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ST. THOMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 15 & 22, 2022

1. PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE.
2. **Effective on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, the obligation to participate in the Eucharist in person on Sundays and other holy days of obligation was restored.** Regular attendance at Mass is what fulfills God's commandment to "Keep holy the Sabbath Day".
3. Splendor of Our Faith with Fr. Blake Britton Session 11: Neo-Gothic/Vatican II (Historical Context) will be at Resurrection Catholic Church, Lakeland June 14, 2022 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Livestream for sessions at St. Joseph and St. Anthony is on their website, and the Church of the Resurrection is on YouTube. Fr. Blake has written a book, Reclaiming Vatican II, *What It (Really) Said, What It Means, and How It Calls Us to Renew the Church*. Information on purchasing the book can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://books.wordonfire.org/reclaimingvaticanii>.
4. **Synod 2021 – 2023.** Pope Francis has asked us to be a people of "synodality" for the next two years beginning with Advent. Synodality is described as a journeying together, a time to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Father said there are three words that characterize the synod: **encounter**, to draw near and be fully present to one another; **listen**, to hear one another; **discern**, let the Holy Spirit guide us. He wants everyone to listen to the Holy Spirit and each other to build a better relationship with the Lord. His goal is that we encounter one another, we listen to the heart, and we understand how the Spirit is asking us to move forward.
5. **Polk County Catholic Singles – Social Group:** If you are single, a widow, a widower or divorced person over 55, you are invited. The group attends Mass twice a month at various churches in Polk County and has dinner afterward at a predetermined restaurant. For further information, call Joanne 863-967-0785 or Tony 570-814-7653

6. The bulletin can be found on our website by clicking on the button “Bulletins” or by signing up for the bulletin to be delivered to you weekly by email at www.jspaluch.com/subscribe. You only need to provide your email address and first name. We explored options with J.S. Paluch and other companies, and none of them were able to provide a bulletin at no cost to us.

7. The *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20-25 minute episode includes two or three scripture readings and a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz. To sign up for this series, go to <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>. A Spanish version is also available on the website ascensionpress.com.

8. To subscribe to Bishop John Noonan’s E-Scroll with news from the Diocese of Orlando <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/e-scroll/>. You only have to provide your name and email address.

9. Bishop Robert Barron, an author, speaker, theologian and founder of Word on Fire, a global media ministry, is producing a new Bible series. Volume I focuses on the Gospels and can be ordered at <https://wordonfire.org/bible>. Volume II, Acts, Letters, and Revelation is to be released in 2022. There will be a total of seven volumes. If you would like to subscribe to Bishop Barron’s newsletter, go to <https://wordonfire.org/#newsletter> and just provide your email address.

10. Please keep our newly confirmed parishioners, Erika Lugo-Gonzalez and Daira Martinez and First Communicants Aiden Dennies, Josefina Fernandez, Fia Giboy, Seya Jinoy and Vivian Rynn in your prayers.

Catholic Trivia

The second Fatima secret.

Our Lady: “The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved.”

Mary spoke of the end of the war, but at the same time foresaw another, a much more terrible war. She explained that the cause of the war would be people’s sins. What Our Lady said was incomprehensible to the illiterate Lucia. It would have even been incomprehensible to the educated, had they been in her place, for in July 1917, no one had heard of Pius XI or of Russia’s godless propaganda.

Russia was at the center of Mary’s message. When Lucia first heard the word “Russia”, she thought it was the name of a sinful woman who needed to be converted. Francisco was convinced that it concerned his uncle’s stubborn mule, which was called Russa.

Our Lady instructed the children to add the following to every mystery of the Rosary. “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.” This is known as the “Fatima addition”, which became an inseparable part of the Rosary throughout the world.

-From *Fatima Mysteries, Mary’s Message to the Modern Age*