

# St. Thomas

By The Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Lent

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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.*

*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)

- Altar Rosary Society:** Anne Quinn ..... 303-324-3526
- Church Bookkeeper:** Marge Keller ..... 251-981-8132
- Church Office Secretary:** Jo-Ellen Karazim ..... 251-981-8132
- Driving Service:** Anyone needing a ride to a doctor's appointment or elsewhere can call the Parish Office..... 251-981-8132
- Hispanic Ministry:** Contact St. Margaret of Scotland .... 251-981-8132
- Knights of Columbus:** Bob Lindley ..... 251-978-8147
- 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
- Parish Council:** Chairperson, Tina D'Aversa ..... 678-457-0677
- Finance Council:** Steve Kerchner ..... 251-981-8132
- 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 Church Office at least one month prior
- Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact Church Office at least six months prior
- Wedding Coordinators:** Cheryl Robinson ..... 251-422-1268  
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Charles Kenyon, Jr.*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Mike Barnett*  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Parishioners*

### MONDAY, APRIL 4

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Marcella Korte*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Claire Sampson*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: David Cranston*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Kirk & Elaine Kerchner*  
9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary Meeting  
4:00-6:00 p.m. Fish Fry  
5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Peter Spaulding*

## LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross  
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6, Penance Service and Confessions, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, Mass 6:00 p.m., Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

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

Holy Saturday, 7:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Mass – 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

## GIFTS TO GOD

March 27, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 9,476.30
Budgeted .....	\$ 8,398.90
Building Fund .....	\$ 1,111.00
Budgeted .....	\$ 2,751.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 1,462.25
Votives.....	\$ 53.05
Memorials .....	\$ 870.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,515.96

Thank you for your generosity!

## THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

*St. Thomas by the Sea Building Fund*

Next week, our special collection will be to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which will support the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds collected will support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations and seminary formation. Your donation will support restoring the Church and building the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support next week's collection.

## ALTAR LINEN

Altar Linen care for April: Alice Madere and Darlene Kerchner.  
Thank you ladies!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dominique deSanctis, Chad Smith, Tim Glennon, Babe Rohan, Lydia Williams, Dolores Mills, Sarah Knoll Lammons, Edward O'Brien, Lavonne McCumber, Donna Zepponi, Craig Horn, Katheryn Bennett, Frances Gagliano, Anthony Baroco, Stephanie Keeler, Daphne Stanford, Karen Kelley O'Brien, Joel Rivera, Susan Berezuk, Bill Sukman, Carly Barrett, Jenifer Davis, Sally Ashurst, Gene Brymer, Norman Hankins, Mary Schmid, Pat Chambers, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Paul Rohan, Mary & Jake Taffaro, Marion Waller, Pete Hourihan, Maria Luiza, Myles Harris, Marisa Jorden, Mike Offerle, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Steve Quinn, Rey Segovia and Patricia Chambers.

### PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

St. Thomas by the Sea is in need of a part-time **Parish Secretary**. Please let us know if you are interested. If you need additional information, please contact Marge Keller at stthomasbk@gmail.com. Deadline to apply is April 16th.

### PALM TREE MEMORIALS

You may have noticed the new palm trees planted along the west side of the church property. Each of these trees is available as a memorial or honorific at a cost of \$600.00. A plaque will be affixed on or near your tree with your name and the name of your loved one.

### 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.

### PENANCE SERVICE AND CONFESSION

Plan to attend our Penance Service and Confession on Wednesday, April 6, with Service at 6:00 p.m. and Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Remember that we are created for eternity, but our eternal fate depends on how we make use of this present time. Lent is the most appropriate time to reflect upon this. Are you ready to die just as you are now?

### EASTER FLOWERS

You can donate the weekend altar flowers for Easter in the floral-covered boxes located in the Church near the baptismal font and near the side exits. Thank you!

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

All ladies of the parish (and visitors) are welcome to attend the April meeting of the ARS on Tuesday, April 12 after the morning Mass. The ladies are responsible for altar linen care, operation of the religious articles shop and performing many other functions in our parish. They also provide support for charitable organizations.

### ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION

If you are not sure how to answer someone who questions you on the Church's stand on abortion, take a look at this pamphlet from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops which is available in the pamphlet stand in the Narthex.

### 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 donation to the Church, to be taken to the Center. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. God Bless you for your generosity!

### MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday, April 9, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. Mass**

*Lector:* J. R. Bedel

*Communion:* Tina D'Aversa, Patrick Dalton,  
Bill and Joanne Cranston

*Ushers:* Jim and Agnes Johnson, Tim Drouilhet, Jay Powell

*Altar Server:* Al Bedel

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Melissa Sibille

*Communion:* Bob and Kathy Lindley, Anne Quinn, Sharon Mahne

*Ushers:* Robert Turner, LuAnne & Art Yaroch, Kelley Ouzts

*Altar Server:* Larry Mickwee

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Eva McDuffie

*Communion:* Merrie Henderson, Melanie Reece, Joannie Pruett,  
Eva McDuffie

*Ushers:* Steve Kerchner, Rita Essig, Don Cummings, Ron Slovinski

*Altar Server:* 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.

### ROSARY FOR LIFE

Join us for a Rosary for Life starting one-half hour before each weekend Mass during Lent, which occurs during the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign March 2 to April 10.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lenten Fish Frys are back! In our Parish Hall on Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Knights' monthly meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. All men over the age of 18 are invited to join the Knights. For more information, call Bob Lindley at 251-978-8147.

### COUPON BOOKS

St. Benedict Catholic School is, once again, selling their "Spring & Summer, 2022" coupon book for \$20.00 each. There are a variety of coupons for local and neighboring towns, and are especially useful for visiting friends and family. Coupon books can be purchased in our gift shop.

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