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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
evcoultter@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

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***



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat Oct 11	5:00 pm	
Sun Oct 12	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 12	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family
Mon Oct 13	8:00 am	
Tue Oct 14	8:00 am	
Thu Oct 16	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Oct 17	8:00 am	
Sat Oct 18	5:00 pm	
Sun Oct 19	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 19	10:30 am	Maureen & Bill Leckie 40 th Wedding Anniversary

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, Gabriel Kamienski, 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

Oct 3, 1988	Rev. Philip Stegeman
Oct 4, 1978	Rev. Neil Sager
Oct 5, 2015	Rev. Joseph Aiden Nolan
Oct 9, 2019	Rev. Raymond O'Leary
Oct 11, 2010	Msgr. Paul Kamide
Oct 13, 1993	Rev. Louis Dunleavy
Oct 13, 1985	Rev. Bernard L. Hickey
Oct 24, 2019	Rev. Michael Giglio
Oct 26, 2008	Msgr. Matthew Connelly
Oct 27, 2002	Rev. Patrick O'Reilly
Oct 30, 2008	Msgr. Charles A. Bartok

LECTORS	EMHC
10/11-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Ann Slocum Maureen Leckie
10/12-10:30 am	
Unique Gonzalez Rick Davila	Maria Davila George Cherry Theresa Cherry
10/18-5:00 pm	
Angelika Almanzan Luke Almanzan	Pat Lowery Luke Almanzan Angelika Almanzan
10/19-10:30 am	
Evelyn Rivera Martha Laurent	Evelyn Rivera George Cherry Pattie Scott

Saint Thomas Collection

9/28	Regular	\$2193.00
	Maintenance	251.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

9/28	Regular	279.00
	Maintenance	30.00

Diocesan Collection-October 18th - 19th Sister Diocese-San Juan de la Maguana

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Women's Club will meet immediately after Mass on Sunday, **October 12th**.

Knights of Columbus Cypress Gardens Council 7091 Winter Haven, Florida

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October 17 & 18

EUCHARISTIC HOPE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

(Continued from last week)

This is what Eucharistic adoration offers — a chance to be with the Lord and hear him, a chance to move away from the busyness of life, the distractions, the preparations, and just be truly present with the Lord, who is present there with us. Our action flows from our time with Jesus. Our faith is put into action from him. This is what he asks of us. This is what he wants for us.

Jesus asked the apostles in Gethsemane to watch with him. But finding them asleep, he said to Peter, “So could you not watch with me one hour?” The Lord wills for us to be with him. From this passage, we received the inspiration of the Holy Hour as a form of Eucharistic adoration. It’s because the Lord willed his disciples and asks us now to spend time with him. An hour, half an hour, 15 minutes to watch with him, just to be with him. But, well, Jesus was speaking to us all when he said, ‘Could you not watch with me one hour?’ We are Eucharistic disciples. We must constantly return to the Eucharist and to Eucharistic adoration.

Abundant Hope

As disciples, we have to reorient our lives towards Christ. It means living for him. It means befriending him in the Blessed Sacrament. It means finding hope in him, in his Eucharistic presence, and encouraging others to do the same.

To turn in this Jubilee Year to the Lord Jesus, again in Eucharistic adoration, to find hope.

As our hearts yearn for the Lord, let them be filled with his love and his hope as we enter the presence of Christ, who is with us in the monstrance, in the tabernacle, when we approach the Lord, that our hearts and our spirit and hopes be lifted; as we say simply, “Thank you, Lord Jesus. Thank you for seeing me, for being here, for hearing me, for being with me always, for waiting for me with loving healing and mercy. Thank you for being delighted when I stay a while in your presence.” As St. Peter said, “The Lord Jesus is the reason for the hope within us.”

So this Jubilee Year find hope in his presence, in adoration, and may God bless you and keep you always.



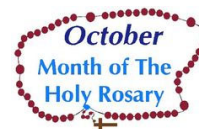
“Prayer is the most powerful means to bring peace to souls, to give them happiness, because it brings them closer to God’s love. ... Only through prayer can one reach the ideal of St. Augustine: ‘Love of God, even to the contempt of self.’”

“Prayer renews the world. Prayer is the indispensable condition for the rebirth and life of every soul.”

St. Maximilian Kolbe



But when the great saints speak of prayer, they don’t speak of it just in good times. Prayer is what holds you through the rough times. Sometimes, honestly, it’s all that holds you through, especially when God’s timeline — the only one that matters — isn’t one that our human minds can easily wrap around.



“By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord’s life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are unfolded.”

Pope Paul VI