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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 26

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike Mahne+
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All St. Thomas By The Sea Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Fr. Francis Cusack+

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Dick Armstrong+ and Joseph C. Dupre'+

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Margaret Schlosser+

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike and Tom Barnett+

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

No sin or crime is greater than God’s mercy. The Sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ’s greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart.

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and many prayers for parishioners Jim and Agnes Johnson who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Sixty years of giving happiness, love and loyalty to one another must not go unmarked. We wish you many more years of love and good health together.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

You can give electronically wherever you travel! Just get the Vanco, Inc. “Give Plus+” Smart Phone app. Vanco is the company that provides e-giving capability at St. Thomas by the Sea and at more than 25,000 churches nationally. Once you have the app, just look up the Church by Name, City or Zip Code. An immediate e-mail receipt will confirm your gift.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on August 20, 2023

Offertory	\$ 13,577.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 300.00
<i>Building Fund Budgeted</i>	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,659.84
Votives and Memorials	\$ 400.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 834.31

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

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. Also, seeking adult volunteers to assist with CCD on Sunday mornings; please contact church office to volunteer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST will be August 27th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights offer this at no charge and sincerely invite everyone to attend.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GROUPS will resume meetings the week of September 11th for the fall series, *The Power/Mysteries of the Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries*. This is a 7-week Series video program available on FORMED.org (Catholic Faith Resource On Demand available through St. Thomas by the Sea for FREE). Groups will meet weekly. These small communities are a part of the wider Church and provide opportunity to grow in knowledge and relationship with God, strengthen faith sharing, prayer and fellowship with others in St. Thomas parish. For more information, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016 or mldsibille@gmail.com.

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 Wednesdays, time to be determined (mornings at 10:00 a.m. OR evenings at 6:30 p.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.

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@maryssheltergulfoas.org for more details.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 2-3

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Al Bedel	Nancy Milton, J.R. Bedel, Mary Dalton, Peggy Newsome	Patrick Dalton	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Van Bielkiewicz, Denise Jackson, Rob Shine	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Sharon Mahne, Marian Smith	Carlos DeSanctis	Lynn Tampary, Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner, Paul Brown	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Merrie Henderson	Darlene Kerchner, Mary Mercer, Alice Madere, Joanie Pruett	NOT FILLED	Steve Kerchner, Mike Pruett, Richard Mercer, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings	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.

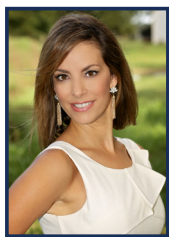
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- St. Benedict School**
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Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132
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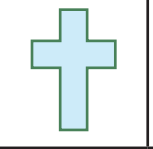
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