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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 25

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

SUNDAY, November 26

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Edward Sibile+, Mario Coll+
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: John Naber+

MONDAY, November 27

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

TUESDAY, November 28

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Andrew Svirsky

WEDNESDAY, November 29

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Robert S. Moore+ and Manuel Trinidad +
 6:30 p.m. Walking With Purpose

THURSDAY, November 30

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Tom Jorden+

FRIDAY, December 1

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike and Tom Barnett+
 9:30 a.m. Holy Hour of Adoration
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, December 2

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Patrick Rogers, Bill & Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Elliott Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Pam Rohan, Babe Rohan, Paul Rohan, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Tony Cate, Becky Cate, Mark Cate, Dina Bazor, Thomas Potts, Hap Archer, Michael Fleshman, Michael Dalton, Brian Coco, Lorrie Larew, Rebecca London, Jordan Dupre', Kathy Tucker and Jerry Tucker.

Some names have been removed. Please notify the Church Office if they need to be reinstated, or if you need to add a name to this list.

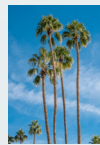
OPEN POSITION

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.

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 today, 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'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 serving. 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 TREE MEMORIALS 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.

ALTAR LINEN CARE FOR DECEMBER will be done by Sharon Mahne and Merrie Henderson. Thank you, Ladies.

LIFE QUOTES:

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the World. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

– UCCSB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"



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 19, 2023

Offertory	\$ 15,053.48
Budgeted	\$ 9,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,700.06
Votives and Memorials	\$ 75.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,862.00

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 3rd. 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!


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 each.

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 Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997 or a_drouilhet@yahoo.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 – Tickets are on sale now 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.



NEXT TIME YOU RENEW your Alabama vehicle tag, please consider paying an extra \$50.00 to get the Choose Life tag. This specialty tag will identify you as being pro-life, and you can even personalize it at no extra cost. The extra money is distributed once a year to pro-life agencies in Baldwin County – Mary’s Shelter currently gets about \$7,000.00 a year from this effort.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – DECEMBER 2-3

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Patrick Dalton	Nancy Milton Andree Drouilhet Mary Dalton Peggy Newsome	Tim Drouilhet	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson Jay Powell Van Bielkiewicz Rob Shine Denise Jackson	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bob Barnett	Anne Quinn Betty McDuffie Vicki Brown Sharon Mahne	Carlos DeSanctis	Ouida Turner, Art Yaroch Luann Yaroch Robert Turner, Paul Brown John Neese	Deacon Steve
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Merrie Henderson	Alice Madere Bob Lindley Kathy Lindley Mary Mercer	Not Filled	Steve Kerchner Lee Barnes Dan Cummings Patty Cummings Richard Mercer	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.

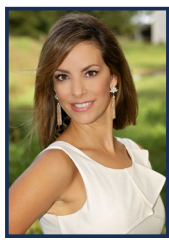
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Ellen Passage.....517-881-6615
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Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132
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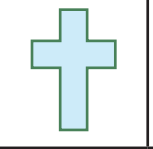
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