

St. Thomas by the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*"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 16

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

SUNDAY, March 17

7:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Violette Sibille (L)
 9:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners and Lillian Scola+

MONDAY, March 18

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

TUESDAY, March 19

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Maren Family
 5:30 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 20

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mary & Bill Brabston (L)

THURSDAY, March 21

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Cecil & Jessie Young (L)

FRIDAY, March 22

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

SATURDAY, March 23

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass-
Intention: Ric Sampson (L) and Carlos Anez +



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

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. If you are unable to commit to spending one hour, stop by for a short visit and sit with Our Lord Jesus.

SAVE THE DATE: THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 12:00 Noon at Orange Beach Waterfront Park on Canal Road. Food provided by Parish and Bon Temps, Orange Beach. All Parishioners are invited to join in this afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun. Bring your lawn chair.

"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!*

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24, is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe and Africa. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries where they struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovation, and seminary formation. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this special collection.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 10, 2024

OFFERTORY	\$ 6,613.00
E-GIVING	\$ 1,996.01
EASTER FLOWERS.....	\$ 25.00
VOTIVES.....	\$ 80.02
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,110.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$ 1,929.00

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

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR
 AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE & AFRICA**

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 rbtrb@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.

ALFRED-WASHBURN DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS:

- Clients at AWC are always in great need of batteries (AA, AAA, C), reading glasses, small size deodorant, flashlights, sports socks, men's boxer shorts, women's underwear and disposable razors. Anything you can do to help is much appreciated. Bring your donations to the Church, to be taken to the Center. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. God bless you for your generosity!
- The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Gala (to benefit the Center) will be on April 5, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at Sanders Beach Community Center. For information on tickets and sponsorship, see the poster on the bulletin board in Narthex.

CATHOLIC GUIDE TO END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS: You can ensure that your health care proxy (living will) is in accord with Catholic teaching by getting this document, which explains Church teaching on advance medical directives, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. It is issued by the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and includes a health care proxy form. Available in the Church Office.

THE GERMAN FESTIVAL AT ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Elberta will be held on Saturday, April 17. Our bookkeeper, Marge Keller, will be selling admission tickets in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend. Also remember to visit our Gift Shop and get your coupon book that benefits the school; the cost is \$20.00, and it has discounts to numerous local restaurants and other businesses.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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WORD OF LIFE:

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life...In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ”

(The Gospel of Life 84).

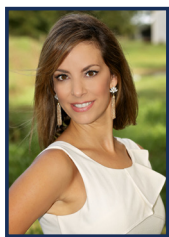
MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – MARCH 23-24, 2024

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Shine	Tina D'Aversa Dorothy Dutilly Nancy Milton Jay Powell	John Scheel	Van Bielkiewicz Joe Fierro, Denise Jackson Jim Johnson Jay Powell, Rob Shine	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bob Barnett	Vicki Brown Sharon Mahne Betty Mcduffie Anne Quinn	Carlos DeSanctis	Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary Ouida Turner, Robert Turner Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch	Aracelly Cain Smith
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Annette Mitchell	Darlene Kerchner Kathy Lindley Bob Lindley Alice Madere	Bill Cranston	Patty Cummings, Dan Cummings Steve Kerchner, Richard Mercer, June Murray, Mike Pruett	Deacon Steve

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES
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September-Easter
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