

# St. Thomas by the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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– ZEPHANIAH 3:17



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*Advent*  
2025

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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, December 6**

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

**SUNDAY, December 7**

7:30 a.m. Rosary  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Sean Flemming +*  
 9:30 a.m. Rosary  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Henry Mitchell +  
 and All Parishioners*

**MONDAY, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: All Parishioners*

**TUESDAY, December 9**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Eric Mills +*  
 9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary  
 6:00 p.m. Advent Mission/Reconciliation

**WEDNESDAY, December 10**

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph  
 8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: John Lordu Raj +*  
 6:30 p.m. Ladies of the Holy Spirit Bible Study

**THURSDAY, December 11**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Dolores Patrissi +*

**FRIDAY, December 12**

8:40 a.m. Rosary  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
*Intention: Elaine & Kirk Kerchner +*  
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour

**SATURDAY, December 13**

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



*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 Dupre', Kathleen Dupre', Larry Cloran, Maureen Cloran, Sal Lupo, Anna Claire McKean, Cecil Young, Raquel Coll, Sue Goodman, Mary Lynn Talboy, Bill Cranston, Darlene Kerchner, Daniel Long, Julie Champagne, Glenn Walters, Matthew Swope, Margaret Smith, Stuart Hankins, Deacon Joe Kurtenbach, Terry Barnett, Joseph Busta, Lori Hourihan King, Mike Handzau, Paul Anderson, Lana Harms, Celly Smith, Loretta Bergeron, Leigh Pitchford, Jean Claude Laurier, Tom Powell, Katheleen Atkinson, Bob Klee, Ellie Whitten, Madison Rajek, Tony Anzalone, Sister Julia, Fr. Alwin P. Legaspi, Mac Dauzat, Rose LaCrosse, Patsy Bosarge, Bodo Goepert, Jacqueline Cain, Louise Palamara, Adam Arnold, Angela Guarino, and Virginia Muscarella Arnone. **Please notify the Church Office if you need to add or remove a name from this list.**

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** Bring the baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity scene to Mass the weekend of **December 13-14** to be blessed. We are honoring this tradition where the Pope in Saint Peter's Square blesses the people and the figurines.

**RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS** are being offered by the **Knights of Columbus**. These cards not only send a message of hope and love, but they Keep Christ in Christmas. \$15.00 per box. Cards are available after each Mass in the Narthex.



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Monday, December 8**, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr. Paul will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**ADVENT MISSION**

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Mike Sreboth will be speaking on "Penance." Also, we will have three priests available for Advent Reconciliation that evening. All are welcome!



**ALTAR LINEN CARE FOR DECEMBER**

Sharon Mahne and Merrie Henderson. Thank you, ladies!

**MARY'S SHELTER BINGO** will start Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. and will run through March. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to be callers, floor attendants, kitchen helpers, as well as cooks to provide soups and sweets. Please consider giving us a hand—you can work anywhere from every week to once a month. Call Suzanne at 251-213-3035 to volunteer or for more information. Thanks!

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD**  
 November 30, 2025

OFFERTORY .....	\$ 26,445.83
BUILDING FUND.....	\$ 3,145.46
VOTIVES.....	\$ 70.00

*The Second Collection for next weekend is for:  
**ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA BUILDING FUND**  
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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:** This women's faith formation group reads and reflects on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We meet on Tuesdays after daily Mass, in the choir room. All ladies are welcome. Contact Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997 or a\_drouilhet@yahoo.com.
- **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.
- **Ladies of the Holy Spirit Bible Study** meets on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, call Diana D'Angelo at 440-487-4373 or Denise Jackson at 770-337-0704. You can register at the Parish Office.
- **Formed.org:** Sign up free as a parishioner and take advantage of the many Catholic faith-formation resources available.

MARY'S SHELTER is excited to be partnering with **Carnival Cruise Line**. Cruise to the Caribbean with friends of Mary's Shelter and at no extra cost to you, Carnival will make a donation to Mary's Shelter. Specialty pricing is limited! Sail Date: March 1, 2026. Call Madison Corl at 251-986-6351 for pricing and more details. Bus transportation can be provided from Our Lady of the Gulf for an additional cost.

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– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 13-14, 2025**

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTER SERVER	USHERS	SACRISTAN
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Al Bedel	Mary Dalton Andree Drouilhet Nancy Milton Donna Price	Patrick Dalton	Van Bielkiewicz Dave Bruni, TimDrouilhet Denise Jackson Billy Price	JR Bedel
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Beverly Mills	Vicki Brown (LLM) Julie Bennett Sharon Mahne Anne Quinn	John Scheel	Patricia Boyd, Paul Brown Neide Hourihan Lynn Tampary Ouida Turner, Robert Turner	John Scheel
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Jean Marzullo	Gwen Goldman Mary Mercer Melanie Reece Cheryl Robinson	Steve Fletcher	Patty Cummings Dan Cummings Steve Kerchner, Richard Mercer Tom Winters, Mitzi Winters	John Scheel

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES**  
**SACRISTANS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND USHERS.**  
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 Denise Jackson.....251-981-8132

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 Steve Kerchner.....251-981-8132

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 Contact St. Margaret of Scotland.....251-943-4009

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 Bob Lindley.....251-978-8147

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**OCIA (formerly RCIA)**  
 Contact Parish Office.....251-981-8132

**Parish Council**  
 Chairperson  
 Van Bielkiewicz.....225-281-1107

**Respect Life Committee**  
 Suzanne Laurier.....251-981-1918

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Contact Parish Office at least one month prior .....251-981-8132

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
 Contact Parish Office at least six months prior .....251-981-8132

**St. Benedict School**  
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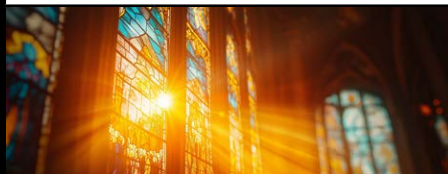
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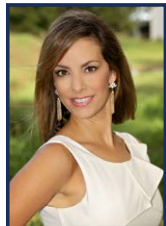
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