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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***



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat Oct 18	5:00 pm	+W. J. Coulter
Sun Oct 19	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 19	10:30 am	Maureen & Bill Leckie 40 th Wedding Anniversary
Mon Oct 20	8:30 am	+Ozelle & +Missouri Johnson By Gerald Johnson
Tue Oct 21	8:30 am	+W. J. Coulter By Kathleen Morris
Thu Oct 23	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Oct 24	8:30 am	+Sara Long
Sat Oct 25	5:00 pm	
Sun Oct 26	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 26	10:30 am	

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, Fr. 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
10/18-5:00 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
10/25-5:00 pm	
Mike DeNeve Carolyn King	Susan DeNeve Ann Slocum
10/26-10:30 am	
Maureen Leckie Ryan Curtis	Theresa Cherry Maureen Leckie

Saint Thomas Collection

10/5	Regular	\$1882.00
	Maintenance	170.00

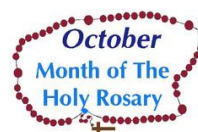
Saint Elizabeth Collection

10/5	Regular	1336.00
	Maintenance	35.00

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

All Souls' Day Envelopes

November 2nd is All Souls' Day. Five Masses will be said for your departed family and friends. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please return your envelopes by **November 1st**.



"My parents prayed the Rosary together their whole lives every day. I found that I was always blessed by their love for one another and their faith in God. It's a wonderful thing."

Pope Leo XIV

Since his parents ultimately raised the Holy Father, it's hard to disagree with the Pope's words and it certainly seems to echo across the centuries, through countless saints, especially those married couples who produced saints of their own.

PRAYED THE ROSARY TWICE DAILY

In 1914 the Mora family moved to Los Pajuales, a village in San José de Bolívar, Venezuela. When 5 years old, he started to work with his father and siblings in agriculture, specifically coffee harvesting and sugar cane.

At 10, he began school but was only able to attend for five months because his teacher became very ill. However, Mora was able to learn how to read and write thanks to a book his teacher had given him prior to her health declining.

He was married to Ediofina del Rosario García for 60 years. The family has now grown to include 42 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Among his family, Mora was known for his faith. He strived to build a solid relationship with God, his relatives, and he prayed the Rosary twice a day. He died at the age of 114 on April 2, 2024.

Mora said his secret to living a long life was to “work hard, rest on holidays, go to bed early, drink a glass of aguardiente every day, love God, and always carry him in your heart.”

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

English Dominican Father Thomas Crean, writing on the Voice of the Family website, stressed the vital importance of the Rosary prayed by family.

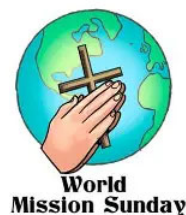
Just as David, with five stones, defeated Goliath and put “fresh heart into the leaders of his army,” so should the faithful “take up Our Lady’s sling” and five of its mysteries and “use it with all our skill,” Father Crean wrote.

“A single stone was enough to overcome the Philistine,” he added. “Christ, by each of the mysteries of His life, has merited for the Church incalculable graces, and by prayer, we lay hold of them.”

“So, what power there must be in one Rosary well said — which does not mean said with no distractions, but prayed with faith and for a supernatural goal.”



The Rosary is the most powerful weapon that the Lord left us other than the Eucharist and the sacraments. Through the Rosary and any prayers “in front of her icon or her image, she can teach us to unite our heart with the heart of Jesus, because her heart is always united to the heart of Jesus. In every icon, especially in the icon of Black Madonna in Częstochowa, her hand is pointed to Jesus. She always leads us to Jesus. It is to Jesus through Mary. And by coming to Mary, we learn to unite our hearts to the heart of Jesus and put all our trust in that Sacred Heart of Jesus that was poured out of love for us.”



Pope Leo XIV called on Catholics to support missionaries on World Mission Day, which will be celebrated on **October 19th**.

In a video message released Oct. 13, the Holy Father — who served as a missionary bishop in the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo — stated that this day is an opportunity for the entire Catholic Church to unite in prayer for missionaries “and for the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors.”

Before, I prayed from pure habit. Now I have turned completely to prayer. I commit my life completely to God. I feel sorry for those who do not believe in God, because Our Lady wants no one to be lost.

Vicka Ivankovic, visionary from Medjugorje