

# 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:** ..... 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, MAY 14

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Intention: Larry Villano*

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:00 a.m. Mass  
*Intention: Ed Voyek*

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

### MONDAY, MAY 16

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 17

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Intention: Vince Duffy*

5:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 19

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Intention: Nathan Simon*

11:00 a.m. Mass  
*Intention: ARS Deanery*

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

9:00 a.m. Mass  
*Intention: Father Paul, Birthday*

9:30 a.m. Adoration  
9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary meeting

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Intention: Alice Barnett*

## GIFTS TO GOD

May 9, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 7,359.00
<i>Budgeted</i> .....	\$ 8,398.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 2,648.00
<i>Budgeted</i> .....	\$ 2,751.00
Memorials .....	\$ 1,820.00
Votives.....	\$ 41.23
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,622.84

Thank you for your generosity!

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:**  
*The St. Thomas by the Sea Building Fund*

## FATHER PAUL'S BIRTHDAY

On Friday, May 20, the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be said to celebrate Father Paul's birthday. Please join us in wishing him a wonderful birthday, and may God bless him with a year of joy, happiness and good health!

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Information on our **Parish Finance Council**, as well as Annual and Quarterly Financial Reports, are now available online through our Parish website. Go to [stthomasbythesea.com](http://stthomasbythesea.com), click on "Parish Ministries," then "About Us," to find the latest financial information. If you have any questions, contact any member of the Finance Council.

## 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 the pamphlet from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is available in the pamphlet stand in the Narthex.

## SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Our Small Christian Communities will be joining in a potluck luncheon on Sunday, May 15, after 10:00 a.m. Mass. All current members should have received information by email. If you have not, or for information about joining SCC, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016.

**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, 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 and 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, Karen Gibson, Elizabeth Von Bergen, Mary Elizabeth and Mark Martz, Mary and Lori Brabston, Cheryl Strockis, Phyllis Peralta and Bob Karcher.

**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.

**ACCW DEANERY MASS AND LUNCHEON**

The Altar Rosary Society is hosting the Baldwin-Escambia Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on **Thursday, May 19**. Registration and coffee begin at 8:45 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 9:15 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Rodi at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon; cost is \$13.00. We hope all the ladies of the parish will attend this special event at St. Thomas by the Sea. Call the Church Office at 251-981-8132 to register by May 16.

**ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY PICNIC**

Our Annual Parish Picnic is back! All parishioners are invited to attend the picnic on **Sunday, May 22, 2022, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass**, at Waterfront Park on Canal Road in Orange Beach. Parishioner Stacey Certain of Island Epicurean will again cater the picnic, as she has done in the past. Bring your lawn chairs; everything else will be provided.

**KNIGHT'S KORNER**

The next K of C meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. All Knights, as well as men interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, are welcome. There will be no Parish Breakfast in May. We will resume in June. Any questions? Please contact Bob Lindley at 251-978-8147.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FESTIVAL**

Magnolia Springs  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
MAY 28, 2022, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Live music, yard games, great food, 50-50 Raffle

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

The ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will be volunteering at the Catholic Social Services Thrift Shop in Robertsedale 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.

**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.

**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Jean Marzullo

*Communion:* J.R. Bedel, Tina D'Aversa, Jay Powell, Andree Drouilhet

*Ushers:* Tim Drouilhet, Joe Fierro, Agnes & Jim Johnson

*Altar Server:* Al Bedel

**Sunday, May 22, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Terry Barnett

*Communion:* Vicky Brown, Kathy and Bob Lindley, Eva McDuffie

*Ushers:* Kelley Ouzts, Lynn Tampary, Robert Turner, Jo-Ellen Karazim

*Altar Server:* Larry Mickwee

**Sunday, May 22, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Mass**

*Lector:* Eva McDuffie

*Communion:* Darlene Kerchner, Joanie Pruett, Mary Mercer, Merrie Henderson

*Ushers:* Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, 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.

**MARY'S SHELTER JOB POSTING**

Mary's Shelter seeks to hire a manager for our brand new Thrift Store slated to open this summer in downtown Elberta, Alabama. This start-up position will involve developing a floor plan, implementing a point-of-sale system and getting the store up and operational. Position transitions into General Management of day-to-day operations to include volunteer recruitment and oversight. This is a full-time, paid position with benefits. Contact Kay at kaytrattles@maryssheltergulfoast.org or 251-986-6352.

**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 at 251-422-1268.

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**Meetings**  
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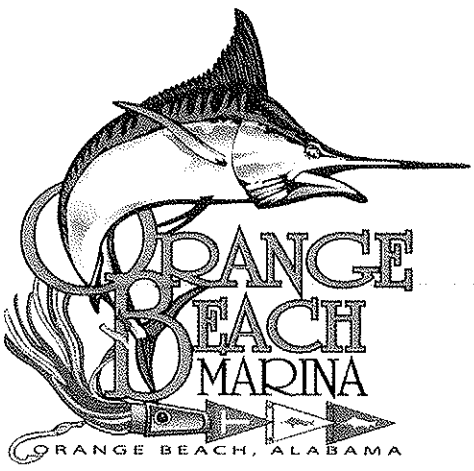
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