to fill the bassinet in the Narthex with items for babies and toddlers (up to age 2-1/2) for this Archdiocesan ministry for women who are pregnant or have a young child. Needed items: diapers (sizes 3-6), baby wipes, diaper cream, baby stroller, bassinet, receiving blankets, infant car seats, clothes (sizes: Newborn-3T), shampoo, baby bottles, new infant car seats, new Pac-N-Play combos, etc. Thank you for your generosity!



**Friendly Reminder:**

St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**February 18, 2024**

OFFERTORY .....	\$ 16,011.00
BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION.....	\$ 2,843.00
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.....	\$ 4,092.00
MEMORIALS.....	\$ 90.00
VOTIVES.....	\$ 69.00
OFFERTORY ACTUAL- YTD.....	\$ 87,851.40
<i>BUDGETED.....</i>	<i>\$ 73,500.00</i>
BUILDING FUND ACTUAL- YTD .....	\$ 16,031.17
<i>BUDGETED.....</i>	<i>\$ 17,800.00</i>

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

Rev. Fr. Charles Dominique will speak and share personal witness at all Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR**

**HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS**

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION... All are welcome!**

- **Small Christian Communities:** To join a group, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016. 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 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. Contact Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997, or at a\_drouilhet@yahoo.com.
- **Formed.org:** Sign up free as a parishioner and take advantage of the many Catholic faith formation resources available.

**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 Parish Office at 251-981-8132.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** is this Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Serving fried fish, coleslaw, french fries and hush puppies, with tea or lemonade. All proceeds go to local charities. See you then!

**ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has a coupon book available with discounts to local restaurants and other businesses. The booklet is \$20.00 and are available from the Gift Shop after Mass.

**MARY'S SHELTER BINGO** is on Thursdays, starting with Early Bird games at 5:30 p.m. Regular games start at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun evening! Food is available for purchase. call Suzanne at 251-213-3035 if interested in volunteering; we especially need callers and cooks.

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS** are now available to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024. To see the guidelines and apply, go to [eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund](http://eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund).

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**WORD OF LIFE:** *"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."*

- USSB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection

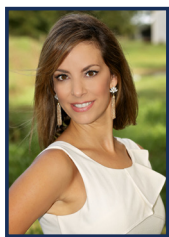
**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 2-3, 2024**

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Nancy Milton	Nancy Milton Mary Dalton J.R. Bedel Sharon Mahne	Patrick Dalton	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell, Van Bielikiewicz Rob Shine, Denise Jackson	Rosemary Spaulding
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Bob Barnett	Anne Quinn Betty McDuffie Joanne Cranston Bill Cranston	Carlos DeSanctis	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner Paul Brown, John Neese	Mike Shell
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Alice Madere	Joanie Pruet Kathy Lindley Bob Lindley Darlene Kerchner	<b>Not Filled</b>	Mike Pruet, Steve Kerchner June Murray, Lee Barnes Sandy Tryles, Richard Mercer	Aracelly Cain Smith

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES  
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Tim McGrath .....  
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- RCIA**  
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.,  
September-Easter  
Contact Parish Office .....251-981-8132
- Respect Life Committee**  
Suzanne Laurier .....251-981-1918
- Sacrament of Baptism**  
Contact Parish Office at least one month prior .....251-981-8132
- Sacrament of Marriage**  
Contact Parish Office at least six months prior .....251-981-8132
- St. Benedict School**  
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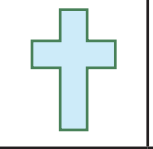
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