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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

(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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024



Mass Intentions

Sat Jul 27	5:00 pm	+Kainen Genovisi
Sun Jul 28	10:30 am	For All Parishioners
Sat Aug 3	8:30 am	For All Parishioners
Sat Aug 3	5:00 pm	+Ann Marie Duceman By Barry & Mark Duceman
Sun Aug 4	10:30 am	+Jose Pedroza By Rick & Maria Davila

There will be no daily Mass July 29 – August 2.

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, Jeff Stidham, 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
Aug 3, 2023	Rev. Felicito Baybay
Aug 8, 2008	Rev. Sean Shine
Aug 26, 1993	Rev. Bronis Benesevich
Aug 28, 2013	Rev. Michael J. Hannon
Aug 28, 2022	Rev. Donald Mainardi

LECTORS	SME
7/27-5:00 pm	
Barbara Van Orsdale Pat Lowery	Kathleen Morris Doug Van Orsdale
7/28-10:30 am	
Carrie Brown Maureen Leckie	Theresa Cherry Pat Lowery
8/3-5:00 pm	
Evelyn Rivera Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Susan DeNeve
8/4-10:30 am	
Carrie Brown Caroline Picart	Maria Davila Martha Laurent

Saint Thomas Collection

7/10	Regular	\$2841.00
	Maintenance	240.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

7/10	Regular	20.00
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THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who contributed baked goods and made donations towards the purchase of CCD books. \$825 was collected.

COME TO PRAY

August 4 First Saturday of the Month is dedicated to Veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prayers and benediction after Mass in monstrance.

Joyful Again, Orlando!

Retreat for Widows & Widowers
(6 months or more after loss of spouse)

September 7-8, 2024

Please contact Sharon at 386-717-4452 to register

The darkness of sin seems so great. But Our Lord has not called us to fear! Evil cannot approach the power of God's grace. Sin cannot prevent Our Lord's healing mercy from reaching those who repent and seek it. And nothing can diminish the care and protection of Our Lady for us, which remain as strong today as they were 500 years ago."

Cardinal Raymond Burke

REVERENCE FOR THE EUCHARIST

Widespread reception of Communion with insufficient worthiness 'concerns me greatly,' says the prefect emeritus of the Apostolic Signatura.

Denial of sin and ignorance of confession due to poor catechesis are leading many Catholics to make sacrilegious Communion that threaten their eternal salvation, Cardinal Raymond Burke has warned.

In his new book, [Respecting the Body and Blood of the Lord: When Holy Communion Should Be Denied](#), the Cardinal said it concerns him profoundly that so many Catholics receive Holy Communion with insufficient worthiness, putting their eternal salvation at risk.

He also believes that “without a healthy sense of sin” and the recognition of the need for regular confession, cases of mental illness are increasing, as people believe they “can just go sailing along” in a direction of unrepented sin until they find themselves “in a terrible situation.”

In his new book, the American cardinal unpacks the history and significance of the Catholic Church’s long-held teaching regarding who is sufficiently worthy, and who is not, to receive Holy Communion, especially with regards to public life. He also recalls how the Church’s teaching on the proper reception of the Eucharist is an act of pastoral charity for the faithful, individually and for one’s neighbor.

Your Eminence, why did you write this book?

Because I had seen a number of Catholic politicians, who presented themselves and wanted to present themselves as Catholics, promote legislative programs contrary to the Church’s teaching and do this publicly. And yet they were approaching to receive Holy Communion. This concerned me greatly. Sen. John Kerry, when he was running for president, was very open in his support of abortion, and I simply informed him that, if he came to the Archdiocese of St. Louis, where I was the bishop, he should not approach to receive Communion. This caused some bit of a kerfuffle, as they say.

But it was obvious I wasn’t taking some kind of extreme position. And in fact, when he came to St. Louis on a Sunday, he spoke in a Baptist

church. Some bishops were concerned about what I had done, and some of them said, “Well, you can’t do these things.” So simply, it was clear to me that this is what the Church had always practiced, beginning with St. Paul, the 11th chapter of the 1 Cor. So I said to myself, “I’m going to sit down and I’m going to study the whole canonical tradition, and, obviously, with attention, too, to the example of the saints and the teachings in Scripture.”

Of course, St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, says that “whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord” and that “anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.” Are you concerned that too few Catholics, not just in politics but universally, are aware of this?

Yes, people have developed — and I saw this as a young priest — the idea that, well, if you’re at Mass, you go to Communion, even when sometimes people were in serious sin. And when you would teach that they were in a state of grave serious sin, they were surprised.

I think there has been a genuine loss of respect for the Blessed Sacrament because it’s not understood that this is the Body of Christ. For instance, if a person is in the state of mortal sin, say they’ve committed adultery, that’s not a public, obstinate sin, at least normally it wouldn’t be, but it is a mortal sin. So [Canon 915](#) [those obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion] doesn’t apply to them directly, but [Canon 916](#) does [a person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Holy Communion without having been to confession]. They should realize that this is a grievous sin and not receive Communion until they’ve confessed it and been absolved, and, of course, that includes a firm purpose of amendment.

(To be continued)

