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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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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, MAY 20

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Father Paul, Birthday and Bradley Fontenet+

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Alice Barnett+
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Baby Henry Finnorn+ and Finnorn Family and All St. Thomas by the Sea Parishioners

MONDAY, MAY 22

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

TUESDAY, MAY 23

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Rodney Burch+

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Kendall and Peggy Fontenet

THURSDAY, MAY 25

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mary Newsome+

FRIDAY, MAY 26

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Peter Hourihan+
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, MAY 27

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bielkiewicz and Dauzat Families



Please pray for: Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Rey Segovia, Patricia Chambers, Elizabeth Von Bergen, Mark Martz, Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Cheryl Strockis, Elliott Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Edith O’Rear, Patricia Ann Cassidy, Lisa Hughes, Claire Hughes, Ron Gray, Chuck Coffey, Pam Rohan, Babe Rohan, Paul Rohan, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Jane Swain, Bob Pumford, Sally O’Donnell, James Hess, James Rudolph, Melanie Mitchell, Grayson Karazim, Eric Montross and Kylie Herring.

Please contact church office to add or update list.

LIFE QUOTE

The Lord says to us, “Do not fear: I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to His suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests His victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

– Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Be Not Afraid



May is a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on May 14, 2023

Offertory	\$ 5,572.00
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,984.62
Building Fund Budgeted	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,368.65
Memorials	\$ 0.00
Votives	\$ 55.41

Thank you for your generosity!

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:
 ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND!**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR:
 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN!**

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN – This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities using the internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of the money collected stays right here in the Archdiocese of Mobile to support local communication projects. The other 50% supports national communications efforts as well as projects in developing countries. This collection connects people around the world to the Gospel message. Please be generous.



PIETA STATUE SPONSORSHIP – Our parish is planning to purchase a marble statue which is a replica of Michelangelo's Pieta located in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The statue will be placed to left of the Altar where the tabernacle used to be and will be on rollers so that it can be facing the church or chapel. If you are willing to help in funding this project, contact Father Paul or the church office. Please be generous.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE FATHER PAUL'S BIRTHDAY (May 20th) on Sunday, May 21st after 10:00 a.m. Mass. Celebration will take place in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite side dish or salad to go along with fried chicken to share. We will be having a Birthday Cake. All are welcome. Also, celebrate his special day by keeping him in prayer that God's grace be with him and His love surround him on his special day and always!

CATHOLIC GUIDE TO END OF LIFE DECISIONS – You can ensure that your health care proxy (living will) is in accord with Catholic teaching by getting this document, which explains Church teaching on advance medical directives, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. It is issued by the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and includes a health care proxy form. Available on request in the church office.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER MAHER – Fr. Patrick Maher was our Pastor here at St. Thomas by the Sea from 1998 to 2002. He died in 2018, having spent his final years at St. Columba Parish in Dothan, AL. As memorial to his life, the Knights of Columbus of that parish have published a 20-page booklet of his famous "sayings," with many photos of him. These booklets are selling for \$18.00 to benefit the Fr. Maher Scholarship Fund. If you would like one, please contact our church office at 251-981-8132 to order.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – May 27-28, 2023

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Jean Marzullo	Mary Dalton Andree Drouilhet Barb Rudolph Glenn Rudolph	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Van Bielkiewicz, Tim Drouilhet, Denise Jackson	Patrick Dalton
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Anne Quinn, Marian Smith, Vickie Brown, Eva McDuffie	Lynn Tampary, Paul Brown, Robert Turner, Ouida Turner, Luann Yaroch, Art Yaroch	Carlos DeSanctis
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Merrie Henderson	Bob Lindley, Kathy Lindley, Alice Madere, Cheryl Robinson	Steve Kerchner, Darlene Kerchner, Merrie Henderson, Mike Pruett, Patty Cummings, Dan Cummings	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 to volunteer.**

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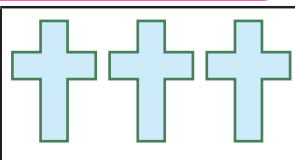
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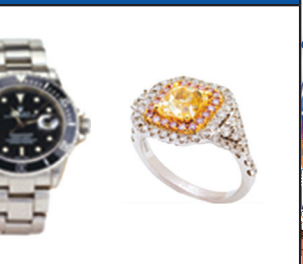
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