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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

Fridays: Morning Mass is followed by Holy Hour
Our Chapel is open daily for prayer, Monday-Friday,
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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, April 5

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Andrew Svirsky +

SUNDAY, April 6

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Parish Religion Classes
 9:30 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Max Stronach (L)
(Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation)
Reception following Mass

MONDAY, April 7

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Communion Service in the Chapel

TUESDAY, April 8

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intentions: Don Boesert +
Katherine Kerchner Swearingen +
 9:30 a.m. Altar Rosary Society Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 9

- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Sal Patrissi +

THURSDAY, April 10

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Raymond Drouilhet +

FRIDAY, April 11

- 8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Darlene & Steve Kerchner (L)
Wedding Anniversary
 9:30 a.m. Holy Hour
 10:30 a.m. Daughters of Mary

SATURDAY, April 12

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Andrew Svirsky +

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Patrick Rogers, Bill & Mary Brabston, Bob Osterholt, Brenda Lomax, Dina Bazor, Thomas Potts, Michael Fleshman, Michael Dalton, Brian Coco, Jordan Dupré, Kathleen Dupré, Larry Cloran, Maureen Cloran, Sal Lupo, Anna Claire McKean, Cecil & Jessie Young, Raquel Coll, Sue Goodman, Mary Lynn Talboy, Bill Cranston, Darlene Kerchner, Daniel Long, Cheryl Robinson, Fr. David Carucci, Julie Champagne, Glenn Walters, Matthew Swope, Sullivan Guy, Cayden Bagwell, Margaret Smith, Claire Hughes, Jeanette Relan, Stuart Hankins, Bob Klee, Sue Creech, Deacon Joe Kurtenbach, Terry Barnett, Joseph Busta, Betty McDuffie, Lori Hourihan King, Mike Handzau, Kay Moody, Paul Anderson, Lana Harms, Celly Smith, Loretta Bergeron and Bob Hudson. ***Please notify the Church Office, if you need to add a name or remove a name from this list.***

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Holy Thursday, April 17 – Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 – Adoration 9:00 a.m. to noon
 Stations of the Cross at Noon (outside, weather permitting)
 The Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20 – Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 10:10 a.m. (Parish Hall) and 12:00 Noon

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX STRONACH. Max received the Sacraments of Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Mass. We are very proud of this young man and welcome him to our St. Thomas by the Sea Family.

A SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GROUP is meeting on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the church Library, until May 22 (no meeting on Holy Thursday, April 17). We are viewing the Mysteries of the Rosary series available on FORMED, specifically the Sorrowful Mysteries; the course comprises of seven sessions (started April 3). All are welcome. To register, or for more information, call Suzanne at 251-213-3035.

MINISTRY TRAINING: Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. Pat Arensberg from the Archdiocese of Mobile will present a discussion on deepening our understanding of the Mass. This will take 45 minutes and will be followed by a question/answer period. Then, training of all Ministers will take place. All Ministers presently serving as Altar Server, Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher as well as anyone interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister are asked to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

St. Thomas by the Sea Annual Parish Picnic: Orange Beach Waterfront Park, 26425 Canal Road, Orange Beach, AL. Join us for an afternoon of faith, food and fellowship! Enjoy a delicious pig roast with all the Southern fixins, catered by Maggie's Farm. Bring your chairs, relax by the water, and connect with fellow parishioners as we celebrate our many blessings. All are welcome – bring family and friends! We can't wait to see you there!



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION... All are welcome!

- **Men of St. Joseph:** Men, 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.
- **Daughters of Mary:** These women meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. Contact Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997, or at a_drouilhet@yahoo.com. All visitors are welcome.
- **Small Christian Communities:** These groups provide you an opportunity to grow in knowledge and your relationship with God through prayer and fellowship with other parishioners. To get more information or join a group, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016.
- A **SCC group** is being formed from **April 3 to May 22** on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. They will be viewing the Mysteries of the Rosary series available on FORMED, specifically the Sorrowful Mysteries; the course comprises 7 sessions. All are welcome. To register, or for more information, call Suzanne at 251-213-3035.
- **Formed.org:** Sign up free as a parishioner and take advantage of the many Catholic faith-formation resources available.
- **Altar Rosary Society** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 8 in the Parish Library after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All women are welcome.



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– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 12-13, 2025

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Shine	Tina D'Aversa Andree Drouilhet Jay Powell Pat Carignan	Tim Drouilhet	Van Bielkiewicz Joe Fierro Denise Jackson Jay Powell	Andree Drouilhet
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Julie Bennett Vicki Brown	Steve Fletcher	Paul Brown Lynn Tampary Ouida Turner Robert Turner	John Scheel
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Annette Mitchell	Merrie Henderson Mary Mercer Joanie Pruett Cheryl Robinson	John Scheel	Dan Cummings Patty Cummings Steve Kerchner Richard Mercer Mike Pruett	John Scheel

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

SACRISTANS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND USHERS.

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Van Bielkiewicz.....225-281-1107

Respect Life Committee

Suzanne Laurier.....251-981-1918

Sacrament of Baptism

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

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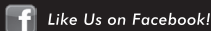
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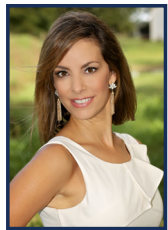
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