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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)

Altar Rosary Society: Anne Quinn	303-324-3526
Church Bookkeeper: Marge Keller.....	251-981-8132
Church Office Secretary: Jo-Ellen Karazim	251-981-8132
Driving Service: Anyone needing a ride to a doctor's appointment or elsewhere can call the Parish Office.....	251-981-8132
Hispanic Ministry: Contact St. Margaret of Scotland	251-981-8132
Knights of Columbus: Bob Lindley.....	251-978-8147
Ministry of Care: (to sick and bereaved) – Parish Office.....	251-981-8132
Respect Life Committee: Suzanne Laurier	251-981-1918
CCD: Contact Father Paul	
Choir Director: Paul Anderson.....	251-377-7923
Parish Council: Chairperson, Tina D'Aversa	678-457-0677
Finance Council: Steve Kerchner.....	251-981-8132
Memorials: Church Office	251-981-8132
Ministry: To serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, contact Father Paul	
RCIA: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (September through Easter), Contact Father Paul	
St. Benedict School: Contact Father Paul.....	251-981-8132
Winter Visitor Contact: Ellen Passage.....	517-881-6615
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Church Office at least one month prior	
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Church Office at least six months prior	
Wedding Coordinators: Cheryl Robinson.....	251-422-1268
Nancy Dickhute.....	402-980-3258

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

*Mass Intention: Jim "Quack" Peerenboom,
Jane Fleshman*

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 a.m. Mass

Mass Intention: Barbara Blaze

10:00 a.m. Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 14

8:40 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

8:40 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass

Mass Intention: Jane Fleshman

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph

8:40 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass

*Mass Intention: Tom O'Rorke,
Living and Deceased Members of the
Altar Rosary Society*

9:30 a.m. Altar Rosary Society Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

8:40 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass

Mass Intention: Joe & Virginia Donnelly

5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

9:00 a.m. Mass

Mass Intention: Bill Chambers

9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary meeting

4:00-6:00 p.m. Fish Fry

5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

*Mass Intention: Maren Family,
Jack & Carol Wydever*

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, 6:00 p.m. (Adoration until 10:00 p.m.)

Good Friday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon – Adoration

12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross

(outside, weather permitting)

3:00 p.m. – The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, 7:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Mass – 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

GIFTS TO GOD

March 6, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 9,772.00
Budgeted	\$ 8,228.20
Building Fund	\$ 610.00
Budgeted	\$ 2,751.00
Online giving	\$ 1,670.09
Votives.....	\$ 309.16
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 670.00
Ukraine Special Collection	\$ 6,610.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

St. Thomas by the Sea Building Fund

Special Collection: Black & Indian Missions

(If you want your donation to be for this special collection, please use the envelope from your packet or the "special collection" envelope in the pews, or mark your check.)

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PARISH 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

A graph showing Income and Expenses by Category for the year 2021 can be viewed on the bulletin board in the narthex.

ADORATION

As you can see from the Easter schedule, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, after Mass and until 10:00 p.m., and on Good Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. There is a sheet in the Narthex for you to sign up for one hour of Adoration on those days to ensure that there will be a constant presence in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS

This booklet explaining Church teaching on euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide and advance directives is available from the church office. It includes a Health Care Proxy and Advance Directive form that you can fill out and give to your family and to your medical providers. In this way, you can rest assured that your last wishes will be known, and will be in line with Catholic teaching.

ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION

If you are not sure how to answer someone who questions you on the Church's stand on abortion, take a look at this pamphlet from the U.S. Conference on Catholic Bishops which is available in the pamphlet stand in the Narthex.

PALM TREE MEMORIALS

You may have noticed the new palm tress 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 one of the forms in the Narthex. Brick and flower memorials also are available.

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MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, March 19, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Pat Dalton

Communion: Peggy Newsome, Mary Dalton, Tina D'Aversa,
J. R. Bedel

Ushers: Jim Johnson, Joe Fierro, David & Melissa McClure

Altar Server: Al Bedel

Sunday, March 20, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Melissa Sibille

Communion: Vicky Brown, Bob & Kathy Linbdley, Marian Smith

Ushers: Lynn Tampary, Paul Brown, LuAnne & Art Yaroch,
Kelley Ouzts

Altar Server: Carlos DeSanctis

Sunday, March 20, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Merrie Henderson

Communion: Darlene Kerchner, Steve & Barb Vichich,
Mary Mercer

Ushers: Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Lee Barnes, Rita Essig,
Ron Slovinski

Altar Server: 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.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

March is our month to replenish the shelves of the CSC food pantry. The CSC serves the poor on Pleasure Island, and is supported by our parish. There is a list of needed items on the table in the Narthex to assist you in your shopping. You can leave your donation in the Narthex.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lenten Fish Frys are back! In our Parish Hall on Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Knights' monthly meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. All men over the age of 18 are invited to join the Knights. For more information, call Bob Lindley.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

All ladies of the parish (and visitors) are welcome to attend the March meeting of the ARS on Tuesday, March 15 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.

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