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A warm welcome to everyone, parishioners and guests, whether coming from near or far. I am so happy you could join us today, as we reflect on the Word of God and partake of the Eucharist. My hope is that you feel at home at St. Thomas. ~ **Fr. Glenn**

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:00 am (Monday Friday);
Saturday 8:00 am: Communion
Service Only
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Parish Choir)

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Consult our bulletin or parish website:
www.MyStThomas.org
First Friday Adoration: 8:30 am to Noon
Saturday: Reconciliation (Confession)
3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

It is our pleasure to serve you!

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Friday - Sunday: Closed

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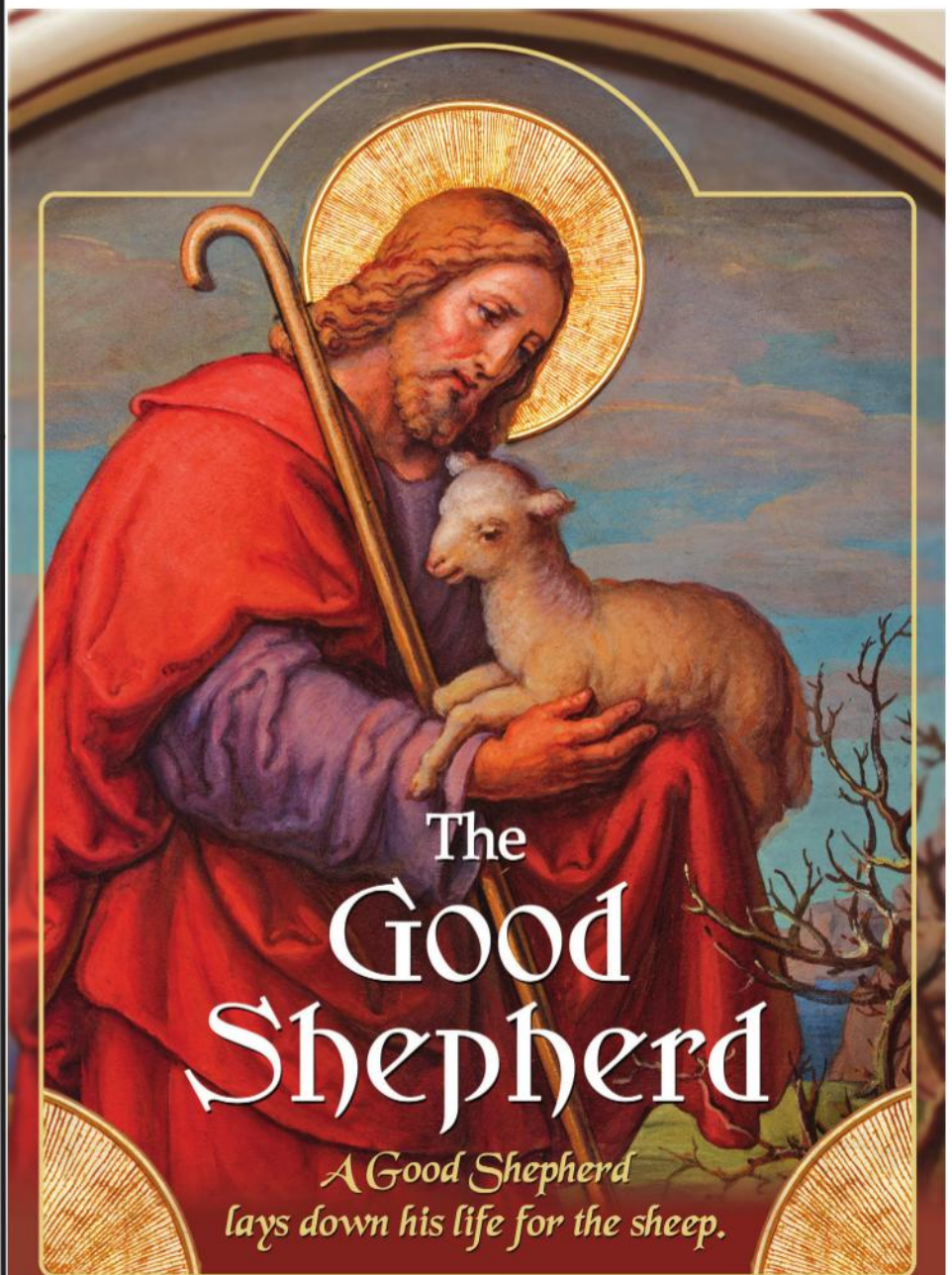
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Communications Manager

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023



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TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Karen Robben | 11 April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter



1. Today (April 11) is Tuesday in the Octave of Easter, and I'm still feeling the afterglow of Holy Week. There were so many profound, meaningful moments; moments that couldn't have happened without the support and devotion of dedicated parishioners and staff. As I began to think about all the people involved, it occurred to me that there were over 60 people who assisted in our Holy Week liturgies, many of whom had multiple responsibilities. Wow. On behalf of Fr. Glenn, Msgr. Joe, and the pastoral staff, **thank you!** to each and every one of you for your dedication and support of our parish. We are humbled and grateful for all you do.

2. Before our subscription to FORMED ended last month, I did a lot of binge watching, so I could see a few of the Augustine Institute programs while I still had access. I was unable to attend the study we had on "Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession", so this was one of the shows I watched. There was a **quote** by Ricardo Sanchez that remains with me: "The devil knows your name, but calls you by your sin. God knows your sin, but calls you by your name." How blessed we are to be called children of God.

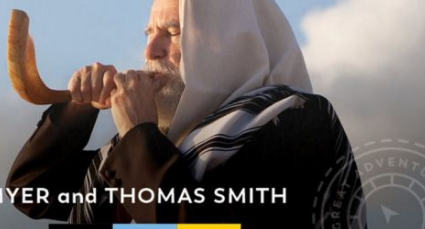
3. In today's **gospel** (John 10:1-10), we find in the third verse a confirmation that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us by our names: "...the shepherd calls his own sheep by name..." Not only does Jesus call us by our names, but he leads us and walks ahead of us. In any challenge we face, we can trust that Jesus walked the path ahead of us and is leading us through it to the other side.



The Prophets

Messengers of God's Mercy

SARAH CHRISTMYER and THOMAS SMITH



Bible Study on THE PROPHETS

*We invite you to join a new bible study – **The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy**. The prophets are individuals chosen by God to speak on his behalf. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness.*

*Facilitated by Fr. Glenn, this bible study consists of **ten sessions** which last about 1.5 hours per session. Each session will begin at 10:00 a.m.*

*Each participant will need a workbook (\$27.95) which contains engaging study questions, talk notes, and the Bible Timeline Chart. **This bible study will begin on September 11, so register early.***

For more information, please contact our parish office.



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: ADORATION (8:30 A.M. - Noon)



Consider inviting someone to come with you to First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this month on May 5th. The power of just a few minutes of silence in the presence of Jesus is more powerful than anything else you can do for yourself or anyone else, especially anyone you know that may be hurting at this time.

FOUNDERS DAY & ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION


FOUNDERS DAY: MAY 3

In 2021, Fr. Glenn decided that our parish will celebrate FOUNDERS DAY every May 3rd as a way to honor those men and women, both living and deceased, who were here from the start of our parish and financially supported its establishment. We recently commissioned a new plaque with the names of these founders, and it will be moved from the narthex to the sanctuary on Founders Day for all to see.

We are grateful for all those who labored and sacrificed, so we can enjoy this worship space, and we pray that the good Lord may reward their generosity a hundredfold. One tangible way of showing gratitude to our Founders is by contributing to our Parish Building Fund which enables us to maintain all of our facilities and grounds.

You can learn more about the history of our church on our newly revised parish website: www.MyStThomas.org. Below you can follow the screenshot instructions which will assist you to the page called "Parish History"

1. Once on our website, click on **"ABOUT"**
2. Then click on **"Parish History"**
3. You are on the correct page if it looks like #3 below.



ALZ IN FAITH

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and the Alzheimer's Association invite you to attend a special programs to learn about Alzheimer's and other dementia

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 | 3 p.m.

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, the stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available for some symptoms, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Effective Communication Strategies

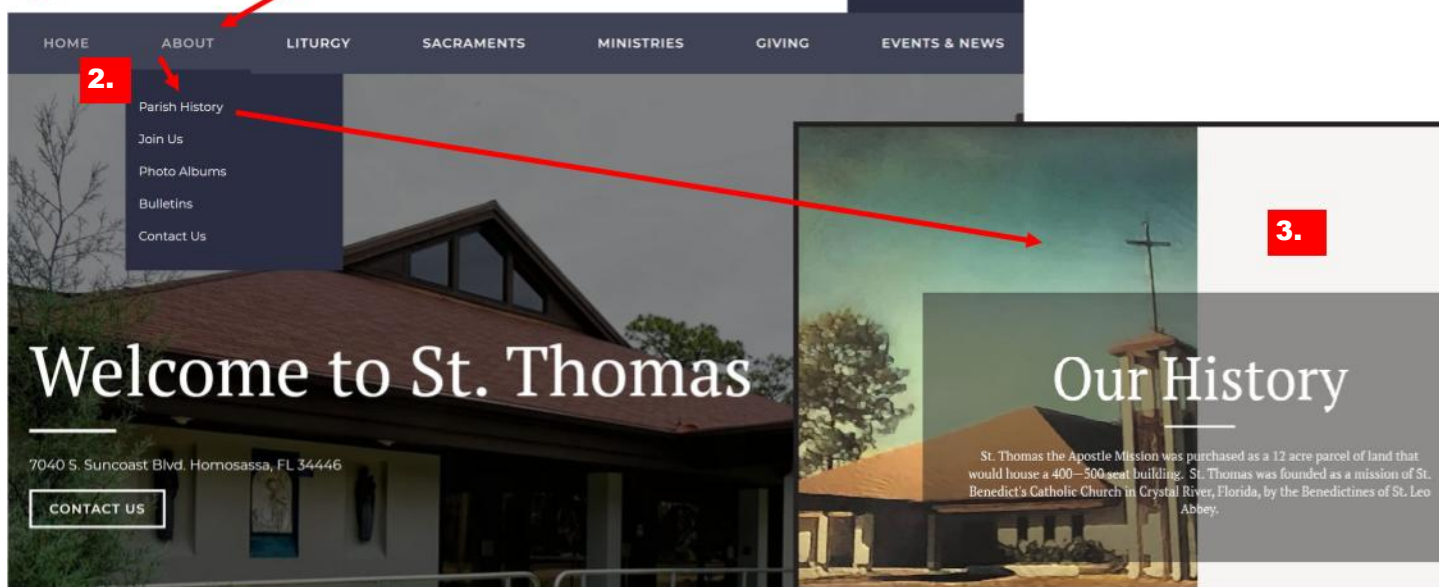

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 | 3 p.m.

Join us to explore how communication changes when someone is living with Alzheimer's, learn how to interpret the verbal and behavioral communication, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

Guest Speaker: LuAnn Cambino, Alzheimer's Community Educator

The Church is located at 7040 S. Suncoast Blvd. Homosassa, FL 34446

800.272.3900 | alz.org



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3. The **"Our History"** page is displayed.

ST. THOMAS MINISTRIES UPDATES & REMINDERS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR...

Facility Maintenance/Garden Ministry:

We need volunteers to help clean & maintain our prayer garden. If interested in helping for **1 or 2 hours a month**, please, contact our parish office.



Liturgical Ministers (Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Projectionists & Ushers). We need volunteers to help in any capacity within our Liturgical Ministry during weekend Masses. We also need Eucharistic Ministers to distribute communion to the sick, homebound, and those in the Assisted Living Facilities served by St. Thomas. If you can help, please call our parish office.

*The Respect Life Ministry is leading
The First Saturday (May 6th)
Rosary at 9:00 a.m.
All are welcome to come and pray
the Holy Rosary.*



Reminder:

The drawing for the winner of the **Respect Life Ministry's Rosary Raffle** will take place at the conclusion of prayers.

Youth Faith Formation News

The children listed below received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 19th and will receive the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7th.**

With the help of our dedicated and faithful catechists, the children have been preparing for this sacrament by attending youth faith formation classes. They will attend a retreat and communion practice from 10:00 a.m.—Noon on Saturday, May 6th.

The Communicants and their families appreciate the support of the St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Faith Formation Ministry and our Parish Family. All are welcome to attend the First Holy Communion ceremony at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7th. Our Pastor, Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, will be the celebrant, and he will administer the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to the Communicants.



An Invitation

It's Teatime! The Women's Guild of St. Thomas the Apostle cordially invites you to our annual Tea Party on May 17, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. in St. Martin's Hall.

*Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship!
Looking forward to seeing you there!*

Please RSVP Brenda Jeffres at 352-422-7755.

START EACH DAY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

St. Thomas Corner of Gratitude!



We are grateful to all the volunteers who so kindly helped us during the 2023 Holy Week. Below are some pictures from Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Thank you!



IN OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 30

8:00 am: Parish Family

10:30 am: Mary Marino †

Requested by: Husband (Robert) and Children

Monday, May 1

8:00 am: Elaine Clarke †

Requested by: Helen & Gene Koczur

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 am: JoAnn Czubko †

Requested by: Friend, Norma Pafchek

Wednesday, May 3

8:00 am: Charles Richie †

Requested by: Carol Richie & Family

Thursday, May 4

8:00 am: Dolores Mottle †

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

Friday, May 5

8:00 am: Helen & George Mertz †

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

Saturday, May 6

8:00 am: In Thanksgiving For All
Graces Received

4:30 pm: Parish Family

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am: Helen & Paul Valush †

Request by: Niece, Norma Pafchek

10:30 am: 65th Wedding Anniversary of
Pauline & Tony Gerbino

Request by: The Gerbino Family

DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

Sunday *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday *Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker*

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday *Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday *Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

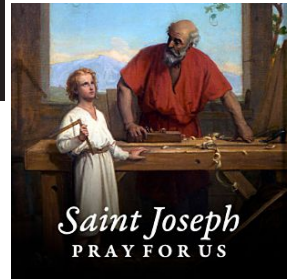
Thursday Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



This Week's Altar Flowers
are donated
in memory of my father,
Joseph Suszek †
by Marcy & Wayne Male



LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family
who are ill, especially:

Fran Frankenberger, Karl Wolf, Ethan Grayshan, Rita & Art Frisbie, Virginia Kanis, Scott Klaben, Kerrie Schmidt, Mike Jablonsky, Stephanie St. Clair, Mary Ann DeSimone, Bertha Watson, Charles Terreault, Gordon Gould, Christine Gicola, Rita Tanner, Skip Guss, Elizabeth Dostal, Fran Loeffler, Anthony Cimorelli, Ron Rothe, Marguerite Corrao, Rusty Ryal, Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak, Norma Galvin, Wendell Miller, Joseph Hertrich, Michelle LaGreca, Sutton Hotard, Charles Harvey, Betty Parker, David Cheevers, Joseph & Gail Carey, Deacon Vince Small, Kobe Calzaretta, Raymond Huffman, Tony Caposieno, Wade Wolfe, Samantha Wasley, Don Harnett, Nick Russo, Frank Watson, Peggy Lingrosso, Kerin Hedgcoxe, Pat Cleary, Mary Ann Zack, Arria Wheeler, Kathy Farrell, Jim Crouse, Andy Lunk, Sarah Phillips, Peggy Paul, Sheila Greifenkamp, and our Website Prayer Requests.

To add or remove someone from our parish prayer list, please contact the parish office.





CHURCH EVENTS & COLLECTIONS

Please refer to the Daily / Weekend Mass and Reconciliation Schedule located on the front cover.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET is prayed every weekday
following the 8:00 am Mass. *Together We Pray!*



Sunday, April 30: Good Shepherd Sunday Collections: Catholic School & Camp and Mother's Day	9:00 am—10:15 am	Youth Faith Formation Class
Monday, May 1:	10:00 am	Bible Study "The Psalms"
Tuesday, May 2:	8:45 am 11:00 am	Holy Face Devotion Respect Life Meeting
Wednesday, May 3: Founder's Day	8:00 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm	Mass Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia Presentation SVdP Meeting
Thursday, May 4:	8:45 am 1:00 pm	Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
Friday, May 5: First Friday 	8:30 am—Noon 11:00 am—Noon	 First Friday Adoration Knights of Columbus Holy Hour
Saturday, May 6: First Saturday	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am—Noon 3:15 pm—4:00 pm or by appt.	First Saturday Mass followed by Confession First Saturday Rosary & Respect Life Rosary Raffle Drawing Youth Faith Formation: Communion Retreat & Practice Reconciliation
Sunday, May 7: <u>Name Tag Sunday</u> Collections: Parish Building Fund and Pregnancy & Family Life	9:00 am—10:15 am 10:30 am	Youth Faith Formation Class: May Crowning & Rosary Mass with First Holy Communion Ceremony

Never forget a collection envelope again

Between demanding schedules, traveling, or just trying to get out the door on time for Mass, it can be challenging to tithe on a regular basis - especially when there are paper checks and envelopes involved. Our parish is excited to offer an online giving program that allows you to set up a recurring gift, one that will be processed automatically weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. If you have already switched to eGiving, *thank you*.

When you give online, you'll enjoy security standards that are equal to online shopping and banking, as well as the ability to make changes at any time with your unique online account.

Your dedication and generosity are very important to us. Thank you for all the ways, seen and unseen, that you contribute to the life of our parish! Please know that you're in our daily prayers. May the good Lord bless you a hundredfold.

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