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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, OCTOBER 7

- 11:00 a.m. Healing Mass
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bielkiewicz & Dautzat Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 7:30 a.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mario Coll+
- 9:30 a.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All St. Thomas By The Sea Parishioners and John Beaty+

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Altar Rosary Society Members – Living and Deceased

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Marie Harty+ and Mike Barnett+

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Joseph C. Dupre+

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Kathryn Kerchner+

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Bielkiewicz & Dautzat Families

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.

In October, the Catholic Church in the US celebrates **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**. This year’s theme is **Radical Solidarity**, which requires us to be courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies and supports women and their children. You are encouraged to recite the beautiful Prayer for Radical Solidarity daily—copies are available in the Narthex, and you can view it on our website. A Radical Solidarity reflection is also available. In addition, please consider joining us in praying a Rosary with pro-life intentions before every weekend Mass until November 5th (during 40 Days for Life Campaign). The Rosary will start 30 minutes before each scheduled Mass.

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.



Father Paul will be away, traveling to the Netherlands and India from October 16 through November 20, 2023. Please keep Fr. Paul in prayer for safe travels and good health and well being during this time. Fr. Legaspi (Lillian) and Fr. Chacko (Bay Minette) will celebrate weekday Masses and Fr. O’Connor (Daphne) will celebrate all weekend Masses during Fr. Paul’s time away.



**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
on October 1, 2023**

Offertory	\$ 9,124.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,558.00
<i>Building Fund Budgeted</i>	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,538.37
Votives and Memorials	\$ 93.00

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.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, October 10, 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.

Invitation for all women! **DAUGHTERS OF MARY**, a Faith sharing group for women, meets on Friday mornings after 9:00 a.m. Mass (in Parish Library). Please join us as we read, reflect and share thoughts on the Sunday readings while growing in faith and community with one another. PLEASE JOIN US!

KNIGHTS KORNER. The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th 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.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE – 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. This group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas By The Sea Library. If interested or if you have any questions, contact Diana D’Angelo at 440-487-4373 or ddangelo17@icloud.com or Marge Keller at 251-709-9861 or margekeller@gmail.com.

ALTAR LINEN CARE FOR OCTOBER: Marge Keller and Ouida Turner. Thank you ladies!

Please let the Church Office know of any **SPECIAL DATES (Anniversaries, Birthdays, Celebrations)**. Father Paul would love to include them in daily Masses and prayers.

THE 52ND ANNUAL LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR LAWN PARTY is Sunday, October 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. featuring delicious food, Games, Hayrides, Vendor Booths, Bake Sale, MEGA Raffle and Live Entertainment. Proceeds go to the care of the Residents at Little Sisters of the Poor.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – OCTOBER 14-15

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Shine	Andree Drouilhet, Tina D’Aversa, J.R. Bedel, Jay Powell	Tom Drouilhet	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Van Bielkiewicz, Rob Shine, Denise Jackson	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Jean Marzullo	Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown, Bobbie Seymour, Marian Smith		Paul Brown, Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner, John Neese	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Merrie Henderson	Joanie Pruett, Cheryl Robinson, Alice Madere, Melanie Reece	NOT FILLED	Steve Kerchner, Patty Cummings, Dan Cummings, Lee Barnes, Mike Pruett, Darlene Kerchner	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.

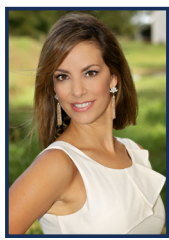
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- St. Benedict School**
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Ellen Passage.....517-881-6615
- Sacrament of Baptism**
Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132
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