

SAINT THOMAS

By The Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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and return to the
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your God.

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 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

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

7:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike+ and Tom Barnett+
 9:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: St. Thomas by the Sea Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 27

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Kathryn Marie Villano+

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Lillian Raue+

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Eric Rais+ and Pat Nicholas+
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 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.
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

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

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on March 19, 2023

Offertory	\$ 6,808.00
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 5,920.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,784.34
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 4,815.34
Votives	\$ 124.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND

Next weeks Special Collection is for **Aid to Churches in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa**. This collection is your opportunity to assist those living in countries that were formerly communist rule to continue to learn and practice the faith.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEGA RAFFLE WINNERS FOR MARCH 7-15, 2023

- Jim Rogers, Ticket 341, \$220.00 Golf Package donated by Orange Beach Golf Center
- J.R. Bedel, Ticket 969, \$240.00 Gift Basket donated by Tacky Jacks Restaurant
- Chris Dunn, Ticket 262, \$200.00 gift Card donated by Publix
- Kathleen Shine, Ticket 315, \$200.00 Cash donated by Bob & Terry Barnett
- St. Michael's Catholic School, Ticket 697, Gift Card and Yeti Cooler, donated by Lartigue's Seafood and Johnson Family
- Kimberly Anez, Ticket 474, Good Dog Boutique and Dolphins Down Under 4 pack
- Judy D'Aversa, Ticket 304, \$220.00 Cooler and Fishing Package donated by J. & M. Tackle
- Ted Sanders, Ticket 913, \$250.00 Cash donated by Bob & Terry Barnett
- Gerry Marlowe, Ticket 659, \$200.00 Gift Card donated by Big Fish Restaurant

SAVE THE DATE! The **Annual Parish Picnic** is Sunday, April 16th starting at 12:00 noon at Orange Beach Waterfront Park on Canal Road. Bring your lawn chairs. The church is providing Cochon de lait (Cajun Pig Roast Pork) and Barbeque Chicken, sides and Iced Tea. ALL Parishioners are invited to join in this afternoon of fellowship, food and fun.

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.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES THRIFT STORE in Robertsedale, Al is seeking to fill a part-time (28 hours/ week) Thrift Store Clerk position. For more information, please contact. Angela Gore Hickey at 251-947-4058.

EASTER FLOWER BOXES: Boxes are at entrances of church. Donations are being accepted for Easter flowers that will be used to decorate the Church for Easter Mass services.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – April 1 & 2, 2023

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	Kathleen Shine	Mary Dalton, Tina D'Aversa, Jay Powell, J.R. Bedel	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz, Rob Shine	Patrick Dalton
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Melissa Sibille	Vicki Brown, Anne Quinn, Bob Lindley, Kathy Lindley	Paul Brown, Oudia Turner, Robert Turner, Lynn Tampary, Luann Yaroch, Art Yaroch	Carlos DeSanctis
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Eva McDuffie	Merrie Henderson, Darlene Kerchner, Mary Mercer, Joanie Pruett	Steve Kerchner, Mike Pruett, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Richard Mercer, Lee Barnes	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 to volunteer.

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