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By The Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Joel 2:13



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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 11

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bielkiewicz & Dauzat Families +, Alyana Nottage (L)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: St. Thomas by the Sea Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intentions: Louise Madere +

MONDAY, MARCH 13

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mavis Adams +
 9:30 a.m. Snowbird Coffee & Donuts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Ben Ferrell (L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Bill Chambers +

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett +
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bill Parry + & Maren Family



LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023

Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. (Before Morning Mass) and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 6, Mass at 6:00 p.m., Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7, 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, April 8, Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9, Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Please pray for: Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Patrick Rogers, Thomas 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, 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 and Sally O’Donnell.

To add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Thank you and welcome to Very. Rev. Warren Wall, who is celebrating Mass this weekend, and to Fr. Alwin Legaspi who is celebrating Mass weekdays in Fr. Paul’s absence.

A reminder that abstinence from meat is observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age or older, on all Fridays during Lent. Archbishop Rodi has granted a dispensation for Friday, March 17, St. Patrick’s Day.

LIFE QUOTES

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

Save the Date! The Annual Parish Picnic has been set for Sunday, April 16th, starting at 12 noon. More details to follow.

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
March 5, 2023**

Offertory	\$10,297.01
Budgeted	\$ 8,634.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,784.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,044.34
Memorials.....	\$ 635.00
Votives	\$ 127.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND!

Next weekend, March 18-19, there will be a special collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your generosity!

DO A LITTLE EXTRA THIS LENT!

- Pray the Rosary starting one half hour before each weekend Mass.
- Sign up for Dynamic Catholic’s program, based on Matthew Kelly’s book *Holy Moments*; a short video will be delivered to your inbox every day. Sign up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/html>.
- Check out the excellent Lent offerings (free for our parishioners) at Formed.com.
- Start participating in our Small Christian Communities (contact Melissa Sibille, 850-566-1016), Daughters of Mary (Fridays after Mass, or after Holy Hour on First Friday) or Men of St. Joseph (Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEGA RAFFLE WINNERS FOR MARCH 1-5, 2023:

- Jeanetta Bell, Ticket 978, won a \$250.00 Gift Basket donated by Tacky Jacks.
- Florida Lottery Ticket 567 (not Sold) winner will be drawn on March 31st, a \$250.00 Gift Card to Frank & CO Jewelers.
- Kathleen Shine, Ticket 313, won \$125.00 worth Gift Certificates donated by the Justice Marketing Group.
- Guy Etherton, Ticket 371, won a three Bottle Bourbon Assortment valued at \$200.00 donated by the Cumberland Entertainment Group.
- Bob Barnett, Ticket 078, won a Cooler & More valued at \$400.00 donated by Grandeur Marine.

Altar Rosary Society: All ladies of the parish (and visitors) are welcome to attend the March meeting of the ARS on Tuesday, March 14 after morning Mass. The ladies are responsible for altar linen care, operate the religious articles shop, and perform many other functions in our parish, as well as provide support for charitable organizations.

St. Benedict Catholic School is once again selling their coupon book for \$20.00. There are a variety of coupons for businesses here and close by. These are especially useful for visiting friends and family – you can purchase one in our gift shop.

The annual Faith and Family Conference, entitled **May They Be One**, will be held March 17-18 at the Mobile Convention Center, starting with Fun Night on Friday evening, 5:00 p.m., at Cooper Riverside Park and continuing 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday. See *The Catholic Week* (available in the Church Office) for more information.

The Mobile Advisory Board of Catholic Social Services has organized an exciting trip to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, in Hanceville, AL on March 29 and 30th. The cost is minimal. Scholarship funds are available. There is still room on the bus so if interested, please call Marilyn King at 251-415-3884.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – March 18 & 19, 2023

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	Al Bedel	JR Bedel Nancy Milton Sharon Mahne Tina D’Aversa	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz JR Bedel, Patrick Dalton	Tim Drouilhet
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Bob Barnett	Vicki Brown Betty McDuffie Anne Quinn Marian Smith	Ouida Turner, Luann Yaroch Art Yaroch, Robert Turner Lynn Tampary, Kelley Ouzts	Larry Mickwee
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Eva McDuffie	Bob Lindley Kathy Lindley Mary Mercer Cheryl Robinson	Richard Mercer Dan Cummings Patty Cummings Darlene Kerchner Steve Kerchner, June Murray	Steve Fletcher

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES:
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS.
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Ministry

To serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, Contact Father Paul...251-981-8132

RCIA

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., September-Easter
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Winter Visitor Contact

Ellen Passage.....517-881-6615

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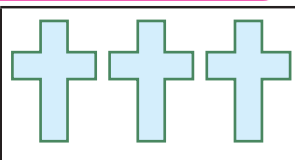
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