

# St. Thomas by the Sea

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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  
Deacon Stephen Seymour

### Mass Schedule

*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, May 10

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

### SUNDAY, May 11

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Violette Sibille + and  
 Liane O'Donnell +*  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Bluford Fleek +*

### MONDAY, May 12

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

### TUESDAY, May 13

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Bill Brabston +*

### WEDNESDAY, May 14

- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Geoff Ruzzin+*

### THURSDAY, May 15

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Ann Dupree (L)*

### FRIDAY, May 16

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
 9:30 a.m. Holy Hour  
*Intention: Brian O'Donnell (L)*

### SATURDAY, May 17

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Rosary  
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
*Intention: Bielkiewicz and  
 Dauzat Families (L)*



*Our Chapel is open for prayer  
 Monday-Friday  
 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*Office Hours are Monday-Friday  
 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Milton & Rita Essig, Dominique DeSanctis, Patrick Rogers, 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, Paul Anderson, Lana Harms, Celly Smith, Loretta Bergeron, Bob Hudson, Leigh Pitchford, and Jean Claude Laurier. ***Please notify the Church Office if you need to add a name or remove a name from this list.***



From Father Paul and your St. Thomas by the Sea Staff!

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY END-OF-YEAR LUNCHEON MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, May 13. The ladies will be cleaning the church sacristies, followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. at GT's. If you are interested in attending this event, please call or email Annette Aucoin at 281-705-5995 or annettebeatty1@gmail.com to make a reservation.

On **CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025**, St. Thomas by the Sea will have our First Annual Eucharistic Procession by boat. We will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m., and walk in procession to Zeke's Marina; we will then board the Dolphins Down Under boat. The boat procession route will be from Zeke's Marina, will circle around Ono Island, then return to Zeke's. The group will then proceed back to the church. If you want to join, please add your name(s) on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call the Parish Office. Seats are limited. You can also plan on following the Dolphins Down Under in your own boat – let the office know, and meet up with us at the mouth of Ole River.

**GULF COAST THRIFT STORE:** Come volunteer at our store, located at 25289 State Street in Elberta, AL. 100% of our proceeds go to fund Mary's Shelter Mission, serving pregnant women and their children who have no place to live. Contact maryssheltergulfcoast.org – or stop by our storefront and sign up in person, Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

May 4, 2025

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| OFFERTORY .....                 | \$ 7,869.77 |
| BUILDING FUND .....             | \$ 2,765.08 |
| MEMORIALS .....                 | \$ 100.00   |
| LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR..... | \$ 3,943.00 |

*The Second Collection for next weekend is for:*

**ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**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:** This Bible Study for women will resume in the fall.
- **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.
- **Formed.org:** Sign up free as a parishioner and take advantage of the many Catholic faith-formation resources available.



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**WORD OF LIFE:** "Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own."

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
"Radical Solidarity"

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 17-18, 2025**

|                            | LECTOR           | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER                                                                  | ALTAR SERVER   | USHER                                                                                              | SACRISTAN   |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b> | Tina D'Aversa    | Tina D'Aversa - LLM<br>Nancy Milton<br>Jay Powell                                      | Al Bedel       | Denise Jackson<br>Jay Powell<br>J.R. Bedel                                                         | J.R. Bedel  |
| <b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>   | Melissa Sibille  | Vicki Brown - LLM<br>Julie Bennett<br>Nancy Milton                                     | John Scheel    | Paul Brown<br>Lynn Tampary<br>Ouida Turner<br>Robert Turner                                        | John Scheel |
| <b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>  | Annette Mitchell | Merrie Henderson - LLM<br>Kathy Lindley<br>Bob Lindley<br>Mary Mercer<br>Melanie Reece | Steve Fletcher | Dan Cummings<br>Patty Cummings<br>Steve Kerchner<br>Richard Mercer<br>Mitzi Winters<br>Tom Winters | John Scheel |

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES**

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

*Training is provided. Please call the church office at 251-981-8132.*

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Marge Keller.....251-981-8132

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Loretta Bergeron.....251-981-8132

Denise Jackson.....251-981-8132

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**Parish Council**

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

**Respect Life Committee**

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

**Sacrament of Baptism**

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**Sacrament of Marriage**

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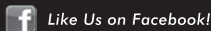
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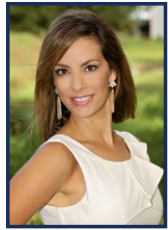
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