



ST. THOMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 16, 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.

Catholic Trivia

Do you live like Mary? Here's how to start. We are called to pattern our lives after that of Jesus Christ. When this seems daunting, it's helpful to turn to the example of fellow human beings who imitated Him well: the saints. Ultimately, however, no one has imitated Jesus better than His own Mother. Mary, Mother of God and Mother of Souls, has been given to us as an example which we can strive to imitate. When we draw near to her, she leads us to her Son. Mary, the Mother of God and our spiritual Mother, shows us how holiness grows in everyday life.

In his classic work *True Devotion to Mary*, St. Louis de Montfort lists the “ten principal virtues of the most Holy Virgin Mary.”

The Virtues of Mary

Deep Humility – Mary said, “I am the handmaid of the Lord.” (Lk 1:38) Let praise redirect you to God.

Lively Faith – Even at the foot of the cross, Mary believed. Trust God in what you do not yet understand.

Blind Obedience – Mary accepted God's will fully and freely. Choose what God asks, even when you don't understand it.

Unceasing Prayer – Mary pondered all things in her heart. Intentional silence and simple conversations with God form lifelong prayer.

Self-Denial – Mary's “yes” to God meant saying no to her own desires. Offer up daily small acts for others.



Surpassing Purity – Pure in intention and deed, Mary reflected God's love. Ask God to purify your heart and direct your mind.

Ardent Charity – Mary's love for God overflowed outward. Let your love show—particularly when it's hard.

Heroic Patience – From Bethlehem to Calvary, Mary trusted even when time seemed long. In waiting and struggle, lean on Christ.

Angelic Kindness – Mary welcomed Elizabeth, cared for her Son, stood faithfully. Kindness rooted in gentleness draws people nearer to God.

Divine Wisdom – “Seat of Wisdom” is one of her titles. Before acting, Mary reflected. Before speaking, listen. Let the Spirit guide you.

Pick one virtue this week: choosing patience when delayed, kindness in a simple smile, or trust in a work undone. Mary is with you—invite her prayers and learn from