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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 23

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

SUNDAY, March 24

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

MONDAY, March 25

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

TUESDAY, March 26

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Walton Smith +

WEDNESDAY, March 27

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

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

6:00 p.m. Holy Mass
*Intention:
 Kathryn Marie Villano +*
 7:00-10:00 p.m. Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon Adoration
 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross,
 (outside weather
 permitting)
 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion
 of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL, March 30

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass-
*Intention:
 Mavis & Leland Adams +*



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, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 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)
 Celebration of 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. 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, Tommie Werneth, Larry Cloran, Maureen Cloran, Denny Villano, Sal Lupo, Brandi McKean, Anna Claire McKean, Cecil & Jesse Young and Sue Goodman. **Please notify the Church Office if you need to add a name or remove a name from this list.**

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.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – REMINDER: On Good Friday, you are required to fast and abstain (ages 18-59). Fasting means that you eat only one meal in a day with no food in between. It is understood that the other two meals, if one eats three meals a day, should not total one full meal. To abstain is to not eat meat; it is to be an act of penance, an act of sacrifice. The Church encourages you to try to fast and abstain through sunset on Holy Saturday.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 7, 2024. The devotion focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and Resurrection. Please join us the weekend of April 6-7, thirty minutes before each Mass, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Copies of the Chaplet are on the table in the Narthex. Also, the Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday, March 29 and concludes on Saturday, April 6. Go online to <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena> for the Novena prayers.

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

THE GERMAN FESTIVAL AT ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Elberta will be held on **Saturday, April 27**. For more information, please refer to the flyer on the bulletin board. Our bookkeeper, Marge Keller, will be selling raffle tickets in the Narthex after 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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Good Friday, March 29, and Monday, April 1.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 17, 2024

OFFERTORY	\$ 11,737.51
BUILDING FUND	\$ 2,985.18
MEMORIALS.....	\$ 200.00
EASTER FLOWERS.....	\$ 172.00
VOTIVES.....	\$ 71.86
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.....	\$ 1,030.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY WILL BE FOR THE
CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND

NEXT WEEKEND, IT WILL BE FOR
THE 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 rbbtrb@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. The group will not be meeting on Good Friday, March 29.
- **Formed.org:** Sign up free as a parishioner and take advantage of the many Catholic faith formation resources available.

“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, new infant car seats, clothes (Sizes: Newborn-3T), shampoo, baby bottles, new Pack ‘n Play combos, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

TO OUR WINTER FRIENDS: If you have nonperishable food items left when you pack up to leave, you can bring them to us for delivery to the local food pantry (unopened items only, please). Wishing you safe travel, and looking forward to having you with us again next year.

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WORD OF LIFE: “There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life...Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’...We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in His love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

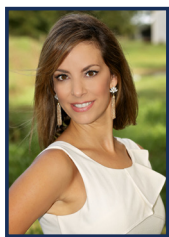
MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK – MARCH 28-31, 2024

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Holy Thursday	Al Bedel	Raquel Coll Cheryl Robinson Melissa Sibille Marian Smith	J.R. Bedel	Denise Jackson John Neese, Rob Shine Lynn Tampary	John Scheel
Friday 3:00 p.m. Good Friday	Patrick Dalton	Not Needed	Tim Drouilhet	Dan Cummings Patty Cummings June Murray, Mike Pruet	Aracelly Cain Smith
Saturday 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil	Al Bedel	J.R. Bedel Mary Dalton Dorothy Dutilly Jay Powell Tina D’Aversa	Patrick Dalton	J.R. Bedel, Van Bielkiewicz, Denise Jackson, Jim Johnson Rob Shine	John Scheel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday	Eva McDuffie	Raquel Coll Anne Quinn Melissa Sibille Marian Smith	Bill Cranston	Paul Brown, John Neese Ouida Turner, Robert Turner Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch	Mike Shell
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday	Annette Mitchell	Merrie Henderson Mary Mercer Melanie Reece Cheryl Robinson	John Scheel	Lee Barnes, Patty Cummings Dan Cummings Richard Mercer June Murray, Sandy Tryles	Deacon Steve
Sunday 10:10 a.m. (In Parish Hall) Easter Sunday	Suzanne Laurier	Darlene Kerchner Joanne Cranston Sharon Mahne Joanie Pruet	Patrick Dalton	Steve Kerchner Mike Pruet	Deacon Steve
Sunday 12:00 p.m. Easter Sunday	Nancy Milton	Kathy Lindley Bob Lindley Betty McDuffie	To Be Filled	Lynn Tampary	Aracelly Cain Smith

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