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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, January 31

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

SUNDAY, February 1

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike and Tom Barnett +
 9:30 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners

MONDAY, February 2

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

TUESDAY, February 3

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (Blessing of the Throats)
Intention: Merle Carroll +
 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts
 9:45 a.m. Daughters of Mary

WEDNESDAY, February 4

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

THURSDAY, February 5

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Jennifer Wattman (L)
 5:30 p.m. Mary's Shelter Bingo

FRIDAY, February 6 – First Friday

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Mike & Tom Barnett +
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour
 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, February 7

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



*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 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, Mike Handzau, Paul Anderson, Lana Harms, Celly Smith, Loretta Bergeron, Leigh Pitchford, Tom Powell, Katherine Atkinson, Bob Klee, Ellie Whitten, Madison Rajek, Tony Anzalone, Sister Julia, Fr. Alwin P. Legaspi, Mac Dauzat, Patsy Bosarge, Bodo Goepert, Jacqueline Cain, Louise Palamara, Adam Arnold, Virginia Muscarella Arnone, Natalie Miguez, Rhonda Hart and Dottie Hankins. **Please notify the Church Office if you need to add a name to or remove a name from this list.**

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join fellow winter visitors and parishioners on Tuesdays after morning Mass.

MARY'S SHELTER BINGO is held every Thursday, starting with Early Bird games at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a fun evening! Food available for purchase. Call Suzanne at 251-213-3035 (stthomasvolunteers@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information. We have an urgent need for volunteers to provide homemade soups and desserts.



Donation request: One of our Bingo monitors needs to be replaced. If you have a small TV (18" to 25" x 13" to 18") to donate, it would be appreciated.

MARY'S SHELTER GULF COAST 6TH ANNUAL "BE MY VALENTINE" February 15, 2026 Fundraiser – Lunch begins at 12:00 noon



\$10,000.00 Draw Down & Auction at Our Lady of the Gulf
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 Purchase tickets by calling Madison at 251-986-6351. Proceeds support Mary's Shelter's mission, serving homeless pregnant women.

25TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION: REV. FR. PAUL VINCENT RAVI

With heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God, your parish family congratulates you on your 25th Priestly Jubilee Celebration, Fr. Paul. You have completed 25 years of Priestly mission spreading the Gospel, service and a life devoted to charitable works.

The Knights of Columbus FISH FRY is held every Friday at the Parish Center, 4:00-6:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

will be held on Sunday, February 15. We would like to recognize and honor the contributions of our Snowbirds. There is no charge but donations are accepted.



THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas) is on Monday, February 2nd. It is traditional for candles to be blessed and used at home during prayer. Take one from the basket on the baptismal font (one per family, please).



Tuesday, February 3 is the FEAST OF ST. BLAISE. The Church celebrates the day with the Blessing of the Throats. This blessing will take place during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

We are in the final weeks of the Catholic Charities Appeal; we are very close to achieving our parish goal, however only 45% of the families in our parish have participated. If you have not returned your Catholic Charities pledge envelope, take a few minutes now to complete one. There are plenty in the pews, or raise your hand, and an usher will bring one to you. Please return your envelope and save our Parish Chair a phone call. If you are unable to give the basic pledge, please give what you can afford. We ask that everyone complete a pledge card so that our database can be updated. The Catholic Charities results will be reported in the Catholic Week very soon. **Please help us reach 100% participation! God bless you for your generosity.**

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
January 25, 2026

Offertory \$ 11,586.41
 Building Fund \$ 2,925.00
 Votives..... \$ 160.50

*The Second Collection for next weekend is for:
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ALFRED WASHBURN DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS is in desperate need of winter items. The agency that usually brings coats for the homeless has not provided those this year. If you have a coat you can donate to the homeless, please bring it to the church office. They need **hats, gloves, scarves, socks, warm blankets and sleeping bags.** We will deliver them to the Center. Thank you.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:
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The Angels of Joy Gift Shop

The Angels Of Joy Gift Shop, operated by the Altar Rosary Society, is open after all weekend Masses. We appreciate your patronage as we support many charities through your purchases. We currently have for sale books of coupons for Baldwin and Escambia County local restaurants and businesses, to benefit St. Benedict Catholic School, available for \$20.00 each.

WORD OF LIFE

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

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Wedding Coordinator
 Cheryl Robinson.....251-422-1268

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 Ellen Passage.....517-881-6615

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Patrick Dalton	Tina D'Aversa (LLM) Mary Dalton Patricia Gomolak Denise Jackson	Al Bedel	Van Bielkiewicz, Dave Bruni John Gomolak Tim Drouilhet, Jay Powell	JR Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Vicki Brown (LLM) Julie Bennett Sharon Mahne Marian Smith	John Scheel	Patricia Boyd, Paul Brown Neide Hourihan Lynn Tampary Ouida Turner, Robert Turner	John Scheel
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	M. Henderson (LLM)	Gwen Goldman Karen Locklin Mary Mercer Melanie Reece	Steve Fletcher	Patty Cummings Dan Cummings Steve Kerchner, Richard Mercer Sandy Tryles, Mitzi Winters	John Scheel

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

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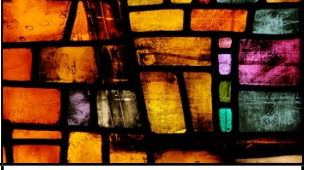
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