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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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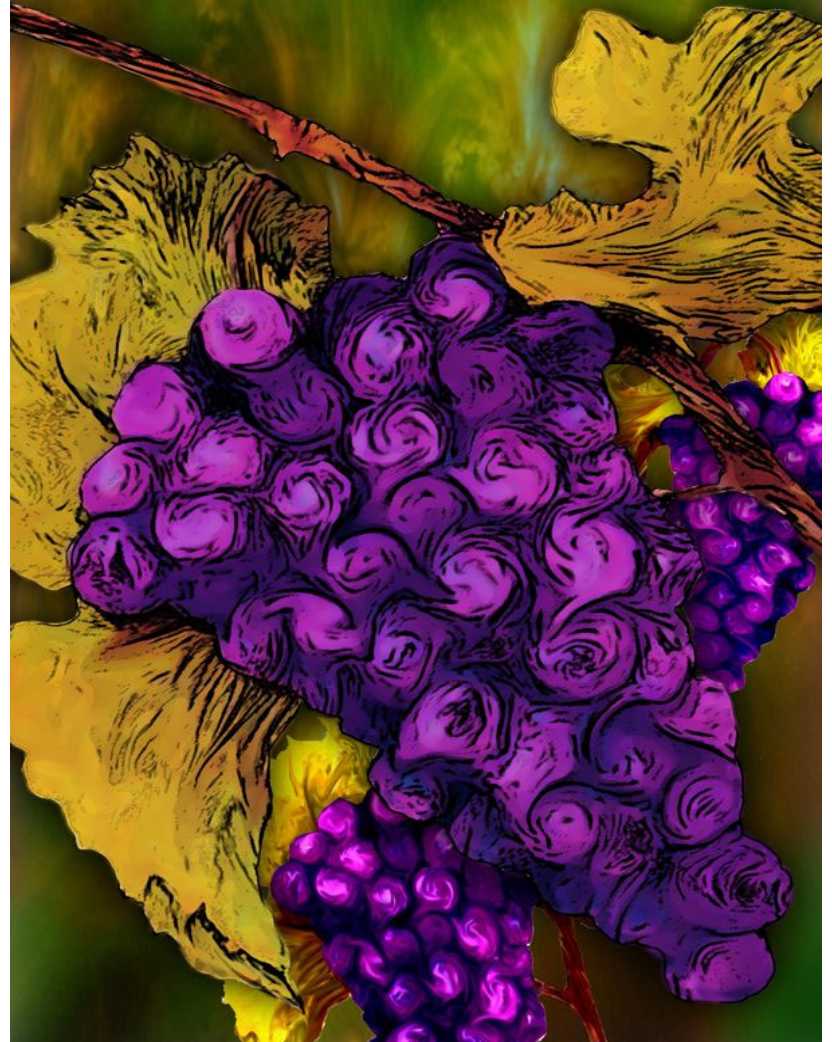
NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

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

*"I am the vine; you
are the branches..."*

John 15:5



5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat Apr 27	5:00 pm	+Ann Marie Duceman By Kathleen Morris
Sun Apr 28	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Apr 28	10:30 am	+Dave Dillman By Linda Dillman
Mon Apr 29	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Tue Apr 30	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu May 2	8:30 am	+John & +Dorothy Barush By Dcn Mark & Carolyn King
Fri May 3	8:30 am	+John & +Marcy King By Dcn Mark & Carolyn King
Sat May 4	8:30 am	Dcn Mark & Carolyn King 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sat May 4	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun May 5	8:00 am	+Juan & +Maria Bravo By Miriam Olazabal
Sun May 5	10:30 am	+Guadalupe Blanco By Rick & Maria Davila

Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, Maggie Chiarini, Alan English, Rachel Gohlman, Dorothy Guptill, 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, Chuck Spencer, Rise' St. Arno, Gloria Stenger, Murphy Stidham, Debi Tuck, Laura Webb

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

Apr 6, 2018	Rev. Edward Hamilton
Apr 17, 2017	Rev. Domingo Gonzalez
Apr 19, 2012	Rev. John Walsh
Apr 21, 2002	Most Rev. Thomas Grady
Apr 21, 2018	Rev. Eduardo Benitez
April 24, 2023	Rev. Sean Heslin
Apr 28, 1985	Rev. Luis Maris Padilla
Apr 29, 2014	Msgr. Terence Farrelly

LECTORS	SME
4/27-5:00 pm	
Mike DeNeve Pat Lowery	Kathleen Morris Susan DeNeve
4/28-10:30 am	
Rick Davila Martha Laurent	Theresa Cherry Kay LaClair
5/4-5:00 pm	
Carolyn King Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Kathleen Morris
5/5-10:30 am	
Carrie Brown Confirmandi	Maria Davila Kay LaClair

Saint Thomas Collection

4/14	Regular	\$1865.00
	Maintenance	255.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

4/14	Regular	683.00
	Maintenance	167.00

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Black/Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions.

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Special Mother's Day Masses will be celebrated on **May 11th, 12th, and 13th**. Please return your envelopes before **May 11th**. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

COME TO PRAY

May 2 First Thursday of the Month is dedicated to pray for new vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and the sanctity of life for those already called.

May 3 First Friday of the Month is dedicated to the Veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

May 4 First Saturday of the Month is dedicated to Veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prayers and benediction after Mass in monstration.

Please pray for the children who will be receiving their First Communion on Sunday, May 5th.

ARGENTINE DIOCESE HAS A NEW PRIEST

After nine years without priestly ordinations, the Diocese of Alto Valle de Río Negro in Argentina on May 1 celebrated the ordination of Father Alexis Oser, 27.

Bishop Alejandro Benna of Alto Valle presided over the ordination ceremony, which took place at the cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in General Roca, the city where the new priest will carry out his ministry. The last ordination for the diocese was that of Father Vicente Alberto Bó in 2014, who died in 2021 from COVID-19.

Oser's mother works in a hospital as an orderly and his father is retired from the oil industry. He has two siblings, and although his background is Catholic, his family was not practicing the faith.

The young priest acknowledged that his vocation "was born in the missions and among the sick" and that "it's a gift, a gift from God. One simply has to open up to that grace, to be available," he said.

Born in the city of Catriel, at age 7 he began to attend Missionary Childhood (a worldwide organization of Catholic youth) in a poor neighborhood of his town. That experience — as well as meeting a nun named Nieves — made an impact on his life. He was just a boy when he began to "know Jesus and call him a friend," Oser recounted.

The call to a vocation began to take shape when at age 15 he visited a terminally ill patient with leukemia at a hospital in the city of Cinco Saltos along with a parish priest who, accompanied by a seminarian, was administering the sacrament of anointing of the sick to the patients. At that time, Oser felt that science and medicine were not enough to end people's suffering.

A priest from where he grew up was the spiritual director who guided him until he was 18, when he decided to begin priestly formation.

He first entered the Jesus the Good Shepherd Seminary in Río Cuarto in Córdoba province, and then he transferred to Buenos Aires, where he continued his formation at the St. Peter and St. Paul Patagonian Seminary until 2021. During those years, he worked in parishes in the Buenos Aires neighborhoods of Mataderos, Saavedra, and Villa Crespo.

That same year, he returned to Río Negro where on May 25, 2022, he was ordained a deacon and was sent to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in General Roca.

"Coming after me are four more guys who are in different years of formation," the new ordinand said. Currently, the Patagonian region is the one with the largest number of seminarians in formation.

At this time, the Church in Alto Valle de Río Negro has 25 priests — 17 of whom came from other dioceses. In the last 30 years, only eight ordinations have been celebrated in the diocese, which was erected in 1993. The diocese serves about 264,000 Catholics covering approximately 14,300 square miles.

MASS WINE VALIDITY NORMS

The archbishop of Kansas City wrote to priests May 31 to warn that he had recently learned of parishes using wine that would invalidate their attempts to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. As a result, he wrote, in those parishes, "for any number of years all Masses were invalid and therefore the intentions for which those Masses were offered were not satisfied, including the obligation pastors have to offer Mass for the people. This is a gravely serious situation for which we must now petition the Holy See for guidance on restorative matters."

The 2004 Vatican instruction *Redemptionis sacramentum* explains that: "the wine that is used in the most sacred celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice must be natural, from the fruit of the grape, pure and incurrup, not mixed with other substances...It is altogether forbidden to use wine of doubtful authenticity or provenance, for the Church requires certainty regarding the conditions necessary for the validity of the sacraments. Nor are other drinks of any kind to be admitted for any reason, as they do not constitute valid matter."

To avoid the possibility of invalidly offered Masses, the archbishop issued a decree mandating that "only those wines commercially produced specifically for use at Mass may hereafter be used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist in all parochial and non-parochial churches, chapels, and oratories within the Archdiocese of Kansas City."

The Church also regulates hosts, explaining that in the Latin Catholic Church, "the bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made so that there is no danger of decomposition."