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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, SEPTEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – LABOR DAY

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Patty Hughes+

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: James Rudolph+

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Fred Korte+

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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, 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, 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

The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

HOME VISITS & CONFESSIONS

Father Paul is available to bless your home – call the church office at 251-981-8132 for an appointment. You can also schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you can’t come to church on a Saturday, or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick if you have a serious chronic illness or will be having surgery.

ALTAR LINEN

Altar Linen care for September: Melanie Reece and Melissa Sibille. Thank you, ladies!

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.

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES are in. If you had your photo taken earlier this year or submitted a photo for the Directory, please pick up your copy in the church office.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on August 27, 2023

Offertory	\$ 7,223.73
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,481.00
<i>Building Fund Budgeted</i>	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,272.96
Votives and Memorials	\$ 134.05

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:
ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND
Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in the Parish Library following morning Mass. The meetings will continue on the second Tuesday of the month. All ladies are invited to join this loving, caring group of ladies who support many activities and endeavors at St. Thomas by the Sea. For more information, please text or email Anne Quinn at 303-324-3526 or anne@aspengroup.org.

The Baldwin-Escambia Deanery **ACCW QUARTERLY MEETING & LUNCHEON** is Thursday, September 14, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Church in Magnolia Springs. The cost is \$15.00 for the luncheon. Please contact Anne Quinn at 303-324-3526 by September 4th for information or to make a reservation.

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.

KNIGHT’S KORNER. The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be Wednesday, September 13th 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.

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 PURPOSE – Coming Soon, a new ministry for women. Walking With 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 Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas by the Sea Library. 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.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 9-10

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Tina D’Aversa	Nancy Milton, Jay Powell, Tina D’Aversa, J.R. Bedel	Al Bedel	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz, Agnes Johnson, Rob Shine	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Jean Marzullo	Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Bobbie Seymor, Sharon Mahne	Carlos DeSanctis	Paul Brown Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Alice Madere	Darlene Kerchner, Bob Lindley, Kathy Lindley, Merrie Henderson	NOT FILLED	Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Lee Barnes	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.

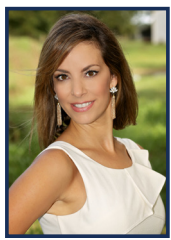
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- St. Benedict School**
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- Winter Visitor Contact**
Ellen Passage.....517-881-6615
- Sacrament of Baptism**
Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132
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