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MASSES

**Daily at 8:30 am - No Mass on
Wednesday and Saturday morning.**

Saturday: Vigil Bartow: 5:00 pm

Sunday: Ft. Meade 8:00 am

Sunday: Bartow 10:30 am

Sacraments

Confessions: Half hour prior to masses.

Marriage preparation: Arrangements must be
made four months in advance.

Baptism: Last Sunday of the month.

Call Evelyn Rivera 863-370-4000
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Sick calls – Anytime
Communion for Sick and Home Bound
Call the Church Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Every
Sunday 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Monday 8:30 am to 10:30 am

Religious Education Administrator
Jessica Whitmer 863-602-3837

Religious Formation – Every Sunday
Sept thru May

Preschool thru 8th - Sun 9 am to 10:15 am

High School Sunday 9:00 to 10:15 am
(1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.)

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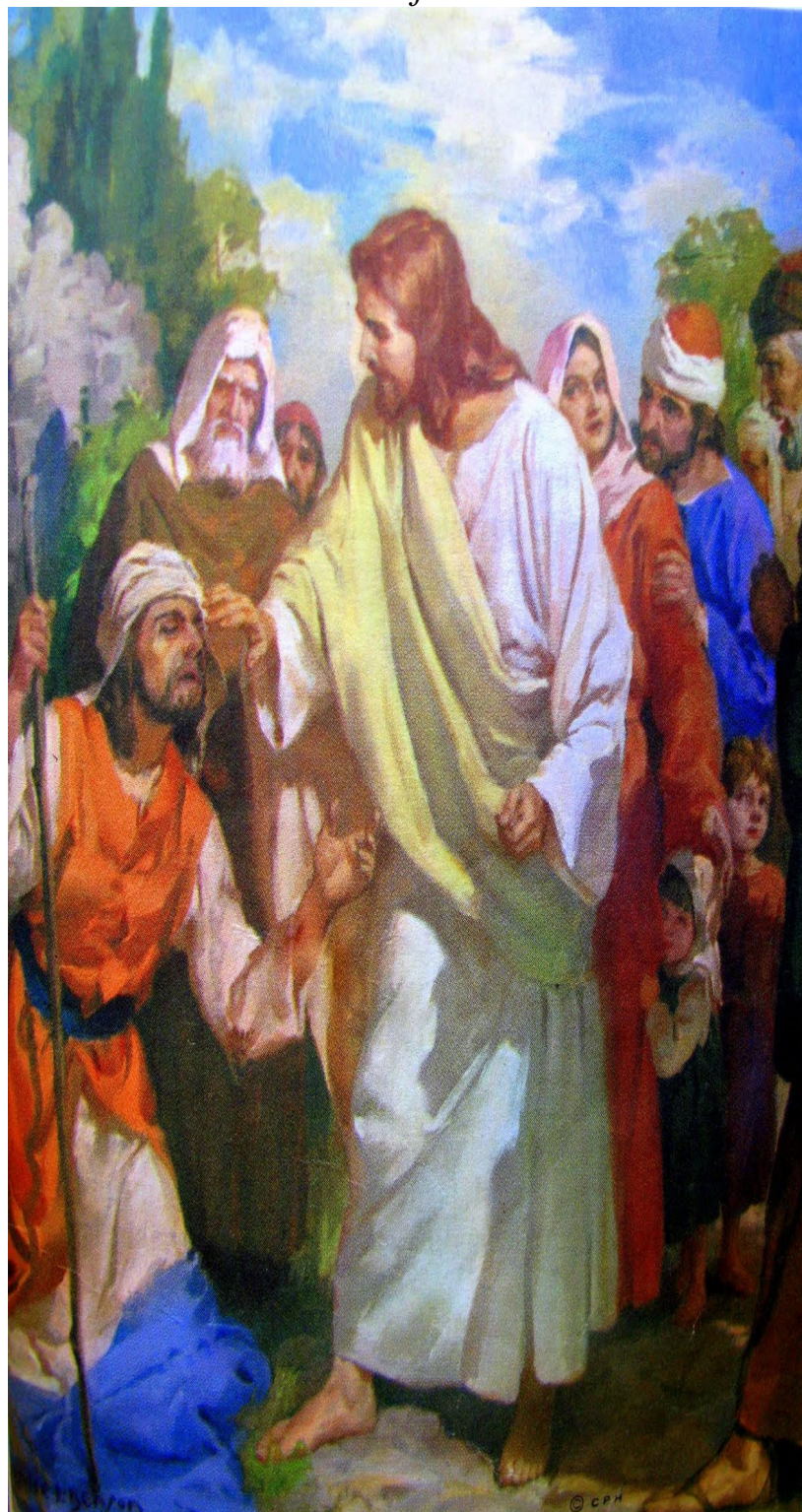
NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830

Diocese of Orlando



4th Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023



Mass Intentions

Sat Mar 18	5:00 pm	+Frederick Coury By Kathleen Morris
Sun Mar 19	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Mar 19	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family
Mon Mar 20	8:30 am	
Tue Mar 21	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu Mar 23	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Mar 24	8:30 am	
Sat Mar 25	8:30 am	
Sat Mar 25	5:00 pm	+Frederick Coury By Kathleen Morris
Sun Mar 26	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Mar 26	10:30 am	+Jack Daubert By Charlotte Daubert

Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Melvin Casey, Alan English, Rachel Gohman, Delores Hart, Austin Heath, Zachary Heath, Ivette Hernandez, Jennifer Hoffer, Mark Jansen, Missy Jansen, Mark Jones, Gail Kautz, Bill Kjerrumgaard, Sara Long, Aaron Mills, Adam Mills, Zachary Mills, Scott Mize, Lacey Pate, , George Pizano, Karlee Severns, Richie Southwell, Gloria Stenger, Murphy Stidham, Debi Tuck, Laura Webb

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

Mar. 18, 1991 Rev. Paul Kajdan
Mar. 20, 1982 Rev. Thomas Gross
Mar. 22, 1972 Msgr. Martin Brendan Power
Mar. 25, 1978 Rev. Sean Patrick Molloy

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm

LECTORS	SME
3/18-5:00 pm	
Pat Lowery Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Kathleen Morris
3/19-10:30 am	
Sara Long Confirmandi	Bill Leckie Pat Lowery
3/25-5:00 pm	
Jessica Witmer Ann Spencer	Evelyn Rivera Ann Slocum
3/26-10:30 am	
Daira Martinez Confirmandi	Sharon Mason Patti Scott

Saint Thomas Collection

3/5	Regular	\$2085.00
	Maintenance	322.00
	Diocesan	20.00
	Easter Flowers	150.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

3/5	Regular	1300.00
	Maintenance	185.00

The cost for replacing the roof on St. Elizabeth is \$14,355. The work is now complete.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services and World Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith.)

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards Easter Flowers for the Church, please place your envelopes in either collection. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE 2023

There is a drop box in the narthex for clean and gently used light-colored, long-sleeve, button down shirts (men and women S, M & L sizes).

IT'S BABY BOTTLE TIME!

Please return bottles filled with change, cash, checks and prayers. Make checks payable to Options for Women.

**Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord is
Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 am.**

WHAT YOU SHOULD GIVE UP FOR LENT

Lent is our love letter to God. To get the most out of it — to understand this glorious, life-giving season — we must first put aside our selfishness. As Lent approaches each year, everyone asks Catholics what they are giving up. This is certainly a season of self-denial but many Catholics are a bit uncertain as to why we give up a luxury for the 40 days of Lent.

What to Give Up for Lent

Give up complaining ... focus on gratitude.

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may be innocent and pure as God's perfect children, who live in a world of corrupt and sinful people. You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky (Philippians 2:14-15).

Give up despair ... become hopeful.

The Lord himself will lead you and be with you. He will not fail you or abandon you, so do not lose courage or be afraid (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Give up harsh judgments ... think kindly thoughts.

Do not judge others, and God will not judge you; do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you; forgive others, and God will forgive you (Luke 6:37).

Give up worry ... trust Divine Providence

This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? (Matthew 6:25)

Give up bitterness ... turn to forgiveness.

Get rid of all bitterness, passion and anger. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort (Ephesians 4:31).

Give up hatred ... return good for evil.

If we say that we are in the light, yet hate others, we are in the darkness to this very hour (1 John 2:9).

Give up negativism ... be positive.

For it was by hope that we were saved; but if we see what we hope for, then it is not really hope. For who among us hopes for something we see? (Romans 8:24)

Give up anger ... be more patient.

Hot tempers cause arguments, but patience brings peace (Prover 15:18).

Give up pettiness ... become mature.

When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways (Colossians 13:11).

Give up gloom ... enjoy the beauty that is all around you.

Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ (Ephesians 4:32).

Give up jealousy ... pray for trust.

We must not be proud or irritate one another or be jealous of one another (Galatians 5:26).

Give up gossiping ... control your tongue.

Then keep from speaking evil and from telling lies (Ps 34:13).

Give up sin ... turn to virtue.

And we know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed, so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin (Romans 6:6).

Give up foolishness ... become wise.

Stupid people are happy with their foolishness, but the wise will do what is right (Proverbs 15:21).

Give up selfishness ... become generous.

Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder and every kind of evil (James 3:16).

Give up giving up ... hang in there!

Some trust in their war chariots and others in their horses, but we trust in the power of the Lord our God (Psalm 20:7).



**St. Thomas' Penance
Service will take place
on Tuesday, March 28th
at 7:00 pm.**



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Fasting
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