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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 11**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Intention: Bielkiewicz & Dauzat Families & Stephen Pehler+*

**SUNDAY, November 12**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Mike Barnett+*  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: The Mills Family*

**MONDAY, November 13**

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

**TUESDAY, November 14**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: All Altar Rosary Society Members, Living and Deceased*

**WEDNESDAY, November 15**

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Peggy Mills*

**THURSDAY, November 16**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Juliana Szentos+*

**FRIDAY, November 17**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Jane Fleshman+*  
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

**SATURDAY, November 18**

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 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 & 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.

**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.

**FATHER PAUL IS PRESENTLY AWAY** on a visit to India and will return November 20. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travel and good health. During this time, Fr. Legaspi (Lillian) and Fr. Chacko (Bay Minette) will celebrate daily Masses, and Fr. O’Connor (retired) will be with us for weekend Masses.

**PARISH COUNCIL** – Would you like to serve on St. Thomas by the Sea Parish Council? Please submit nominations by email, including parishioner’s full name, permanent residence address, local address if part-time parishioner, telephone number, email address, and number of years as a registered parishioner at St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church. If nomination is for someone other than yourself, please 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 at tdaversa@bellsouth.net.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

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 by the Sea and at more than 25,000 churches nationally. Once you have the app, just look up the Church by Name, City or Zip Code. An immediate e-mail receipt will confirm your gift.

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on November 5, 2023**

Offertory .....	\$ 7,742.00
Budgeted .....	\$ 9,000.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1,881.60
Votives and Memorials .....	\$ 61.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 3,720.00

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:**

**ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND**

Next weekend there will be a Special Collection for the Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. This collection supports a variety of anti-poverty projects – please be generous. 25% of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local projects.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**  
 The St. Thomas by the Sea Chapel is open weekdays for prayer, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



**LIFE QUOTES**

“In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

– *Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge*, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-life Activities “Living Radical Solidarity”

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in the Parish Library following morning Mass. ARS meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, September through May. 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.

**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 Catholic 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 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 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.

**MARY’S SHELTER BINGO** will be back next January, starting January 4th. This year will be our 20th, and we hope to be back to full capacity! But WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to be callers, floor attendants, kitchen helpers and cooks to provide soups and sweets. Please consider giving us a hand – you can work anywhere from once a month to every Thursday. Call Suzanne at 251-213-3035 to volunteer or for more information.

**Mary’s Shelter BE MY VALENTINE IV** – Beginning November 18th, tickets go on sale for the 2024 **Be My Valentine IV \$10,000.00 Drawdown Extravaganza** event, which is scheduled for February 18, 2024 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Hall, 308 East 22 Avenue, Gulf Shores. In addition to the drawdown, it will include lunch and a live “Elvis” performance. Tickets are \$100.00 each and go fast, so purchase yours early by calling Shannon at 251-986-6351. Mary’s Shelter is our local home for pregnant homeless women, and this is its major fundraising event each year!

**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – NOVEMBER 18-19**

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	J.R. Bedel	Tina D’Aversa J.R. Bedel Nancy Milton Jay Powell	Al Bedel	Joe Fierro Jim Johnson Denise Jackson Van Bielkiewicz	J.R. Bedel
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Beverly Mills	Anne Quinn Betty McDuffie Sharon Mahne Vicki Brown	Carlos DeSanctis	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch, Luann Yaroch, Robert Turner, Paul Brown, John Neese	Deacon Steve
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Annette Mitchell	Joanie Pruett Melanie Reece Alice Madere Merrie Henderson	Not Filled	Steve Kerchner, Lee Barnes, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Richard Mercer Mike Pruett	Deacon Steve

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES – EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND USHERS. Training is provided. Please call the church office at 251-981-8132**

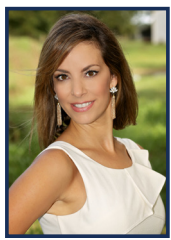
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