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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 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



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7, 2026



Corpus Christi

Mass Intentions

Sat Jun 6	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jun 7	10:30 am	+Jorge & +Matilda Espinosa By Martha & John Laurent
Mon Jun 8	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Tue Jun 9	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Thu Jun 11	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jun 12	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sat Jun 13	5:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sun Jun 14	10:30 am	+Gavino Pedroza By Maria & Rick Davila

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, 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
6/6-5:00 pm	
Luke Almanzan Angelika Almanzan	Angelika Almanzan Luke Almanzan
6/7-10:30 am	
Evelyn Rivera Rick Davila	Evelyn Rivera Maria Davila
6/13-5:00 pm	
Barbara Van Orsdale Ruth Palmer	Doug Van Orsdale Ruth Palmer
6/14-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Carolyn King	George Cherry Martha Laurent

Saint Thomas Collection

5/24	Regular	\$1327.00
	Maintenance	352.00
	Ascension	75.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

5/24	Regular	305.00
	Maintenance	39.00

FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Special Father's Day Masses will be celebrated on **June 20th, 21st, and 22nd**. Please return your envelopes before June 20^h. Father's Day is a reminder to pray for our Fathers.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS TEACH WE ARE EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE

Eucharistic processions are beautiful to behold. Christ, carried out to the streets, provides images of the God-man who walked the first-century towns of Galilee and Judea, desirous of all to know the Father. Those who encounter the Eucharistic Lord along the way become Biblical images: of David rejoicing in the Lord's presence as he carried the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem; the leper who asks to be clean; the blind man who desires sight; the paralytic's friends who present their loved one to Christ; and Peter, who on Mount Tabor, wishes to remain in the Lord's presence.

Being physically led by the Eucharist testifies that Christ's presence remains with us, for through this heavenly bread, Christ fulfills his promise to remain with us always (cf. Mt 28:20) and bestows upon us the eternal life he came to give (cf. Jn 10:10). The Eucharist, the source

and summit of the Christian life, draws us into God's very life. We become one with him, consumed, transformed and united to him.

The pagan world distinguished the early Christians by their worship — the Eucharist — and by their charity. The Church herself, and thereby each of her members, discovers her identity through the sacrament of charity in the Eucharist, whereby she experiences communion with God. However, this truth often escapes us as we are daily immersed in an autonomous society, which looks only to the present, praises radical individuality and searches for meaning in passing ideologies. Adoring Christ in the Eucharist, especially when partaking in a Eucharist procession, remedies these false perceptions. By externalizing truths, Eucharistic processions reaffirm our identity as God's beloved sons and daughters and awaken within us the reality that we are Eucharistic people.

But what does it mean to be a Eucharistic people?

A pilgrim people

Partaking in Eucharistic processions recalls our pilgrim nature, for our home is not of this earth. It is one that we journey toward. Throughout the Old Testament, God demonstrates this reality to his people, instructing as he guides them. From uprooting Abraham from his homeland, to leading Israel's wanderings in the desert by a cloud during the day and fiery pillar at night, to the Israelites' thrice annual pilgrimages to the holy city of Jerusalem for the appointed feasts, God shows he guides his people's travels and that their mortal lives are but a passing journey onto the eternal.

Walking with Christ during a Eucharistic procession reinforces that we are a people set apart for God — for we both journey toward him and are led by him. It teaches that along life's pilgrimage, we should follow Christ, keeping our eyes fixed on him and our eternal home.

Led by God, consumed in a spirit of worship and thanksgiving and enflamed by his love, Christ transforms us into Eucharistic people: a people of his own heart. By growing in our Eucharistic identity, we become living monstrances,

radiating God's love to a world which seeks its true identity and permanent home.

People of worship

After the Philistines returned the captured Ark of the Covenant to the Israelites, David triumphantly carried the Ark to Jerusalem. A procession follows the Ark, where David honors God with music, shouts of joy and singing before the Lord's presence ([cf. 2 Sam 6:5](#)). Similarly, we worship the Lord during Eucharistic processions through communal prayer, silent adoration when receiving benedictions along the route, and singing. This spirit of worship ought to be cultivated within us, for we are a priestly people, characterized by worship.

At Mass we participate in the highest form of worship, for the liturgy perpetuates Christ's sacrifice on the cross. As we pray the Mass, we offer the Son to the Father and imitate Christ's self-offering by presenting our lives and work to him. Following Christ's example, this act of self-gift extends outside of the liturgy: our lives, too, are meant to be a continual self-offering to the Father. This we pray at Mass: "May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect." Hence, Eucharistic worship is not constrained to specific times of prayer. It must permeate and transform our every moment. As [Pope Benedict XVI](#) reflects, the Christian life is "called at all times to be an act of spiritual worship, a self-offering pleasing to God" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, No. 33). Similar to Eucharist processions, our day should be punctuated by moments of consciously uniting ourselves to our God who accompanies us, adoring him, and offering him our lives and fruits of the day.



Bake Sale

June 13 & 14 in the Narthex after both Masses. Proceeds will help with Summer Fun With Jesus Camp expenses.