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MASSES

**Daily at 8:30 am - No Mass on
Wednesday and Saturday morning.**

Saturday: Vigil Bartow: 5:00 pm

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
evecoulter@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

Thursday 7:00 pm

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



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat Jul 12	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jul 13	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family
Mon Jul 14	8:30 am	
Tue Jul 15	8:30 am	
Thu Jul 17	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jul 18	8:30 am	For All Parishioners
Sat Jul 19	5:00 pm	Anthony J Tessier & Alicia M. Tessier
Sun Jul 20	10:30 am	+Banasa Herrera

Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, Debbie Coffman, Alan English, Rachel Gohman, 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

July 1, 2023	Rev. John (Stan) Murray
July 7, 1988	Rev. Arthur Dunnigan
July 10, 2005	Rev. Joseph Achilles Nolin
July 14, 2018	Msgr. Valentine Sheedy
July 15, 2016	Rev. Frank Mutsko
July 18, 1992	Rev. Paul Couming
July 22, 2017	Rev. Felix Baños
July 26, 2022	Rev. Francis X.J. Smith

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses".

Pope St. Paul VI

LECTORS	EMHC
7/12-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Barbara Van Orsdale	Pat Lowery Doug Van Orsdale
7/13-10:30 am	
Alina Gutierrez Rick Davila	Bill Leckie Maureen Leckie
7/19-5:00 pm	
Pat Lowery Ann Slocum	Ann Slocum Pat Lowery
7/20-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Ryan Curtis	Martha Laurent Theresa Cherry

Saint Thomas Collection

6/29	Regular	\$1528.00
	Maintenance	30.00
	Diocesan	502.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

6/29	Regular	25.00
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SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's second collection will be for Catholic University of America and Catholic Communication Campaign.

Extraordinary Financial Expenses First 6 months of 2025

Air Conditioners: Replace one A/C in Narthex and one A/C in school **\$15,785**. Repair one A/C in school **\$445**. The total Maintenance collection for the first 6 months was \$8,100. **Annual Property & Liability Insurance:** St. Thomas **\$30,166**. St. Elizabeth **\$4227**. It takes about 3 months of a year of offertory collections to pay for insurance.

If possible, please consider increasing your weekly donation to the support of the church.



"We are in the Jubilee Year of Hope. What can give us greater security and hope than to know that Jesus is with us all days, until the end of the world, profoundly, in the Most Blessed Sacrament?"

Rummage Sale – July 19 - 8:00-12:00

THE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICA

(continued from last week)

"In other words," Reagan writes, "retardation was the equivalent of a crime deserving the death penalty." The judge permitted Baby Doe to starve to death and the Indiana Supreme Court approved the decision.

President Reagan went into action. He directed the departments of Justice and Health and Human Services to protect newborns. After the Baby Doe incident, all hospitals receiving federal funds would be required to post notices clearly stating that failure to feed handicapped babies is prohibited by federal law.

Reagan cited a former president who had an unflinching respect for the Declaration of Independence that spoke of all men being created equal and "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights" including life, and liberty. Abraham Lincoln praised the framers of that noble document stating that "In their enlightened belief, nothing stamped with the divine image and likeness was sent into the world to be trodden on."

Lincoln wisely understood that if rights were denied to one group (Blacks) they could very well be denied to another group (the unborn). Therefore, as the Declaration states, the God-endowed right to life should extend to everyone, healthy or handicapped, born or unborn.

President Reagan concludes his essay with an impassioned commitment to honoring the right to life of all human beings:

"My administration is dedicated to the preservation of America as a free land, and there is no cause more important than affirming the transcendent right to life without which no other rights have any meaning."

In what state do we find the conscience of America at this moment in history?

It is a state of unrest oscillating between a Reagan/Lincoln model and one concocted by Biden and Harris. May God bless and protect the former model as the United States moves into an uncertain future.

Donald DeMarco, Ph.D.

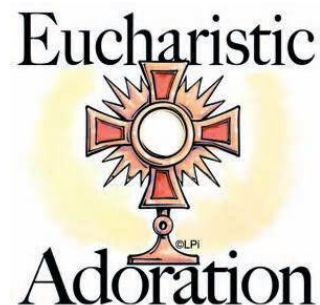
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE EARLY CHURCH

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!



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