

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

### Saturday, 09/04

4:00-4:45 p.m.—Confessions

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

*Mass Intention: Joyce & Stafford Bielkiewicz*

### Sunday, 09/05

8:00 a.m.—Mass

*Mass Intention: Patty Hughes*

10:00 a.m.—Mass

### Monday, 09/06

8:40 a.m.—Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Communion Service

### Tuesday, 09/07

8:40 a.m.— Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Mass

*Mass Intention: Bob Lindley*

### Wednesday, 09/08

8:40 a.m.—Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Mass

*Mass Intention: David Cranston*

### Thursday, 09/09

8:40 a.m.— Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Mass

*Mass Intention: Mavis Adams*

### Friday, 09/10

8:40 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m.—Mass

*Mass Intention: Michael Mahne*

### Saturday 09/11

4:00-4:45 p.m.— Confessions

5:00 p.m.— Vigil Mass

*Mass Intention: Heather McClanahan*

### OUR CHAPEL IS CLOSED

temporarily as repairs are made of damages caused by Hurricane Sally. We hope to reopen in the near future.

Did you know?

*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 and over 25,000 churches nationally. Once you have the App just look up the Church or Parish by either Name, City or Zip Code. An immediate e-mail receipt will confirm your gift!*

**SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR:  
ST THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND**  
*Please be generous as many repairs are needed and thank you for your generosity!*

*It is better to give than receive*

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

August 28th & 29th

Offertory.....	\$ 3,885.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 850.00
Votives.....	\$ 21.00

### DONUT SUNDAY

*Please join us in the narthex of the church after 10am Mass on Sunday, September 19th. This is an opportunity to get to know Fr. Ravi, Deacon Steve and other members of the parish. This is open to all people attending Mass that day, whether you are a local or visitor. So join us after Mass next week! Coffee & Donuts!!*

### FORMED

#### Do you want to enrich your faith?

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform with over 4000 titles of Catholic content including movies, e-books, audios, talks, documentaries and studies. We are offering it to you for FREE! To signup go to [FORMED.org/signup](http://FORMED.org/signup)...Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish...Enter your name and email. No password required.

### HOME VISITS & CONFESSIONS

Father Paul is available to bless your home. Please call the parish office at 251-981-8132 for appointment. You can also call to schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you can't come on a Saturday.

### Please pray for:



Dominique deSanctis, Chad Smith, Rita Michelle Garner, Tim Glennon, Babe Rohan, Lydia Williams, Mark Miller, Deacon Hank Pouliot, Dolores Mills, Sarah Knoll Lammons, Edward O'Brien, Lavonne McCumber, Donna Zepponi, Brandt Quinn, Margaret Smith, Craig Horn, Katheryn Bennett, William Chambers, Frances Gagliano, Anthony Baroco, Kathy Montecio, Stephanie Keeler, Ed Zyniewicz, Daphne Stanford, Karen Kelley O'Brien, Joel Rivera, Susan Berezuk, Bill Sukman, Carly Barrett, Janet & Tommy Pollman, Jenifer Davis, Sally Ashurst, Gene Brymer, Norman Hankins, Mary Schmid, Pat Chambers, Matt Bosarge, Maureen Kiernan, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Jane Fleshman, Cecil Young, Paul Anderson, Marion Waller, Bob Lindley, Rob & Frances Elaine Brown, Vinny Garabedian

# September 4th & 5th, 2021

## Why Do Churches have vigil candles?

Most Churches have stands of vigil candles that parishners can light to accompany a prayer. Why do Churches have these Candles, and what do they signify?

Throughout Church history, candles have always had symbolic meaning. Scripture is filled with references to light and holy fire. In John 1, Christ is called the "light of men," and in John 8:12, Jesus says "I am the light of the world."

Many churches, shrines, and chapels have designated areas next to sacred statues or images with small candles that you can light. Depending on the candles and their setting, these candles may continue burning for a few hours or even up to a week. Churches often ask that you leave a small donation to cover the cost of the candle.

When you light one of these candles, you can offer a prayer or intention along with it. You can pray for a special request, for loved ones, those who are sick or suffering, or simply to thank God for His blessing.

In the How To Book of Catholic Devotion, Mike Aquilino and Regis J. Flaherty explain that, "The lit Candle symbolizes your prayer. The candle then keeps vigil in the Church or shrine when you cannot physically be present."

Vigil candles are also beautiful because seeing our candles and our offertory prayers being offered with those of our brothers and sisters in Christ reminds us that we are never truly alone. Together, all of our small prayers form a great flame.

So, let us light the candles in our church and continue our great Tradition of our Catholic Faith.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS**

***Training is provided—please call the church office***

#### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

**For children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings! If you would like to share the faith with Little Ones during the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays, call Jean Marzullo at 251-599-1643 to volunteer. Crayons provided.**

#### **CCD REGISTRATION**

It's time for CCD Registration for 2021/2022! Please complete a registration for your children for this year's CCD classes. There are forms on the website. (You can find CCD under the Ministries tab). For more information, call the church office 251-981-8132 or Jean Marzullo 251-599-1643. Classes begin September 12th. We are looking forward to growing in the Lord with your children.

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#### **MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. (9/11/21)** Lector: Tina D'Aversa

Communion: Mary Dalton, Pat Dalton, Jay Powell,

Altar Servers: Pat Dalton

Ushers: Jim & Agnes Johnson, Oliveth Archer, Joe Fierro

**Sunday, 8 am. (09/12/21)** Lector: Melissa Sibille

Communion: Terry Barnett, Bette McDuffie, Jane Quinn

Vicki Brown

Altar Servers: Carlos DeSanctis

Ushers: JoEllen Karazim, Kelley Ouzts, LuAnn & Art Yaroch,

Paul Brown, Robert Turner

**Sunday, 10 a.m. (09/12/21)** Lector: Mark Dickhute

Communion: Joanie Pruett, Mary Mercer, Alice Madere,

Merrie Henderson

Altar Servers: Steve Fletcher

Ushers: Steve & Darlene Kerchner, Dan Cummings

Lee Barnes, Ron Slovinski,

The Baldwin-Escambia Deanery-AACW Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Thursday September 9, 2021 at our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Gulf Shores, AL. Registration and coffee begin at 8:45am in the Parish Center; followed by a business meeting at 9:15am. Mass is at 11am, then lunch will be served in the Parish Center at noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$13.00 per person. Contact Judie Flanigan to make reservation @ 251-554-4489. Reservations should be made by 9-1-21.

#### ***SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS***

***St. Benedict is recruiting substitutes for all their classrooms!***

***For more information or to apply, email Dr. McCool at [kmccool@saintbenedict.net](mailto:kmccool@saintbenedict.net) or call school 251-986-8143***

**SEPTEMBER** is our month to stock the pantry for the Christian Service Center!!! There will be a collection area in the narthex to leave donations. Items needed: canned meat, tuna or chicken. Ramen noodles, saltine crackers, cereal, mac and cheese. Peanut butter & jelly. Any toiletries such as toothbrushes/toothpaste, personal grooming items, etc.

#### **JOB OPENING**

St. Benedict Catholic School is now looking to hire for the following part-time positions: Spanish, Music and Counselor. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are ready to work with a variety of ages to teach music and 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 [kmccool@saintbenedict.net](mailto:kmccool@saintbenedict.net)

#### **ALFRED-WASHBURN DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS**

Clients at AWC are always in great need of men's and women's casual shoes in all sizes, as well as men's jeans, (especially in smaller sizes) and women's jeans and pants in all sizes. They always need disposable razors and batteries (all sizes) and flashlights. **Right now there is a special need for insect repellent and/or Bounce dryer sheets.** Anything you can do to help is much appreciated. Bring your donations to the Church, to be taken to the Center. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. God bless you for your generosity!