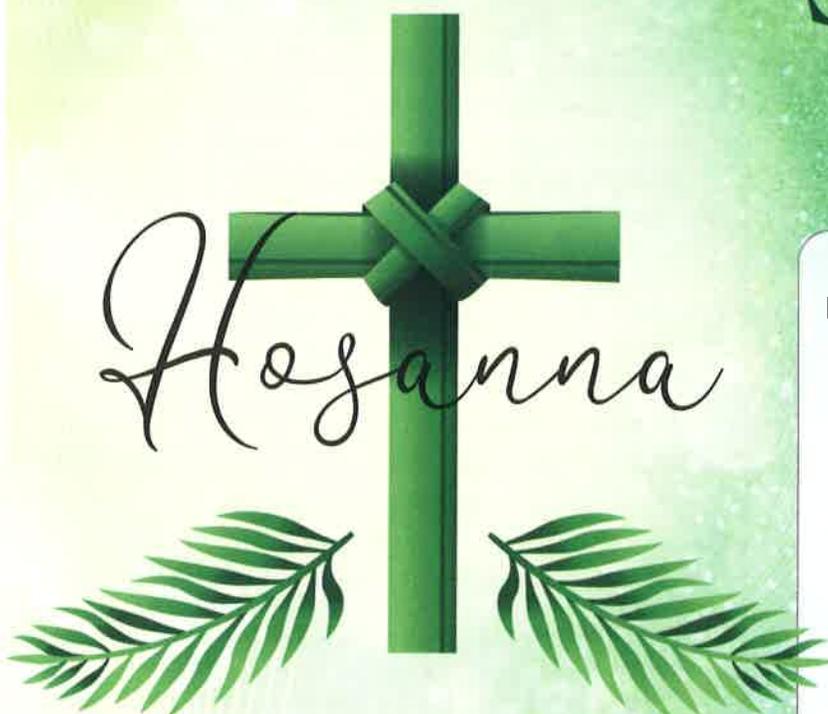


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Welcome!

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** 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
Nancy Dickhute..... 402-980-3258

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: Paul Spaulding

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Max Gee
10:00 a.m. Mass
Mass intention: Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 11

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
*Mass Intention: Thanksgiving Anniversary,
Steve & Darlene Kerchner;
Living & Deceased Ladies Altar Rosary*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: David Cranston

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Teri Clark

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Bill Chambers
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 16

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: Marianne Gleason

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

April 3, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 6,672.00
Budgeted	\$ 8,398.90
Building Fund	\$ 2,789.30
Budgeted	\$ 2,751.00
Votives.....	\$ 25.00
Memorials	\$ 1,200.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,587.54

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THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

St. Thomas by the Sea Building Fund

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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION (April 16)

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 this 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.

APRIL ALTAR CARE

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, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Paul Rohan, Mary & Jake Taffaro, Marion Waller, Pete Hourihan, Maria Luiza, Myles Harris, Marisa Jordan, Mike Offerle, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Steve Quinn, Rey Segovia, Patricia Chambers and Karen Gibson.

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.

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.

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PARKING ON EASTER SUNDAY

We will have Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Parking will be a problem, especially at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Carpooling with your neighbor will help!

49TH ANNUAL ST. BENEDICT GERMAN FESTIVAL

April 30, 2022 – Saint Benedict Catholic School is having a \$10,000.00 grand prize raffle and ten \$200.00 raffles. Raffle tickets are \$100.00 each and are available online at www.saintbenedict.net. You must be present for the \$200.00 raffles but not for the \$10,000.00 raffle.

ALABAMA CHOOSE LIFE

Next time you renew your Alabama vehicle tag, please consider paying an extra \$50.00 to get the Choose Life tag.

This specialty tag will identify you as being pro-life, and you can even personalize it at no extra cost. The extra money is distributed once a year to pro-life agencies in Baldwin County – Mary's Shelter currently gets about \$7,000.00 a year from this effort.



DAUGHTERS OF MARY

Daughters of Mary is a faith-sharing group for women who meet weekly to share their faith and who support and encourage each other to live according to the Gospel. We meet in the Parish Library on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. after Mass – except on First Friday – meet at 10:30 a.m. Please join us weekly or as often as you are able. Contact Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997 or email A_drouilhet@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

Holy Saturday April 16, 2022 – 7:30 p.m. Mass

Lector: Bob Barnett

Communion: Terry Barnett, Bill & Joanne Cranston, J.R. Bedel

Ushers: Jim Johnson, Joe Fierro, David & Melissa McClure

Altar Server: Al Bedel

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Larry Mickwee

Communion: Betty McDuffie, Marian Smith, Bob & Kathy Lindley

Ushers: Kelly Ouzts, Lynn Tampary, Art and LuAnn Yaroch

Altar Server: Carlos DeSanctis

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sue Goodman

Communion: Cheryl Robinson, Darlene Kerchner, Mary Mercer,

Melanie Reece

Ushers: Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Ron Slovinski, Rita Essig

Altar Server: Steve Fletcher

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 – 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Jean Marzullo

Communion: Sharon Mahne, Vicki Brown

Ushers: Paul Brown

Altar Server: Bill Cranston

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.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

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

A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS

This booklet explaining Church teaching on euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide and advance directives is available from the church office. It includes a Healthcare Proxy and Advance Directive form that you can fill out and give to your family and to your medical providers. In this way, you can rest assured that your last wishes will be known, and will be in line with Catholic teaching.

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