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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
evecoulter@aol.com

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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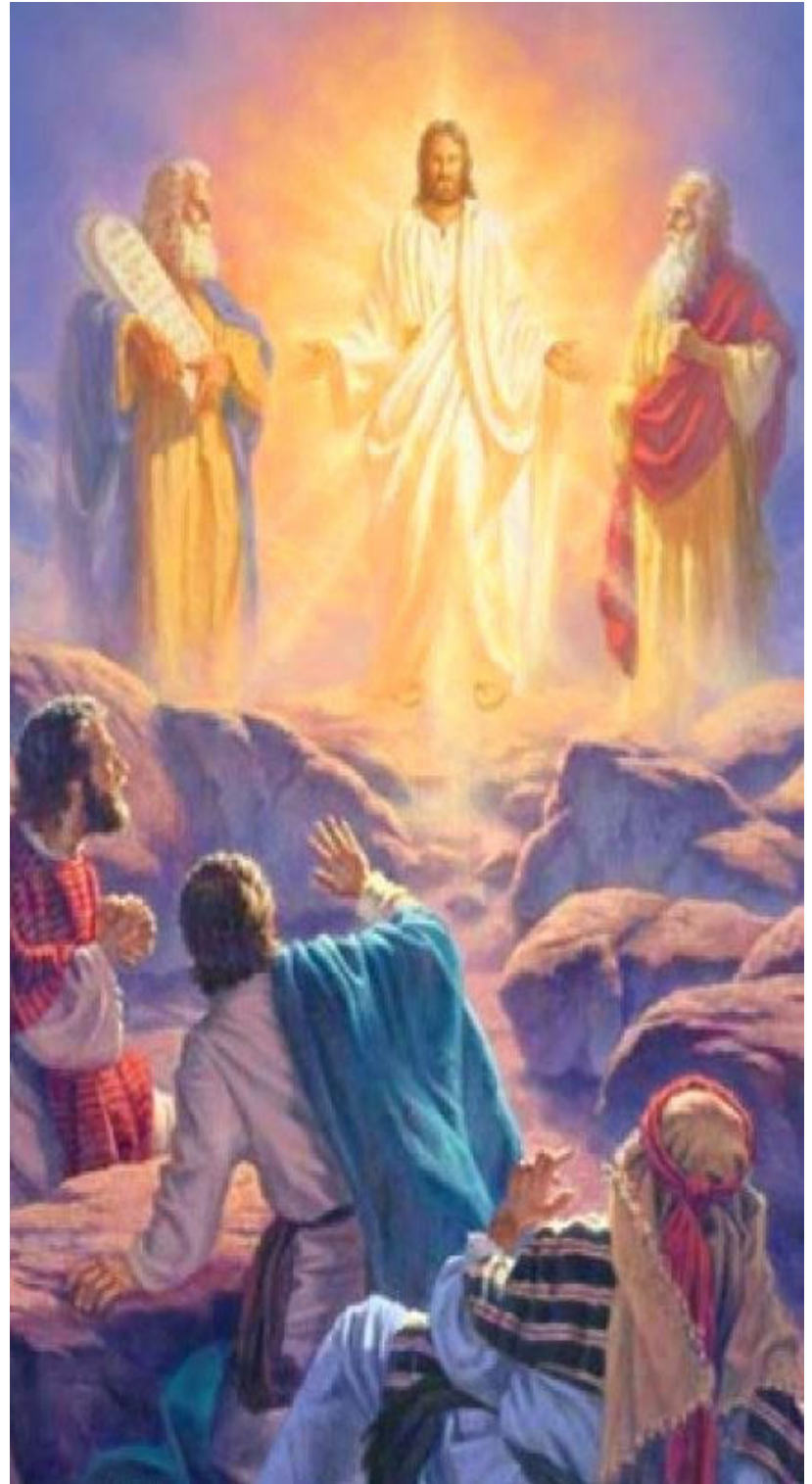
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NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830
Diocese of Orlando



2nd Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023



Mass Intentions

Sat Mar 4	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat Mar 4	5:00 pm	+Claudio Galindo By Luz Montenegro
Sun Mar 5	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Mar 5	10:30 am	+Dave Dillman By Linda Dillman
Mon Mar 6	8:30 am	Ramon Fagundo-Healing By St. Thomas Parish
Tue Mar 7	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu Mar 9	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Mar 10	8:30 am	+Ozelle & +Missouri Johnson By Gerald Johnson
Sat Mar 11	5:00 pm	+Don Slocum & family By Ann Slocum
Sun Mar 12	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Mar 12	10:30 am	+Cecelia Bond Clouse By Theresa & George Cherry

Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Melvin Casey, Alan English, Rachel Gohlman, 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
3/4-5:00 pm	
Evelyn Rivera Mike DeNeve	Mary Stratton Susan DeNeve
3/5-10:30 am	
Carolyn King Confirmandi	Maureen Leckie Theresa Cherry
3/11-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Ann Slocum	Toni Hoffer Evelyn Rivera
3/12-10:30 am	
Rick Davila Confirmandi	Maria Davila Kay LaClair

Saint Thomas Collection

2/19	Regular	\$1942.00
	Maintenance	288.00
	Diocesan	50.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

2/19	Regular	770.00
	Maintenance	409.00

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.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

If anyone is doing Spring Cleaning and has items for the Rummage Sale, it is ok to bring them to the Hall. Mary Lou Young will have a key or someone from the office will open up for you.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Women's Club will meet immediately after Mass on Sunday, **March 12TH**.



A container for donations of nonperishable food items is in the narthex or monetary donations can be placed in the collection. **Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.** (Proverbs 19:17)

LENT AND THE DIVINE LIFE

(continued from last week)

Fasting from natural food demands an increase in supernatural food. And the hunger we feel in our bodies should intensify our hunger for the Word of God, for Holy Communion, and for the presence of the Spirit. Still, as St. Pope John Paul II explained in his final encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (2003), we live with a profound "eschatological tension" between the first and second comings of Christ the King. Pilgrims on earth, we are called to be citizens of heaven; citizens of this world, we must grow in grace and spiritual maturity so we can better work for both justice in this world and salvation in the next. As the late pontiff wrote:

This is an aspect of the Eucharist which merits greater attention: in celebrating the sacrifice of the Lamb, we are united to the heavenly "liturgy" and become part of that great multitude which cries out: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev 7:10). The Eucharist is truly a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth. It is a glorious ray of the heavenly Jerusalem which pierces the clouds of our history and lights up our journey.

A significant consequence of the eschatological tension inherent in the Eucharist is also the fact that it spurs us on our journey through history and plants a seed of living hope in our daily commitment to the work before us. Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of "new heavens" and "a new earth" (Rev 21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world. Theirs is the task of contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan (pars 20-21).

In short, we must live as if He came, for so He did. And Lent is the perfect time to refocus on His coming in the past, His coming in the present, and His future coming in glory.

CARL E. OLSON

LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE 2023

Please prayerfully consider getting involved in the Florida Catholic 18th Annual Long-Sleeve Relief Drive this Lenten Season. The drive will run through Holy Thursday (April 6th). Requests from agencies working for those living below the poverty line expanded this year and your help is needed. Clean and gently used light-colored, long-sleeve, button down shirts (men and women S, M & L sizes) are needed, and 100 percent cotton is preferred but not necessary.

There is a drop box in the narthex.

BULLETIN

Father Eugene received the following letter on February 15th.

Dear Father,

With an extremely heavy heart, I have to announce that J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. will be ceasing our 110-year mission to provide communication tools to Catholic Parishes across the United States.

The management team at J.S. Paluch spent innumerable hours over the last decade applying cost cutting measures to cope with various economic, supply chain, and labor challenges, not to mention the disastrous impact COVID-19 and related lockdowns had on Church attendance. Despite every effort, we were unable to overcome rising costs and decreased advertiser support to enable J.S. Paluch to continue to deliver to you and your parishioners the quality product that has been our hallmark for over a century.

Regretfully, we have no choice but to inform you that we have to stop supplying a bulletin for your Parish.

Many blessings to you and your congregation,

Mary L. Paluch Rafferty
President, J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Our Parish bulletin will be found weekly online only at

www.stthomasbartow.org