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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
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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat Sep 28	5:00 pm	+Juan Vasquez, +Kainen Genovisi, & +Elisa Roman By Yolanda Vasquez
Sun Sep 29	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Sep 29	10:30 am	+Claudio Galindo By Family
Mon Sep 30	8:30 am	+Ozelle & +Missouri Johnson By Gerald Johnson
Tue Oct 1	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu Oct 3	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Oct 4	8:30 am	
Sat Oct 5	8:30 am	
Sat Oct 5	5:00 pm	
Sun Oct 6	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 6	10:30 am	+Mercedes Davila By Maria & Rick Davila

LECTORS	SME
9/28-5:00 pm	
Ruth Palmer Pat Lowery	Kathleen Morris Ann Slocum
9/29-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Patti Scott Martha Laurent
10/5-5:00 pm	
Jessica Witmer Evelyn Rivera	Ann Slocum Evelyn Rivera
10/6-10:30 am	
Maureen Leckie Alina Gutierrez	Pat Lowery Martha Laurent

Saint Thomas Collection

9/15	Regular	\$1508.00
	Maintenance	15.00
	Diocesan	537.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

9/15	Regular	370.00
	Diocesan	173.00

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

Sep 14, 2017	Msgr. Patrick Caverly
Sep 14, 2023	Rev. Roland Nadeau, MS
Sep 19, 2016	Very Rev. John McCormick
Sep 23, 1986	Rev. Louis Bamundo
Sep 27, 1995	Rev. Charles Schneider
Oct 3, 1988	Rev. Philip Stegeman
Oct 4, 1978	Rev. Neil Sager
Oct 5, 2015	Rev. Joseph Aiden Nolan
Oct 9, 2019	Rev. Raymond O'Leary
Oct 11, 2010	Msgr. Paul Kamide
Oct 13, 1993	Rev. Louis Dunleavy
Oct 13, 1985	Rev. Bernard L. Hickey
Oct 24, 2019	Rev. Michael Giglio
Oct 26, 2008	Msgr. Matthew Connelly
Oct 27, 2002	Rev. Patrick O'Reilly
Oct 30, 2008	Msgr. Charles A. Bartok

Plea/Rose Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, , 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, Jeff Stidham, Murphy Stidham, Rita Taylor, Laura Webb

COME TO PRAY

October 3 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.

October 4 First Friday of the Month is dedicated to the Veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

October 5 First Saturday of the Month is dedicated to Veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prayers and benediction after Mass in monstration.



October 18 & 19

Donations are being accepted. Pre-sales are planned for after Mass on September 28-29, October 5-6, October 12-13.

THE BIBLE SUPPORTS PRAYING TO THE SAINTS

(continued from last week)

The book of Revelation shows the saints worshipping God, singing hymns, playing instruments, making requests to Christ to avenge their martyrdom, and offering prayers for the saints on earth (Rev. 4:10, 5:8, 6:9-11).

Because they are alive, we believe that we can go to them to intercede for us with God. We do not need to see apparitions or hear their voices in order to believe they will pray for us in heaven. We trust that the saints will accept our requests for help and will present them to Christ for us.

The Catholic Church has always believed that Jesus Christ is the one mediator between God and man. It is the death and resurrection of Jesus alone by which people are saved.

The fifth session of the Council of Trent (1546) laid out the belief in Jesus the one true mediator as the norm of Catholic faith.

The schema of the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Principal Mysteries of the Faith*, drafted for the First Vatican Council (1869-1870), includes the unique mediation of Jesus Christ as one of these principal mysteries: "Truly, therefore, Christ Jesus is mediator between God and man, one man dying for all; he made satisfaction to the divine justice for us, and he erased the handwriting that was against us. Despoiling principalities and powers, he brought us from our longstanding slavery into the freedom of sons."

These quotations from official Catholic documents give unambiguous proof that the Church believes Jesus Christ and no other is the one mediator between sinful humanity and the righteous God. How does the Church integrate this essential doctrine of the faith with the belief that we can pray to the saints?

First, God expects us to pray for one another. We see this in both the Old and New Testaments.

In a dream, God commanded King Abimelech to ask Abraham to intercede for him: "For [Abraham] is a prophet and he will pray for you, so you shall live" (Gen. 20:7). When the Lord is angry with Job's friends because they did not speak rightly about God, he tells them, "Let my

servant Job pray for you because I will accept his [prayer], lest I make a terror on you" (Job 42:8).

Paul wrote to the Romans: "I exhort you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive with me in prayers to God on my behalf, that I may be delivered from the disobedient in Judaea and that my ministry may be acceptable to the saints in Jerusalem, so that in the joy coming to you through the will of God I may rest with you" (Rom. 15:30-32).

James says: "Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" (James 5:16-17). Thus, according to Scripture, God wants us to pray for one another. This must mean that prayer for one another cannot detract from the role of Jesus Christ as our one mediator with God.

Second, the reason that Christians have the power to pray for one another is that each person who is baptized is made a member of the Body of Christ by virtue of the Holy Spirit's action in baptism (1 Cor. 12:11-13). It is because the Christian belongs to Jesus Christ and is a member of his Body, the Church, that we can make effective prayer.

(To be continued)

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please welcome the following who have been received by the Church and have received the following Sacraments:

Luke & Angelina Almanzan: Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage

Darla Snead: 1st Communion and Confirmation

Willie Ochoa, Xochiti Ochoa, Deangelo Ochoa, and Kimberly Ochoa: Confirmation

Please pray that God will continue to guide them toward a strong Catholic Faith.

