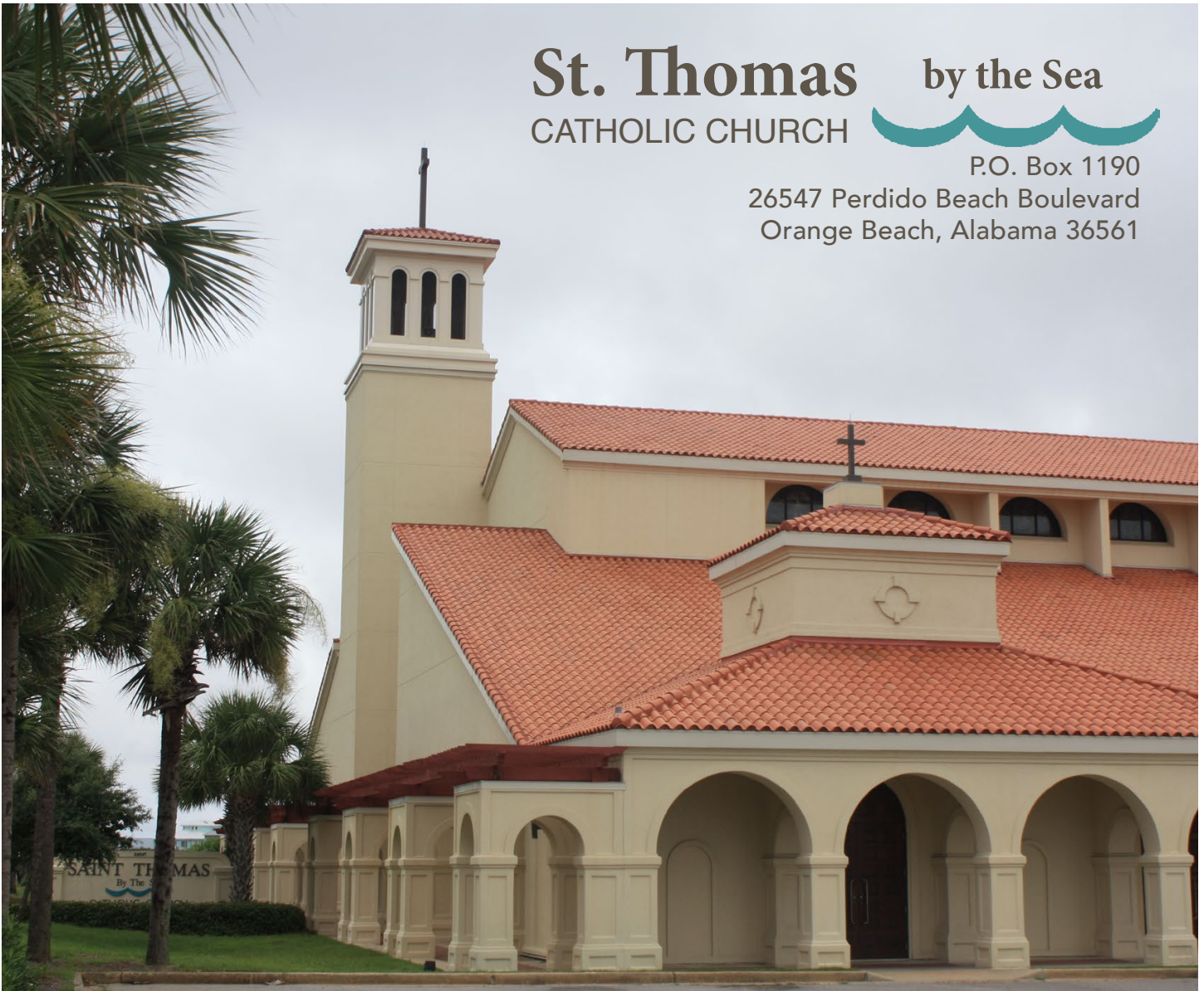


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WELCOME!

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, February 14

- 4:00–4:45 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Cookie Drouilhet +

SUNDAY, February 15

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Terry & Bob Barnett (L)
- 9:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: All Parishioners

MONDAY, February 16 – Parish Office Closed

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

TUESDAY, February 17 – Parish Office Closed

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Dan Sullivan +

WEDNESDAY, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph
- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass/Distribution of Ashes
Intention: Mavis & Leland Adams +
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass/Distribution of Ashes
Intention: All Parishioners

THURSDAY, February 19

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Cookie Drouilhet +
- 5:30 p.m. Bingo for Mary’s Shelter

FRIDAY, February 20

- 8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
Intention: Dick Sampson +
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour
- 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, February 21

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Intention: Andrew Svirsky + and Mary Helen Sullivan +



*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, 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 Dautat, Patsy Bosarge, Bodo Goepert, Jacqueline Cain, Louise Palamara, Adam Arnold, Virginia Muscarella Arnone, Natalie Migue, Sissy Flanigan and Rhonda Hart. **Please notify the Church Office if you need to add a name to or remove a name from this list.**

Don’t Forget to Join THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for Breakfast on Sunday, February 15 between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. We would like to recognize and honor the contributions of our Snowbirds. There is no charge but donations are accepted.



IN OBSERVANCE OF MARDI GRAS, all of the Diocese of Mobile parish offices will be closed Monday, February 16 and Tuesday, February 17.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be canceled for this week but will resume next Tuesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18. Ashes will be distributed at our 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent, beginning **February 20 at 8:30 a.m. before the morning Mass.**

SAVE THE DATES: LENTEN MISSION
“Heaven: What We Know and How to Get There.”
 Evenings: Sunday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 24
 There will be a light dinner in the parish hall following Sunday’s Mission Presentation. Following Tuesday’s presentation, Reconciliation will be offered.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REMINDER: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, you are required to fast and abstain (ages 18-59). Fasting means that we eat only one meal in a day with no food in between. It is understood that the other two meals, if one eats three meals a day, should not total one full meal. To abstain is not to eat meat. Every Friday during Lent is an abstain from meat day. Its purpose is to be an act of penance – an act of sacrifice. The Church encourages you to try to fast and abstain through sunset on Holy Saturday.

BENEFITS OF CONFESSION: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) strengthens our will. Every time we experience the Sacrament, God strengthens our will and our self-control to be able to resist the temptations that confront us in our lives. We become more resolute to follow God’s will and not our own whims. Our parish offers Reconciliation at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and at other times by appointment with Fr. Paul.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD
February 8, 2026

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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.

BINGO 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.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

February 28 at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Elberta. \$25.00 per person which includes Adoration, Confession, Lunch and Stations of the Cross.

WORD OF LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,'" but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility...If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you...God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

–USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER SPAGHETTI DINNER: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Serving 4:00-6:30 p.m. Gulf Shores Methodist Church, 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway. Join in the Fun! \$10.00 per person, Dine-in or Drive-Through! Advance Tickets are available at the Christian Service Center from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday-Friday.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so now. There are extra envelopes in the baskets in the Narthex. It is our goal to have every family participate this year. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	USHER	SACRISTAN
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Shine	Tina D'Aversa (LLM) Mary Dalton Patricia Gomolak Denise Jackson	Patrick Dalton	Van Bielkiewicz John Gomolak Denise Jackson Jay Powell, Rob Shine	JR Bedel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Melissa Sibille	Vicki Brown (LLM) Anne Quinn Marian Smith Barb Vichich	John Scheel	Patricia Boyd, Paul Brown Neide Hourihan Lynn Tampary, Ouida Turner Robert Turner	John Scheel
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Annette Mitchell	Annette Aucoin Bob Lindley Kathy Lindley Karen Locklin	Steve Fletcher	Patty Cummings Dan Cummings Steve Kerchner, Sandy Tryles Mitzi Winters, 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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Van Bielkiewicz.....225-281-1107

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Suzanne Laurier251-981-1918

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Contact Parish Office at least one month prior251-981-8132

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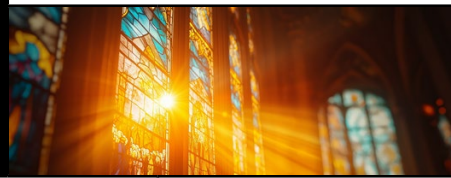
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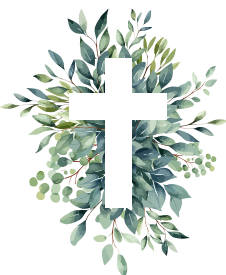
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