



ST. THOMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 14, 2025

1. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE AND ISRAEL.**
2. **The obligation to participate in the Eucharist in person on Sundays and other holy days of obligation was restored 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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>
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The annual Women's Club Rummage Sale is planned for Friday and Saturday, October 17 & 18. If you have items to donate, 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 actually happens at a canonization? On September 7th, the Church officially recognized two remarkable young men as saints: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis. This reminds us that holiness is not reserved for people who lived centuries ago.



Canonization is the Church's formal declaration that someone is in heaven and worthy of veneration by Catholics everywhere. The day begins with a solemn Mass in St. Peter's Square attended by thousands of pilgrims. After hymns and prayers, the Litany of Saints is sung, invoking the names of holy men and women throughout history.

The Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints petitions the Holy Father three times to declare the candidates saints. The Pope then proclaims: "We declare and define Blessed [Name] to be a saint." With those words, the person is officially recognized as a saint of the universal Church. Relics of the newly canonized are then honored and presented for veneration, a powerful reminder of their nearness to us in heaven. Although this process is ancient, it is always relevant.

Two young men, hardly different from any of us, were declared and defined as saints. Pier Giorgio Frassati, a lover of the outdoors who climbed mountains and served the poor, and Carlo Acutis, a millennial who used his computer skills to spread Eucharistic devotion, show us that sanctify fits right into ordinary life.

So, let us pursue sanctity. May we go forth with renewed hope that one day, we too may join St. Pier Giorgio and St. Carlo Acutis in heaven.