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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 18

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

SUNDAY, November 19

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Clarence Dupre+
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All STTBTS Parishioners

MONDAY, November 20

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

TUESDAY, November 21

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Tom & David Cranston +
 5:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 22

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Juliana Szentes +
 6:30 p.m. Walking With Purpose

THURSDAY, November 23

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Claude Laurier +

FRIDAY, November 24

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Fr. Patrick Maher +
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, November 25

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, Lorrie Larew and Rebecca London.

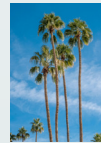
OPEN POSITION

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 WILL RETURN NOVEMBER 20. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels 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.

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – THE ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA, CHRIST THE KING MEDALIST THIS YEAR IS SUZANNE LAURIER. The annual archdiocese celebration of the Feast of Christ the King will be held next Sunday, November 26th, at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m., preceded by a procession starting at 10:30 a.m. During Mass, Archbishop Rodi will confer the Christ the King medal to those selected by their pastor to be recognized for their exemplary service to the parish community. All are welcome to join in honoring Suzanne at this celebration.

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, 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; send to Tina D’Aversa at tdaversa@bellsouth.net.



PALM TREES ARE STILL AVAILABLE as a memorial or honorific at a cost of \$600.00. A plaque will be affixed on your tree with your name and the name of your loved one. If interested, fill out the form in the narthex and return it to the Church Office. Brick and flower memorials are also available.

LIFE QUOTES:

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well...Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of His love for us. We realize that He always has a perfect plan for our lives.”
 – USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “An Adoption Love Story”



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



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD on November 12, 2023

Offertory	\$ 4,967.00
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,498.37
Votives and Memorials	\$ 54.50
Building Fund	\$ 2,220.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 655.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND

Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS – In the spirit of giving, it is once again time for our Angel Trees! Pick an “angel” from either of the trees in the narthex and buy the requested gift. Value of gifts is limited to \$30.00. Take as many “angels” as you want, but note that the Catholic Service Center gifts should be returned by December 8th. Tape the gift request to the gift, but do not wrap it. You can also donate wrapping paper, if you wish. As always, thanks for your generosity!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION...

- **Small Christian Communities:** There are presently four groups that meet on a regular weekly basis on different days and times to view and discuss videos available to the parish through FORMED. All are welcome; for more information contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016 or mldsibille@gmail.com.
- **Men of St. Joseph:** All men of the parish are invited to join in reading and discussing readings for the following Sunday Masses, along with the Wednesday reflections from *Magnificat*. Contact Bob Barnett at 251-979-1573 or rbbtrb@gmail.com.
- **Walking With Purpose:** All women are invited to join this Bible Study group meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Contact Diana d’Angelo at 440-487-4373 or ddangelo17@icloud.com.
- **Daughters of Mary:** Meet on Friday mornings after Mass to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings, growing in faith and community with one another. All women are invited. Contact AndreeDrouilhet at 610-202-5997 or a_drouilhet@yahoo.com.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CROSS CATHOLIC BOX OF JOY PROGRAM, providing gift boxes for children who otherwise may not receive any gift at Christmas. This year, 89 boxes were filled and forwarded – a record year for us! May God bless you for your generosity.

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 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 every year.

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.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – NOVEMBER 25-26

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Tina D’Aversa	Tina D’Aversa Jay Powell Nancy Milton Not Filled	Not Filled	Joe Fierro Jim Johnson Denise Jackson Van Bielkiewicz	Not Filled
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bob Barnett	Anne Quinn Betty McDuffie Vicki Brown Marian Smith	Carlos DeSanctis	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroach, Luann Yaroach, Robert Turner, Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary (6)	Not Filled
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Merrie Henderson	Bob Lindley Kathy Lindley Cheryl Robinson Mary Mercer	Not Filled	Richard Mercer Lee Barnes, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings,	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

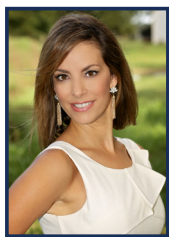
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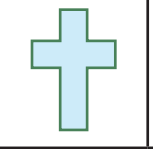
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