

# 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, March 9**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Judy Menge + and  
 Lena Thomas +*

**SUNDAY, March 10**

7:30 a.m. Rosary for Life  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Louise Madere +*  
 9:30 a.m. Rosary for Life  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: All Parishioners*

**MONDAY, March 11**

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

**TUESDAY, March 12**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Ronald Studzinski and  
 all Living and Deceased ARS members*  
 9:45 a.m. Altar Rosary Society Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, March 13**

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Mary Newsome +*

**THURSDAY, March 14**

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

**FRIDAY, March 15**

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Jean Potts +*  
 9:30 a.m. Silent Holy Hour  
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary  
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 16**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life  
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass –  
*Intention: Tom O'Rourke +*



**Friendly Reminder:**

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



## LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

**Holy Thursday, March 28**, Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
 Followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 29**, Adoration 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
 Stations of the Cross at Noon  
 (outside, weather permitting)  
 The Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, March 30**, Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, March 31**, Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
 10:10 a.m. (Parish Hall) and 12 Noon

**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 to or remove from 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.

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS** – If you are a shut-in, please let the office know so we can arrange for someone to visit and bring you Communion. Also, if you are anticipating a stay in the hospital or rehabilitation center, let us know; we can also arrange for you to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before you leave the facility.

**VEHICLE DESPERATELY NEEDED!** In this Lenten Season of Almsgiving, we have a parishioner whose family is in a very dire financial place. They are in desperate need of a vehicle to have or just to borrow for 6-8 months. Any type of working vehicle will do, as long as it is safe and mechanically sound. If you have a vehicle to donate or lend, please contact the parish at [parishoffice@stthomasbythesea.com](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasbythesea.com). *Thank you for your consideration.*

**"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) clothing, shampoo, baby bottles, new infant car seats, new Pac-n-Play combos, etc. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Annual Parish Picnic has been set for Sunday, April 14, starting at 12 Noon. More details to follow.

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 3, 2024

OFFERTORY .....	\$ 13,436.12
VOTIVES.....	\$ 159.00
BUILDING FUND .....	\$ 1,190.00
HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS.....	\$ 12,142.70

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR  
 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

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

*Thank you for your generosity!*



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

- **Small Christian Communities:** To join a group, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016. 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.
- **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.

**DO A LITTLE EXTRA THIS LENT:** Consider joining fellow parishioners to pray the Rosary, starting one-half hour before each weekend Mass.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** All ladies of the Parish (and visitors) are welcome to attend the March meeting of the ARS on Tuesday, March 12 after morning Mass. The ladies are responsible for altar linen care, operating the religious articles shop, and performing many other functions in our Parish, as well as providing support for the charitable organizations.



**THE NEXT TIME YOU RENEW YOUR ALABAMA VEHICLE TAG,** please consider paying an extra \$50.00 to get the Choose Life tag. This specialty tag will identify you as being Pro-life, and you can even personalize it at no extra cost. The extra money is distributed once a year to Pro-life agencies in Baldwin County – Mary’s Shelter currently gets about \$7,000.00 a year from this effort.

**ST. BENEDICT’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has a coupon book available with discounts to local restaurants and other businesses. They are \$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.

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**WORD OF LIFE:** "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with,' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"

(The Gospel of Life 28).

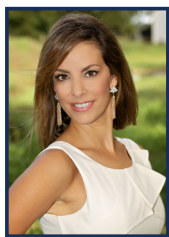
**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – MARCH 16-17, 2024**

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Tina D'Aversa	Andree Drouilhet Dorothy Dutilly Nancy Milton	Al Bedel	J.R. Bedel, Van Bielkiewicz Joe Ferro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell	Aracelly Cain Smith
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Eva McDuffie	Vicki Brown Joanne Cranston Bill Cranston Anne Quinn	Tim Drouillet	Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary Ouida Turner, Robert Turner Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch	Mike Shell
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Merrie Henderson	Mary Mercer Joanie Pruett Cheryl Robinson Sandy Tryles	John Scheel	Lee Barnes, Patty Cummings Dan Cummings Richard Mercer June Murray, Mike Pruett	Deacon Steve

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES  
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Van Bielkiewicz .....225-281-1107
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Suzanne Laurier .....251-981-1918
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- Sacrament of Marriage**  
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- St. Benedict School**  
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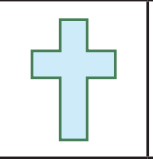
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