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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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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



Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025



Mass Intentions

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
Mon Apr 21	8:30 am	Special Intention
Tue Apr 22	8:30 am	+Jackie Greer
Thu Apr 24	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Apr 25	8:30 am	+Ozelle & +Missouri Johnson By Gerald Johnson
Sat Apr 26	5:00 pm	
Sun Apr 27	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Apr 27	10:30 am	Special Intention

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
4/19-8:00 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
4/26-5:00 pm	
Mike DeNeve Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Pat Lowery
4/27-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Maria Davila Pattie Scott

Saint Thomas Collection

4/6	Regular	\$2632.00
	Maintenance	693.00
	Easter Flowers	166.00
	Diocesan	20.00
	Easter	20.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

4/6	Regular	868.00
	Maintenance	51.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Black/Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions.

PLENARY INDULGENCE ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church of chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

EASTER SUNDAY

Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!"

The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today's scandal.

In the face of, or better, in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen." It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples.

The crucified Jesus, none other, has risen from the dead. God the Father raised Jesus, his Son, because he fully accomplished his saving will. Jesus took upon himself our weakness, our infirmities, even our death. He endured our sufferings and bore the weight of our sins. Because of this, God the Father exalted him and now Jesus Christ lives forever; he is the Lord.

The witnesses report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet and side. These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us. All those who experience a painful trial in body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them, receive the grace of the hope that does not disappoint.

WOMEN'S CLUB RUMMAGE SALE October 17 & 18.

If you have items for the sale, you can bring them to the Social Hall at any time. Just call the office, and someone will open the door for you. Pickup for large items is available.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The saints are excellent teachers in how to pray, and one of the best examples of someone with a particular devotion to the Stations of the Cross is [Pope St. John Paul II](#). He prayed the stations not only every Friday during Lent, but every Friday of his life, right up until the day before he died. No wonder this man was so holy; no wonder he had such a deep and insightful understanding of redemptive suffering and God's love.

The Stations of the Cross are meant to help us experience what Christ went through in the Holy Land in the setting of our own parish. The Stations of the Cross originated with pilgrims going to Jerusalem and visiting the sites of the Passion. There are some Medieval references to the *Via Sacra* — which we call the *Via Dolorosa* today — which was walked by pilgrims in Jerusalem. After the Franciscans gained control of the holy sites in the Holy Land in the 13th century, their counterparts in Europe gradually brought over the practice of the stations for people who couldn't visit Jerusalem. Since then, Catholics have been praying the stations in who knows how many countries for centuries upon centuries! To pray the stations in a church where Christ is present in the tabernacle is a powerful experience.

In a contemporary space, we may take the Stations of the Cross for granted. After all, they are in every Catholic church. If we don't pay attention, they can blend into the background of our worship. Perhaps your church gathers to pray the stations on Friday evenings during Lent. But maybe this time isn't convenient for you, due to work schedules, other commitments.

That doesn't mean the stations can only be part of your Lenten practice. The stations are always present in our churches. In our church of St. Thomas we have the stations outdoors too which means we can be creative about how and when we spend time with them.

*On Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 27th**, following the 10:30 am Mass, a chicken dinner will be provided in the Social Hall at no cost to you. Please plan to join us.*