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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 16

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Maureen Kiernan+

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Violette and Edward Sibille+

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: June Pumford+

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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, 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, Thomas Potts, Hap Archer and Michael Fleshman.

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

LIFE QUOTES

Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” (Luke 15:7)*

– USCCB, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep Deacon Steve and his wife, Bobbi, in prayer as he attends the Deacons’ Retreat, being held on September 18th, 19th and 20th, at Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, Louisiana.



CONVOCATION MASS

On September 26th and 27th, please join in Convocation Masses at 11:15 a.m. in main Church being concelebrated by Bishop Rodi and Clergy of the Diocese. Everyone is invited to attend. On these two mornings, there will be Communion Service in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on September 10, 2023

Offertory	\$ 7,206.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,035.00
<i>Building Fund Budgeted</i>	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,401.56
Votives and Memorials	\$ 52.93

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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.

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. If interested or any questions, contact Diana D’Angelo at 440-487-4373 or ddangelo17@icloud.com.

Please call the Church Office to register for **CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION (CCD)** classes on Sunday from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Also, teens or adults seeking **Confirmation into the Catholic Church or RCIA**, contact the office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE...HEALING MASS, October 7, 2023. The annual Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, October 7th at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a light lunch provided by the ladies of Altar Rosary Society. This sacrament is for those who have a chronic illness, are facing surgery or of advanced age. Please come and show support for those who will be anointed.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GROUPS resumed meetings this week 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.

PLEASE JOIN US for PARISH WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL, Saturday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m., following Saturday Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall. Come meet your neighbors, friends and fellow parishioners and share a glass and light hors d’oeuvres.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 23-24

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Patrick Dalton	Mary Dalton Tina D’Aversa Nancy Milton Jay Powell	J.R. Bedel	Joe Fierro Jim Johnson Agnes Johnson Van Bielkiewicz Denise Jackson Rob Shine	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Jean Marzullo	Anne Quinn Vicki Brown Sharon Mahne Marian Smith	Carlos DeSanctis	Paul Brown Ouida Turner Art Yaroch Luann Yaroch Robert Turner	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Merrie Henderson	Darlene Kerchner Mary Mercer Joanie Pruett Cheryl Robinson	NOT FILLED	Richard Mercer Mike Pruett Lee Barnes Steve Kerchner 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.

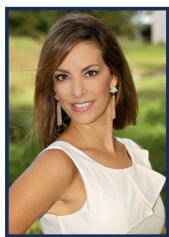
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