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



Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024



Mass Intentions

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
Mon May 20	8:30 am	+Sisavath Soukhavong By Family
Tue May 21	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu May 23	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri May 24	8:30 am	+Sisavath Soukhavong By Family
Sat May 25	5:00 pm	+Rena Wilson By Mary Ellen Wilson Smith
Sun May 26	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun May 26	10:30 am	+Dave Dillman By Linda Dillman

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, Stuart Jones, 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



Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. It occurs 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension, and it is the birthday of the Church.

LECTORS	SME
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
5/25-5:00 pm	
Barbara Van Orsdale Pat Lowery	Kathleen Morris Doug Van Orsdale
5/26-10:30 am	
Rick Davila Martha Laurent	Theresa Cherry Kay LaClair

Saint Thomas Collection

5/5	Regular	\$2607.00
	Ascension	10.00
	Diocesan	60.00
	Mother's Day	418.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

5/5	Regular	836.00
	Maintenance	45.00

THE SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are the most supernatural thing that we have on this earth. It is an enormous problem that people do not believe in the sacraments. Through Jesus' infinite mercy and wounded side poured forth blood and water. The Church was born from there. Jesus gives us the sacraments through his greatest act of love: his death on the cross.

The sacraments have an infinite value because, through them, Jesus gives us sanctifying grace. If you don't have faith in the efficacy of the sacraments, and their supernatural reality, it means you don't have faith in Jesus. It means you don't believe in something that Jesus told us. This is not a promise like others. When God gives us a promise, it has an infinite value.

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

MESSAGE FROM FATIMA EMPHASIZES NEED FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

(continued from last week)

Consequently, devotion to the Eucharist is an important teaching from Our Lady at Fatima. The prayer the Angel of Peace teaches the Fatima children at his first appearance in 1916 begins, “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you!” teaches the sense of adoration, that God is in the center. And in the center is adoration. So the Eucharist is there. The message of Fatima calls us to put God in the center. There is “deep theology and focus on Communion, on the sacrament. The message of Fatima is actually for our time; it’s a call for us now.”

The is connection between Our Lady, Our Lord, the Eucharistic presence, the visionaries, and today’s Eucharistic Revival, enumerating three major connections.

The first is that the Eucharistic Revival is teaching us, reteaching us, asking us to deepen our belief in who the Eucharist is and what we believe the Eucharist to be. In that third vision of the Angel of Peace, the visionaries understood that this is not bread and wine. They understood that they were communing with the Lord himself. And that is why they had such a great devotion.

All of the visionaries, particularly Francisco, had a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Francisco’s only plea before he died was to receive Holy Communion, which he did.

St. Francisco’s favorite name for Jesus in the Eucharist in the tabernacle was the “Hidden Jesus.” He would spend hours before the tabernacle to console the Hidden Jesus. The three Fatima seers came to realize the connection and became models of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Lucia recorded that, when she was sick in the hospital before her death, St. Jacinta said: “I am so grieved to be unable to receive Communion in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

The people of God are being called to remember, and if they did not know, to learn, whom the Eucharist is and what we believe the Eucharistic presence to be. And the visionaries teach us that by their own devotion.

The second, is the need to receive Eucharist worthily — that is, to seek holiness in our lives, and to seek forgiveness of our sins. Because, in the end, you receive Communion as the antipasto of heaven, as a foretaste of what heaven will be for us when we are in the presence of the Lord for eternity.

It is also the first sign of the peace that is promised to us. Our Lady at Fatima spoke about the conversion of Russia and the peace that will come from that. The peace the world is looking for is going to be found in Jesus Christ. And there’s no more profound way to encounter him than in the Eucharist because it is him that we receive — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

The Fatima visionaries are “the vehicle by which Our Lady reminds us that we have to seek reparation for our sins and we have to seek forgiveness of our sins so we can receive the Eucharist — that is, Communion with her Son — ever more worthily and ever more fruitfully. That leads to the peace.”

The third is “for anyone who has Eucharistic spirituality, there is naturally going to be a connection with Our Lady.” Clearly, Our Lady is the bridge. She’s the tabernacle of the Lord’s presence in the world. And she is the one who reminds us of what it means to be a perfect disciple because she always did the will of God — not because she bore Jesus into the world, but because she always did the will of God — that’s St. Augustine. Where do we get strength to do the will of God? It is by seeking forgiveness of our sins, receiving the Eucharist as often as we can, and asking for that gift of peace.”

Along these same lines, Pope St. John Paul II wrote in Ecclesia de Eucharistia “Mary is a ‘woman of the Eucharist’ in her whole life.” He observed, “If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist. ... Mary is present ... at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist.”

Fatima can play many essential roles in the Eucharistic Revival by reminding us who the Lord is, and what we believe the Eucharist to be, and the need to receive the Eucharist in grace, and to seek forgiveness of our sins, and pointing us to Our Lady, who is the bridge.