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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



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2026



Mass Intentions

Sat Feb 14	5:00 pm	
Sun Feb 15	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Feb 15	10:30 am	
Mon Feb 16	8:30 am	+Ozelle & +Missouri Johnson By Gerald Johnson
Tue Feb 17	8:30 am	
Wed Feb 18	8:30 am	
Wed Feb 18	7:00 pm	
Thu Feb 19	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Feb 20	8:30 am	+Jack Lowery
Sat Feb 21	5:00 pm	
Sun Feb 22	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Feb 22	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family

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, 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:

Feb. 1, 2006	Rev. Brendan C. Donnelly
Feb. 2, 2012	Rev. Anthony Palmese
Feb. 4, 1999	Rev. Michael Hanrahan
Feb. 9, 1981	Rev. Edward Condren
Feb. 11, 2016	Msgr. Edward Thompson
Feb. 15, 1999	Rev. Antonio Pons
Feb. 20, 1969	Rev. Patrick Malone
Feb. 21, 2013	Most Rev. Norbert Dorsey
Feb. 25, 2012	Rev. Larry Lossing
Feb. 26, 1989	Rev. Carlos Aizpun

LECTORS	EMHC
2/14-5:00 pm	
Ruth Palmer Ann Slocum	Ann Slocum Ruth Palmer
2/15-10:30 am	
Oziemar Woodard Barbara Woodard	Theresa Cherry Evelyn Rivera
2/18-8:30 am	
Alina Gutierrez Unique Gonzalez	Martha Laurent Evelyn Rivera
2/18-7:00 pm	
Maureen Leckie Pat Lowery	Maureen Leckie Pat Lowery
2/21-5:00 pm	
Luke Almanzan Angelika Almanzan	Angelika Almanzan Luke Almanzan
2/22-10:30 am	
Carolyn King Ryan Curtis	Martha Laurent Maureen Leckie

Saint Thomas Collection

2/1	Regular	\$2170.00
	Maintenance	471.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

2/1	Will be reported next week
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OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL WEEKEND February 14-15

If you received your 2026 Our Catholic Appeal packet in the mail and made your pledge, thank you. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this weekend.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Masses will be celebrated at St. Thomas at **8:30 am** and **7:00 pm**.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Ash Wednesday's collections is for The Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

PLENARY INDULGENCE DURING LENT

Did you know that there are several ways you can gain a plenary indulgence during Lent? It's true! There are actually four ways you can receive one.

First of all, what is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence cleanses a person of all temporal punishment due to sin already forgiven in sacramental confession. However, it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

Now that we know what a plenary indulgence is, how do we receive one during Lent?

The first way is to spend at least 30 minutes in adoration. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is important all year round. So why not take part in this beautiful practice during Lent and receive some additional graces too? If you've never been to adoration, or struggle to stay awake (don't worry, we've all been there), try reading a couple of chapters from the Gospels, pray a rosary, or really focus on being in Christ's presence.

The next way is to take part in the Stations of the Cross, which is when we meditate on the Lord's Passion and Death. Every Catholic church should have some kind of Stations of the Cross, whether they are simple or elaborate. Any will do!

However, there are a couple of things to keep in mind. The Holy See's Manual of Indulgences, does state that there have to be 14 stations "representing the 14 stations of Jerusalem." The manual also reminds us that "progression from one station to the next is required." Although, if there are too many people and moving would cause an inconvenience, it is sufficient that at least the one conducting the Way of the Cross move from station to station. In other words, if you attend the Stations of the Cross with many participants and everyone remains in the pews while the priest moves to each station, that is still valid. This specific indulgence can even be gained once a day for those who can attend church daily and wish to perform the Stations of the Cross on their own.

The next way is by praying the rosary "in a church or oratory, or in a family, a religious community, or an association of the faithful."

The last way is by reading or listening to Sacred Scripture. Just make sure you spend at least half an hour with the Word of God and it counts.

All right, so you took part in one, or all four, of these ways. But, did you actually receive a plenary indulgence? There are some conditions, like the fine print, that assure you receive your indulgence.

First, you must have complete detachment from all sin, even venial.

Then you have to go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental confession can happen up to about 14 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence.

It is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed. One sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences. However, for each plenary indulgence one wishes to receive, a separate reception of the Eucharist and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

Once you have followed these steps, rest assured that you have received a plenary indulgence.

LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE 2026

Please prayerfully consider getting involved in the Florida Catholic 21st Annual Long-Sleeve Relief Drive this Lenten Season. The drive will run through Holy Thursday. Clean and gently used light-colored, long-sleeve, button down shirts (men and women S, M & L sizes) are needed, and 100 percent cotton is preferred but not necessary.

There is a drop box in the narthex.



Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm