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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  
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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  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.)

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**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!**  
**Registration forms in church or office**

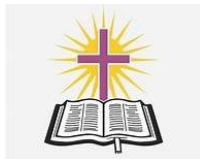
Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

*Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church*  
2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830  
Diocese of Orlando



# 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 20, 2024



### Mass Intentions

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
Mon Oct 21	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat Oct 26	5:00 pm	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Sun Oct 27	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 27	10:30 am	

There will be no daily Mass October 22-25.

### 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

### **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
10/19-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Ann Slocum	Kathleen Morris Ann Slocum
10/13-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Unique Gonzalez	Maria Davila Patti Scott
10/26-5:00 pm	
Ruth Palmer Pat Lowery	Susan DeNeve Doug Van Orsdale
10/27-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Maureen Leckie Bill Leckie

### Saint Thomas Collection

10/6	Regular	\$1808.00
	Maintenance	1348.00

### Saint Elizabeth Collection

10/6	Regular	667.00
	Maintenance	30.00

### All Souls' Day Envelopes

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### 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

*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.*

## MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday, celebrated on the second-to-last Sunday of October, is a day set aside by the Catholic Church to remember and support the mission work being done around the world.

The Church in the United States was once mission territory, heavily reliant on support from Catholics worldwide. Today, U.S. Catholics have the opportunity to return that generosity by supporting global missions, extending to you the Gospel's call to "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," that is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Mission Sunday celebration.

This table is set by those who answer Christ's call to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

From the windswept plains of Mongolia to the dense forests of the Amazon, contributions from the faithful all over the world, your contributions, have made you a partaker in this holy mission – a mission that continues to invite everyone to experience the boundless love of God.

World Mission Sunday, observed on October 20th this year, is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories.

These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.



**Diocesan Collection-October 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sister Diocese-San Juan de la Maguana**

## PRAYED THE ROSARY TWICE DAILY

In 1914 the Mora family moved to Los Pajuales, a village in San José de Bolívar, Venezuela. When 5 years old, he started to work with his father and siblings in agriculture, specifically coffee harvesting and sugar cane.

At 10, he began school but was only able to attend for five months because his teacher became very ill. However, Mora was able to learn how to read and write thanks to a book his teacher had given him prior to her health declining.

He was married to Ediofina del Rosario García for 60 years. The family has now grown to include 42 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Among his family, Mora was known for his faith. He strived to build a solid relationship with God, his relatives, and he prayed the Rosary twice a day. He died at the age of 114 on April 2, 2024.

Mora said his secret to living a long life was to "work hard, rest on holidays, go to bed early, drink a glass of aguardiente every day, love God, and always carry him in your heart."

## THE ROSARY

The Rosary is the most powerful weapon that the Lord left us other than the Eucharist and the sacraments. Through the Rosary and any prayers "in front of her icon or her image, she can teach us to unite our heart with the heart of Jesus, because her heart is always united to the heart of Jesus. In every icon, especially in the icon of Czestochowa, her hand is pointed to Jesus. She always leads us to Jesus. It is to Jesus through Mary. And by coming to Mary, we learn to unite our hearts to the heart of Jesus and put all our trust in that Sacred Heart of Jesus that was poured out of love for us."

## ST. JOSEPH-PATRON SAINT OF THE UNBORN

St. Joseph is considered the Patron Saint of the Unborn. He protected the unborn child Jesus in Mary's womb during the trip to Bethlehem and saved the newborn Savior from Herod's threats. St. Joseph is often depicted holding a six-month fetus, offering the child to Christ.