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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

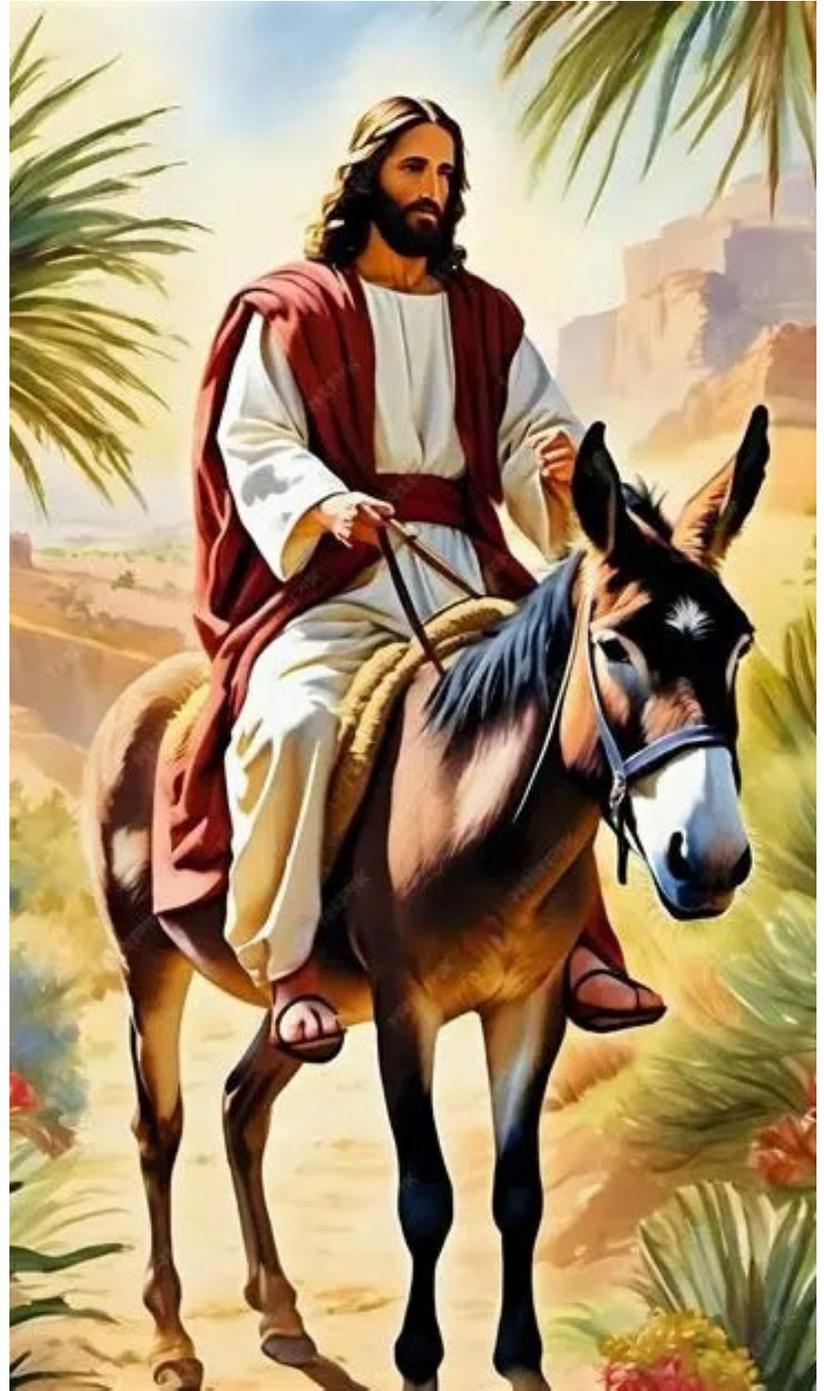
Preschool thru 8th
Sun 9 am + **Mass**

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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



Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord March 29, 2026



Mass Intentions

Sat Mar 28	5:00 pm	
Sun Mar 29	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Mar 29	10:30 am	
Mon Mar 30	8:30 am	+Ozelle & +Missouri Johnson By Gerald Johnson
Tue Mar 31	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Thu Apr 2	7:00 pm	
Fri Apr 3	3:00 pm	
Sat Apr 4	8:00 pm	Fr. Gabriel Kamienski
Sun Apr 5	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Apr 5	10:30 am	+David G. & +Rena Wilson By Mary Ellen Wilson Smith

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

Apr 6, 2018	Rev. Edward Hamilton
Apr 14, 2024	Rev. Clyde Bonar
Apr 17, 2017	Rev. Domingo Gonzalez
Apr 21, 2002	Most Rev. Thomas Grady
Apr 21, 2018	Rev. Eduardo Benitez
April 24, 2023	Rev. Sean Heslin
Apr 28, 1985	Rev. Luis Maris Padilla
Apr 29, 2014	Msgr. Terence Farrelly

LECTORS	EMHC
3/28-5:00 pm	
Maureen Leckie Victor Aguirre Barbara Van Orsdale-Passion	Ann Slocum Doug Van Orsdale
3/29-10:30 am	
Evelyn Rivera Unique Gonzalez Martha Laurent-Passion	Pattie Scott George Cherry
4/2-7:00 pm	
Carolyn King Pat Lowery	Pattie Scott George Cherry
4/3-3:00 pm	
Alina Gutierrez Unique Gonzalez Martha Laurent-Passion	
4/4-8:00 pm	
Barbara Van Orsdale Angelika Almanzan Luke Almanzan Ann Spencer Carrie Brown	Doug Van Orsdale Pat Lowery
4/5-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Rick Davila	Martha Laurent Maria Davila

Saint Thomas Collection

3/15	Regular	\$2454.00
	Maintenance	50.00
	Easter Flowers	175.00
	Diocesan	973.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

3/15	Regular	406.00
	Diocesan	78.00

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

Holy Thursday's collection will be used to support our Food Pantry. On Holy Thursday Jesus celebrates his Last Supper with the disciples. Your gifts will help supply "supper" for the needy of our community.

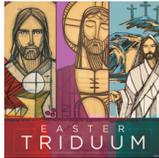
GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE 2026

There is a drop box in the narthex for clean and gently used shirts.

Saint Thomas			
 © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.	April 2	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday
	April 3	3:00 pm	Good Friday
	April 4	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
	April 5	10:30 am	Easter
Saint Elizabeth			
	April 5	8:00 am	Easter



I urge you to make a special effort to participate in our celebration of the Triduum, the high point of our church’s year. I encourage parents to introduce your children to these beautiful celebrations.

HOLY THURSDAY AND THE EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT THAT HAS CAPTIVATED THE SAINTS

(continued from last week)

At Every Mass Christ Still Teaches and Heals

At every Mass, in the memorable words of Pope Pius XII, Christ still “teaches us truth, heals the sick, consoles the afflicted... abides in his Church forever.” At every Mass, we encounter “a Master to whom we should listen readily, a Shepherd whom we should follow...the Source of our holiness... living by his very life.”⁷

This is why the word that marks the Church’s liturgical prayer is “Today!”—a word echoing the prayer her Lord taught her and the call of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, no. 1165). “The Church, especially during Advent and Lent and above all the Easter Vigil, rereads and relives the great events of salvation history in the ‘today’ of her liturgy” (CCC, no. 1095).

There is an example of this in Eucharistic Prayer I, the Roman Canon. In the narrative of the Last Supper, following the consecration of the bread, the priest says, “when supper was ended, he took *this* precious chalice”—not “*the* chalice,” but “*this* chalice.” *Suddenly we are back in the Upper Room with Jesus.* “In the person of the

priest, Christ Himself stands at the altar... it is Christ Himself who is now active.”⁸

Christ present and active in the Mass today is the source of the Eucharistic amazement that has captivated the saints throughout history: “*the sense of awe, love, and childlike trust in the goodness and power of the Eucharistic Christ, and a desire never to be parted from him.*”⁹

The Last Supper and the Mass of the Lord’s Supper

We can now return to the question I posed in the introduction—the relationship between the Last Supper and this evening’s Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

In the prayers for this Mass, we find the answer. The opening prayer reminds us that we are celebrating “a sacrifice new for all eternity,” a sacrifice that is ever present and participates in the “divine eternity” (CCC 1085).

In a special insert in Eucharistic Prayer I, we hear a reference to the “today” of the Church’s liturgy: “On the day before he was to suffer for our salvation and the salvation of all, that is today...”¹¹

In Holy Thursday liturgy, Christ continues his saving work. In the proclamation of the Gospel, Christ “today” gives us the commandment to love as he loved. Christ “today” washes our feet. Today Christ invites us, his disciples, to abide in his love (Jn 15:9)—in Mass, in the Eucharistic procession, and in solemn adoration. In tonight’s Mass, *then* becomes *now*.

The opening prayer for Holy Thursday asks that we may “draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life.”¹² May we each receive from this liturgy—and the Triduum—an abundance of charity and new life.



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **April 5th** after the 10:30 am Mass.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Women’s Club and to all the volunteers that helped make the International Dinner a success.