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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

PASTORAL STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, Pastor

Assisting Clergy:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak
Deacon Mark Manko

Robert Adams: Maintenance

Karen Ballaban: Comms. Specialist

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David Martin: Custodian

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Michelle Kim-Painter: Music Director

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& Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office and
Communications Manager



Ascension of the Lord

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

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TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Ascension of the Lord, Year A

Fr. Glenn / 12 April 2023 (for May 21st bulletin)



1. The **National Eucharistic Revival** is a 3-year initiative of the bishops of the United States to renew our devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This was launched simultaneously in all dioceses and parishes last 19 June 2022 with the celebration of Corpus Christi Sunday. There are three main phases in this revival:

- a. *19 June 2022 – 10 June 2023* (Year of Diocesan Revival): Diocesan leaders and priests participate in diocesan-level formation events and prepare for training Eucharistic missionaries for the parish revivals that begin in June 2023.
- b. *11 June 2023 – 16 July 2024* (Year of Parish Revival): The revival happens in parishes, with the assistance of “Eucharistic missionaries” who are described as parish lay leaders who help to organize and carry out the revival at the parish level. (*Note: We are still waiting for the playbook from the diocese until now.*)
- c. *17 July 2024 – 8 June 2025*: The pilgrims who attend the National Eucharistic Congress are sent back as missionaries to their dioceses and parishes and out to the margins to invite people into our Eucharistic communities.

2. The US bishops are planning to hold a **National Eucharistic Congress** on July 17-24, 2024. More than 80,000 Catholics of all ages are expected to journey on pilgrimage to Indianapolis where the congress will be held. The goal is to animate and strengthen these pilgrims through a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will enkindle a missionary fire in our hearts as we reconsecrate ourselves to the source and summit of our faith. I pray that we may all be open and receptive to the new and extraordinary graces God wants to give us during this time of revival.

3. We celebrate today **Ascension Sunday**, the culmination of the Easter event, when the risen Jesus begins to share in God's own way of being. It encourages us to *look up* to remind us of our destination. But is also challenges us to *go down* from the mountaintop, to roll up our sleeves and do our share in this mission to bring the gospel message to the ends of the earth. May the Holy Spirit guide us in bringing our mission to fulfillment.

First Holy Communion

On May 7th, Fr. Glenn, Deacon Mark and seven (7) of our Youth Faith Formation students celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:30 mass. It was a lovely ceremony! The children were excited and proud to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. This is the largest Communion Class we have had in many years. It is nice to see that more children and families are joining our church community.

Congratulations to Geoffrey Boehm, Arianna Crockwell, Isabella Flores, Viviana Flores, Camila Morrow, Everett Nothnagel, and Abigail Sturdevant.

A big **Thank You** to their parents, catechists, Rosemarie Lester & Sally Murray, and all who participated in the Mass for making this event even more memorable!

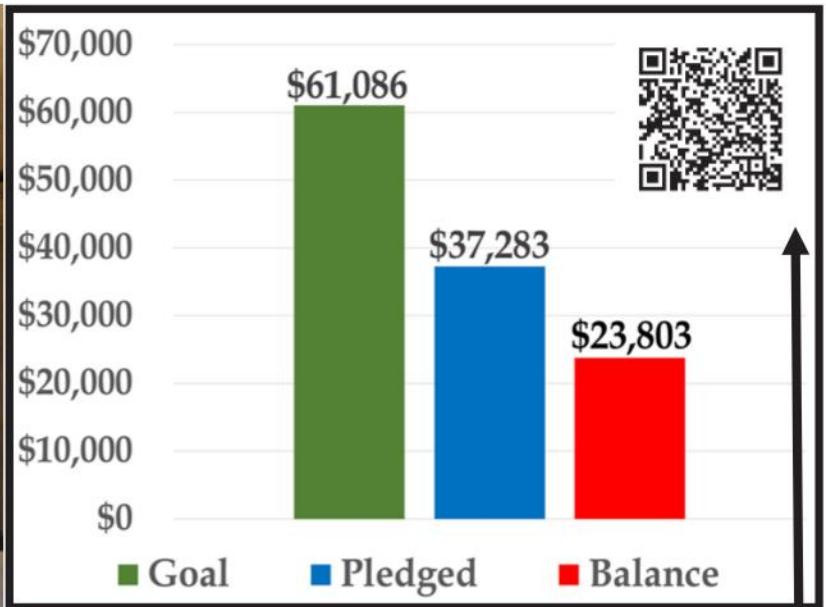
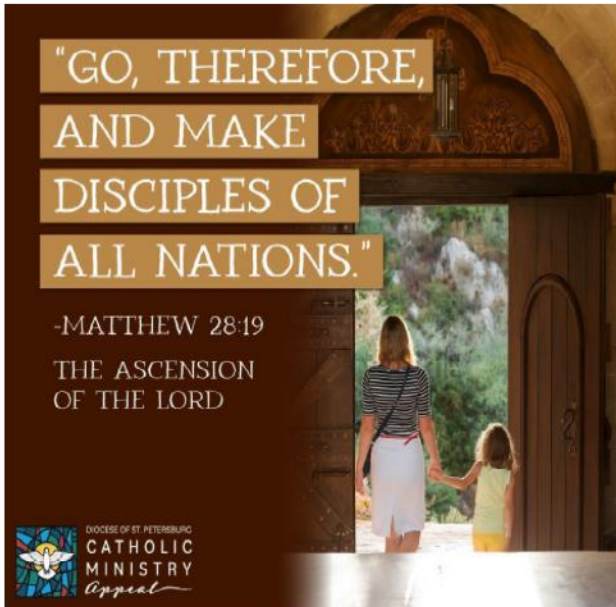
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ST. THOMAS CHURCH UPDATES

Thank You! to everyone who pledged or made a donation to our
2023 Catholic Ministry Appeal.

100% of the donations received support the ministries of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.
As of May 15, 2023, 172 pledges were made totaling \$37,283 toward our goal of \$61,086.



You can make one or more donations by submitting a CMA monthly church collection envelope, visiting givetoministry.dosp.org or by scanning the QR code in the upper right corner of the graph

Lenten Poor Box Collection

We collected a total of about \$5,000 from our Lenten Poor Box collection. We gave \$2,000 to the St. Thomas Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We gave another \$2,000 for Love More Ministries to cover expenses in feeding the homeless in our community.

This past week, Fr. Glenn signed a \$1,000 check to support FFRA, Family and Friends Reaching for the Abilities, a non-profit organization in Citrus County promoting activities for people with special needs.

Thank you for your generosity and support of all those who are in need in our community.



Parish Income & Expense Report: January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023 (Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022-2023)

INCOME	\$ 147,666.85
EXPENSES	\$ 112,211.53
GAIN	\$ 35,455.32



IN OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am: Adeline Morrow †

Requested by: Loving Son, George & Family

10:30 am: Patti Baynon †

Requested by: Joseph & Beverly McEvoy

Monday, May 22

8:00 am: Pat & Duke Templeton †

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 am: Kevin Watson †

Requested by: Bertha Watson

Wednesday, May 24

8:00 am: John & Mary Klumas & Family †

Requested by: Niece, Norma Pafchek

Thursday, May 25

8:00 am: Mary Agnes Tansey †

Requested by: Loving Husband, Gene Tansey & Family

Friday, May 26

8:00 am: Fr. Henry Hemmerling

57th Ordination Anniversary

Requested by: Norma Pafchek

Saturday, May 27

4:30 pm: James Maffia †

Requested By: Tina & David Maffia

Sunday, May 28

8:00 am: Parish Family

10:30 am: Rosina Chirumbolo †

Requested by: Pat & Tony Chirumbolo

DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

Sunday *Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday *Venerable Bede, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin*

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8. 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday *Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday *Pentecost Sunday*

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Or Ez 37:1-4 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 20, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Pentecost Sunday is next weekend.

Please remember to wear something Red to church.

Pentecost occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven.

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love.” ~www.acatholic.org



LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

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

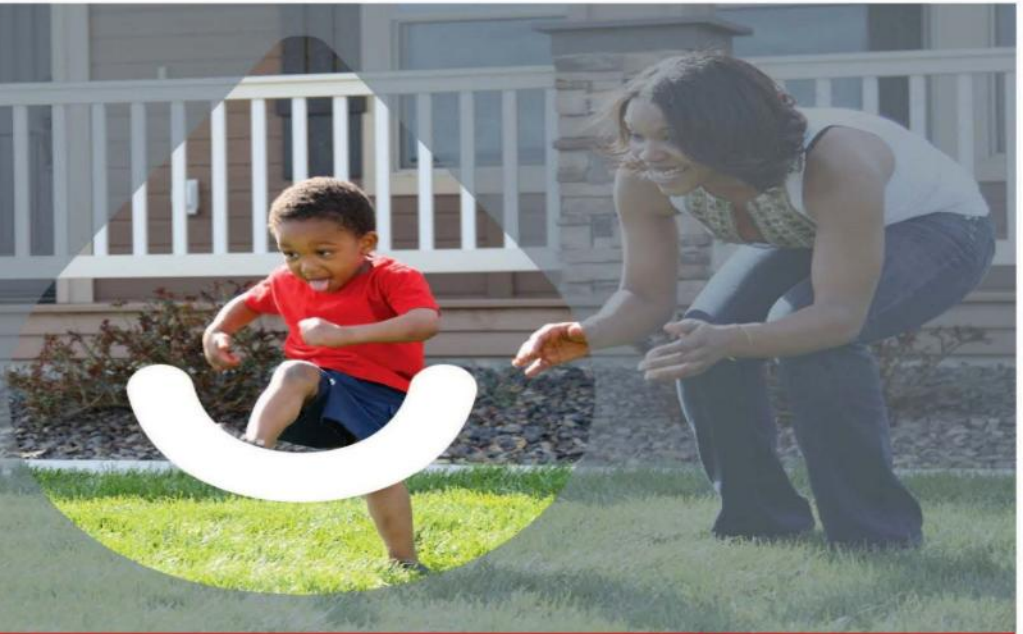
Karl Wolf, Ethan Grayshan, Rita & Art Frisbie, Virginia Kanis, Scott Klaben, Kerrie Schmidt, Mike Jablonsky, Stephanie St. Clair, Mary Ann DeSimone, Charles Terreault, Gordon Gould, Christine Gicola, Rita Tanner, Skip Guss, Elizabeth Dostal, Anthony Cimorelli, Ron Rothe, Marguerite Corrao, Rusty Ryal, Norma Galvin, Wendell Miller, Joseph Hertrich, Michelle LaGreca, Sutton Hotard, Charles Harvey, Betty Parker, David Cheevers, Joseph & Gail Carey, Deacon Vince Small, 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, Pat Allard, Philip Porter III, John Pauley, Phyllis Fylak, Sandy Mueller, Richard and Lorraine Kwiecienski, and our Website Prayer Requests.

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

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Bishop Parkes, a member of the Saint Leo University Board of Trustees, has asked that the attached ad with QR Code be included in all parish bulletins. If you would like to share details on the University with potential Saint Leo students, please refer them to this link for more information: <https://www.saintleo.edu/future-students>

MOTHER'S DAY MASS - 2023

In Memory † Of:

Bridget Watson, Bertha Burns, Andrea Auditor, Jean Grzymala, Freda Harrell, Dolores Sweeney, Florence P. Cardillo, Stella Doran, Mary Jane Crighton, Pearl Fylak, Helen Tully, Celia Koczur, Liza Cox, S. Hylla, Anna Hewitt, Mary Koczur, Agnes Kopicki, Frances Smolski, Alice Peterson, Amelia Phelps, Elizabeth Kalbfell, Lillian Potocki, Lillian Gurgas, Rita Chicca, Margaret Casey, Florence Vehorn, Anne Piorkowski, Bernice Klein, Dorothy Beinken Roby, Myrtle Landon, Mary Fornabio, Nancy Manko, Elaine Sydejko, Elizabeth M. Smith, Ella M. Smith, Judith Zangari, Angeline Belisle, Maartje Pellegrum, Katherine Goike, Genny Mikula, Mary Zembal, Marjorie Maffia, Annette Courteau, Mary Breimayer, Marie Jablonsky, June Simon, Mary Tennity, Marie Dorgan, Julia Eberhart, Caridad Ballesteros de la Cerna, Claudia Capocong Argoncillo, Lillian Bowman, Elena Perez Velez, Sophie Llagas, Doris Barbieri, Barbara Chapin, Catherine Miller, Lena Frisbie, Sharon (Benton) Frisbie, Katherine McArdle, Margaret Kane, Kathleen Murphy, Deso Family, Ursula Oechsner, May Vespia, Marie Robben, Louise Smith, Margaret (Dougherty) Jameson, Sara Dougherty, Mary Dougherty, Hannah McCue, Helen Wolak, Sylvia Kasperski, Clara Vallier, Elsie Asklund, Blanche Henault, Mary Bouthillier, Gerard Henault, Ella Blais, Rita Tanner, Sara Dougherty, Mary Dougherty, Hannah McCue, Mary Agnes Tansey, Anna Tansey, Mabel Marie LaPella, Florence P. Cardillo, Madeline Wahlgren, Grace Ingui, Margaret Parisi, All Mothers/Grandmothers who have passed, Jean T. Bressan, Mercedes Rehal, Nan Booth, May Gledum, Rosine & Nellie, Norma Beattie, Louise Pirrone, Fanny DeLuca, Estelle Drozdowski, D. Jeanne Frederickson, Anita Cummings, Helen Bucceroni, Stella Gerbino, Margaret Ricardo, Louise Forte, Angelina Mancuso, Emma Morga, Agnes Kipicki, Eva Davis, Carol Tomczyk, Theresa J. Gallant, Irene Puma, Abby Puma, Ann Frustaci, Nettie Frustaci, Mary Durante, Bella Lanza, Mary Klumas, Pauline Pafchek, Mary Lelko, Anna Blisco, Caroline Roske, Elizabeth Koch, Mary Klumas, Stella Klumas, Rene Bodego, Rose Nardone, Deceased members of the Allain and Horan families, Claire Ballaban, Christa Cribb, Ethyl Penwamacour, Patricia V. Sheridan, Helen L. Sheridan, Elizabeth Schneider, Ida Sheridan, Betty Yelich, Paz Pepito Mondares, Irene Pepito, Remedios Mondares, Olga Piasta, Angeline Gutowski, Margaret Iwaszkiewicz, Katherine Pappas, Mary Martelli, Ann Pavlak, Alice Soares, Ann Martin, Margaret Riches Oatway, Dorothy Prefer, Eileen Prefer, Mary Marino, Dolores H. Doherty, Rita Kurek, Mary O'Hara, Rosina Chirumbolo, Bernice Kieras, Jean Hiles, Albina Forman, Helen Smith, Bertha DeWeaver, Gloria Brignola, Pat Mawhinney, Josephine Corrara, Helen Burczycki, Mary Allard, Mary Burczycki, Anna Pasioka, Anastasia Burczycki, Mary Kupitzke, Ann Gach, Genevieve Burczycki, Sadie Dzbanski, Emmie Allard, Mary Fecho, Ann Zimmerman, Sophie Klondwsky Duska, Adeline Morrow, Alice M. Morrow, Wanda Paleczny, Darleen Bentz, Mildred Wahl, Carmen Beauchamp, Agnes Feola, Bertha Burns, Bridget Watson, Anita Cavanaugh, Tessie Olayos, Flora Fugito, MaryAnn Conzelmann, Pearl A. Ellery, Emmabell Mackiewicz, Mary Lunk, Victoria Mackiewicz, Nancy Metzger, Mary Roberts, Cecilia Melchioris, Jean Swider, Bernice Knighton, Mildred Anderson, Mary Calzaretta, Julia Dooling, Dolores Mottle, Joyce Carcone, Virginia Turgati, Zuzanna Siwek Kwiecienski, Alice Murray Bachiochi, Jessie Ortiz, D. Capella, Margarita Ortiz, and Joan Perez.

In Honor Of:

Margaret Watson, Dorothy Aberle, Clotilde Diaz, Concetta Parisi, Neva Portegys, Vicky Reid, Brenda Wemmer, Julia Szucsik, Mary Lou Robben, Diane Kasperski, Norma Menzies, Helen Fazekas, Peg Laurie, Margaret Suszek, Linda Martin, Ava Puma, Pat Puma, Phyllis Russo, Donna Trezza, Ingrid (Gorala) Pafchek, Heather Pafchek, Sandy Mueller, Geri Smith, Shirley Peschke, Joan Toolen, Bonnie Demiancyk, Denise Webb, Patricia Anne Allard, Amy Lucido, Cathy Koplal, and Lorraine Kwiecienski.

A Holy Hour of Adoration will be held this Thursday, May 25th following the 8:00 am Mass from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

Jesus, the Lord of Life, has given himself to you in the Eucharist. He is gazing upon you, his beloved child, with great love at this very moment.

Please spend some quiet time with our Lord. If you are unable to physically come to our church for this Holy Hour, please pause at home or wherever you are and wonder at his gift for you. Take time to thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist. ~ www.eucharisticrevival.org



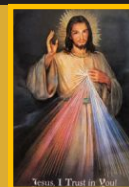
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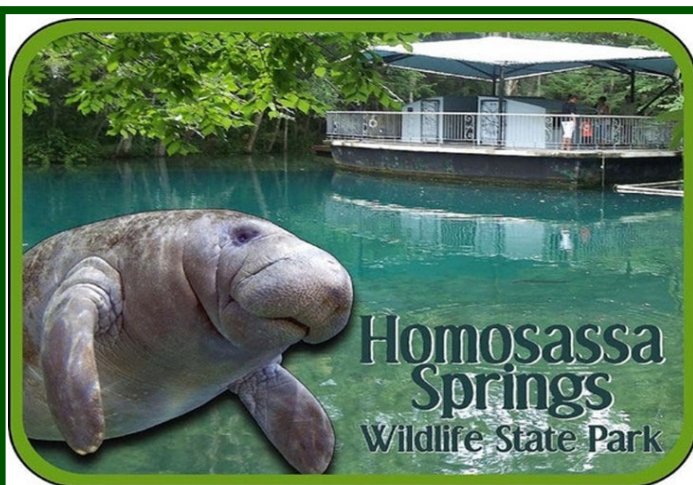
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THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.

Together We Pray!



Sunday, May 21: Ascension of the Lord Collections: Catholic Ministry Appeal and SVdP Food Collection	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass
Monday, May 22:	10:00 am	Bible Study "The Psalms"
Tuesday, May 23:	8:45 am	Holy Face Devotion
Wednesday, May 24:	8:00 am Parish Office is closed today.	Mass Staff: Annual Planning Meeting
Thursday, May 25: 	8:30 am—9:30 am 9:45 am 1:00 pm	Holy Hour of Adoration Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
Saturday, May 27:	8:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt. 4:30 pm	Communion Only Service Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sunday, May 28: Collection: School Camp & Support	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass
Monday, May 29:  MEMORIAL DAY	8:00 am Parish Office is closed today.	Mass Memorial Day Holiday



RSVP by June 1st

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