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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
Thursday 7:00 pm

Religious Education

Evelyn Rivera 863-370-4000

Religious Formation – Every Sunday
Sept thru May

Preschool thru 8th
Sun 9 am + **Mass**

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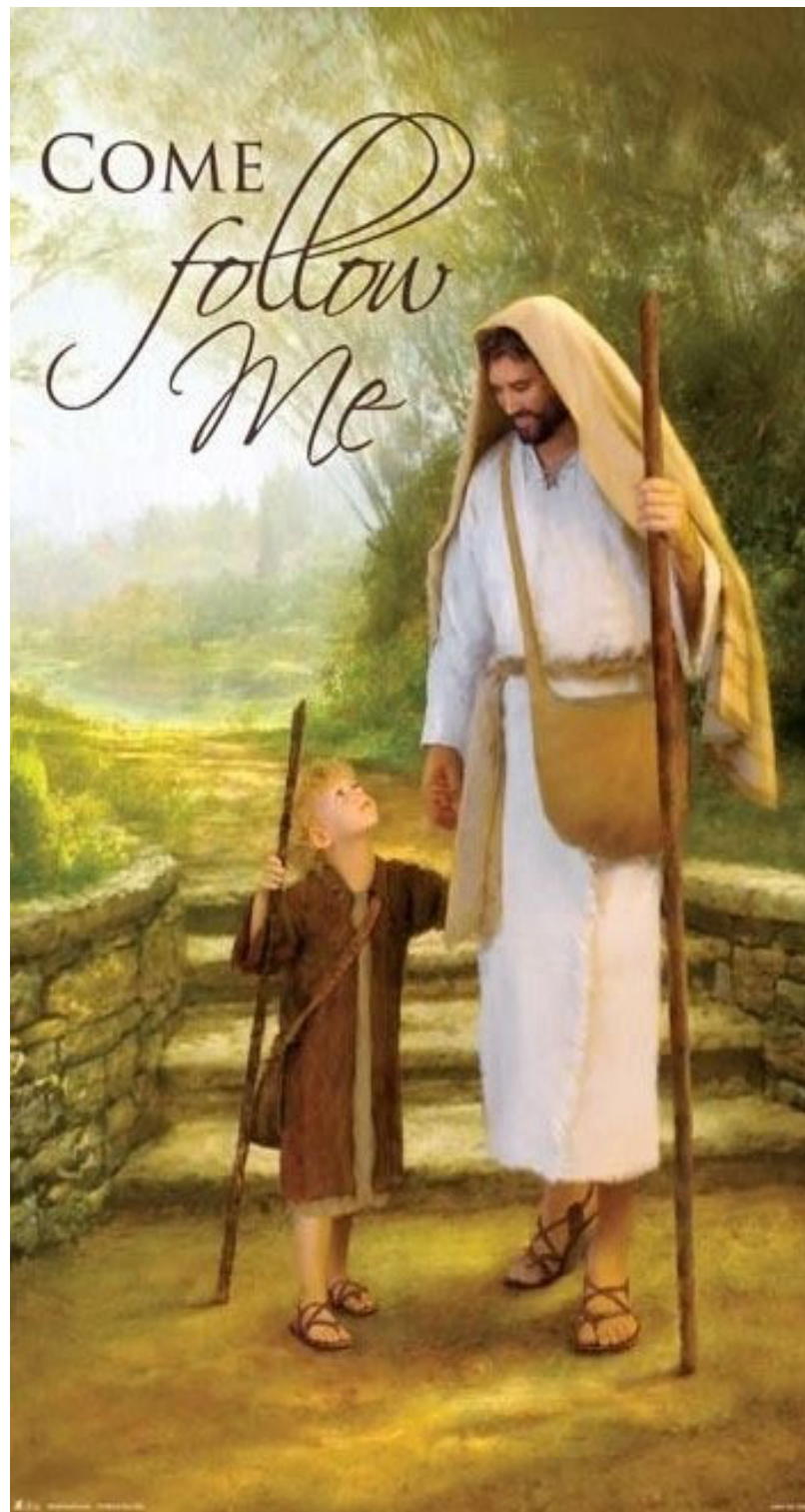
NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830

Diocese of Orlando



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat Sep 6	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Sep 7	8:00 am	
Sun Sep 7	10:30 am	
Mon Sep 8	8:30 am	
Tue Sep 9	8:30 am	
Thu Sep 11	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Sep 12	8:30 am	
Sat Sep 13	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Sep 14	8:00 am	
Sun Sep 14	10:30 am	

Mass will resume at 8:00 am at St. Elizabeth on Sunday, **September 7th**.

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

Sep 14, 2017 Msgr. Patrick Caverly
 Sep 19, 2016 Very Rev. John M. McCormick
 Sep 23, 1986 Rev. Louis Bamundo
 Sep 27, 1995 Rev. Charles Schneider

LECTOR TRAINING

There will be a training/workshop for all Lectors on **September 13th** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm in the Parish Center at St. Joseph's in Winter Haven. Please save this date on your calendars.

LECTORS	EMHC
9/6-5:00 pm	
Luke Almanzan Angelika Almanzan	Ruth Palmer Susan DeNeve
9/7-10:30 am	
Carrie Brown Unique Gonzalez	George Cherry Theresa Cherry
9/13-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Ryan Curtis	Pat Lowery Luke Almanzan
9/14-10:30 am	
Alina Gutierrez Confirmandi	Evelyn Rivera Maureen Leckie

Saint Thomas Collection

8/24 Regular \$1749.00
 Maintenance 302.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

8/24 Regular 31.00

Diocesan Collection-September 14th Priest Retirement and Priest Care

Organ Dedication Concert

Be part of a very special evening as we celebrate the dedication of our new organ at Resurrection on **Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm**. This joyful concert will feature **Jonathan Branton, Director of Music & Liturgy at Resurrection**, together with **Louis Canter, OEF**, presenting an inspiring program that showcases the power and beauty of our new 4-manual Allen Organ. The evening will journey through all the major periods of organ music, highlighting the brilliance of German, English, French, and American composers. From timeless classics to vibrant showpieces, the program promises an unforgettable musical experience for our parish and community.

Admission is free, and all are welcome! Bring your family and friends to share in this celebration of music, prayer, and praise!

Carlo's devotion to the Eucharist shaped his choices and inspired him to catalog Eucharistic miracles online — a project that continues to bear fruit worldwide.

SAN GERARDO HOSPITAL

Days after Carlo Acutis offered up his suffering from leukemia for Pope Benedict XVI and the good of the Catholic Church, the 15-year-old breathed his last in the pediatric oncology ward of San Gerardo Hospital of Monza, Italy, on Oct. 12, 2006 — a date that will soon be recognized as his feast day as the first millennial saint.

Physicians at San Gerardo Hospital remember the boy's courage, love and empathy during his cancer treatment. The hospital chaplain who gave Acutis his last rites [testified](#) that he was "amazed by the composure and devotion" with which Carlo received Holy Communion before slipping into a coma due to a brain hemorrhage caused by his acute myeloid leukemia.

But Acutis was not the first saint to spend his final days in San Gerardo Hospital before going to God.

On Good Friday 1962, Gianna Molla, a 39-year-old Catholic doctor and mother, was admitted to give birth to her fourth child. It was the same hospital where the young pediatrician had chosen to deliver her three previous children, but this time the hospital had also served as the location of a critical medical decision. Diagnosed with a uterine tumor early in pregnancy, Molla refused both an abortion and hysterectomy to preserve the life of her unborn child.

Like Acutis, Molla entered the hospital with a willingness to offer her life and her suffering for others. "If you have to decide between me and the baby, don't hesitate ... save her," she told her husband Pietro.

Molla gave birth to a healthy daughter, Gianna Emanuela, by cesarean section on Holy Saturday. Soon after, Molla's condition worsened due to the onset of septic peritonitis. During the next week in the hospital, she offered up short prayers, "Jesus, I love you" and "Jesus, help me." She wanted to receive the Eucharist, but due to her frequent vomiting, she received just a small piece of the Eucharistic Host on her lips. She was taken to her home outside of Milan on the morning of April 28, where she died that day.

A Hospital of Miracles

Today, San Gerardo Hospital, a major public research and teaching hospital on the northeast outskirts of Milan, has a robust chaplaincy with two Catholic priests living full time in small dorm rooms inside the hospital so that they can be available 24/7 to serve the spiritual needs of the patients.

Fr Riccardo Brena, one of the chaplains, calls it "a hospital of saints" — not only for its holy patients, but also for the miraculous healings tied to its halls.

One such miracle involved Pietro Schiliro, born in San Gerardo Hospital in 2002 with a severe lung malformation. His condition worsened, prompting his parents to have him urgently baptized in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. After one month in the hospital and a novena to the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux — Louis and Zélie Martin — the newborn's health dramatically improved overnight. The Vatican recognized the case as a miracle in 2008, the first of two miracles leading to Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin becoming the first married couple to be canonized together.

In 2014, a pregnant mother treated at San Gerardo after her water broke at 13 weeks gave birth months later (in another hospital) to a healthy child on Christmas Day — a miracle attributed to Pope Paul VI, paving the way for his canonization.

Given these saintly intercessions, it may come as no surprise that this Italian hospital was also founded by a saint. The hospital celebrated the 850th anniversary of its founding last year by St. Gerardo dei Tintori, who used his inheritance to found the hospital for the aid of the poor and sick in 1174. So many miracles were attributed to St. Gerardo in the centuries after his death that St. Charles Borromeo investigated 20 of them when he served as archbishop of Milan.

Over the centuries, San Gerardo Hospital was moved and expanded several times, while maintaining the name of the saint. And it is still evolving; the 11th floor where Carlo Acutis was treated is currently undergoing a complete renovation.

(To be continued next week)