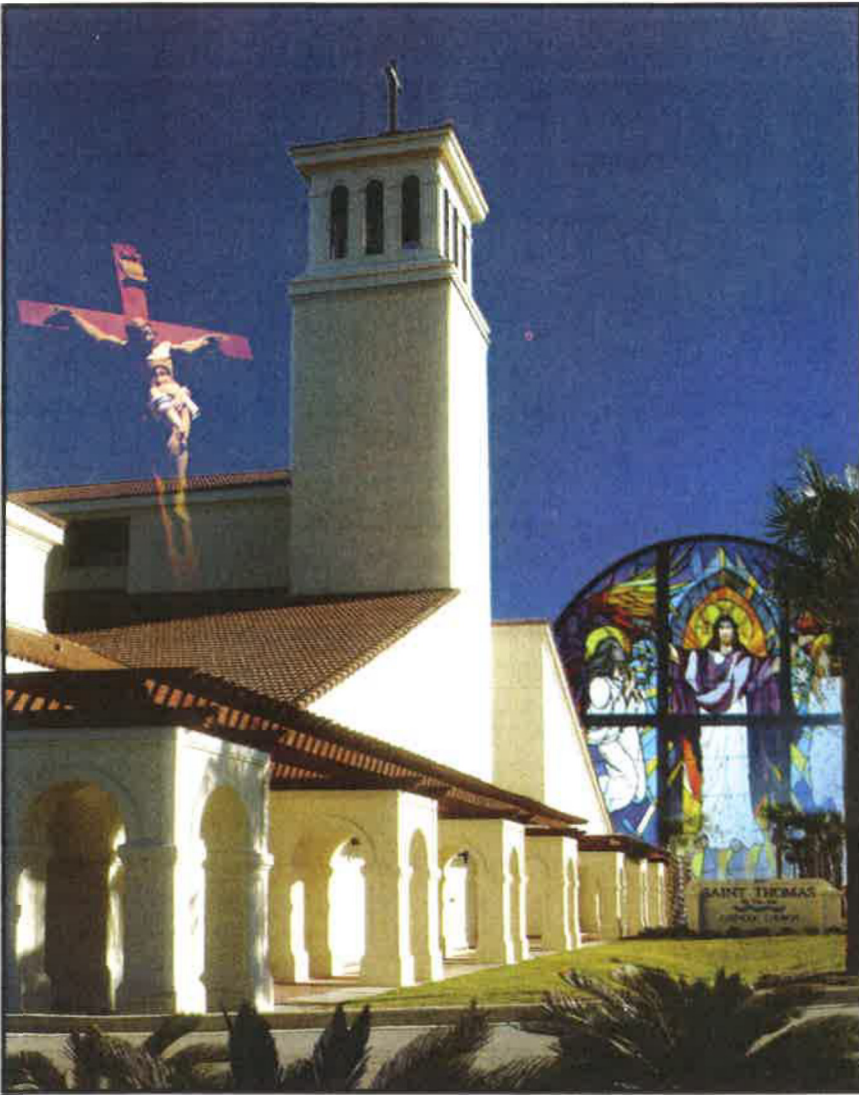


# St. Thomas

By The Sea

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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.*

*Rev. Paul Ravi, 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.
- 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:** President, Laura Bosarge ..... 251-209-2187
- Driving Service:** Anyone needing a ride to a doctor's appointment or elsewhere can call ..... 205-999-5802
- Hispanic Ministry:** Contact St. Margaret of Scotland .... 251-943-4009
- 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
- Pastoral Council:** Chairperson, Rhonda Shell..... 318-355-6767
- Finance Council:** Chairperson, Annette Mitchell..... 251-980-5529
- 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 Father Paul at least one month prior
- Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact Father Paul at least six months prior
- Wedding Coordinator:** Contact the Church Office..... 251-981-8132

# March 28, 2021

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, 6 to 7:00 p.m.**—Confessions  
**Holy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.**—Mass of the Supper of the Lord, followed by Adoration until 10 p.m.  
**Good Friday—12 noon**—Stations of the Cross (outside, weather permitting)  
**3:00 p.m.**—Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross  
**Holy Saturday—8 p.m.**—Easter Vigil Mass  
**Easter Sunday**—Masses 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

## PARKING WILL BE A PROBLEM ON EASTER SUNDAY

especially at 10 am. Mass, as we have roofing equipment in the parking lots. Please plan to carpool if you can.

## RESPECT LIFE

Do you want to do more to put an end to abortion? Are you interested in praying at an abortion center but don't really know what to do or to expect?

If so, please consider joining us as Sidewalk Advocates for Life present a training session at Our Lady of the Gulf Church on Saturday, April 24, from 9 to 2pm. Lunch will be provided, and there is no cost to participants.

Register by April 17 at [aine.connelly@eccfl.org](mailto:aine.connelly@eccfl.org), or call 850-377-1657. For more information, contact Suzanne Laurier at 251-981-1918.

## Small Christian Communities

Coming after Easter at St. Thomas-by-the-Sea parish. These communities are part of the wider church, providing a way to grow in knowledge and relationship with God.

These communities will consist of 6-10 individuals/couples who will meet on a regular basis to participate in and promote spiritual growth, strengthen faith sharing, prayer and fellowship within the parish.

Look for sign-up cards in the pews, fill out and place in the collection baskets.

For more information contact:

Andree Drouilhet: [a\\_drouilhet@yahoo.com](mailto:a_drouilhet@yahoo.com)  
Melissa Sibille: [mldsibille@gmail.com](mailto:mldsibille@gmail.com)

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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 an 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. Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae. 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with Permission.*

## Second Collection for Aid to Eastern Europe

*This week our second collection supports the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. (For more information, see flyer on Narthex bulletin board)*

## Communications Community

*Father Paul would like a team of 7-10 parishioners who can help facilitate & develop a communications program for St. Thomas-by-the-Sea. We envision utilizing all form of communication (phone calls as well as the latest technology) to help bring our wonderful parish together, so everyone is aware of what is going on in the parish, the archdiocese, with our parishioners (local & distant) and within our community. If you are willing to contribute your time & talents, please contact Mike Bosarge at [mbosarge@me.com](mailto:mbosarge@me.com) or 251-583-0278.*

## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

On Good Friday, you are required to fast and abstain (age 18-59). Fasting means that you eat one full meal that day; the other two meals should not total one full meal. To abstain is to not eat meat. This is an act of sacrifice. The Church encourages you to fast and abstain through sunset on Saturday.

## Volunteers Needed

We have a need for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and ushers for all weekend masses. Please consider volunteering by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the Parish Office. Training will be provided. Thank you!

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

This week  
at St. Thomas-by-the-Sea

AT. 03/27

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Peggy Kenyon*

SUN. 03/28

8:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Vince Duffy*  
10:00 a.m. Mass

MON. 03/29

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

TUES. 03/30

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: John Bagwell, Archie McMillan*

WED. 03/31

\*\*\*Men of St. Joseph-7:00 a.m.\*\*\*

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass

*Mass Intention: Jim Markus*

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Confessions (visiting priest)

THUR. 04/01 - HOLY THURSDAY

NO 9:00 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by Adoration until 10 p.m.

FRI. 04/02 - GOOD FRIDAY

NO 9:00 a.m. Mass  
12:00 noon: Stations of the Cross  
(outside, weather permitting)

3:00 p.m.: Celebration of the Lord's Passion and  
Veneration of the Cross

SAT. 04/03

8 p.m. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
*Mass Intention: Don Young*

## On-line Giving

For those of you who would like to contribute on-line just go to our web-site ([www.stthomasbythesea.com](http://www.stthomasbythesea.com)) then click on the box for on-line giving.

Please call the office should you have any questions.  
Thank you.

## Parish Secretary Needed —Part Time

*St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach is seeking an experienced secretary with strong computer and organizational skills and*

*Pastoral compassion and care and a welcoming smile. Please contact Marge Keller at [margemkeller@gmail.com](mailto:margemkeller@gmail.com) to apply. Thank you!*

## Alfred-Washburn Day Center

The Alfred-Washburn Day Center for the homeless is in great need of men's and women's tennis shoes in all sizes, as well as men's jeans, especially in smaller sizes, men & women's hats and gloves. They always need disposable razors and batteries (all sizes) flashlights. Anything you can do to help is much appreciated. Bring your donations to the Church, to be taken to the Center. God bless you for your generosity. Thanks so much!

## Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our Parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

A Pontifical Collection, requested by the Pope, the Annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

## ALTAR CARE FOR APRIL

Alice Madere and Katie Anderson

**Please pray for:** Dominique deSanctis, Chad Smith, Rita Michelle Garner, Tim Glennon, Babe Rohan, Lydia Williams, Deacon Hank Pouliot, Mark Miller, Dolores Mills, Sarah Knoll Lammons, Edward O'Brien, Lavonne McCumber, Donna Zepponi, Brandt Quinn, Margaret Smith, Craig Horn, Katheryn Bennett, William Chambers, Frances Gagliano, Anthony Baroco, Kathy Montecio, Stephanie Keeler, Ed Zyniewicz, Daphne Stanford, Karen Kelley O'Brien, Joel Rivera, Susan Berezuk, Bill Sukman, Scott Mason, Brian, Patrick Rogers, Marjorie Bradford, Suzie Keener, Linda Bingham, Eddie Werneth, Dorothy Mason, Mike Mahne, Carly Barrett, Marie Kuffskie, Janet & Tommy Pollman, Jenifer Davis, Sally Ashurst, Gene Brymer, Norman Hankins, Mary Schmid and Pat Chambers.



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