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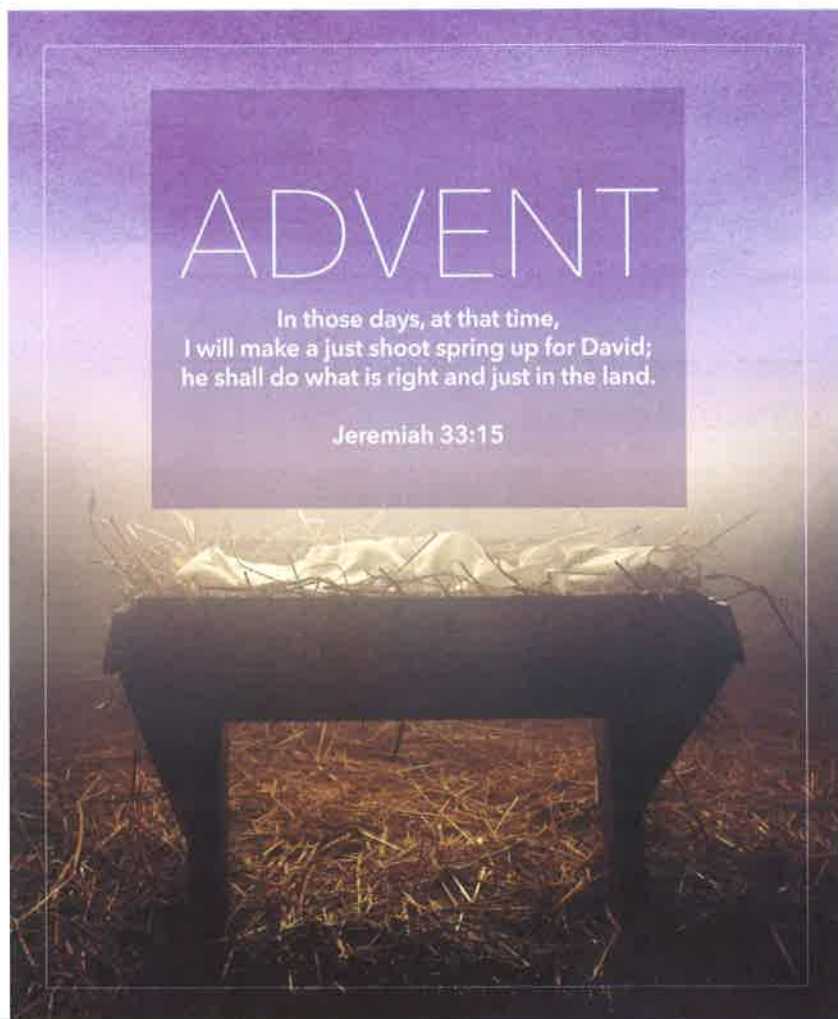
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Welcome!

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.

Rev. Paul Ravi, 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)

- Altar Rosary Society:** President, Laura Bosarge 251-209-2187
- Driving Service:** Anyone needing a ride to a doctor's appointment or elsewhere can call..... 205-999-5802
- Hispanic Ministry:** Contact St. Margaret of Scotland 251-943-4009
- Ministry of Care:** (to sick and bereaved) –
Parish Office 251-981-8132
- Respect Life Committee:** Suzanne Laurier 251-981-1918
- CCD:** Contact Father Paul
- Choir Director:** Paul Anderson..... 251-377-7923
- Parish Council:** Chairperson, Anne Quinn 303-324-3526
- Finance Council:** Chairperson, Annette Mitchell 251-978-4067
- Memorials:** Church Office 251-981-8132
- Ministry:** To serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, contact Father Paul
- RCIA:** Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (September through Easter).
Contact Father Paul
- St. Benedict School:** Contact Father Paul..... 251-981-8132
- Winter Visitor Contact:** Ellen Passage..... 517-881-6615
- Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact Church Office at least one month prior
- Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact Church Office at least six months prior
- Wedding Coordinator:** Cheryl Robinson 251-422-1268
Nancy Dickhute 402-980-3258

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: Ben & Ann Richards

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Hank Mitchell
10:00 a.m. Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Living & Deceased Altar Rosary ladies
3:00 p.m. *Grief is a Journey group*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

**7:00 a.m. *Men of St. Joseph*
8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Mike Mahne

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Mike Mahne

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Amy Karazim
****Daughters of Mary 9:45 a.m.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: William Molaschi

The ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will have their Christmas brunch at Cobalt restaurant at 11:00 a.m. on December 14th. Please contact Laura Bosarge 251-209-2187 if you want to attend.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Advent, Be glad and exult with all your heart. In Advent we get ready for Christmas. What is Christmas like at your home? Do you have a creche set ready for Christmas? Do you have an Advent wreath?

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will be Decorating the church for Christmas on December 12th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please offer your assistance. Many hands make light work. Men needed to move the Christmas trees.

ANGEL TREES

We are excited to announce that all the gift requests for our Angel tree have been met. Our parishioners and visitors have been very generous! Catholic Social Services and Christian Service center will be delighted with the donations for distribution. Thank-you for being so kind with your response to our the children. These gifts may be the only gifts they receive due to circumstances beyond their control. God Bless you All.

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MARY'S SHELTER BINGO 2022

We are planning on reinstating Bingo, starting on Thursday, January 6, 2022, after skipping the 2021 season when we observed safety and health issues. COVID guidelines will apply. See the notice posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Call the church office for more info. Hope to see you there!

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- ** Christmas Eve Mass, 5:00 p.m.
- ** Carols begin at 4:30 p.m.
- ** Christmas Morning, 10:00 a.m.

ALTAR LINEN CARE

Our volunteers for the month of December to care for our altar linens are: Merrie Henderson and Sharon Mahne. Thank you for your dedication and service!

ALTAR CARE

We need help with weekly laundering of purificators and corporals. Contact Merrie Henderson at 850-982-5213.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

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**MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND****DECEMBER 18, 5:00 P.M.**

Lector: Tina D'Aversa
Communion: Mary Dalton, Jay Powell, Peggy Newsome
Ushers: Jim & Agnes Johnson, Joe Fierro, Melissa & David McClure
Altar Server: Tim Drouilhet

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 8:00 A.M.

Lector: Bob Barnett
Communion: Vicki Brown, Marian Smith, Ann Quinn, Terry Barnett
Ushers: Kelly Ouzts, Jo-Ellen Karazim, LuAnn & Art Yaroch, Lynn Tampary, Paul Brown
Altar Server: Carlos DeSanctis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 10:00 A.M.

Lector: Mark Dickhute
Communion: Darlene Kerchner, Alice Madere, Merrie, Henderson, Joanie Pruett
Ushers: Ron Slovinski, Steve Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Lee Barnes
Altar Server: Steve Fletcher

DAUGHTERS OF MARY

Daughters of Mary is a faith sharing group for women who meet weekly to share their faith and who support and encourage each other to live according to the Gospel. We meet in the Parish Library on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. after Mass – except on First Friday – meet at 10:30 a.m. Please join us weekly or as often as you are able. Contact: Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997 or email: A_drouilhet@yahoo.com.

Our Grief is a Journey group will meet Tuesday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the Library. Please join us for conversation and assistance.

A man may stand for the justice of God, but a woman stands for His Mercy. – Fulton Sheen

**COFFEE AND DONUT SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY
DECEMBER 19TH AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. MASS**

Come and meet other members of the church and visit with Fr. Paul and Deacon – Steve Seymour

RESPECT LIFE

Here's an easy way to keep up-to-date with abortion and other Life issues: Go to the Bishops' website (usccb.org), click on Issues & Action, and then on Contact Public Officials. There you will be able to sign up for email alerts that will easily allow you to make your views known to our elected representatives. And, as always, please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

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