

Father Eugene Grytner, SDS
Office hours Mon-Fri 9 am to 12 pm
1305 E. Mann Road Bartow, FL 33830

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
evecoulter@aol.com

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!

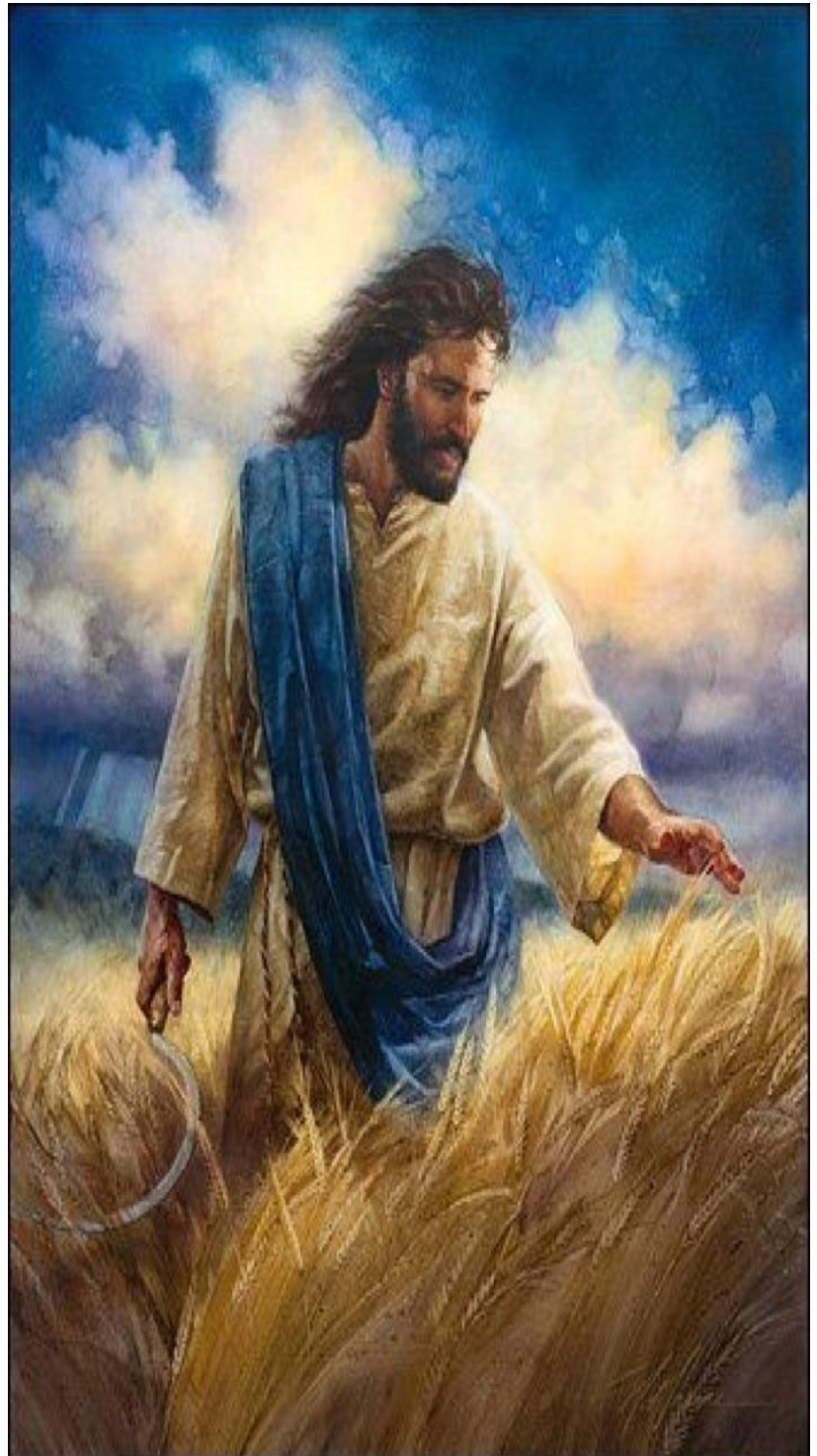
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

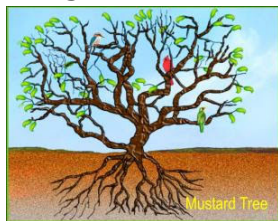
Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830

Diocese of Orlando



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2026



Mass Intentions

Sat Jul 18	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jul 19	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family
Mon Jul 20	8:30 am	+Father Rev. John Frederick, Daniel Lopez Miranda By Ivette Hernandez
Tue Jul 21	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Thu Jul 23	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jul 24	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sat Jul 25	5:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sun Jul 26	10:30 am	For All Parishioners

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, Reagan H., 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

July 1, 2023	Rev. John (Stan) Murray
July 7, 1988	Rev. Arthur Dunnigan
July 10, 2005	Rev. Joseph Achilles Nolin
July 14, 2018	Msgr. Valentine Sheedy
July 15, 2016	Rev. Frank Mutsko
July 18, 1992	Rev. Paul Couming
July 22, 2017	Rev. Felix Baños
July 26, 2022	Rev. Francis X.J. Smith

LECTORS	EMHC
7/18-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Mike DeNeve	Susan DeNeve Pat Lowery
7/19-10:30 am	
Unique Gonzalez Alina Gutierrez	Theresa Cherry Maureen Leckie
7/25-5:00 pm	
Victor Aguirre Ryan Curtis	Ann Slocum Doug Van Orsdale
7/26-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Pattie Scott Maria Davila

Saint Thomas Collection

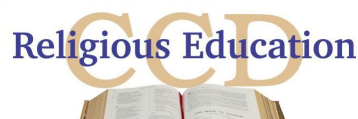
7/5	Regular	\$2537.00
	Maintenance	783.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

7/5	Regular	260.00
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SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection will be for Catholic University of America.



Registration for CCD will be before and after Mass in the school

**July 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th
August 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th**

No registration after **August 9th**

The first day of class will be **August 16th**

SUMMER FUN WITH JESUS

WEDNESDAYS 5:00-7:00 PM

JUNE 24 - JULY 22

Pray, Play, Games, Helping Others, Crafts
-Food, Drinks, Snacks, Provided-

FREE
Ages 4-18

Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"

Register in person
Any Questions Please Call
863-327-2607 - Martina



SACRAMENTAL=REAL

Catholics take literally the words of Jesus, "This is my body," and "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you," so they must be cannibals when they take Communion.

Such reasoning is based on the failure to understand the sacraments. Jesus is present in all the sacraments. This sacramental presence is real, and not merely symbolic; but it is likewise not merely materialistic.

For example, when the minister of Baptism pours water and says the words, Jesus is really – not symbolically, not materialistically, but sacramentally – present, cleansing the soul of all sin. The Eucharist is different in that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, whereas we do not say that He is present in the baptismal water. How can this be? Over 900 years ago theologians came up with the best explanation to date: that which makes bread bread or wine wine, its substance, becomes, really, that which is Jesus Christ. This is the Church doctrine of Transubstantiation. It is theological and academic in form, but it speaks to the heart as well.

Cannibals materially eat human flesh. We do not. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ really and truly – sacramentally.

'I HAVE NEVER BEEN HAPPIER'

Scott-Vincent Borba, co-founder of the makeup brand e.l.f. Cosmetics, has forged a new path in life as a Catholic priest after selling his makeup fortune.

The former makeup brand leader, 52, was ordained as a Catholic priest in his hometown of Visalia, Calif., by the Diocese of Fresno on May 23, officially marking a new chapter years after his departure from e.l.f. Cosmetics.

"I have never been happier in my life," Borba told ABC 7. "Once I started to reorient myself, recalibrate myself with God's help to the focus to Him, the joy started coming."

Borba founded the cruelty-free makeup brand e.l.f. Cosmetics — which stands for "Eyes Lips Face" — with father and son Alan and Joseph Shamah in 2004. The brand was successful by the mid-2010s, due to its affordable prices and

ethical products, reaching \$100 million in sales by 2014.

Borba announced in a 2019 that he was committing his life to the ministry after giving up his makeup fortune as he opened up about his unfulfilling lifestyle in his earlier years.

"I was vapid. I had a perverted life," said Borba. "I went to L.A., I got sucked into the Hollywood lifestyle — it was almost to a point where I was trying to sell my soul, right, for all of the riches of the world, which is not what we are supposed to be ... I was living for myself ... I was a poster boy for luxury." Borba said that he had felt a calling of becoming a priest "ever since I can remember" and "finally accepted the call about maybe three years ago."

Borba told ABC 7 that he always felt connected to religion as a child but suppressed his religious side for decades during his company's success. It wasn't until his 40s that he turned to religion again after experiencing a "sudden loss of joy."

"I asked our Lord to help me be the man that he created me to be. And upon that instance, I had this massive flood of love and mercy that came into my life. It was a very mystical experience."

It was then that Borba decided to give up his fortune acquired from e.l.f. Cosmetics to charity and commit to ministry.

"I live in a little tiny room ... it's sparse, nothing in it. I have a few bits of clothes and a few pairs of shoes. And my life has been culled down to the bare minimum."



It is a great time to belong to the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church, complete with all seven sacraments, devotion to Mary, and consistent teachings supported by the writings of the early Church Fathers.

God has protected his Church against cultural storms and individual failings through the ages, so that it is here with us today. Reflecting on this spiritual fortress in our own time, there are blessings especially unique to the present moment.