

Father Eugene Grytner, SDS
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1305 E. Mann Road Bartow, FL 33830

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
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!

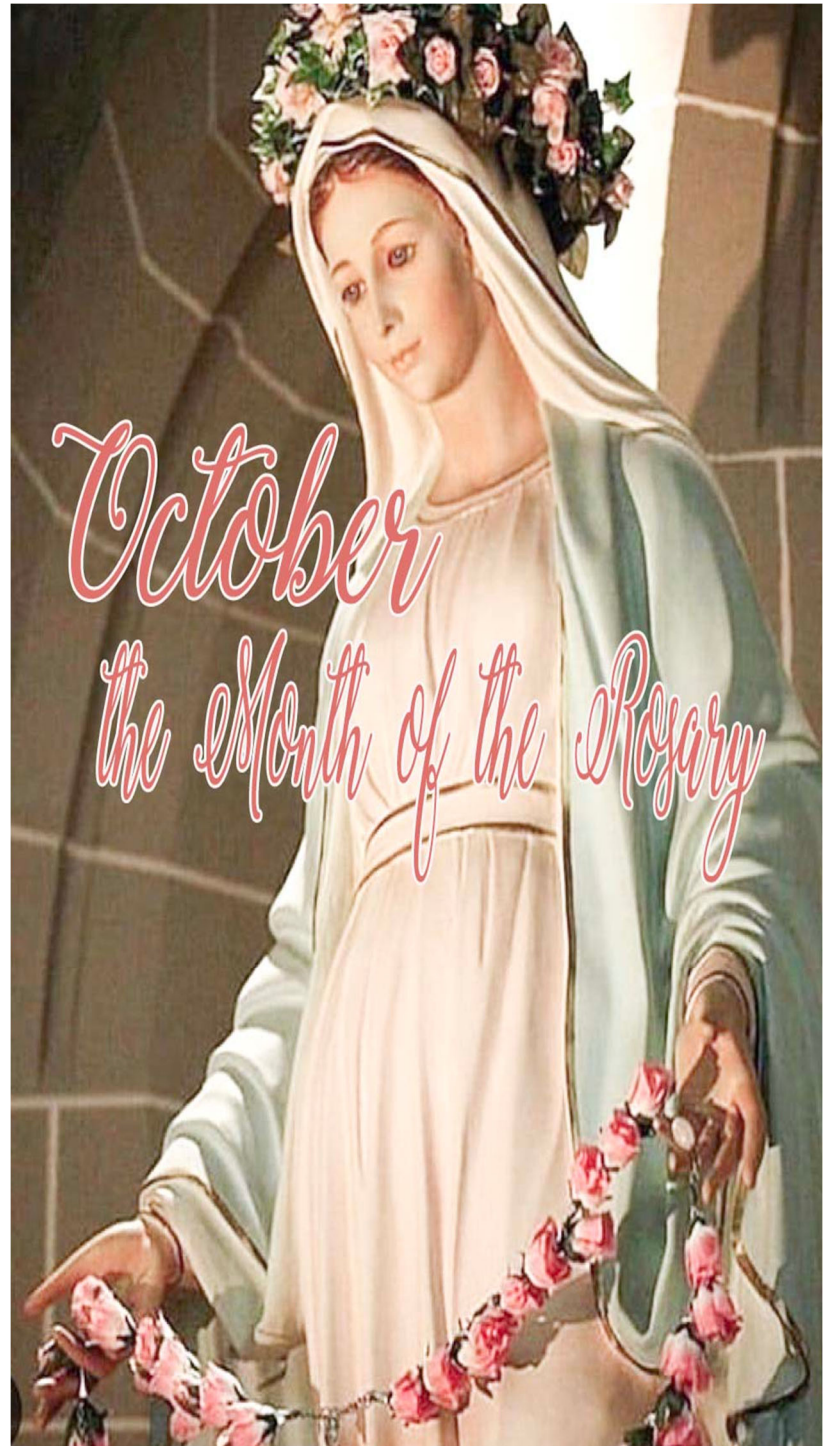
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830

Diocese of Orlando



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024



Mass Intentions

Sat Oct 12	5:00 pm	+Jack Lowery
Sun Oct 13	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 13	10:30 am	+Sue Budd By Theresa & George Cherry
Mon Oct 14	8:30 am	
Tue Oct 15	8:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Thu Oct 17	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Oct 18	8:30 am	
Sat Oct 19	5:00 pm	
Sun Oct 20	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 20	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family

PleaRose 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

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

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

LECTORS	SME
10/12-5:00 pm	
Barbara Van Orsdale Mike DeNeve	Susan DeNeve Doug Van Orsdale
10/13-10:30 am	
Rick Davila Carrie Brown	Theresa Cherry George Cherry
10/19-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Ann Slocum	Kathleen Morris Ann Slocum
10/20-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Unique Gonzalez	Maria Davila Patti Scott

Saint Thomas Collection

9/29	Regular	\$2309.00
	Maintenance	228.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

9/29	Regular	377.00
	Maintenance	30.00

Diocesan Collection-October 19th - 20th Sister Diocese-San Juan de la Maguana

All Souls' Day Envelopes

November 2nd is All Souls' Day. Five Masses will be said for your departed family and friends. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please return your envelopes by **November 1st**.

NOW IN PRINT

The 1916 Project is now available in print form. In the coming weeks a limited number of free copies of the book will be available in the church. If you do not get a copy, you can purchase it at The1916Project.com and click on Buy the Book. For those not familiar with this expose, it is a spiritual wake-up call for all who have been lied to about the killing of the innocent. Seth Gruber's compelling research is not about the history of abortion, it is about the truth behind their lies about abortion. Both sides of this issue should read this book. Read it and share it. Let's save babies.



October 18 & 19

THE ROSARY DRAWS US CLOSE TO JESUS CHRIST

People are hungry for interior peace, and the Rosary is a proven help.

Prayer is a way of thinking about good things. The prayer Christians have associated with Mary since time immemorial is the Rosary, a series of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be, typically said with a string of beads in hand to help with the counting (and to keep our fidgety selves grounded in something).

But the Rosary isn't a prayer *about* Mary. It's about Jesus Christ. Praying the Rosary, we remember the life of Christ in the company of the one who knew him best: his mother. This brings us through joys and sorrows, through darkness and light, through grief and glory. But if we do it with faith, hope and love, with an *intention* to have our minds molded according to the mind of Christ, we will have wondrous results. We will be molded so that we become a complete person, equipped to triumph over any situation we might experience in life.

This prayer is no dusty relic. Last September, more than 3,000 people filled to capacity the largest Catholic Church in North America, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The occasion? The first annual Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage, a new initiative of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. One man I know — a young former atheist — drove all the way from California to participate. People are hungry for interior peace, and the Rosary is a proven help. (The next Rosary Pilgrimage will take place Sept. 28, again in D.C.)

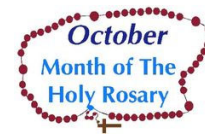
We can expect to be changed by prayer because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). That means that his power to save, to heal hearts and minds, is the same yesterday, today and forever. We come into contact with him when we think about his mysteries in faith. In this, we are like Mary, who "pondered these things in her heart" (Luke 2:19).

The Rosary is a superior way of thinking about Christ's mysteries. It adds to our meditation the

full force, power, wisdom and love of the Mother of God. In praying it, we make true what Mary said of herself: "My soul magnifies the Lord" (Luke 1:46). If you want to study Jesus Christ, look to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The central claim of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ is alive, and that he offers a share in his own everlasting life to those who follow him. Mary continues to be the preeminent follower of Jesus, and she continues to point people to him — her last recorded words are, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). We can pick up the Rosary and follow, too. It takes about 15 minutes to say. It sure beats scrolling.

Fr Jonah Teller, OP



We will pray the Holy Rosary outside every **Tuesday and Friday of October at 6:00 pm** at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary in Catholic piety and tradition, October 7th is celebrated as the day of Our Lady of the Rosary. The roots for this celebration are found in the 16th century wining battle over the Muslim Turks at Lepanto. Seeing the coming danger Pope St. Pius V had asked all Christians to pray the Rosary as he was doing so with the members of the Church of Rome. Miracle happened the outnumbered Christian fleet triumphed.

DISASTER RELIEF 2024 **October 26-27**

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, I ask you to participate in Disaster Relief 2024, a voluntary special collection for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and Church needs arising from these calamities. The funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the efforts of the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

Most Reverend
Bishop John Noonan