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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

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

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



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord April 13, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat Apr 12	5:00 pm	
Sun Apr 13	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Apr 13	10:30 am	+George Espinosa By Martha & John Laurent
Mon Apr 14	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Tue Apr 15	8:30 am	+Mike Brown
Thu Apr 17	7:00 pm	
Fri Apr 18	3:00 pm	
Sat Apr 19	8:00 pm	
Sun Apr 20	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Apr 20	10:30 am	+Fr. Domingo Gonzalez By Martha & John Laurent

Please 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, Murphy Stidham, Rita Taylor, Laura Webb

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

Apr 6, 2018	Rev. Edward Hamilton
Apr 14, 2024	Rev. Clyde Bonar
Apr 17, 2017	Rev. Domingo Gonzalez
Apr 19, 2012	Rev. John Walsh
Apr 21, 2002	Most Rev. Thomas Grady
Apr 21, 2018	Rev. Eduardo Benitez
April 24, 2023	Rev. Sean Heslin
Apr 28, 1985	Rev. Luis Maris Padilla
Apr 29, 2014	Msgr. Terence Farrelly



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **April 20th** after the 10:30 am Mass.

LECTORS	EMHC
4/12-5:00 pm	
Evelyn Rivera Ruth Palmer Barbara Van Orsdale-Passion	Ann Slocum Evelyn Rivera
4/13-10:30 am	
Luke Almanzan Angelika Almanzan Martha Laurent-Passion	Bill Leckie Pattie Scott
4/17-7:00 pm	
Carolyn King Alina Gutierrez	Doug Van Orsdale Susan DeNeve
4/18-3:00 pm	
Maureen Leckie Ann Spencer Martha Laurent-Passion	
4/19-8:00 pm	
Barbara Van Orsdale Mike DeNeve Pat Lowery Ann Spencer Carrie Brown	Maureen Leckie Susan DeNeve
4/20-10:30 am	
Xochitl Ochoa Rick Davila	Theresa Cherry George Cherry

Saint Thomas Collection

3/30	Regular	\$2681.95
	Maintenance	40.00
	Easter Flowers	111.00
	Diocesan	883.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

3/30	Regular	417.00
	Diocesan	97.00

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION


Holy Thursday's collection will be used to support our Food Pantry. On Holy Thursday Jesus celebrates his Last Supper with the disciples. Your gifts will help supply "supper" for the needy of our community.

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Triduum



Saint Thomas			
 <small>© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.</small>	April 17	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday
	April 18	3:00 pm	Good Friday
	April 19	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
	April 20	10:30 am	Easter
Saint Elizabeth			
	April 20	8:00 am	Easter

THE SACRED TRIDUUM IS THE REAL SUMMIT OF THE EUCHARIST

(continued from last week)

The New Testament reading has us ponder St. Paul's words about what Jesus did on Holy Thursday to give us his Body and the new covenant in his Blood, reminding us that as often as we celebrate Mass, we "proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes," because in the Eucharist, with the separate consecration of Jesus' Body and Blood, we proclaim his saving death and the Resurrection to which it led.

The Gospel of the washing of the apostles' feet is an indication, as Pope Benedict used to emphasize, of the need for the sacrament of penance before the sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus told Peter that we don't need to be "bathed" anew because we've been bathed in baptism, but we do need to have our feet washed because feet are a sign of our contact with the filth of the world. Jesus wants to cleanse our feet through the same apostles, bishops and priests through whom he later gives us his Body and Blood.

Holy Communion, the Eucharistic procession and adoration at the altar of repose should be marked by particular gratitude during the Eucharistic Revival, similar to what we show on Corpus Christi, since it's not just we who receive, follow and accompany the Eucharistic Jesus, but he who gives himself, leads, accompanies, saves and sanctifies us!

On Good Friday, we should look toward the reception of Jesus as the culmination of our participation in Jesus' passion, his self-sacrifice on the cross.

As we venerate the cross, we prepare to receive the fruit of that new Tree of Life.

Each of the Stations of the Cross can be interpreted within a Eucharistic key, as each of those stages were traversed in order for Jesus' body not merely to be placed in the tomb but within us.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus can all be actualized: In the Eucharist, Jesus continues to pray to the Father for mercy, opens paradise, points us to his Mother, who wants to school us in Eucharistic love, often experiences abandonment from his people, thirsts for our thirst, culminates his saving plan, and seeks to have us join, as his Body and Bride, his commendation to the Father.

In the beginning of the novena of Divine Mercy and recitation of the chaplet, we offer to the Eternal Father, in expiation of our sins and those of the world, the Eucharist, Christ's own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

At the Easter vigil, we remember that the Eucharistic Christ is the true fire, the One who seeks to illumine and warm us from within.

The various stages of salvation history rehearsed during the magnificent Liturgy of the Word are all meant to culminate in our communion with the Word made flesh: Christ has left the tomb ultimately not just to ascend to the Father but sacramentally to enter us!

The Baptismal Rite and the Renewal of Promises helps to remind us of how our new birth leads to the way he nourishes us.

And the Liturgy of the Eucharist is meant to recapitulate among us the Mass the Risen Jesus himself did in Cleopas' house the night of the Resurrection — and inspire us, like the disciples in Emmaus, to share the incredible news that Jesus has indeed risen — and not just appeared to us but abides in us.

As we prepare for the Sacred Triduum and to enter into the Paschal Mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, which the Catechism says "stands at the center of the Good News" the Church proclaims to the world. There's no better way to do that than by focusing, and entering into communion with, Jesus in the Eucharist, the source and summit, root and center of Christian faith and life.