

Father Eugene Grytner, SDS  
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  
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

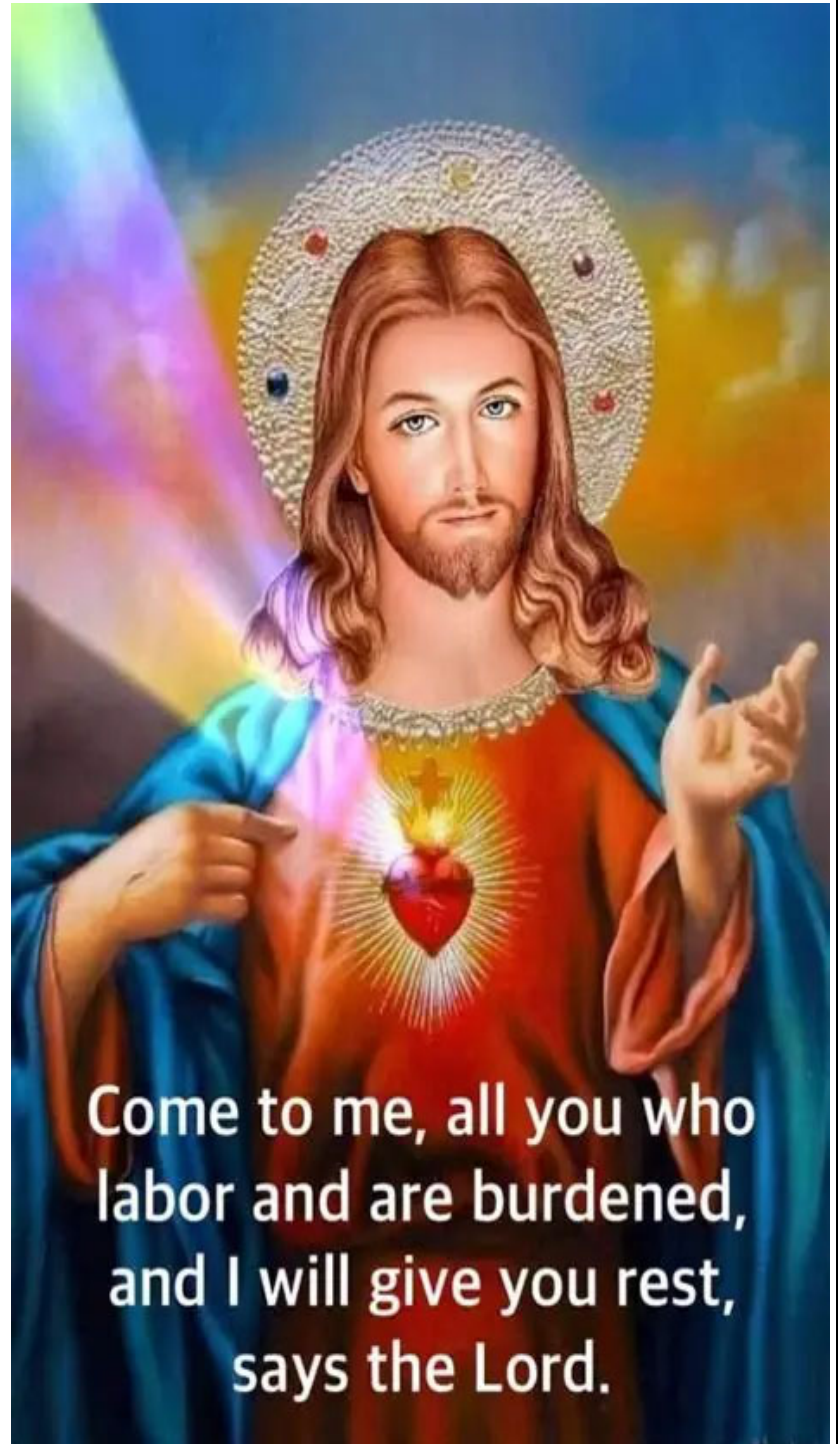
Preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sun 9 am + **Mass**

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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*



# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2026



## Mass Intentions

Sat Jul 5	5:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sun Jul 5	10:30 am	For All Parishioners
Mon Jul 6	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Tue Jul 7	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Thu Jul 9	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jul 10	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By Orlys Lopez
Sat Jul 11	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jul 12	10:30 am	+Francisco Blanco 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***

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

*His abiding presence in the Eucharist affords us special opportunities to praise and thank him in visits to the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic devotions.*

LECTORS	EMHC
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
7/11-5:00 pm	
Ruth Palmer Barbara Van Orsdale	Doug Van Orsdale Ruth Palmer
7/12-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Evelyn Rivera	George Cherry Martha Laurent

<i>Saint Thomas Collection</i>		
6/21	Regular	\$1765.00
	Maintenance	440.00
	Father's Day	146.00
<i>Saint Elizabeth Collection</i>		
6/21	Regular	140.00



Jesus' Eucharistic presence holds a special place in the Church's life. For many disciples, it is the source and summit of their personal relationship with Jesus. When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can experience the depths of divine friendship between ourselves and our risen Lord.

### 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

## Learning to Love the Nation God Gave Us

*Parents and country are the closest sources of our existence,' says Aquinas, 'and everyone is indebted first of all under God to both.'*

No matter which country we call home, we are called to love it and fight for it wholeheartedly. For God's mercifully providential, mysterious reasons, he chose each of us to live in this time, in this country.

One way to love our country is to educate ourselves about what it means to be authentic patriots. Derived from *patria*, which means "country" in Latin, patriotism implies a profound affection for one's native land, for wishing to contribute to its common good, and for accepting certain obligations as its citizens.

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For those of us who are blessed to be parents, patriotism means nurturing a love for our country in the midst of family life. By giving a firm foundation to our children and investing in them, we are ultimately loving our country, because they are its hope and its future. Parenthood is far too underrated these days — mothers and fathers are people of matchless influence. The time and effort we put into bonding with our children and forming their minds and souls to serve God's Kingdom will reap more bountiful fruit than we can fathom, for our country and far beyond.

As American Catholic parents, we are soldiers who are fighting not only for the Church Militant, but for America, that it may remain the land of

the free and home of the brave. By giving our children a solid Catholic education, whether through Catholic schooling or homeschooling, we are empowering Holy Mother the Church and making her future in our nation all the more luminous. As Dr. Mary Kay Clark writes in *Catholic Homeschooling*:

For those of us who love our country and want to restore it to Christ, we see our homeschooling family as a tool to help our nation grow in the love of God. Our Catholic homeschooling families are training leaders dedicated to Christian moral values, who will help return our nation to Christ. Our homeschooling families, now and in the future, will help our nation to find itself, to understand its purpose, to seek Christian heroes, and to seek direction from Christian precepts.

The painstaking efforts parents make to educate their children in the good, the true and the beautiful — whether by drowning in parish school bills or tripping over a small truckload of morally uplifting books in our living room — stand for something truly great. They mean that we, as parents, are laying down our lives not only for the sake of heaven, but also for our beloved country.

With all this in mind, now may be the perfect time to start saying the Pledge of Allegiance with our children often, pray for our nation daily, and sing long-cherished patriotic hymns. It's high time to love our good God and our country.

## CCD REGISTRATION

CCD Registration begins the weekend of July 18 – 19 and continues the next three weekends before and after Mass on Saturday and Sunday in the school. **No Registrations after August 9.** Classes begin on August 16.

