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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
evecoultter@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



6th Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat May 24	5:00 pm	+Mary Nemenz By Virginia Wiggins
Sun May 25	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun May 25	10:30 am	+Jimmy Hooks & +Kimberly Worth By Maria & Rick Davila
Mon May 26	8:30 am	For Those who gave their life for our country
Tue May 27	8:30 am	
Thu May 29	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri May 30	8:30 am	
Sat May 31	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jun 1	10:30 am	+Robert Trembley By Leon & Kay LaClair

May 25th will be the last Sunday Mass for Saint Elizabeth until the Fall.

Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, Debbie Coffman, 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, Kathleen Morris, Lacey Pate, , George Pizano, Karlee Severns, Richie Southwell, Chuck Spencer, Murphy Stidham, Rita Taylor, Laura Webb

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

May 1, 2005	Rev. John Garvy
May 6, 2013	Rev. Patrick O'Carroll
May 20, 2010	Rev. James John MacLoughlin
May 30, 2020	Msgr. Fachtna Joseph Harte



May the Month of Mary

LECTORS	EMHC
5/24-5:00 pm	
Ann Slocum Carolyn King	Ann Slocum Evelyn Rivera
5/25-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Maureen Leckie Bill Leckie
5/31-5:00 pm	
Ruth Palmer Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Pat Lowery
6/1-10:30 am	
Angelika Almanzan Luke Almanzan	Maria Davila Martha Laurent

Saint Thomas Collection

5/11	Regular	\$1702.00
	Maintenance	425.00
	Mother's Day	204.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

5/11	Regular	422.00
	Maintenance	38.00

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's 2nd collection is a Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Special Father's Day Masses will be celebrated on **June 14th, 15th, and 16th**. Please return your envelopes before June 14th. Father's Day is a reminder to pray for our Fathers.

Retreat

"WHAT IS LOVE"

Join us on a fulfilling retreat

With Our Catholic Host
Jose Gutierrez

Followed by Our Parish Deacon

Mark King
&

A Special Guest From:

The Mission-Servants of The Lord and Virgin of
Matara

May-31-2025

Saturday

10:00am -- 1:00pm

doors open @9:30 am For Prayer

Location-Parish Hall

St. Thomas Aquinas Bartow

Drinks & Snacks available during breaks

THE EUCHARIST

It is the Eucharist that allows us to be in communion with the God of love whose identity is relationship. It is the Eucharist that unites us with each other in such a way that we see the other as Christ. It is the Eucharist that is the greatest gift given to us by God. It was not good enough for Jesus to be born among us, teach us, perform miracles, suffer, die and rise for us. He desired to go above and beyond in communicating his love for us by giving us the ability to truly encounter him, face-to-face, each time we receive the Eucharist. Responding to and rejoicing in this beautiful gift will only make us more aware of all the other great gifts we have received.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration is one of the richest sources of graces for souls.

In the first ages of the Church, as Justin, Tertullian and other spiritual writers relate, the faithful were permitted to take the Sacred Hosts with them to their homes, so that if captured for martyrdom, they might yet communicate. Even on their journeys these faithful Christians did not wish to be separated from their Lord, and for this reason they carried the Holy Eucharist with them, so that, although far from a priest or church, they could still venerate the Blessed Sacrament. Interesting anecdotes could be mentioned of the hermits who took the Holy Eucharist with them into the desert. And nowadays, alas, so many Christians who live near the church do not find a moment's time to pay a visit to their Lord! But they have plenty of leisure for worldly visits, for useless conversations or harmful reading.

To them apply the words which St. John Chrysostom addressed to his people, "What excuse shall we have, or how shall we obtain pardon, if we consider it too much to go to Jesus, who descended from Heaven for our sake? Those foreign pagan kings hastened thither from Persia to see Him who lay in the manger; and thou, O Christian, canst thou not spare a few moments to enjoy this heavenly spectacle?"

How we shall regret our negligence at the hour of death! How we shall wish that we had oftener

visited our Judge who dwells in the Blessed Sacrament!

9 TIMES PEACE FROM POPE LEO XIV

He was emotional. His first words were: "Peace be with you." We don't know what Pope Leo XIV will ultimately be remembered for, but this is how he began standing on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square.

Leo explained his reasoning for choosing these as his first words. These are also the first words of Jesus to his disciples in the Upper Room on the evening of that first Easter Sunday. This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions.

Throughout his words, he said the word "peace" nine times.

Through our own sin and simply through the sufferings of the human condition, we are in need of the peace of Christ. Leo XIV's insight into the human condition is inspiring. His opening words as pontiff could have centered on anything. However, he desired to transmit that Jesus truly and continuously offers us the peace (the total well-being that only God can give) that we need.

As we continue to learn more about our new Pope, we can expect to see more care for humanity and more explicit focus on the Person of Jesus Christ. His opening words were just the beginning. To all those who are hurting, Leo XIV desires you to know that you are not alone — Jesus is with you.

SUMMER FUN WITH JESUS

WEDNESDAY'S 5:00-7:00 Pm

JUNE 11 - JULY 9

Pray, Play, Games, Helping Others, Crafts
-Food, Drinks, Snacks, Provided-

FREE
Ages 4-18

Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"

Register in person
Any Questions Please Call
863-327-2607- Martina

St. Thomas Aquinas Backlot

