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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). 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, DECEMBER 3

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intentions: Bielkiewicz & Dausat Families †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Amy Karazim † & All St. Thomas Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Jo Armstrong †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Margaret Henry † & Hank Mitchell †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mary Shows †
 5:00 p.m. Feast of Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
Intention: Claude Laurier †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Following Mass: Coffee with the Pastor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Kirk & Elaine Kerchner †
 9:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intentions: Bielkiewicz & Dausat Families †

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Celebrate with us on:
Wednesday, December 7th at
 5:00 p.m. Vigil
Thursday, December 8th at
 9:00 a.m. in the Church

Please pray for: Leigh Pitchford, Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Chrissie McKillip, Patrick Rogers, Thomas Cichoski, Tom Powell, Rey Segovia, Patricia Chambers, Elizabeth Von Bergen, Mark Martz, Mary Brabston, Lori Brabston, Cheryl Strockis, Elliott Trahan, Phyllis Peralta, Edith O’Rear, Patricia Ann Cassidy, Sarah Tino, Bishop Gregory Parks, Lisa Hughes, Claire Hughes, Ron Gray, Chuck Coffey, Pam Rohan, Babe Rohan, Paul Rohan, Mary Newsome, Don Passage, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax and Sally O’Donnell.

To add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

HOME VISITS & CONFESSIONS

Father Paul is available to bless your home. Please call the parish office at 251-981-8132 for an appointment. You can also call to schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you can’t come on a Saturday.

PALM TREE MEMORIALS...You may have noticed the new palm tress planted along the West side of the church property. Each of these trees is available as a memorial or honorific, at a cost of \$600.00. A plaque will be affixed on or near your tree with your name and the name of your loved one. If interested, fill out the form in the narthex. Brick and flower memorials are also available.



ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE FOR MARY’S SHELTER GULF COAST – A mega raffle is scheduled for March 2023 with a drawing for a prize every day of the month! **Tickets are only \$50.00 each** and all proceeds will benefit Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast (MSGC) in Elberta, Alabama. Please buy a ticket to support this worthy cause. MSGC is the only charitable organization in this five-county area able to offer shelter and support to homeless, pregnant adult women, before and after the birth of their child. Tickets are being sold in the back of church, the gift shop or in the church office during the week. Please help support Mary’s Shelter by buying a ticket today.



Christmas Preparation is underway!!! We will need your help. Decorating of the church will be on Sunday, December 18th, immediately following 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the church office if you are able to help lift the large Christmas trees for the altar, or just to help decorate.

The Altar Rosary Society ladies will be having their Christmas brunch on Tuesday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m. at Cobalt’s. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Please let the ARS President, Anne Quinn, know if you are planning to attend at 303-324-3526.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
 November 27, 2022

Offertory.....	\$ 4,358.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 2,477.00
Votives.....	\$ 202.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,426.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:
ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH!
Thank you for your generosity!

Next weekend, there will be Special Collection for Retired Religious.

Mary's Shelter "Angels": We have a few more "angels" on the Christmas Tree in the narthex! These are for the children who are presently at Mary's Shelter. Please consider taking one and returning the unwrapped gift, with the "angel" attached, to the narthex by December 14. God bless you for your generosity.

Mary's Shelter Bingo will be back next January, starting Thursday, January 5. The 2021 season was cancelled due to COVID, and the 2022 season was shortened and had reduced attendance. This year will be our 19th, and we hope to be back to full capacity! But WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to be callers, floor attendants and kitchen helpers. 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.

WELCOME HOME....to all of our Winter Visitors. We certainly missed you.

Please join us for **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR** following 9:00 Mass on Wednesday mornings. It is a great time for fellowship and fun in the Parish Hall.

"HOLY ROLLERS" BICYCLE CLUB – Want a great opportunity to keep physically and spiritually healthy while getting to know each other better? If you are free on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. and want to join this group, please call the church office at 251-981-8132 for more details. Fr. Paul and others meet at Catman Trail off of Orange Beach Blvd.

ALTAR LINENS – Altar Linen care for December: Merrie Henderson and Sharon Mahne. Thank you, ladies!

Are you wondering what's going on with the construction on the east side of the church? This will be the St. Thomas by the Sea Prayer Garden. Our Prayer Garden will have a water fountain, St. Michael Statue, gardens, seating, etc. It will also serve the purpose of addressing the erosion that has taken place on the west side of the retention pond. Construction should be complete in 3-4 months. We are very excited about this new addition to our Holy Grounds at St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church.



Christmas and New Year Schedule:

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th – Join in Christmas Carols with our choir, 4:30 p.m., Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 – Masses at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 – Mass at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1 – Masses at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – December 10-11, 2022

	Lector	Communion	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	Patrick Dalton	Mary Dalton, Nancy Milton, J.R. Bedel, Patrick Dalton	Jim Johnson, Agnes Johnson, Van Bielkiewicz, Jay Powell, J.R. Bedel	Al Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Terry Barnett	Anne Quinn, Betty McDuffie, Terry Barnett, Joanne Cranston, Vicki Brown	Paul Brown, Robert & Ouida Tuner, Luanne & Art Yaroch, Bill Cranston	Carlos DeSanctis
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Merrie Henderson	Cheryl Robinson, Melanie Reece, Mary Mercer, Alice Madere, Darlene Kerchner	Lee Barnes, Steve Kerchner, Richard Mercer, Dan & Patty Cummings	Steve Fletcher

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

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Ministry

To serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister..... Contact Father Paul

RCIA

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.,
September – Easter
Contact Father Paul...251-981-8132

St. Benedict School

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Winter Visitor Contact

Ellen Passage.....517-881-6615

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132

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Contact Parish Office at least six months prior251-981-8132

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