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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 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, AUGUST 12

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mario Coll+
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Barbara Fleck+ and All St. Thomas By The Sea Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass – **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Intention: David Cranston+

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Maureen Kiernan+
- 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike Mahne+

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Pat Nicholas+

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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

FRIENDLY REMINDER: The St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel is open every day for prayer Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



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

Please contact the church office to add to or update list.

LIFE QUOTE

Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope...While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care – allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life activities



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION is one of the most important feast days of the year and a **Holy Day of Obligation** on the official Roman Catholic Church calendar. By tradition, the holy day is observed every August 15th. The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother’s entrance into heavenly glory. The *Catechism* explains that Mary “was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body” (CCC,974).

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on August 6, 2023

Offertory	\$ 10,804.00
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 250.00
Building Fund Budgeted	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,312.96
Votives	\$ 96.00
Special Collection	\$ 2,023.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:
ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND
NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR:
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS
 Thank you for your generosity!

The **ANGELS OF JOY GIFT SHOP** is open after all weekend Masses. We appreciate your patronage as we support many charities through your purchases. We currently have for sale books of coupons for local restaurants and businesses, to benefit St. Benedict School; available for \$20.00.

CHILDRENS FAITH FORMATION (CCD) begins Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 8:50-9:45 a.m. for all St. Thomas By The Sea children. If you are new to St. Thomas by The Sea, please call the Church Office to add your child/children to the program. Also, **Confirmation Students – 10th graders** considering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Catholic Church, please contact the church office to register for Confirmation classes beginning this September.

WALKING WITH A PURPOSE – Coming Soon, A new ministry for women. Walking With A Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible Study for women. Join us for Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Learn more about Jesus Christ through scriptures. Beginning this fall at St. Thomas By The Sea Library on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We are looking for a WWP coordinator. Training will be provided. If interested or any questions, contact Diana D’Angelo at 440-487-4373 or ddangelo17@icloud.com.

FATHER NGHIA CAO OF CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH will be visiting our parish next weekend celebrating Mass while Father Paul is away and speaking on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Celebrating a **MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** this year? Our Archdiocese would like to invite Couples celebrating 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries to special Milestone Wedding Anniversary Masses and receptions. These will be held in September.

- On September 2, 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Auburn
- On September 16, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Parish in Eufaula
- On September 23 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley
- On September 23 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish, Mobile

Please register by August 27, 2023 at mobarch.org/milestone-anniversary.

MARY’S SHELTER GULF COAST THRIFT STORE in Elberta, AL, is in need of **Volunteers** for the store and others to volunteer on an as needed basis to fill spots or pick up items from donors. Tuesday through Saturday. Call or email sharloncollier@maryssheltergulfcoast.org for more details.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – AUGUST 19-20

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVER	USHERS	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Tina D’Aversa	Mary Dalton, Andree Drouilhet, Tina D’aversa, Jay Powell	Patrick Dalton	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Rob Shine, Van Bielkiewicz, Tim Drouilhet, Denise Jackson	Aracelly Smith
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Sharon Mahne, Bobbie Seymour	Carlos DeSanctis	Lynn Tampary, Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner, Paul Brown	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Alice Madere	Darlene Kerchner, Melanie Reece, Cheryl Robinson, Mary Mercer	NOT FILLED	Steve Kerchner, Lee Barnes, Richard Mercer, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Mike Pruett	Deacon Steve

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES:
LECTORS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, USHERS, SACRISTAN.
 Training is provided – please call the church office at 251-981-8132 to volunteer.

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Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132
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