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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
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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



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024



Mass Intentions

Sat Jun 29	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jun 30	10:30 am	+Sisavath Soukhavong By Family
Mon Jul 1	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving By Marie McNeill
Tue Jul 2	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu Jul 4	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jul 5	8:30 am	+Ann Marie Duceman By Family
Sat Jul 6	8:30 am	+Ann Marie Duceman By Family
Sat Jul 6	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jul 7	10:30 am	+Ann Marie Duceman By Family

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, 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

July 1, 2023	Rev. John (Stan) Murray
July 7, 1988	Rev. Arthur Dunnigan
July 10, 2005	Rev. Joseph Achilles Nolin
July 14, 2018	Msgr. Valentine Sheedy
July 15, 2016	Rev. Frank Mutsko
July 18, 1992	Rev. Paul Couming
July 22, 2017	Rev. Felix Baños
July 26, 2022	Rev. Francis X.J. Smith

LECTORS	SME
	6/29-5:00 pm
Jessica Witmer Ann Slocum	Ann Slocum Susan DeNeve
	6/30-10:30 am
Pat Lowery Maureen Leckie	Bill Leckie Maureen Leckie
	7/6-5:00 pm
Mike DeNeve Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Susan DeNeve
	7/7-10:30 am
Martha Laurent Carrie Brown	Maria Davila Martha Lauren

Saint Thomas Collection

6/16	Regular	\$2138.00
	Father's Day	40.00
	Maintenance	227.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

6/16	Regular	810.00
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SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father).

COME TO PRAY

July 4 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.

July 5 First Friday of the Month is dedicated to the Veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

July 6 First Saturday of the Month is dedicated to Veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prayers and benediction after Mass in monstrance.



THE PAPACY

Jesus didn't surrender His authority to Peter when He instituted the papacy. He delegated His power to Peter and His Church. Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" He adds, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." (Mt. 16:13-17)

Peter acknowledges the truth of Jesus, but his wisdom is not his own. God reveals His truths to him. Peter's acknowledgment participates in the teaching authority of Jesus: "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death [gates of hell] shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt. 16:18-19)

Jesus delegates His authority to Peter, but Jesus doesn't need a spiritual director. Peter quickly squanders his responsibilities by advising Jesus to avoid the Cross. Jesus' harsh rebuke warns Peter not to exceed his delegated powers: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." (Mt. 16:23)

Papal successors share in Peter's authority. The front door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome displays a carved image of Peter with his keys. Each successive pope borrows Peter's keys, participates in his papal ministry, and returns the keys at the end of his life. A pope's authority does not stand alone. It belongs to Jesus through papal participation in the Petrine ministry.

The Chair of Peter is in the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome. Peter's successors occupy that Chair as they participate in the Petrine ministry. The Chair of Peter reminds popes of the parameters of their authority. Should they remove themselves from the Chair and depart from the teachings of Jesus, they relinquish their God-given papal delegation.

In his 2013 farewell address, Pope Benedict XVI acknowledged his delegated powers and

directed our attention to Jesus through Peter: Today you have professed the Creed before the tomb of Saint Peter: in the Year of Faith, this seems to me to be a most appropriate act, a necessary one, perhaps, that the clergy of Rome should gather around the tomb of the Apostle to whom the Lord said: 'To you I entrust my Church. Upon you I will build my Church" (cf. Mt 16:18-19). Before the Lord, together with Peter, you have professed: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Mt 16:16). "

Benedict reminds us that the Church is the guardian and servant of God's word: The fact of the canon of Scripture is already an ecclesial fact: that these writings are Scripture is the result of an illumination of the Church, who discovered in herself this canon of Scripture; she discovered it, she did not create it; and always and only in this communion of the living Church can one really understand and read the Scripture as the word of God, as a word which guides us in life and in death."

All papal authority derives from the apostolic deposit of the faith and sacred Tradition and helps us participate in the life of Jesus.



As I have often repeated, we are not called to be successful in our endeavors; we are simply called to be faithful. One sows and another reaps (Jn 4:37) but the harvest is the Lord's (Mt 9:38). And it is only the Lord who can say, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe" (Rev 14:15). Or perhaps we can put this another way, as Our Lord did in Luke's gospel (10:41-2): "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

Jeffrey Mirus