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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

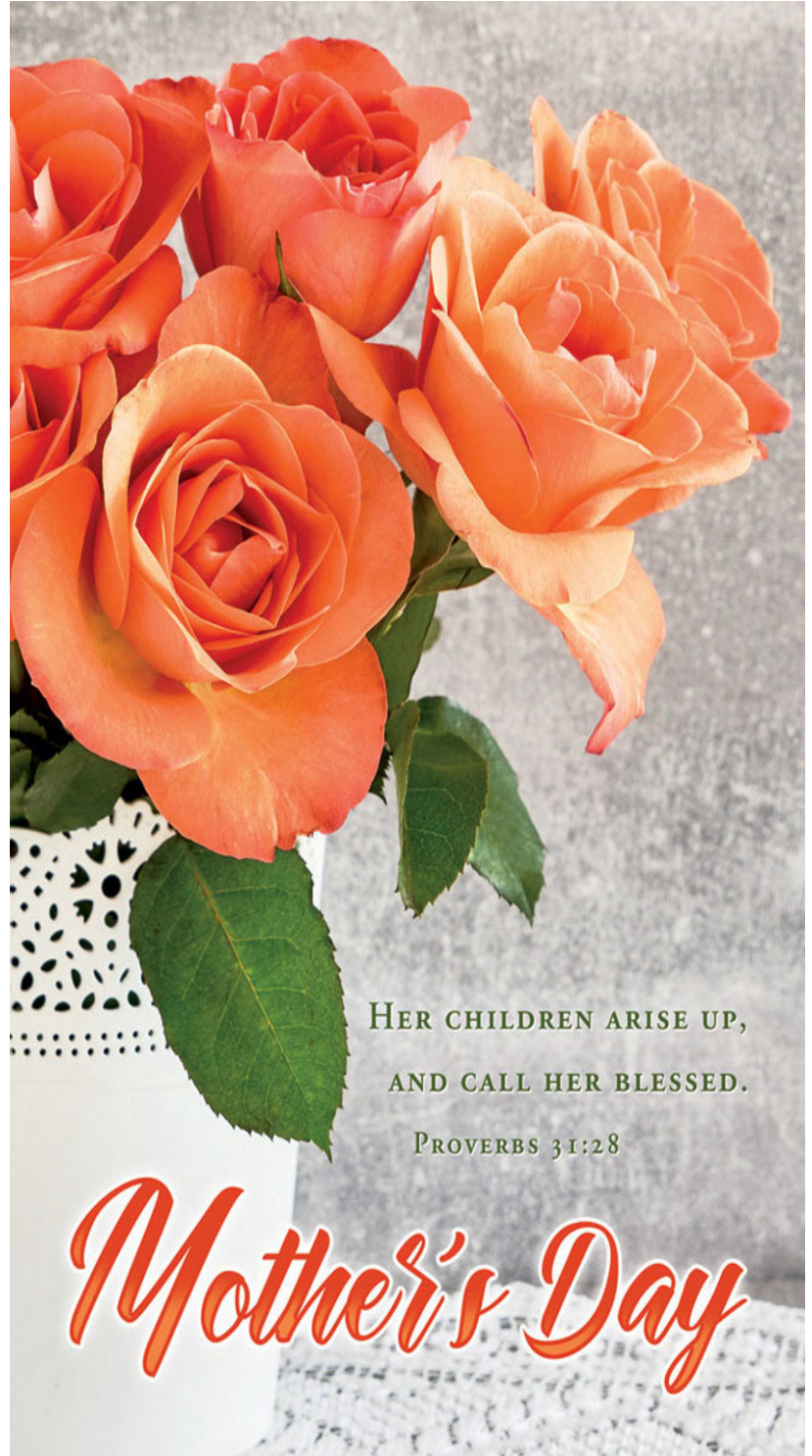
High School Sunday 9:00 to 10:15 am  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.)

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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



HER CHILDREN ARISE UP,  
AND CALL HER BLESSED.

PROVERBS 31:28

*Mother's Day*

# The Ascension of the Lord

## May 12, 2024



Ascension

### Mass Intentions

Sat May 11	5:00 pm	For All Mothers
Sun May 12	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun May 12	10:30 am	For All Mothers
Mon May 13	8:30 am	For All Mothers
Tue May 14	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu May 16	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri May 17	8:30 am	+Sisavath Soukhavong By Family
Sat May 18	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun May 19	8:00 am	For Faithful Departed By Miriam Olazabal
Sun May 19	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, Mark Jones, Stuart 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***

May 1, 2005      Rev. John Garvy  
 May 6, 2013      Rev. Patrick O'Carroll  
 May 20, 2010    Rev. James John MacLoughlin  
 May 30, 2020    Msgr. Fachtna Joseph Harte

### GRADUATING SENIORS

If you know any parishioners who are graduating from high school, please call the office with their names so we can honor them.

LECTORS	SME
5/11-5:00 pm	
Ann Slocum Mike DeNeve	Susan DeNeve Pat Lowery
5/12-10:30 am	
Jessica Witmer Caroline Picart	Martha Laurent Patti Scott
5/18-5:00 pm	
Evelyn Rivera Ann Spencer	Evelyn Rivera Ann Slocum
5/19-10:30 am	
Maureen Leckie Confirmandi	Maureen Leckie Bill Leckie

### Saint Thomas Collection

4/28	Regular	\$1517.00
	Maintenance	15.00
	Diocesan	395.00
	Mother's Day	65.00

### Saint Elizabeth Collection

4/28	Regular	390.00
	Diocesan	43.00

### SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Catholic Communications.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Property & Liability Insurance Invoices for 2024 have been received and are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be generous with your offertory donations.

St. Thomas	\$30,234
St. Elizabeth	\$4,286

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Amelia Alvarado, Jose Luis Lugo Jr., Deangelo Ochoa, Kimberly Ochoa, Willie Ochoa, Xochitl Ochoa, Alondra Jimenez Vargas, Camylla Vargas, and Erika Vargas who celebrated their First Communion on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



## MESSAGE FROM FATIMA EMPHASIZES NEED FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

*On May 13<sup>th</sup> each year the Church commemorates Our Lady of Fatima since the first apparition took place on that day in 1917. All of the visionaries, particularly Francisco, had a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Francisco would spend hours before the tabernacle to console the Hidden Jesus.*

More than a century before today's National Eucharistic Revival in the United States, which began in 2022, the apparitions at Fatima were already heralding Eucharistic devotion. Right from the beginning of Fatima, there is the Eucharist. Before Our Lady came, the apparitions began with the manifestation of the Eucharist.

In 1916, a year before the first apparition of our Blessed Mother in 1917, the Angel of Peace appeared to the three Fatima children and gave the children the Eucharist.

The prayers in the angel's appearances were all Eucharistic prayers. The children were taught to adore God in the Eucharist before they were even met by Our Lady. That tells you right there that this was their novitiate to holiness prepared by the angel, and they were Eucharistic in form.

During the Third Apparition in October 1916, the angel held a chalice with a Host suspended in the air over it. Drops of blood fell from the Host into the chalice. The angel left the chalice and Host suspended in the air, knelt and told the children to repeat three times: "O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly, and I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of his Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners."

We know that the bottom line for Fatima is reparation, and it is Eucharistic reparation. The whole Fatima apparition message is about making reparation for sin in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Then, when Our Lady first appeared to the children on May 13, 1917, the Fatima children

turned to a Eucharistic prayer showing their great reverence for the Eucharist. In her memoirs, Servant of God Lucia dos Santos described how Our Lady opened her hands, and from them streamed light "so intense" that it penetrated their "hearts and innermost depths of our souls."

Realizing it was God "who was that light," Lucia, along with cousins Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, fell to their knees. Lucia recounted how the three began "repeating in our hearts: 'O most Holy Trinity, I adore you! My God, my God, I love you in the most Blessed Sacrament!'" It was a variation of the prayer the children had learned during that third visit of the Angel of Peace.

Then Our Lady spoke again: "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war."

Providentially, Our Lady's first apparition was on May 13, a date celebrated in some parts of the Church as the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Peter Julian Eymard was first to give Mary the title of "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament," having founded the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament on May 13, 1856. The children intuitively realized the connection, not because they recognized the significance of that date, but based on what had happened during the early apparitions.

Soon after, during her July 13 apparition, Mary mentioned the First Five Saturdays devotion, the two major pillars of which are the Communion of reparation and the Rosary: "I shall ask that, on the first Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world." Later, when Jesus and Mary appeared to Sister Lucia in her convent, she was again told of the Five First Saturdays devotion, which included receiving Holy Communion.

(To be continued)

