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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

Religious Education

Jessica Witmer 863-602-3837

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*



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2026



Mass Intentions

Sat Oct 10	5:00 pm	+Chuck Spencer By Mary Lou Young
Sun Oct 11	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 11	10:30 am	+Charles Wiggins By Family
Mon Oct 12	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat Oct 17	5:00 pm	+Chuck Spencer By Mary Lou Young
Sun Oct 18	8:00 am	For All Parishioners
Sun Oct 18	10:30 am	+Leon LaClair By Kay & Family

There will be no daily Mass October 13-21.

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, Sr. Zofia, Richie Southwell, Murphy Stidham, Rita Taylor, Laura Webb

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

Oct 3, 1988	Rev. Philip Stegeman
Oct 4, 1978	Rev. Neil Sager
Oct 5, 2015	Rev. Joseph Aiden Nolan
Oct 9, 2019	Rev. Raymond O'Leary
Oct 11, 2010	Msgr. Paul Kamide
Oct 13, 1993	Rev. Louis Dunleavy
Oct 13, 1985	Rev. Bernard L. Hickey
Oct 24, 2019	Rev. Michael Giglio
Oct 26, 2008	Msgr. Matthew Connelly
Oct 27, 2002	Rev. Patrick O'Reilly
Oct 30, 2008	Msgr. Charles A. Bartok

LECTORS	EMHC
10/10-5:00 pm	
Mike DeNeve Ruth Palmer	Ann Slocum Ruth Palmer
10/11-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Confirmandi	Pattie Scott George Cherry
10/17-5:00 pm	
Ann Spencer Evelyn Rivera	Evelyn Rivera Susan DeNeve Ruth Palmer
10/18-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Martha Laurent Maureen Leckie George Cherry

Saint Thomas Collection

9/27	Regular	\$1579.00
	Maintenance	220.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

9/27	Regular	465.00
	Maintenance	25.00

Diocesan Collection-October 17th - 18th
Sister Diocese-San Juan de la Maguana



Presale for Parishioners
October 10 and October 11 after Mass
Opened to Public
October 16th 8 am – 2 pm
October 17th 8 am – Noon



October is universally recognized in Catholic tradition as the Month of the Holy Rosary. This devotion centers on praying the Rosary daily, meditating on the life of Christ through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries.

GOD IS LOVE GOD IS MERCY

Last Monday the 5th of October the Church celebrated the feast of St Faustina

When the prohibition regarding the Divine Mercy message was lifted by Pope St. Paul VI, Sister Faustina Kowalska of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy rose from relative obscurity to her current status as one of the great figures in contemporary Catholicism.

St. Faustina is an example of what God can do through those who love him and are faithful to him. He takes the lowly and raises them on high. He empowers them to be proclaimers and instruments of his mercy and love.

Even more remarkable, as the director emeritus of the John Paul II Institute of the Divine Mercy, Robert Stackpole asserts there are ample reasons to consider her as a candidate for a doctor of the Church. He articulates them in his (soon-to-be-published) scholarly work on St. Faustina as an extraordinary teacher of the Catholic doctrine and spirituality.

As a simple country girl with less than three years of formal education, St. Faustina would seem the least likely candidate to be proclaimed an eminent teacher of the Catholic doctrine. Yet, upon those who come to know the Lord through faith, professed by the Church, who love him with all their heart, mind and will, who live their life in obedience to him, and strive to do his will in all things, the Lord bestows his extraordinary wisdom and knowledge.

It is the Lord who equipped her with gifts, both natural and mystical, to carry out his apostolic mission of salvation by proclaiming and reminding all humanity of his great love for them and of the necessity to draw near to him in confidence in order to receive his salvific grace, forgiveness of sins and future glory.

It was the Lord who called his faithful daughter “Secretary” and “Apostle” of his mercy and empowered her to proclaim to the whole world the truth of our faith revealed by the Lord and contained in the Holy Scripture: that he is Love and Mercy Itself and that mercy is his greatest attribute.

Why is the message of Divine Mercy so essential in these times?

The revelation of Divine Mercy as program and source of renewal of the Church is an antidote for the destructive power of today’s ideologies.

Through the revelation to Faustina as his “Secretary” and “Apostle,” the Lord initiated a program of spiritual, sacramental, apostolic renewal of the faithful ravaged by violence and war, disrespect for the human dignity and value of human life brought on by atheistic and materialistic ideologies, relativism, confusion and despair.

This program consists in recovery of the biblical image of God and human mercy, in embracing spirituality of trust, in frequent participation in sacraments, especially in the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist — sacraments of mercy that effect true forgiveness and spiritual regeneration in incorporating the Paschal mystery as the source from which new forms of devotion receive their divine efficacy and sanctifying (divinizing) power.

By proclaiming the greatness of God merciful love, offering Jesus to the Father, as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and those of the entire world, we prepare the world for the Lord’s Second Coming and partake of his mercy in a special way through the practice of new forms of devotion: “Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart” (*Diary*, 848; 1588)



Respect Life Month is an annual observance by the Catholic Church in the United States each October, dedicated to reflecting on the dignity of every human life and promoting a culture of life. It has been observed nationally since the early 1970s.