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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 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 & Dauzat Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7:30 a.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Joseph C. Dupre'+
- 9:30 a.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All St. Thomas By The Sea Parishioners and Sue Pizzitola +

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mary Newsome+

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Steve Breckenridge(L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: David Cranston+

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Living and Deceased of the Korte family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no.99

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 8, 2023

Offertory	\$ 11,241.00
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,901.00
Building Fund Budgeted	\$ 4,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,529.75
Votives and Memorials	\$ 13.94

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND!

Next Weekend's Special Collection will be for Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday).

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.

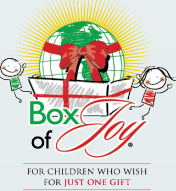
Invitation for all women! **DAUGHTERS OF MARY**, a Faith sharing group for women, meets on Friday mornings after 9:00 a.m. Mass (in Parish Library). Please join us as we read, reflect and share thoughts on the Sunday readings while growing in faith and community with one another. PLEASE JOIN US!

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.

Next week, our special collection will support **Propagation of Faith (World Mission Sunday)**. The Society for Propagation of Faith aims to open the heart of every believer to the vastness of the missionary horizon, through spiritual and material support for the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. It coordinates assistance for Catholic missionary priest, brothers, and nuns in mission areas. By supporting this collection, you are being the spark that transforms lives. Please be generous.

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** – We will be praying a pro-life Rosary starting 30 minutes before every weekend Mass until November 5th. Please arrive early and join us in praying for an end to the barbaric practice of abortion in our country and in the world.

ALL SOULS’ DAY envelopes can be found in the Narthex (back of church). This is a great way to remember our Beloved Souls of the faithfully departed. The offerings will all be collected during the remainder of the month of October and placed on the altar for All Souls’ Day. The envelopes will stay on the altar through the month of November.

 **SPREAD JOY TO UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN THIS CHRISTMAS** by participating in the Cross Catholic Box of Joy project! You will find the empty boxes on the table in the Narthex together with a list of suggested gifts. Register on the sign-up sheet, and return your box to the table by the weekend of November 5. A donation of \$9.00 is requested for shipping & handling cost for each box – either donate online at crosscatholic.org.box-of-joy/online, drop your check in the mail in the envelope provided, or bring it to the office — **DO NOT PLACE YOUR DONATION IN THE BOX.** Thank you for your generosity, and bringing more Joy into the world!

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – OCTOBER 21-22

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Patrick Dalton	Mary Dalton, Peggy Newsome, Andree Drouilhet, J.R. Bedel	Tom Drouilhet	Denise Jackson, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Jean Marzullo	Anne Quinn, Sharon Mahne, Vicki Brown, Beverly Mills		Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner, Paul Brown	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Annette Mitchell	Darlene Kerchner, Melanie Reece, Bob Lindley, Kathy Lindley	NOT FILLED	Steve Kerchner, Lee Barnes, Patty Cummings, Dan Cummings, Richard Mercer	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.

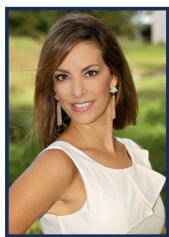
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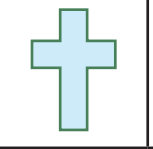
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