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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
evecoulter@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

(1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.)

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NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

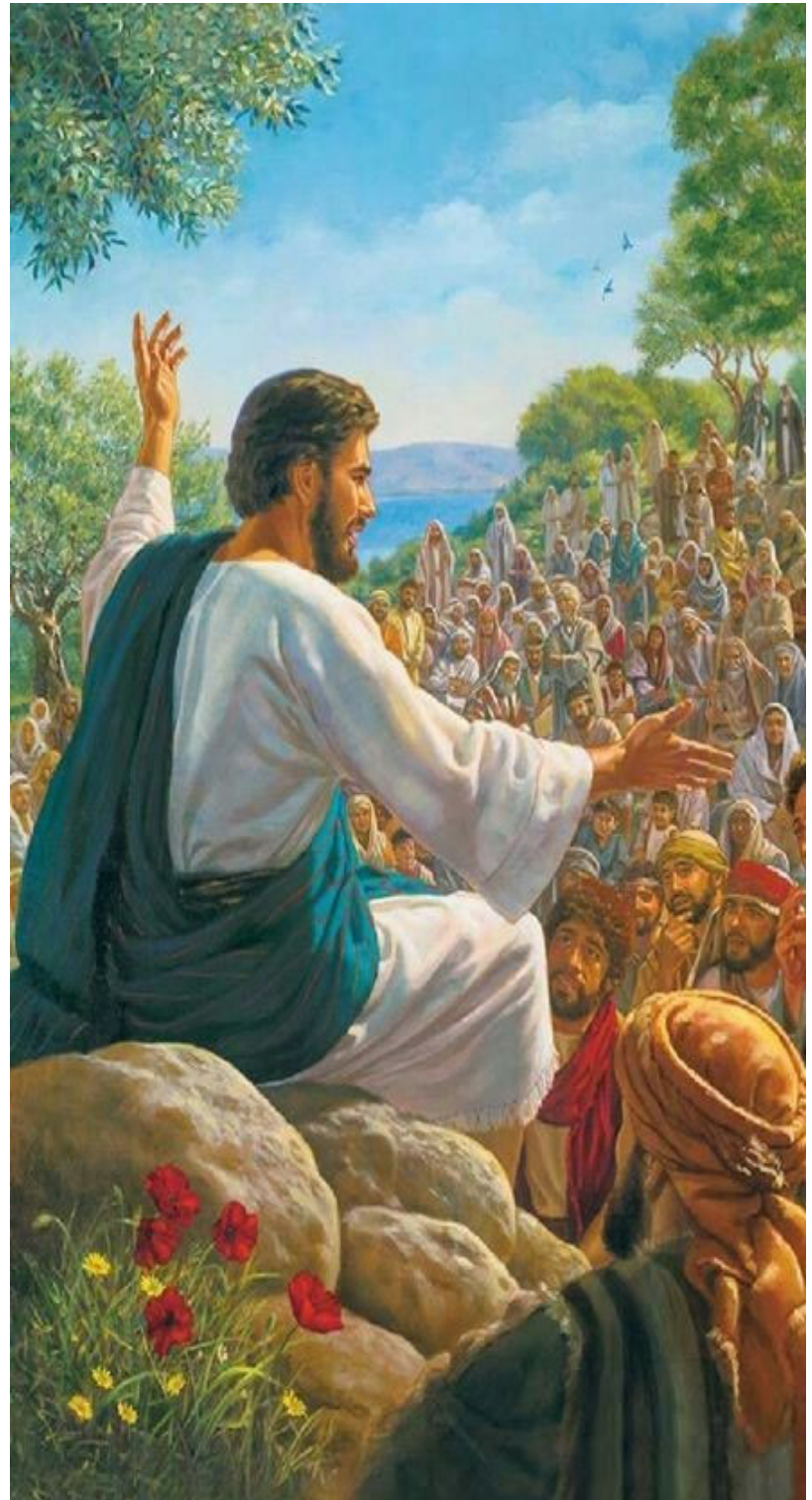
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830

Diocese of Orlando



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024



Mass Intentions

Sat Jun 8	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jun 9	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family
Mon Jun 10	8:30 am	+Sisavath Soukhavong By Family
Tue Jun 11	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu Jun 13	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jun 14	8:30 am	For All Parishioners
Sat Jun 15	5:00 pm	For All Fathers
Sun Jun 16	10:30 am	For All Fathers

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

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

FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

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

LECTORS	SME
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
6/15-5:00 pm	
Evelyn Rivera Ann Spencer	Evelyn Rivera Ann Slocum
6/16-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Maria Davila Pat Lowery

Saint Thomas Collection

5/26	Regular	\$1525.00
	Mother's Day	10.00
	Father's Day	50.00
	Maintenance	242.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

5/26	Regular	170.00
	Maintenance	16.00

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On Friday after the Corpus Christi, solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus Christ is viewed as a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind".

The devotion is especially concerned with what the church deems to be the long-suffering love and compassion of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The popularization of this devotion in its modern form is derived from a Roman Catholic nun from France, Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Early devotion

Historically, the devotion to the Sacred Heart is an outgrowth of devotion to what is believed to be Christ's sacred humanity.

The revival of religious life and the zealous activity of Bernard of Clairvaux and Francis of Assisi in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, together with the enthusiasm of the Crusaders returning from the Holy Land, gave a rise to devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart developed out of the devotion to the Holy Wounds, in particular to the Sacred Wound in the side of Jesus. The first

indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart are found in the eleventh and twelfth centuries in the fervent atmosphere of the Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries.

Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153) said that the piercing of Christ's side revealed his goodness and the charity of his heart for humanity. The earliest known hymn to the Sacred Heart, "*Summi Regis Cor Aveo*", is believed to have been written by the Norbertine Herman Joseph (d. 1241) of Cologne, Germany. The hymn begins: "I hail Thee kingly Heart most high."

From the 13th to the 16th centuries, the devotion was practiced by individuals and by different religious congregations,

Lutgarde (d. 1246), a Cistercian mystic of Aywieres, Belgium, was one of the great precursors of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, she "entered upon the mystical life with a vision of the pierced Heart of the Savior, and had concluded her mystical espousals with the Incarnate Word by an exchange of hearts with Him."

Mechtilde of Helfta (d. 1298) became an ardent devotee and promoter of Jesus' heart after it was the subject of many of her visions. The idea of hearing the heartbeat of God was very important to medieval saints who nurtured devotion to the Sacred Heart. Mechtilde reported that Jesus appeared to her in a vision and commanded her to love him ardently, and to honor his sacred heart in the Blessed Sacrament as much as possible. He gave her his heart as a pledge of his love, as a place of refuge during her life and as her consolation at the hour of her death. From this time Mechtilde had an extraordinary devotion for the Sacred Heart, and said that if she had to write down all the favors and all the blessings which she had received by means of this devotion, a large book would not contain them.

Gertrude de Great was an early devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Book 2 of the *Herald of Divine Love* vividly describes Gertrude's visions.

In the 16th century, the devotion was established as a devotion with prayers already formulated. The first to establish the theological basis for the devotion was Polish Jesuit Kasper Druzbicki (1590–1662)

The most significant source for the devotion to the Sacred Heart in the form it is known today was Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690), a nun,

who claimed to have received apparitions of Jesus Christ in Paray-le-Monial, the first on 27 December 1673, the feast of St John the Evangelist, and the final one 18 months later, revealing the form of the devotion, the chief features being reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. She said that in her vision she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night to meditate on Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

During the octave of Corpus Christi in 1675, probably on June 16, the vision known as the "great apparition" reportedly took place, where Jesus said: "Behold the Heart that has so loved men. [...] Instead of gratitude I receive from the greater part (of humankind) only ingratitude," and asked Margaret Mary for a feast of reparation of the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi.

Promises Given to Margaret Mary Alacoque

Alacoque said that in her apparitions Jesus promised specific blessings to those who practice devotion to his Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
12. In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Friday, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.