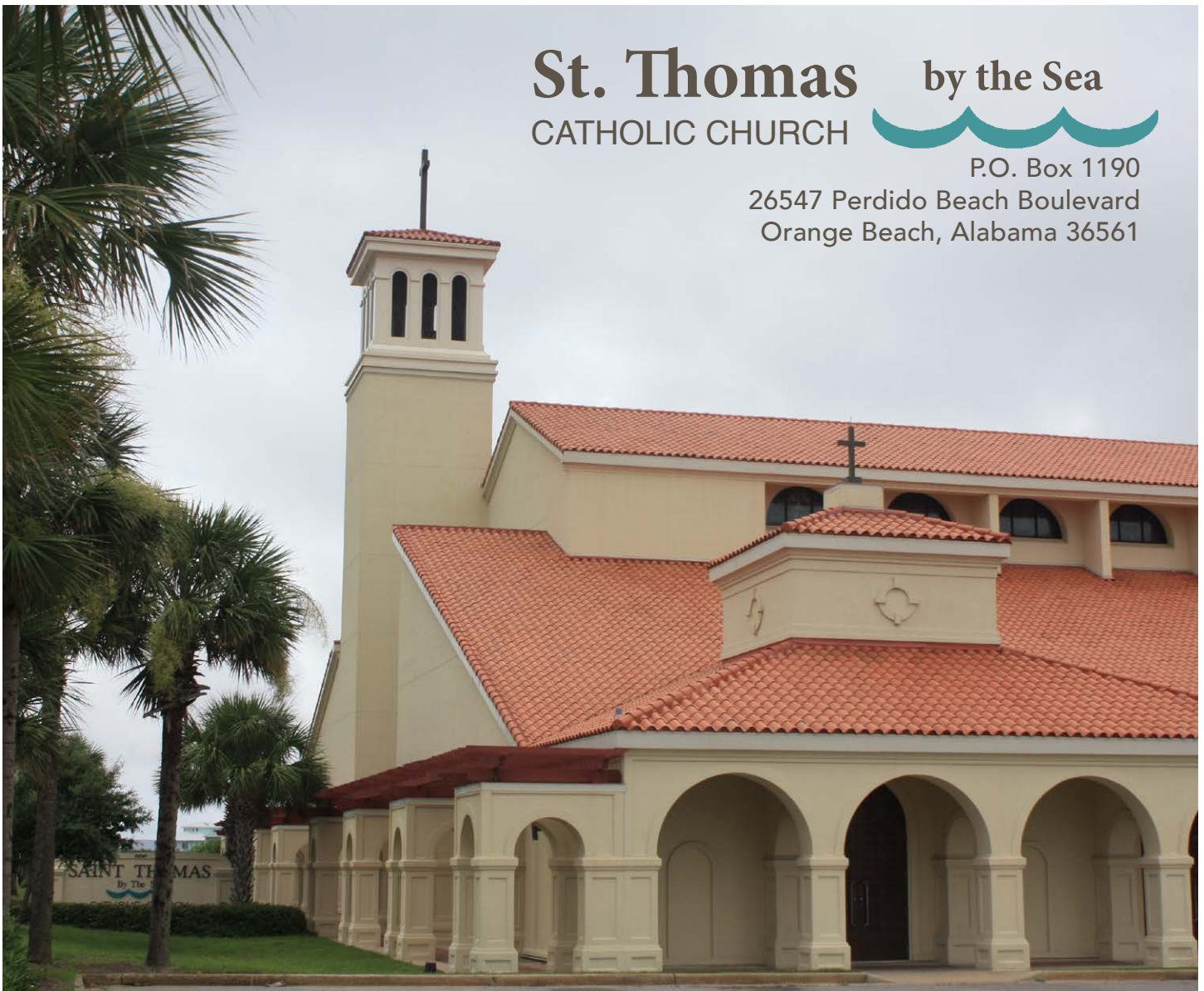


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WELCOME!

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 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)

SUNDAY, May 18

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Tom Jorden + All Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Michael O'Connor +

MONDAY, May 19

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

TUESDAY, May 20

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Jack Clancy (L)

WEDNESDAY, May 21

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

THURSDAY, May 22

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Jacob Walls +

FRIDAY, May 23

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:30 a.m. Holy Hour
Intention: Bill Brabston +

SATURDAY, May 24

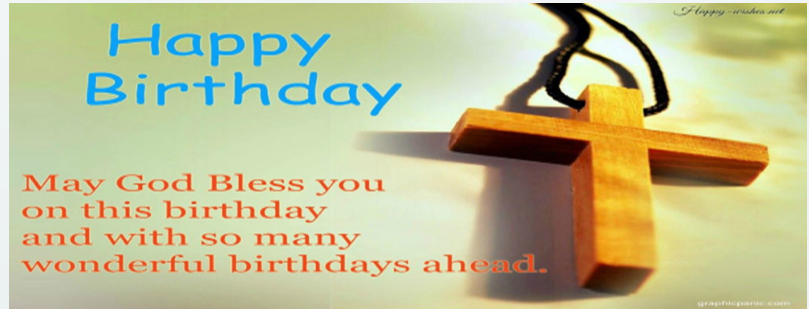
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 Monday-Friday
 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*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.



Please join us in wishing Fr. Paul a glorious 55th birthday on Tuesday, May 20.

Fr. Paul will be attending the Diocese of Mobile Annual Priest Retreat from May 26-29. Communion Service at 9:00 a.m. will be offered on all of those days.

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, around Ono Island, then back to Zeke's. The group will then process 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charles and Katherine Cain Guy. Their son Sullivan was baptized at St. Thomas by the Sea on Sunday, May 11.

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YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

May 11, 2025

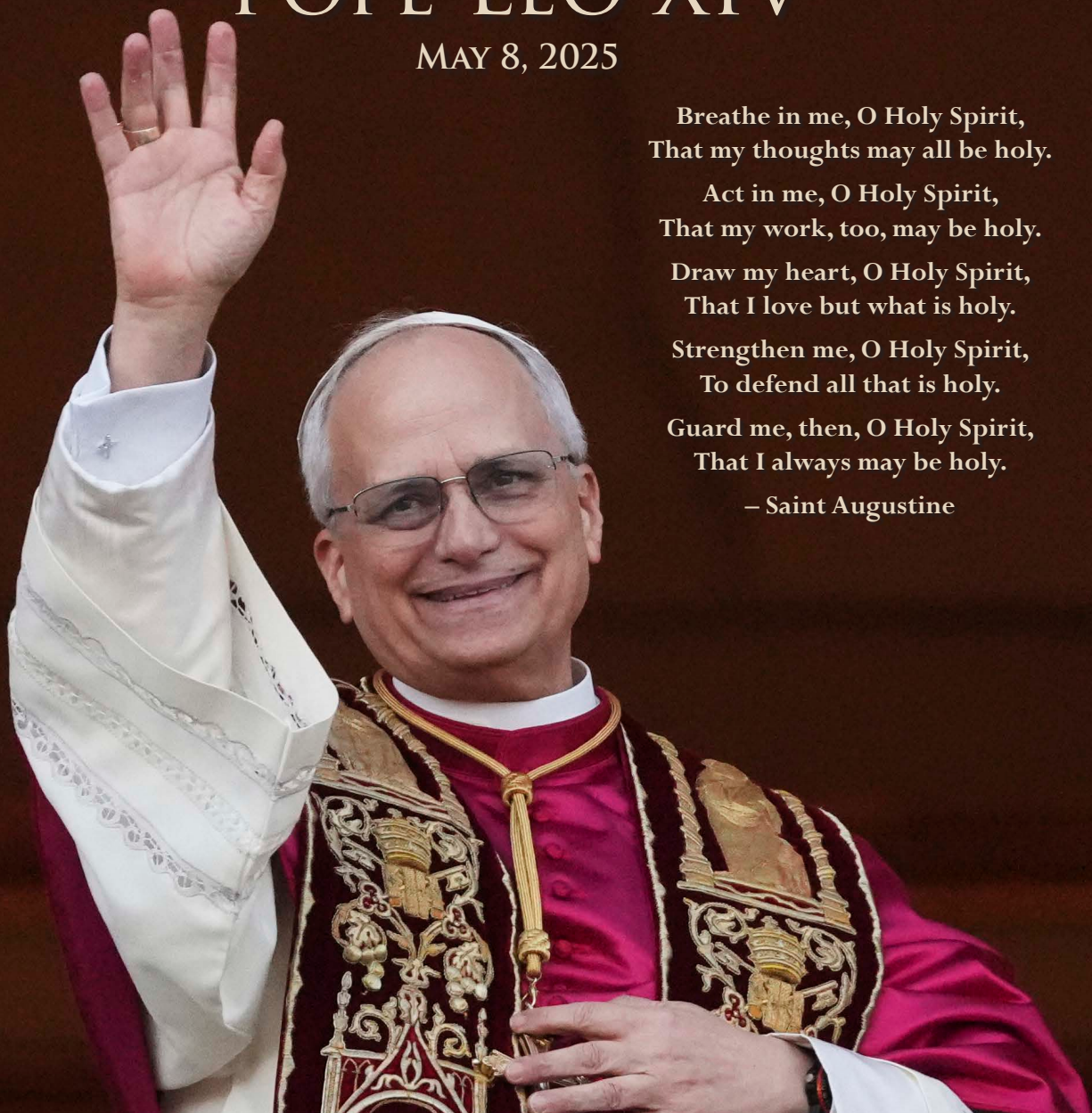
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Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

– Saint Augustine

Pope Leo XIV was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree from the Augustinian-run Villanova University in Pennsylvania and joined the order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981.

He joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until 1999 when he was elected head of the Augustinians' Chicago-based province. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order. In 2015, Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru, and the pope asked him also to be apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru, from April 2020 to May 2021.

Pope Francis elevated him to Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30, 2023, when he was assigned Cardinal of St. Monica. On February 6, 2025, Pope Francis promoted him to the highest degree of Cardinals, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

On May 8, 2025, Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti pronounced the formula, "Habemus Papam," proclaiming to the city of Rome and to the whole world the news of the election of Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as Pope Leo XIV.

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.
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– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Understanding Conscience"

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 24-25, 2025

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Nancy Milton	Tina D'Aversa – LLM Jay Powell Nancy Milton	Al Bedel	Van Bielkiewicz Jay Powell J.R. Bedel	J.R. Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Vicki Brown – LLM Julie Bennett Nancy Milton	John Scheel	Paul Brown Lynn Tampary Ouida Turner Robert Turner	John Scheel
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Jean Marzullo	Merrie Henderson – LLM Annette Aucoin Alice Madere Joanie Pruett Cheryl Robinson	Steve Fletcher	Dan Cummings Patty Cummings Steve Kerchner Mike Pruett Mitzi Winters Tom Winters	John Scheel

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

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

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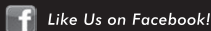
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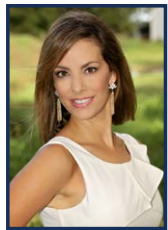
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