

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

Saturday, 08/07

4:00-4:45 p.m.—Confessions

5:00 p.m.— Mass

Mass Intention: Mavis Adams

Sunday, 08/08

8:00 a. m.—Mass

10:00 a.m.—Mass

Mass Intention: Charlie Partridge

Monday, 08/09

8:40 a.m.—Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Communion Service

Tuesday, 08/10

8:40 a.m.— Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Mass

Mass Intention: William Molaschi

Wednesday, 08/11

8:40 a.m.—Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Mass

Mass Intention: Henry Martin McDowell, III

Thursday, 08/12

8:40 a.m.— Rosary

9:00 a.m.— Mass

Mass Intention: Mario Coll

Friday, 08/13

8:40 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m.—Mass

Mass Intention: Mavis Adams

Saturday, 08/14

4:00-4:45 p.m.— Confessions

5:00 p.m.— Vigil Mass

Mass Intention: Mario Coll

OUR CHAPEL IS CLOSED

temporarily as repairs are made of damages caused by Hurricane Sally. We hope to reopen in the near future.

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Bill C., Finance Council

St. Benedict Catholic School is now looking to hire for the following part-time positions: Spanish, Music and Counselor. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are ready to work with a variety of ages to teach music and Spanish, and to conduct school counseling. *Certification is not required for these part-time positions.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the available positions, please call the school at 251-986-8143, or email Dr. McCool at kmc-cool@saintbenedict.net.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE in Robertsdale is looking for VOLUNTEERS for our food pantry and our thrift store "Second Hand Blessings". Please call our office at 251-947-2293

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY FOR AUGUST

Darlene Kerchner & Sharon Mahne

Thank you ladies for your devotion to keep our altar linens clean and ironed!

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August 7-8, 2021

Tabernacle on Altar

We have received permission from Archbishop Rodi to move the Tabernacle to the main altar, at the foot of the cross. The Tabernacle in the chapel will also be moved. We hope to accomplish this within the next few months.

What do the parts of the Vatican flag symbolize? We are so used to seeing the Vatican flag in our churches. But have you ever thought about what the flag means? Just like other national flags, the design of the Vatican flag has a rich meaning.

As the national flag for Vatican City, this flag is displayed not only in this part of Italy, but also in many Catholic churches, universities and other Catholic institutions. The flag is modeled after the flag of the Papal States from the early nineteenth century, and is also referred to as the flag of the Holy See. Many earlier papal flags were red and gold.

The left side of the flag is a rich yellow. The right side is white and features the coat of arms of the Vatican City. At the top of the coat of arms is the papal tiara, which was worn by popes from the eighth century to the mid-twentieth century.

Beneath the papal tiara are two keys, referring to Matthew 16:19, when Jesus says to St. Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven." The gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key stands for worldly power. The keys are connected with a red cord, which symbolizes how the two powers are bound together.

Regarding the choice of yellow and white for the flag, there are various historical and symbolic explanations for these colors. One possible connection is to the keys themselves; the yellow field corresponding to the gold key, the white to the silver key. In heraldry, yellow is equivalent to gold (the heraldic color) and white to silver (argent). The colors certainly offer a striking visual echo of the keys of Peter.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory.....	\$ 10,717.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 1,325.00
Collections July 31-Aug 1st 2021	
Votives.....	\$ 38.00

HELP NEEDED WITH ALTAR CARE

We need help with weekly laundering of purificators and corporals. Contact Merrie Henderson at 850-982-5213 if you can help. You will be paired with a partner, and only do it one month a year. Training will be provided. This is a great way to serve our Lord and the parish!

SEEKING WEDDING COORDINATORS

The parish is in need of two additional Wedding Coordinators to help facilitate wedding preparation, rehearsal and weddings. The church has about four weddings a year. Interested? Call Cheryl Robinson at 251-422-1268 or Nancy Dickhute at 402-980-3258.

If you feel inspired to serve by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server or Usher, please contact Fr. Paul or the church office. We need help at all masses. Training will be provided. THANK YOU!

MINISTRY THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Lector: Kathleen Shine

Communion: Mary Dalton, Jay Powell, Andree Drouilhet, Tina D'Aversa

Altar Servers: Pat Dalton, Tim Drouilhet

Ushers: Jim & Agnes Johnson, Oliveth Archer, Joe Fierro

Sunday, 8 am.

Lector: Larry McWickee

Communion: Bob & Kathy Lindley, Ann Quinn, Vicki Brown

Altar Servers: Larry Mickwee

Ushers: JoEllen Karazim, Kelley Ouzts, LuAnn & Art Yaroch, Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary, Robert Turner

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Lector: Mark Dickhute

Communion: Cheryl Robinson, Merrie Henderson,

Alice Madere, Mary Mercer,

Altar Servers: Carlos DeSanctis

Ushers: Steve & Darlene Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Bill Chambers, Ron Slovinski, Lee Barnes

It's time for CCD Registration for 2021/22!

Please complete a registration for your children for this year's CCD classes. There are forms on the website. (You can find CCD under the Ministries tab). For more information call the church office 251-981-8132 or Jean Marzullo 251-599-1643 for more information. Classes begin September 12. We are looking forward to growing in the Lord with your children!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

For children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings!

If you would like to share the faith with Little Ones during the 10:00am Mass on Sundays, Call either Jean Marzullo at 251-599-1643 or the church office at 251-981-8132

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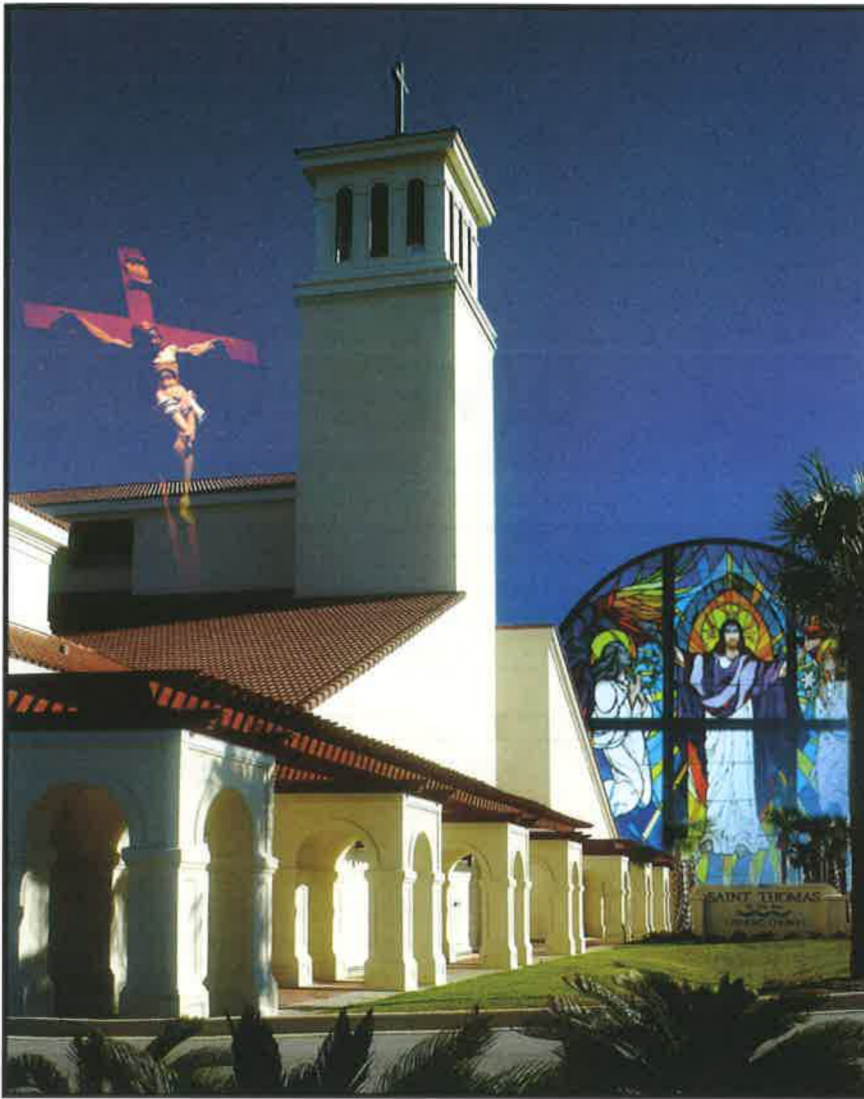
This weekend is for our Building Fund. Please be generous as we have many expenses at St. Thomas by the Sea.

ALFRED-WASHBURN DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Clients at AWC are always in great need of men's and women's casual shoes in all sizes, as well as men's jeans, (especially in smaller sizes) and women's jeans and pants in all sizes. They always need disposable razors and batteries (all sizes) and flashlights. **Right now there is a special need for insect repellent and/or Bounce dryer sheets.** Anything you can do to help is much appreciated. Bring your donations to the Church, to be taken to the Center. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. God bless you for your generosity!

REACH Backpack Program

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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

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