

St. Thomas

By The Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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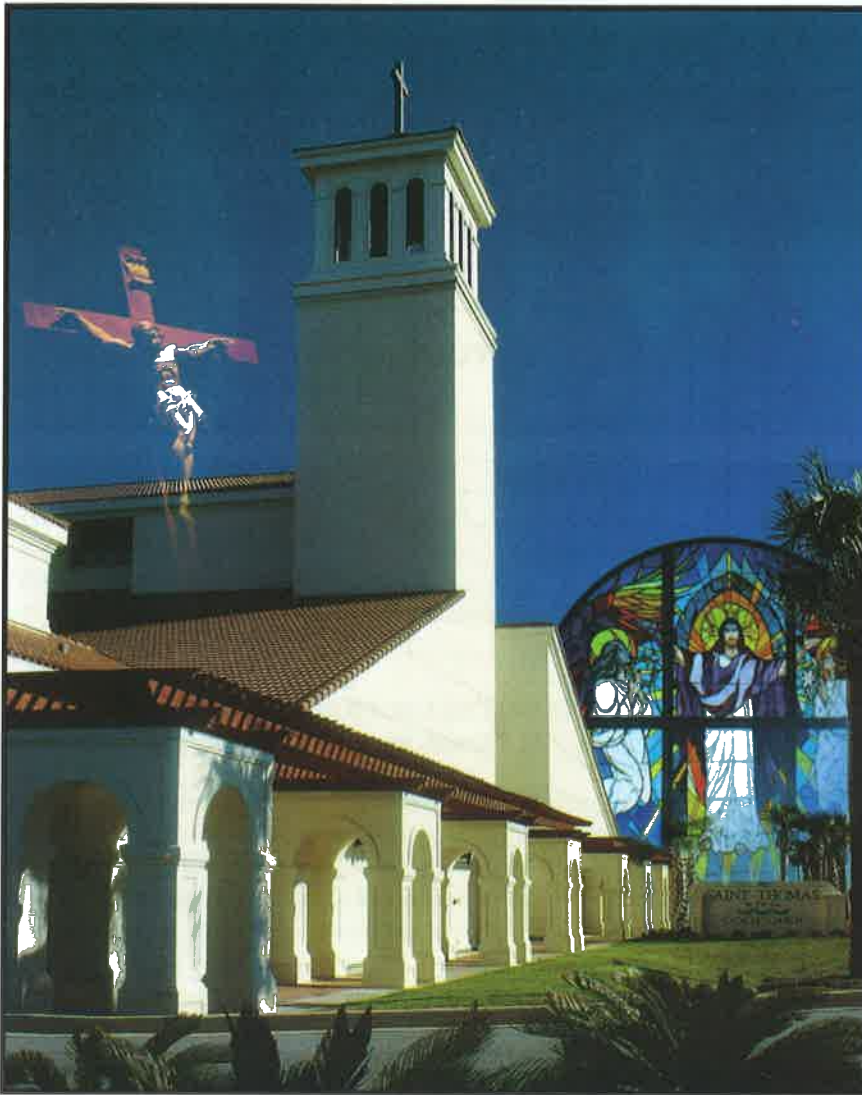
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Welcome!

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, HG/N 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
- Parish Manager:** Geri Guarino 225-505-5696
- 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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Jo-Ellen Karazim 205-568-1250

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: All Parishioners

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: Tom Barnett

10:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: Karen Gibson (L)

MONDAY, JUNE 13

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: Milton & Rita Essig (L)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: Karen Gibson (L)

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: Bill Chambers

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: Mavis Adams

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Patrick Fuhrman

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Mike Offerle, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Rey Segovia, Patricia Chambers, Karen Gibson, Elizabeth Von Bergen, Mark Martz, Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Cheryl Strockis, Renita Richburg, Elliott Trahan, Rodney Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Edith O'Rear, Sarah Tino, Patricia Ann Cassidy and Bishop Gregory Parks.

*To add someone to the prayer list,
please contact the church office.*

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

June 5, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 9,896.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 8,634.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,320.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 2,751.00
Memorials	\$ 10.00
Votives.....	\$ 74.00
Catholic Communication Campaign.....	\$ 260.00
Online giving	\$ 2,086.51

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

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

DEACON STEVE'S 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On June 15th, Deacon Steve Seymour will be celebrating his 20th anniversary of becoming a Deacon. Please join us in wishing him a Happy 20th Anniversary. May God bless him with much joy, happiness and good health. We are blessed to have him as our Deacon at St. Thomas By the Sea.

BENEFITS OF CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) strengthens our will. Every time we experience the Sacrament, God strengthens our will and our self control to be able to resist the temptations that confront us in our lives. We become more resolute to follow God's will and not our own whims. Our parish offers Reconciliation at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and at other times by appointment with Fr. Paul.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

If you are a shut-in, please let the office know so we can arrange for someone to visit and bring you Communion. Also, if you are anticipating a stay in the hospital or rehabilitation center, let us know; we can also arrange for you to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before you leave.

ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION

If you are not sure how to answer someone who questions you on the Church's stance 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.

FATHER'S DAY MASS AND MEMORIAL CARDS

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th. The Altar Rosary Society will have Father's Day Mass cards available in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend. 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 Father's Day and throughout the week.

"HOLY ROLLERS" BICYCLE CLUB

Fr. Paul would like to start a bicycle club at our Parish. What a great opportunity to keep physically and spiritually healthy, and to get to know each other better. If you are free on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. and want to join this group, please call the church office at 251-981-8132 to sign up so we can let you know where and when to meet.

FORMED –

DO YOU WANT TO ENRICH YOUR FAITH?

We hope you have signed up for your FREE subscription to FORMED, and are taking advantage of all the great content. Then, you can go to our website, stthomasbythesea.com, click on the blue FORMED box and find the **pick-of-the-week**—always of interest. If you have not yet subscribed, you can also do that through our website, www.tthomasbythesea.com.

A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS

This booklet, from The National Catholic Bioethics Center, is available to our parishioners and can be picked up in the church office. It explains church teaching on advanced directives, euthanasia, and physician-assisted suicide and includes a health care proxy which you can fill out and give to your treating physicians.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Be sure to support the businesses on the back of our bulletin; their advertising dollars support our parish!

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, June 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: J.R. Bedel

Communion: Tina D'Aversa, Andree Drouilhet, Nancy Milton, Patrick and Mary Dalton

Ushers: Tim & Andree Drouilhet, Jay Powell, Joe Fierro, J.R. Bedel

Altar Server: Al Bedel

Sunday, June 19, 2022, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Bob Barnett

Communion: Betty McDuffie, Vicki Brown, Anne Quinn, Sharon Mahne, Terry Barnett

Ushers: Paul Brown, Robert Turner, Lynn Tampary, JoEllen Karazim, Kelley Ouzts

Altar Server: Larry Mickwee

Sunday, June 19, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Annette Mitchell

Communion: Alice Madere, Joanie Pruett, Cheryl Robinson, Mary Mercer, Richard Mercer

Ushers: Steve Kerchner, Darlene Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Merrie Henderson

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.

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.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Benedict Catholic School is now looking to hire for the following part-time positions: Spanish teacher and Counselor. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are ready to work with a variety of ages to teach Spanish and to conduct school counseling.

Certification is not required for these part-time positions. For more information, please call the school at 251-986-8143, or email Dr. McCool at kmcool@saintbenedict.net.



Dear Padre,

My daughter is \$30,000 in debt. Last payday, she loaned a friend \$600 for his house payment. She lent the money because she heard at Mass that if you have money and your friend needs it, you should lend it. Is that what Jesus would suggest for my daughter's situation?

If your daughter had \$600 she didn't immediately need and was certain the friend would repay her in a timely fashion, yes, it was good for your daughter to have lent the money. It's a sign of your daughter's generosity and kindness.

But there are many "ifs" in the above scenario. If someone had lent that money to your daughter and, because she then lent it to her friend, the lender



was denied her payment in a timely fashion, your daughter shouldn't have lent the money.

Putting this idea in simpler terms, if I have two chickens and need only one for supper, I can give a hungry person the extra chicken. But I needn't give away all I have to feed the hungry, thus becoming hungry myself. If I have only one chicken, I don't have to give it away.

We're called to be generous, but not at the expense of our own well-being. Lending money is a different

issue because it seems everyone owes money. If your daughter is paying her debts in a timely fashion, she can continue to be generous.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
1 Kgs 21:1-16
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

JUNE 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

JUNE 15

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

JUNE 16

Weekday

Sir 48:1-14
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

JUNE 18

Weekday

2 Chr 24:17-25
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

JUNE 19

The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17

Do you have a question
for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and learn more about
Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

There are many ways to justify one's actions when not giving alms [to the homeless]. "But why should you? If I give him money, he'll just spend it on a glass of wine." If a glass of wine is his only happiness in life, then so be it... It is always right to give help.

INTERVIEW WITH SCARP DE' TENIS MAGAZINE, APRIL 4, 2017

I Believe in God

What do we mean when we say this? We are saying that we don't understand it, but we believe it; we accept it as truth. How do we know it's true? First, we must remember that we are standing before the greatest mystery of all—the mystery of the triune God. The best we can do is open our eyes to the power of God working in our lives. Today's readings help us do that.

In the first reading, the wisdom of God takes our hand and leads us through the marvels of creation. Who has not stood in awe before a sunset, a waterfall, or the smile of an infant? We are surrounded by the wonders of the natural world, wonders that can fashion us into nature mystics and prompt us to praise our Creator.

Once transformed by his encounter with the risen Christ, Paul proclaims again and again that “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). He knows from experience that Jesus is his savior and the savior of us all. We may not always realize this, but there are times in the life of each of us when we experience a profound need to be saved.

Finally in the Gospel, it was Jesus himself who promised that the “Spirit of truth” would come and strengthen our faith (John 16:13). Without that Spirit we might simply wander about in confusion. These readings provide a glimpse into the action of God in our lives. Do we believe what they say?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ **Stop for a moment and rejoice in the beauty of creation.**
- ★ **Pray this simple prayer: “I believe. Help my unbelief.”**

*The LORD begot me,
the beginning of his works....
I was his delight day by day,
playing before him all the while.*

PROVERBS 8:22, 30

