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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, November 4

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 & Stephen Pehler+

SUNDAY, November 5

7:30 a.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Jenny O'Rourke+
 9:30 a.m. 40 Days for Life Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All St. Thomas by the Sea Parishioners and Charles Bennett Long+

MONDAY, November 6

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

TUESDAY, November 7

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Bill Molaschi+

WEDNESDAY, November 8

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

THURSDAY, November 9

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

FRIDAY, November 10

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Marie & Lloyd Harty+
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, November 11

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 & Stephen Pehler+

Please pray for: Leigh Pitchford, Milton and 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, Michael Fleshman, Robin Mendiola, Michael Dalton and Lorrie Larew.

LIFE QUOTES

Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families.

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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.

PARISH COUNCIL – Would you like to serve on St. Thomas by The Sea Parish Council? Please submit nominations by email including parishioner Full Name, Permanent Residence Address, Local Address if part-time parishioner, Telephone Number, Email address, number of years as a registered parishioner at St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church. If nomination is for someone other than yourself, you must confirm nominee is open to serve. Briefly describe why you feel nominee (can be yourself) should serve on the Parish Council. Parish Council meets monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Library. Nominations are due November 30, 2023 to Tina D'Aversa, tdaversa@bellsouth.net.

OPEN POSITION

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION: St. Thomas by the Sea is in need of a Parish Secretary. Please let us know if you are interested. Contact Marge Keller at stthomasbk@gmail.com for more information or call the church office at 251-981-8132.



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

The St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel is open every day for prayer, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on October 29, 2023

Offertory	\$ 6,848.00
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,683.87
Votives and Memorials	\$ 84.10
Building Fund	\$ 3,556.93

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:
 ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND**

Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, November 14, 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@aspen group.org.

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 LINEN CARE FOR NOVEMBER: Mary Mercer and Suzanne Laurier. Thank you ladies!

KNIGHT'S KORNER. The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be Wednesday, November 8th 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.

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.

WALKING WITH A PURPOSE (WWP) is a Catholic Bible Study for women. Join us weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas by the Sea Library. If interested or 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.

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 November 6. A donation of \$9.00 is requested for shipping and 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 for bringing more Joy into the world!

Mary's Shelter: The 2024 **Be My Valentine IV \$10,000.00 Drawdown Extravaganza** event is scheduled for February 18, 2024 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Hall, 308 East 22nd Avenue, Gulf Shores; in addition to the drawdown, it will include lunch and a live 'Elvis' performance. Plan on purchasing your ticket early, they will be going fast. Tickets are \$100.00 each, get yours by calling Shannon at 251-986-6351. Mary's Shelter is our local home for pregnant, homeless women, and Be My Valentine is its major yearly fundraising event.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – NOVEMBER 11-12

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Shine	Tina D'Aversa Jay Powell Nancy Milton Peggy Newsome	Al Bedel	Rob Shine Jim Johnson Denise Jackson Van Bielkiewicz, J.R. Bedel	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Anne Quinn Marian Smith Eva McDuffie Raquel Coll	John Scheel	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner, Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Alice Madere	Darlene Kerchner Joanie Pruett June Murray Cheryl Robinson	John Scheel	Mike Pruett Steve Kerchner, Lee Barnes, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Richard Mercer	Deacon Steve

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES
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- St. Benedict School**
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