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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)



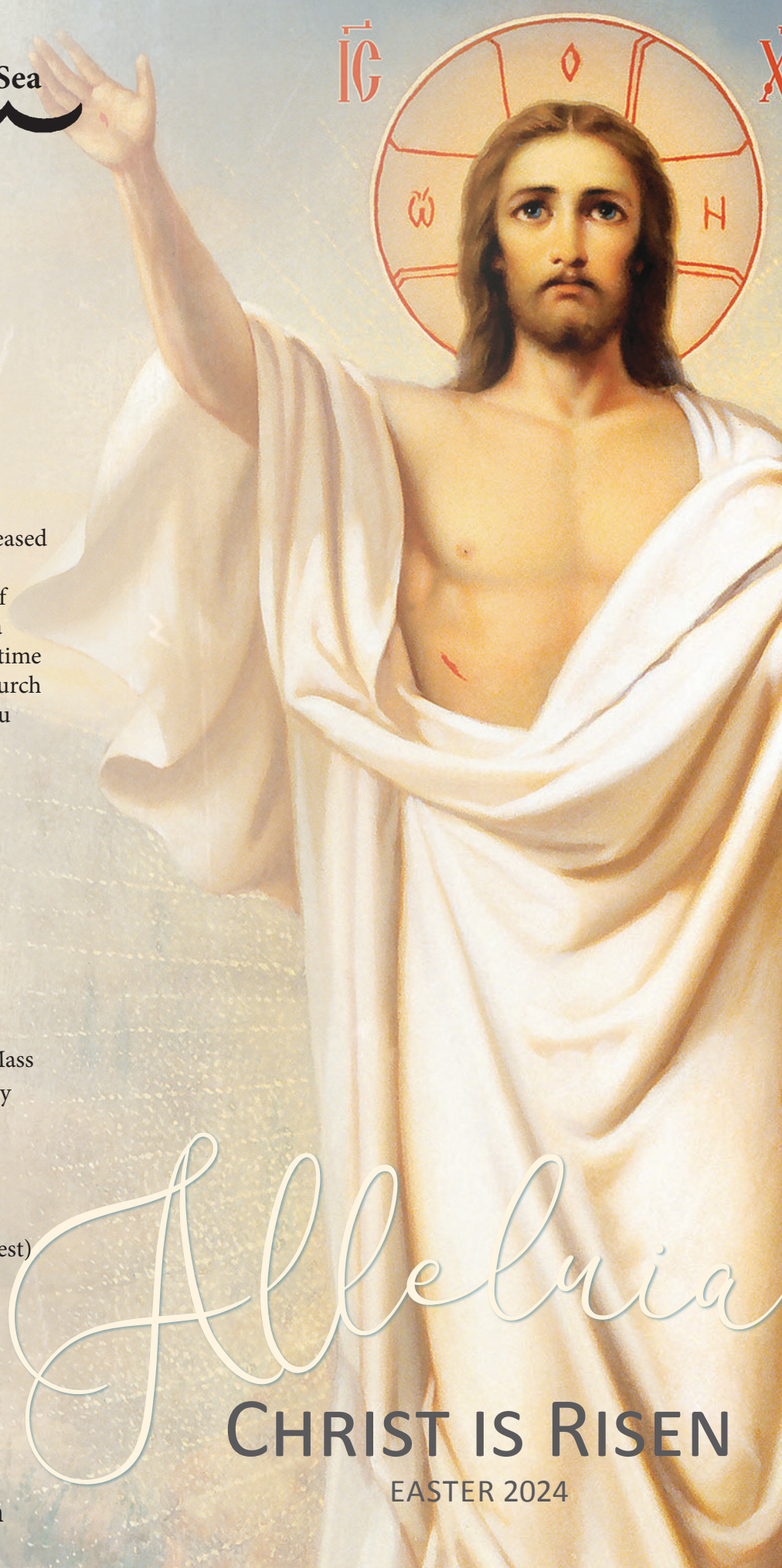
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CHRIST IS RISEN

EASTER 2024



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, Easter Vigil, March 30

7:30 p.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mavis & Leland Adams +

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mary Newsome
10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners
12 Noon Holy Mass
Intention: Bill Chambers

MONDAY, April 1

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
The Church Office will be closed.

TUESDAY, April 2

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

WEDNESDAY, April 3

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

THURSDAY, April 4

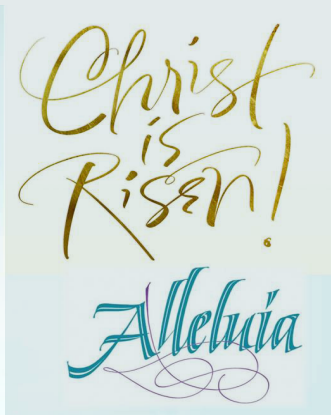
8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Holy Rosary
Intention: Cecil & Jesse Young (L)

FRIDAY, April 5

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Marcella Korta +
9:30 a.m. First Friday Holy Hour
10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, April 6

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Little Sisters of the Poor



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, Raquel Coll and Sue Goodman.
Please notify the Church Office if you need to add or remove a name from this list.

NEW CATHOLICS: John Augustus Neese, Brandi Dillard and Annette O. Aucoin are receiving the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. Also, Jake Evans will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Please join us as we welcome all of them into the Catholic faith.

Next Sunday, April 7, is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. The devotion focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and Resurrection. Please join us 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 started 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.

NINE-MONTH NOVENA: Cardinal Burke has asked that all Catholics pray a nine-month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, from March 12 to December 12, 2024, for our Country and for peace in the world. It is not too late to get started– you can find a copy of the Novena on the table in Narthex, or go to novena.cardinalburke.com.

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. 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.

“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 BE OPTIONS is seeking an individual to fill the position of Client Representative. If you are interested or need more information, please call Angela Hickey at 251-947-2384.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
March 24, 2024

Offertory.....	\$ 11,075.40
Votives:.....	\$ 128.50
On Line Giving:.....	\$ 1,838.26
Easter Flowers:.....	\$ 147.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe & Africa:.....	\$ 2,575.00

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

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

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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 rbbrb@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.

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. after morning Mass in the Parish Library. All ladies are welcome.

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

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 a safe travel, and looking forward to having you with us again next year.

REDEMPTIVE HEALING IN CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH RETREAT: Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat is excited to share a special discount with you! Join them for a retreat on April 12-14, 2024 in beautiful Holy Trinity, Alabama. Tom Riello will dive deep into the Bible to explore wounds, healing, and redemption. The discounted rate is \$150.00 per person, which includes all meals for the weekend. You may register online (www.msbt.org/btsr) or call 334-855-4474, ext. 3. Refer to the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

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WORD OF LIFE:

“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.”

(The Gospel of Life 95)

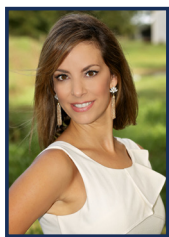
MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 6-7, 2024

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Tina D'Aversa	Mary Dalton Nancy Milton Peggy Newsome	Patrick Dalton	Van Bielkiewicz, Joe Fierro Jim Johnson, Jay Powell Denise Jackson	John Scheel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Eva McDuffie	Sharon Mahne Betty McDuffie Anne Quinn Melissa Sibille	Carlos DeSanctis	John Neese Ouida Turner Robert Turner Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch	Mike Shell
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Annette Mitchell	Mary Mercer Joanie Pruett Merrie Henderson Melanie Reece	John Scheel	Lee Barnes, Dan Cummings Patty Cummings Steve Kerchner Richard Mercer, Mike Pruett	Deacon Steve

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES
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Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., September-Easter
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- Respect Life Committee**
Suzanne Laurier251-981-1918
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