



ST. THOMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 20, 2025

1. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE AND ISRAEL.**
2. **Greece in Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise & Medjugorje.** Fr. Eugene has accepted an offer of Spiritual Director, 206 Tour 161-A, September 26 – October 10, 2025. You can find the details on the trip by clicking on the link <https://www.206tours.com/cms/tour161a/>. To see the prices, click on Dates & Prices, select September 26 – October 10. Father is leaving from Tampa. You can also click on the button "Fr. Eugene's Pilgrimages on the website homepage to see the details of the trip. If you are only interested in **Greece in Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise** without Medjugorje, you would choose Tour 161, September 26 – October 6. He will be Spiritual Director on both tours.
3. **The obligation to participate in the Eucharist in person on Sundays and other holy days of obligation was restored three years ago on Palm Sunday 2022.** Regular attendance at Mass is what fulfills God's commandment to "Keep holy the Sabbath Day". Our world is hurting. We all need healing yet many of us are separated from the source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist.
4. Our Parish bulletin can be viewed weekly online by clicking on the Bulletin button on our website at www.stthomasbartow.org. A new button has been added that you can also see the previous week's bulletin. If you do not have access to the internet, please let the office know, and copies can be printed. If you look at the bulletin on your phone, you can add an icon to your homepage by doing the following steps for an iphone. 1. **Do a search for stthomasbartow.org.** 2. **When the page opens, Click** (touch) the small square with an arrow pointing up on the bottom of the screen. 3. **Scroll** down and

(touch “Add to Home Screen”. **4. Click** (touch) “Add” in the upper right-hand corner. The next time you want to view the website, you only have to touch the new icon on your home page screen. If you need help finding the website or creating the icon on your phone, call the office or stop in the narthex after Mass for help. If you have an Android phone, please call the office for directions.

5. To subscribe to Bishop John Noonan’s E-Scroll, news from the Diocese of Orlando go to www.orlandodiocese.org/e-scroll/. Just provide your name and email address.
6. Fr. Blake Britton, a priest in our Diocese, who is now at the Pontifical Institute of St. John Paul II in Washington DC for further studies, has written a book, *Reclaiming Vatican II, What It (Really) Said, What It Means, and How It Calls Us to Renew the Church*. If you would like to purchase the book, click on the following link: <https://books.wordonfire.org/reclaimingvaticanii>
7. Bishop Robert Barron, author, speaker, theologian and founder of Word on Fire, a global media ministry, is producing a seven volume Bible series. Volume I focuses on the Gospels, Volume II on Acts, Letters, and Revelation, Volume III, on The Pentateuch, Volume IV on The Promised Land and Volume V on Exile and Return. All are all available now at <https://wordonfire.org/bible>. Volume VI The Wisdom Literature and Volume VII The Profits will be released at a later date. If you would like to subscribe to Bishop Barron’s newsletter, go to <https://wordonfire.org/#newsletter> and just provide your email address.
8. In honor of Mother Angelica, foundress of EWTN catholic television network, please consider a gift of \$10, \$20, or \$25 per month or any amount you choose.
9. The annual Women’s Club Rummage Sale is planned for Friday and Saturday, 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.

Catholic Trivia

What Does the Pope Wear? A Guide to Papal Garments and Their Meanings (Part 4)



The **Triregnum or Papal Tiara** was worn by popes from as early as the 8th century until the middle of the 20th century. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to wear the triregnum, which received its name because it has three tiers of crowns made of silver or gold and adorned with diadems. This fancy piece of headgear is shaped like a beehive, ending with a round tapered end called an ogive and topped by a cross. Today, the miter is worn instead of the triregnum on solemn or ceremonial occasions.

Episcopal insignia that the pope wears on his person at all times:

A Pectoral Cross is worn by bishops, cardinals, abbots, and of course, the Holy Father. It is called a “pectoral” cross because it is worn near the pectoral muscle that protects the heart. In keeping with this guideline of wearing it near the heart, some pontiffs wear the pectoral cross with the gold cord pinned near one of the buttons on their cassock so that the chain falls in two loops on their chest and the cross sits higher (Pope John Paul II’s preferred look). Other popes wear the chain straight down their chest (this was how Pope Francis wore his). Each pope chooses his own unique pectoral cross.

The Fisherman’s Ring is a gold signet ring that each new pope receives during the solemn Mass for his election to symbolize his authority. The ring is engraved with the pontiff’s name and an image of St. Peter. Until 1842, popes would use their fisherman’s ring to seal private correspondences and certain documents of the Holy See. When a pope dies, his fisherman’s ring is destroyed by the camerlengo (the cardinal in the papal household who manages the Holy See until a new pope is elected). The ring is smashed with a hammer in the presence of all the Cardinals to prevent forgery and symbolize that this pope’s authority has ended.