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**MASSES**

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

**Saturday: Vigil Bartow: 5:00 pm**

**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  
evecoult@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

(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.)

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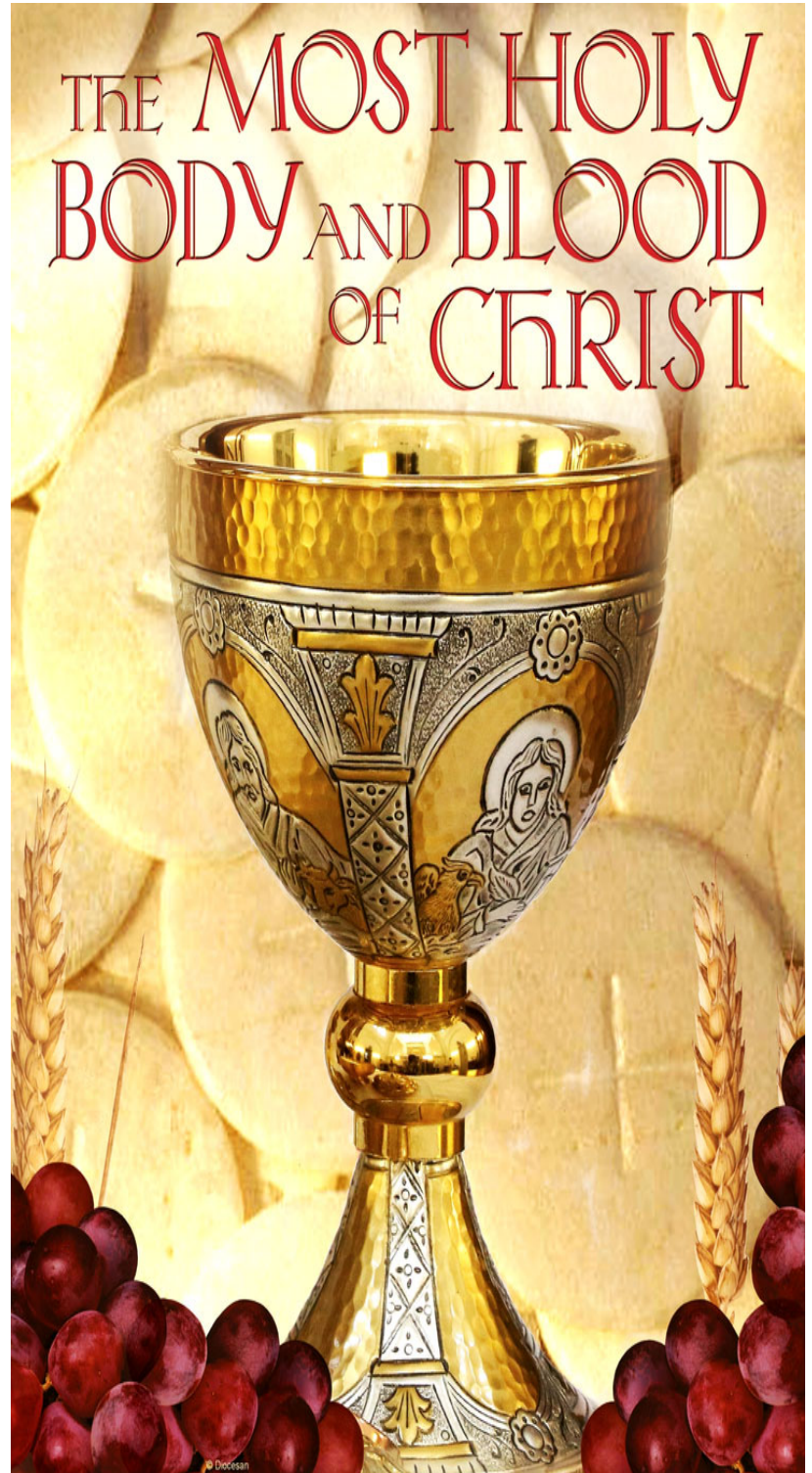
[www.stthomasbartow.org](http://www.stthomasbartow.org)

**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



# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## June 2, 2024



### Mass Intentions

Sat Jun 1	5:00 pm	+Sisavath Soukhavong By Family
Sun Jun 2	10:30 am	+Francisco Blanco By Rick & Maria Davila
Mon Jun 3	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving By Marie McNeill
Tue Jun 4	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu Jun 6	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jun 7	8:30 am	+Sisavath Soukhavong By Family
Sat Jun 8	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jun 9	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family

### Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, Maggie Chiarini, Alan English, Rachel Gohman, Dorothy Guptill, Delores Hart, Austin Heath, Zachary Heath, Ivette Hernandez, Jennifer Hoffer, Mark Jansen, Missy Jansen, Stuart Jones, Bill Kjerrumgaard, Leon LaClair, 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, , Laura Webb

### ***Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests***

June 1, 2001	Rev. Albert Fornace
June 10, 2021	Rev. Franklin Salazar
June 10, 1976	Rev. Paul Woodyard
June 20, 2021	Rev. Peter Henry
June 22, 1990	Msgr. Michael Beerhalte
June 21, 2023	Rev. Sean Cooney
June 27, 1976	Rev. William Corry
June 28, 1993	Rev. Mariano Coba

LECTORS	SME
6/1-5:00 pm	
Carolyn King Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Kathleen Morris
6/2-10:30 am	
Maureen Leckie Martha Laurent	Maria Davila Martha Laurent
6/8-5:00 pm	
Ann Slocum Mike DeNeve	Susan DeNeve Pat Lowery
6/9-10:30 am	
Rick Davila Caroline Picart	Theresa Cherry Pattie Scott

### Saint Thomas Collection

5/19	Regular	\$2877.00
	Ascension	20.00
	Maintenance	219.00

### Saint Elizabeth Collection

5/19	Regular	328.00
	Maintenance	51.00

### FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Special Father's Day Masses will be celebrated on **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please return your envelopes before June 15<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day is a reminder to pray for our Fathers.

### THE HOLY HOUR

The Holy Hour—a sustained, uninterrupted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament—is a life-changing spiritual discipline. It has become a key part of spiritual life of many. When I'm home, I begin every day going to my chapel and spending an hour in prayer. And while the Holy Hour often requires sacrifice, the spiritual fruits are bountiful—most especially in cultivating your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

As we continue through the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take the time for more intentional, dedicated prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord asked his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Let us also remember to watch with the Lord for an hour in Eucharistic Adoration, and listen for his call.

## JESUS SUFFERS MORE IN THE EUCHARIST THAN AT HIS PASSION!

Considering that we are in a National Eucharistic Revival, it is important that we truly open our hearts and dive deep into the faithful, traditional, and beautiful truths concerning the Eucharist. Whether that be in books such as "Jesus Our Eucharistic Love" by Fr. Stefano Manelli, Bishop Schneider's "Dominus Est - It is the Lord!" "The Blessed Eucharist: Our Greatest Treasure" by Michael Müller, Joan Carroll Cruz's "Eucharistic Miracles: And Eucharistic Phenomena in the Lives of the Saints" to name a very select few.

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; that He suffers more in the Eucharist than He did in His Passion because of the ingratitude of men and the infidelity of His priests. Wow...

"Jesus is really, really, really, REALLY present in the Most Holy Eucharist! The same Jesus that was born in Bethlehem, the same Jesus that the Magi traveled all across the country following a star and got on their faces to worship and adore... the same Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the same Jesus who help's a withered man's hand grow, the same Jesus that walks on water, the SAME JESUS that was crucified and then came back to life three days later... THAT SAME JESUS; the same Person, is really, truly, substantially Present in the Most Holy Eucharist"

## CORPUS CHRISTI

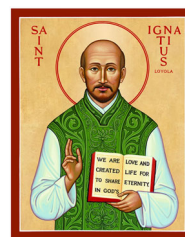
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA, on the Sunday following that feast.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

## SAINT IGNATIUS

Saint Ignatius is one of the great martyrs of early Christianity. He died in Rome, tradition holds, from being fed to wild beasts. In his writings Ignatius expressed a desire to imitate Jesus in his sufferings; he longed to die for Christ. But the way Ignatius expressed this desire has a peculiarly Eucharistic connotation. He writes, "I am God's grain, and I am being ground by the teeth of wild beasts in order that I may be found [to be] pure bread for Christ." For Ignatius, imitation of Christ was not merely holding to Jesus' moral teachings, or believing the truths that Jesus preached. It meant that he was to be so conformed to Jesus that he would make his life an offering to God, even unto death. Ignatius knew and firmly held the Christian view that the Bread of God is the Flesh of Jesus. He identifies the bread with the flesh of Jesus, understanding that before him was the Eucharistic Lord. This is the Lord who, out of his great love, feeds his sons and daughters with the bread that is his flesh and the wine that is his blood.



## COME TO PRAY

**June 6** 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.

**June 7** First Friday of the Month is dedicated to the Veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.