



ST. THOMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 1, 2026

1. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE AND ISRAEL.**
2. **The obligation to participate in the Eucharist in person on Sundays and other holy days of obligation was restored four years ago on Palm Sunday 2022.** Regular attendance at Mass is what fulfills God's commandment to "Keep holy the Sabbath Day". Our world is hurting. We all need healing yet many of us are separated from the source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist.
3. Our Parish bulletin can be viewed weekly online by clicking on the Bulletin button on our website at www.stthomasbartow.org. There is also a button to view the previous week's bulletin if you missed it. If you do not have access to the internet, please let the office know, and copies can be printed. If you look at the bulletin on your phone, you can add an icon to your homepage by doing the following steps for an iphone.
1. Do a search for stthomasbartow.org. 2. When the page opens, Click (touch) the small square with an arrow pointing up on the bottom of the screen. **3. Scroll** down and (touch "Add to Home Screen". **4. Click** (touch) "Add" in the upper right-hand corner. The next time you want to view the website, you only have to touch the new icon on your home page screen. If you need help finding the website or creating the icon on your phone, call the office or stop in the narthex after Mass for help. If you have an Android phone, please call the office for directions.
4. To subscribe to Bishop John Noonan's E-Scroll, news from the Diocese of Orlando go to www.orlandodiocese.org/e-scroll/. Just provide your name and email address.

5. Fr. Blake Britton, a priest in our Diocese, who is now at the Pontifical Institute of St. John Paul II in Washington DC for further studies, has written a book, *Reclaiming Vatican II, What It (Really) Said, What It Means, and How It Calls Us to Renew the Church*. If you would like to purchase the book, click on the following link: <https://books.wordonfire.org/reclaimingvaticanii>
6. Bishop Robert Barron, author, speaker, theologian and founder of Word on Fire, a global media ministry, is producing a seven volume Bible series. Volume I focuses on the Gospels, Volume II on Acts, Letters, and Revelation, Volume III, on The Pentateuch, Volume IV on The Promised Land and Volume V on Exile and Return. All are all available now at <https://wordonfire.org/bible>. Volume VI The Wisdom Literature and will be released at a later date. If you would like to subscribe to Bishop Barron's newsletter, go to <https://wordonfire.org/#newsletter> and just provide your email address.
7. In honor of Mother Angelica, foundress of EWTN catholic television network, please consider a gift of \$10, \$20, or \$25 per month or any amount you choose.

Catholic Trivia

Why is St. Jude portrayed with an image of Jesus in his hands? What is the giant medallion he carries on his chest?

St. Jude, known as Thaddeus in the Gospels, is always portrayed with a staff, a book, and a large medallion of Jesus' face. The staff and book imagery makes sense he traveled to spread the Gospel and wrote a short epistle but why does he carry an image of Our Lord? The answer goes back to the time of Jesus' public ministry.

According to legend, in the city of Edessa, King Abgar lay dying of an incurable disease. He hadn't despaired of his life yet, however. Rumor had reached him of a holy man who worked miracles in distant Israel. With hope, Abgar sent a letter to this man, begging Him to come to Edessa.



When Our Lord was given this letter, He did not go to the dying king. Instead, He said He would send one of His apostles: Jude Thaddeus. Before Jude made the journey, however, Jesus pressed a cloth against His face and gave the cloth to Jude.

St. Jude then went to Abgar and presented the cloth to him. It bore a miraculous impression of Christ's face. Abgar looked upon it and was immediately healed.

That is why St. Jude, of all the Apostles, is depicted bearing the face of Christ because he was entrusted with an image of Our Lord.

It is also part of the reason why St. Jude is the patron saint of impossible causes. He can bring Our Lord's healing grace to any situation.