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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 18

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Dawn Patrice Sibille+ and Violette Sibille+
 9:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: St. Thomas by the Sea Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 20

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Tom O'Rorke+

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Vince Duffy +

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Ben Ferrel +

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Kathryn+ and Ralph Villano+
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bielkiewicz and Dauzat Families

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, 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.z

Please contact Church Office to add or update list.

PALM TREE MEMORIALS: You may have noticed our new palm trees! These are available as a memorial or honorific at a cost of \$600.00. A plaque will be affixed on your tree with your name and the name of your loved one. If interested, fill out the form in the narthex and return it to the church office. Brick and flower memorials are also available.



Parishioner photos for new Parish Directory: If you were not able to come and have your photo taken when the professional photographer was here, you are welcome to email a family photo to stthomasvolunteers@gmail.com for inclusion in the directory. Please include your name(s), address, telephone number(s) and email(s) as you want them to appear in the directory.

LIFE QUOTES

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

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD March 12, 2023

Offertory	\$10,116.00
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,907.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,292.96
Memorials.....	\$ 60.00
Votives	\$ 31.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is your opportunity to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations that aid travelers, people affected by war and natural disaster, others whose work or unique circumstances require special pastoral support, and migrants and refugees displaced by conflict, persecution, or political instability.

Thank you for your generosity!

Practicing Lent
PLEASE JOIN US

Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfasts start back this coming **Sunday, March 26th** in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast is free for Parishioners and visitors alike.

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Parish Picnic has been set for Sunday, April 16th starting at 12:00 noon at Orange Beach Waterfront Park. More details to follow.

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.



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.

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.

We need YOU! Please join us on Thursday, March 30th, 6:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Parish Hall for the “2nd Annual State of SBCS” forum (St. Benedict Catholic School). We will be discussing the current standing of our precious school, providing an annual update, gathering your input, and discussing ways you can help St. Benedict continue to grow and carry on its mission of inspiring young lives to pray, serve, lead and succeed. EVERYONE is welcome to attend! Dinner and child care will be provided. St. Bartholomew Parish Hall is located across from St. Benedict and next to the church at 12795 Illinois Street, Elbert, AL 36530. Questions? Call 251-986-8143 or email info@saintbenedict.net.

ALFRED-WASHBURN DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Clients at AWC are always in great need of men’s and women’s casual shoes in all sizes, as well as men’s jeans, (especially in smaller sizes) and women’s jeans and pants in all sizes. They always need disposable razors and batteries (all sizes) and flashlights. 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!

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – March 25 & 26, 2023

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	Nancy Milton	Andree Drouilhet, Tina D’Aversa, Jay Powell, J.R. Bedel	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz Andree Drouilhet, Rob Shine	Al Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Larry Mickwee	Sharon Mahne, Marian Smith, Vicki Brown, Joanne Cranston	Ouida Turner, Robert Turner Lynn Tampary, Paul Brown, Kelley Ouzts	Carlos DeSanctis
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Alice Madere	Joanie Pruett, Darlene Kerchner, Melanie Reece, Cheryl Robinson	Mike Pruett, Lee Barnes, Merrie Henderson, Luann Yaroch, Art Yaroch, June Murray	Steve Fletcher

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES:

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS.

Training is provided – please call the church office at 251-981-8132 to volunteer.

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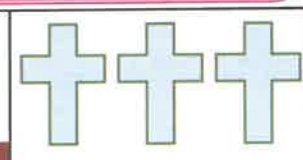
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