

SAINT THOMAS

By The Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Joel 2:13



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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, FEBRUARY 25

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
*Intentions: Peter Spaulding +,
 Gary and Peter Sibile +
 Mary Lou Peerenboom + and
 Ginny Couillard +*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention—Mike & Tom Barnett +
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intentions: All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mavis Adams
 9:30 a.m. Snowbird Coffee & Donuts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Betty Simonds

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Dick Sampson +
 5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:30 a.m. Holy Hour of Adoration
Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett +
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 4:00-6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
*Intention: Katleen Walsh +
 Bernadette Simon +*

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, Bishop Gregory Parks, Lisa Hughes, Claire Hughes, Ron Gray, Chuck Coffey, Pam Rohan, Babe Rohan, Paul Rohan, Mary Newsome, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Jane Swain, Bob Pumford and Sally O'Donnell.

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



PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

St. Thomas by the Sea is in need of a part-time 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 981-8132.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL is once again selling their coupon book for \$20.00. There are a variety of coupons for businesses here and close by. These are especially useful for visiting friends and family – you can purchase one in our gift shop.

PALM TREE MEMORIALS: You may have noticed our new palm trees! These are 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.

PRAYER GARDEN: 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. It 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. We are very excited about this new addition to our Holy Grounds at St. Thomas by the Sea.

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
 February 19, 2023

Offertory	\$ 9,924.31
Budgeted	\$ 8,634.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,045.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,692.96
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 8,227.02
Memorials.....	\$ 70.00
Votives	\$ 24.25

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR:

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Next week the **Second Collection** will be for **Black & Indian Missions** to help build Churches, schools, parish religious education programs & diocesan ministries in these countries.



LIFE QUOTES

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

A little extra for Lent: Pick up a copy of the Lent edition of *The Word Among Us* in the narthex. You can also sign up for Dynamic Catholic's *Best Lent Ever* program, based on Matthew Kelly's book *Holy Moments*; a short video will be delivered to your inbox every day to help you focus your day and create more holy moments in your life. Sign up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/len.html>.

ROSARY FOR LIFE: During Lent, we will be praying a Rosary for Life starting one-half hour before every weekend Mass. Please plan on joining us.



WELCOME HOME....to all of our Winter Visitors. We invite you to join us and your fellow visitors for SNOWBIRD COFFEE & DONUTS following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall. This Snowbird-led activity has been a tradition in our parish for over twenty years!

CHECK OUT THE 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 – see the insert for a list of the great prizes! **Tickets are only \$50.00 each** and all proceeds will benefit Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast (MSGC) in Elberta, Alabama. 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.

The FINAL Knights of Columbus Fish Fry for this season will be Friday, March 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Proceeds go to support local charities. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and great food! For \$12.00/plate, you will receive fried fish, hushpuppies, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. Beer is available for a donation. Eat-in or Take-out.

MARY'S SHELTER BINGO: We are back playing bingo on Thursday evenings, starting with Early Bird Games at 5:30 p.m. Please come join us, it's great fun!

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND – March 4 & 5, 2023

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Server
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass	J.R. Bedel	Nancy Milton, Patrick Dalton, Mary Dalton, Joanne Cranston	Joe Fierro, Jim Johnson, Jay Powell, Van Bielkiewicz, Tim Drouilhet, Andree Drouilhet	Al Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Eva McDuffie	Rhonda Shell, Mike Shell, Beverly Mills, Sharon Mahne	Robert Turner, Ouida Turner, Luann Yaroch, Art Yaroch, Lynn Tampary, Kelley Ouzts	Larry Mickwee
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass	Terry Barnett	Alice Madere, June Murray, Darlene Kerchner, Merrie Henderson	Steve Kerchner, Lee Barnes, Dan Cummings, Patty Cummings, Mike Pruett, Richard Mercer	Steve Kerchner

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

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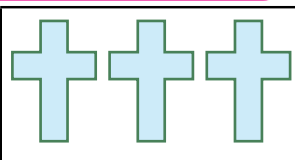
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