



# 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.*

*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 23

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Stafford and  
Joyce Bielkiewicz*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Parishioners*  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Baby Terry Hale and Family*

### MONDAY, APRIL 25

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 26

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Max Gee*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: James "Quack" Peerenboom*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 28

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Joel Damron*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Mass Intention: Beverley Garvey*  
9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary meeting

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Mass Intention: Stafford and  
Joyce Bielkiewicz*

## GIFTS TO GOD

April 17, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 20,136.42
Budgeted .....	\$ 8,398.90
Building Fund .....	\$ 5,294.70
Budgeted .....	\$ 2,751.00
Memorials.....	\$ 270.00
Holy Land.....	\$ 1,354.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:  
*The Parish Building Fund*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The devotion was actively promoted by Saint John Paul. On April 30, 2002, the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place, and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. A Novena began on April 15 and ends on April 23. If you would like more information about Divine Mercy, go online to [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org).

## 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](mailto:stthomasbk@gmail.com).

## PALM TREE MEMORIALS

You may have noticed the new palm tress 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. If interested, fill out a form in the narthex. Brick and flower memorials are also available.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dominique deSanctis, Chad Smith, Tim Glennon, Babe Rohan, Lydia Williams, Dolores Mills, Sarah Knoll Lammons, Edward O'Brien, Lavonne McCumber, Donna Zeponi, Craig Horn, Kathryn 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, Patricia Chambers, Karen Gibson and Elizabeth Von Bergen.

**RESPECT LIFE**

Here's an easy way to keep up-to-date with abortion and other life issues: Go to the Bishops' website (uscce.org), click on Issues & Action, and then on Contact Public Officials. There, you will be able to sign up for email alerts that will easily allow you to make your views known to our elected representatives. And, as always, please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

The ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will be volunteering at the Catholic Social Services Thrift Shop in Robertsdale on the last Friday of the month. You can carpool by meeting in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and work from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, then go out to lunch. Call Laura Bosarge for more information at 251-209-2187.

**MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 8, 2022**

This is a day to honor all mothers, both living and deceased. The Altar Rosary Society will have Mother's Day Mass Cards available in the Narthex after Masses during the two weekends prior (on April 23-24 and April 30-May 1). Cards and offering envelopes are for the living and offering envelopes for the deceased. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all Masses on Mother's Day and throughout the week. Visit our Angel of Joy gift shop to purchase your card.

**FATHER STU**

If you are looking for a good movie to see, consider this new 'Catholic' movie, the true story of the improbable conversion of a very rough character who eventually became a priest. It stars Mark Wahlberg and Mel Gibson, and you can find an interview with Bishop Barron and Mark Wahlberg on the internet. There is a poster in the Narthex with more information.

**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.

**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.

**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Nancy Milton

*Communion:* Mary and Patrick Dalton, Jay Powell, Andre Drouilhet

*Ushers:* Agnes and Jim Johnson, Joe Fierro, Tina D'aversa

*Altar Server:* Tim Drouilhet

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Melissa Sibille

*Communion:* Marian Smith, Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Sharon Mahne

*Ushers:* Lynn Tampary, JoEllen Karazim, Paul Brown, Kelly Ouzts

*Altar Server:* Larry Mickwee

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Merrie Henderson

*Communion:* Darlene Kerchner, Joanie Pruet, Alice Madere, Suzanne Laurier

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

*Altar Server:* Carlos DeSanctis

**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.

**49TH ANNUAL  
ST. BENEDICT GERMAN FESTIVAL**

**April 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** – German Sausage, Homemade Baked Treats, and Tons of Fun! Also, get your raffle ticket for a \$10,000.00 grand prize and ten \$200.00 prizes. Raffle tickets are \$100.00 each and are available online at [www.saintbenedict.net](http://www.saintbenedict.net). You must be present to win the smaller \$200.00 prizes, but not the main \$10,000.00 prize.

**FLOWERS FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION**

You can donate the weekend altar flowers for a special occasion, or in honor of a loved one. You can also donate a memorial bouquet in the Virgin Mary or St. Joseph alcove. Contact Cheryl Robinson.

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