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Office hours Mon-Fri 9 am to 12 pm  
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**MASSES**

**Daily at 8:30 am - No Mass on  
Wednesday and Saturday morning.**

**Saturday: Vigil Bartow: 5:00 pm**

**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 8<sup>th</sup>

Sun 9 am + **Mass**

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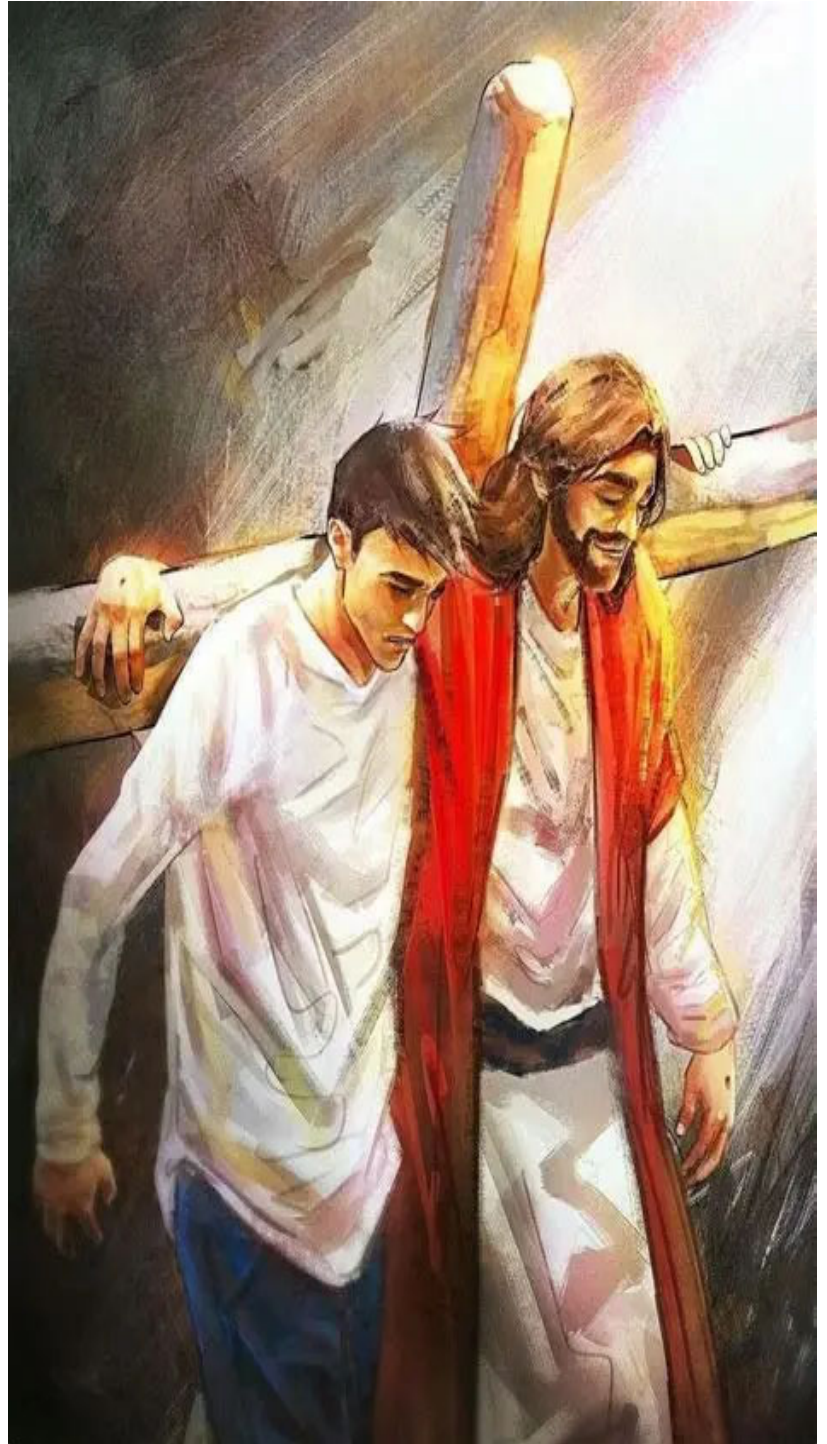
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**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!**

**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***



# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## June 28, 2026



### Mass Intentions

Sat Jun 27	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jun 28	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family
Mon Jun 29	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Tue Jun 30	8:30 am	+Francisco Lopez By Ivette Hernandez
Thu Jul 2	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jul 3	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sat Jul 4	8:30 am	Fr. Gabriel Kamienski
Sat Jul 4	5:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sun Jul 5	10:30 am	For All Parishioners

### Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, Debbie Coffman, Alan English, Rachel Gohman, Dorothy Guptill, Delores Hart, Austin Heath, Zachary Heath, Ivette Hernandez, Jennifer Hoffer, Mark Jansen, Missy Jansen, Stuart Jones, Fr. Gabriel Kamienski, Bill Kjerrumgaard, David LaCalair, 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**

June 1, 2001	Rev. Albert Fornace
June 10, 1976	Rev. Paul Woodyard
June 10, 2021	Rev. Franklin Salazar
June 11, 2024	Rev. Peter Puntal
June 20, 2021	Rev. Peter Henry
June 21, 2023	Rev. Sean Cooney
June 22, 1990	Msgr. Michael Beerhalte
June 27, 1976	Rev. William Corry
June 28, 1993	Rev. Mariano Coba

LECTORS	EMHC
6/27-5:00 pm	
Victor Aguirre Ryan Curtis	Susan DeNeve Doug Van Orsdale
6/28-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Pattie Scott Martha Laurent
7/4-5:00 pm	
Luke Almanzan Angelika Almanzan	Angelika Almanzan Luke Almanzan
7/5-10:30 am	
Caroline Picart Rick Davila	Evelyn Rivera Maria Davila

### Saint Thomas Collection

6/14	Regular	\$1714.00
	Maintenance	315.00
	Father's Day	265.00

### Saint Elizabeth Collection

6/14	Regular	500.00
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### SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father).

### COME TO PRAY

**July 2** First Thursday of the Month is dedicated to pray for new vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and the sanctity of life for those already called.

**July 3** First Friday of the Month is dedicated to the Veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**July 4** First Saturday of the Month is dedicated to Veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prayers and benediction after Mass in monstration.

### Extraordinary Parish Expense

The Rectory was recently tented for termites at a cost of \$5,200.00



## HAVE YOU HEARD THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN?

It's a short, but powerful parable Jesus tells in Luke 15:8-9.

In this parable, a woman with ten silver coins loses one and sweeps her entire house to find that precious lost coin. When she finally discovers it, she calls her friends and neighbors to celebrate.

Can you believe this little parable has a big message for us about God's joy over each lost soul that's saved? St. Hildegard von Bingen – a 12th-century abbess, mystic, and Doctor of the Church – offers a pious interpretation on this parable.

In her visionary work *Scivias*, St. Hildegard interprets every detail of the story symbolically. For example, the number ten isn't random; it represents the ten orders in heaven: the nine choirs of angels plus the one order of human souls. In other words, humanity is meant to complete heaven's community alongside the angels!

According to Hildegard, the woman in the parable symbolizes God searching for His lost creation. The lost coin represents humanity – lost and far from its heavenly home – and the lamp the woman lights is Christ, the Light of the World, shining the way for our return. Even the act of sweeping the house signifies the work of redemption, as God cleans up and tirelessly seeks every soul that has gone astray. And what about those friends and neighbors who come over to rejoice? Hildegard gives them a special meaning too. She sees the friends as the works of justice and the neighbors as the spiritual virtues in heaven.

Hildegard was so inspired by this parable that she even wove it into her famous morality play, *Ordo Virtutum*. In that play, the character Humility rallies the Virtues by quoting Jesus' words, urging them to help "find the lost drachma," the lost coin or soul. She vividly illustrates how music and virtue fill heaven when humanity – the lost coin – is restored to its rightful place among the angels.

St. Hildegard's explanation of the Lost Coin reminds us that every soul matters infinitely to God. God is like that determined woman, never

giving up on anyone who is lost. When we turn back to Him, all of heaven's virtues and saints rejoice! Hildegard's vision encourages us to cooperate with God's mission by living virtuous lives and helping others find their way back to Him.

**+ St. Hildegard, pray for us!**

*"Each time we adore Christ in the Eucharist, our hearts will be united in him. Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the source of eternal life. Study, work and love according to the example of Jesus, the good Teacher who always walks beside us."*

Pope Leo XIV

## ASKING IN PRAYER

Asking in prayer for knowledge about Jesus is an important way to know the risen Lord. Doing so enables us to develop a personal relationship with him. Jesus is present to us in prayer.



**A SACRED PLACE**  
*of Eternal Rest*

NICHES WITH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
*at Mary Queen of All Saints Cemetery*

We are blessed to offer niches surmounted by one of the beautiful *Stations of the Cross*. Each station is a powerful reminder of Christ's love and the promise of eternal life.

Honor your loved ones in a serene and sacred setting.

Our columbarium provides a place of dignity, peace, and spiritual connection, surrounded by the beauty of our Catholic faith.

 SACRED & BEAUTIFUL <i>A holy resting place of dignity and peace.</i>	 STATIONS OF THE CROSS <i>Each new niche is surmounted by one of the sacred stations.</i>	 SERENE ENVIRONMENT <i>Thoughtfully landscaped for prayer and reflection.</i>	 A LASTING LEGACY <i>A meaningful way to honor and remember.</i>
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