

St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church

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A classical painting of the Nativity scene. The Virgin Mary, in a blue mantle, kneels on the left, holding the infant Jesus who lies in a manger of straw. Joseph, in a brown robe, stands behind the manger, looking up. Several angels with large blue and white wings are gathered around the manger, some kneeling in prayer. The scene is set in a rustic stable with wooden beams and straw. The lighting is soft and focused on the infant Jesus, who is the central point of light.

Joy
to the World
the Lord
is come

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, December 27

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

SUNDAY, December 28

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Josephine Garrubbo +
 9:30 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners

MONDAY, December 29

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

TUESDAY, December 30

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Andrew Svirsky +
 9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary

WEDNESDAY, December 31 – New Year's Eve

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

THURSDAY, January 1 – New Year's Day 2026

(Holy Day of Obligation)

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

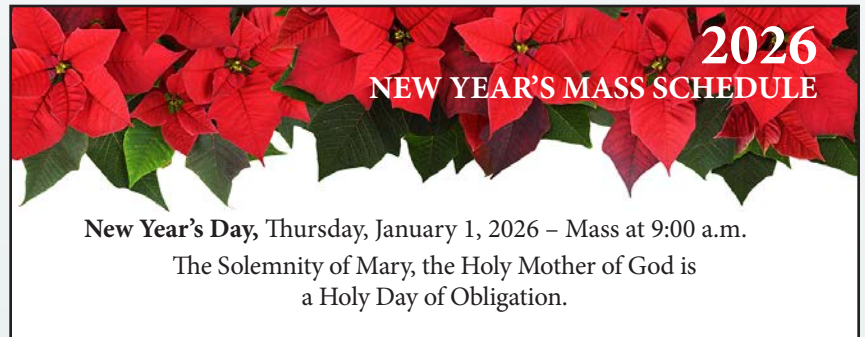
FRIDAY, January 2 – First Friday

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett +
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour

SATURDAY, January 3

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

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 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, Bob & 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 a name to or remove a name from this list.**



**2026
NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2026 – Mass at 9:00 a.m.
 The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is
 a Holy Day of Obligation.

FR. PAUL AND HIS STAFF wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2026 New Year! The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 29 – Friday, January 2. The office will reopen on Monday, January 5. If you have not done so yet, please pick up your Christmas gift from Fr. Paul and the parish. Matthew Kelly's, *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, is available on the table in the Narthex.

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. If anyone can bring plastic grocery bags, it would be appreciated. Please drop them off in the Parish Hall. Please consider giving us a hand—you can work anywhere from every week to once a month. Call the Church Office to volunteer or for more information.

The Knights of Columbus FISH FRY is held every Friday at the Parish Center, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Plan to join us for delicious fish, french fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, water or iced tea for \$15.00 per dinner. Beer and wine available for a donation.



The Lord has come!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

Due to the holidays, early submission of bulletins, and the office being closed, we will update your contributions sometime in January, 2026.

The Second Collection for next weekend is for:
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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.
- **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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WORD OF LIFE

“Dearest St. Joseph...Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”

ALTAR CARE for January: June Murray and Karen Locklin. Thank you , ladies.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1, 2026

	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Kathleen Shine	Donna Price Denise Jackson JR Bedel	Al Bedel	Billy Price Rob Shine Lynn Tampary Sandy Tryles	JR Bedel

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 3-4, 2026

	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Katherine Shine	Tina D'aversa (LLM) Andree Drouilhet Nancy Milton Barb Vichich	Al Bedel	Van Bielkiewicz Dave Bruni Tim Drouilhet Jay Powell, Billy Price	JR Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Beverly Mills	Vicki Brown (LLM) Nancy Haas Neide Hourihan Anne Quinn	John Scheel	Patricia Boyd Paul Brown Lynn Tampary Ouida Turner Robert Turner	John Scheel
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Annette Aucoin	M. Henderson (LLM) Gwen Goldman Kathy Lindley Cheryl Robinson	Steve Fletcher	Steve Kerchner Tom Winters Mitzi Winters Dan Cummings Patty Cummings	John Scheel

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES
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Van Bielkiewicz.....225-281-1107

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Sacrament of Baptism
Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132

Sacrament of Marriage
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Seven Sisters Apostolate
Beverly Mills.....231-590-7115

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