



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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](http://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

Robin Furciato: Coord. of Religious Ed.

David Martin: Custodian

Joseph McEvoy: Pastoral Assistant

Michelle Kim-Painter: Music Director

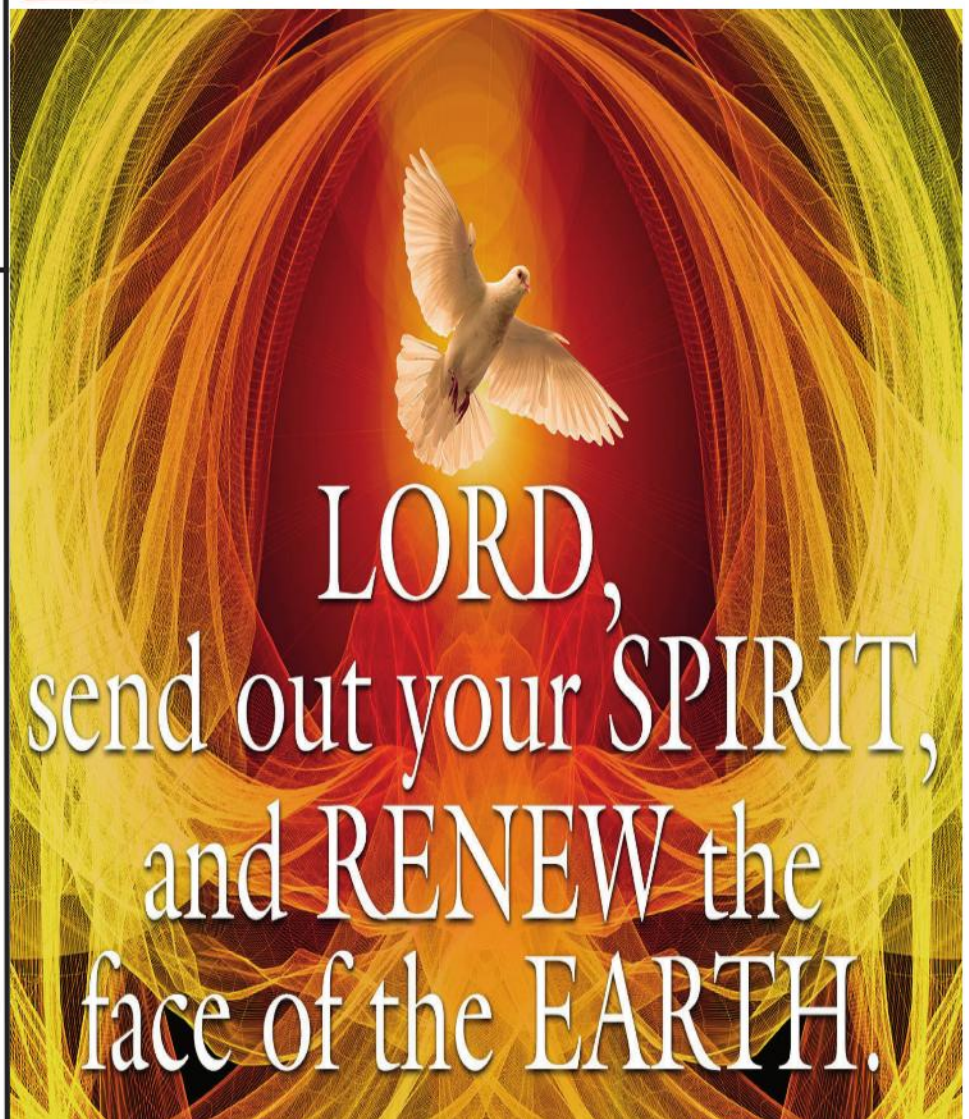
Alfred Papino: Bookkeeper; Cantor,  
& Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office and  
Communications Manager

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

# THE Power OF Pentecost







# TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

*Pentecost Sunday, Year A*

*Joseph McEvoy / 28 May 2023*



1. Today is the **Jewish feast of Shavuot**. It is also called the “Feast of Weeks” because it is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. It is one of the three “pilgrim” festival of the Jewish people, the other two being Passover and Sukkot, the Feast of Booths. All Jewish males were required to observe them at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Originally, Shavuot was a harvest festival, celebrating the first fruits, but after the destruction of the second temple the celebration focused on the anniversary of the giving of the Covenant and the Law to Moses at Mt. Sinai. The two holidays, Passover and Shavuot are linked. The Jewish people gained their freedom from the Egyptians on Passover, and o received the Torah, the Law, on Shavuot, fifty days later. Christians call this feast Pentecost from the Greek word for fifty.

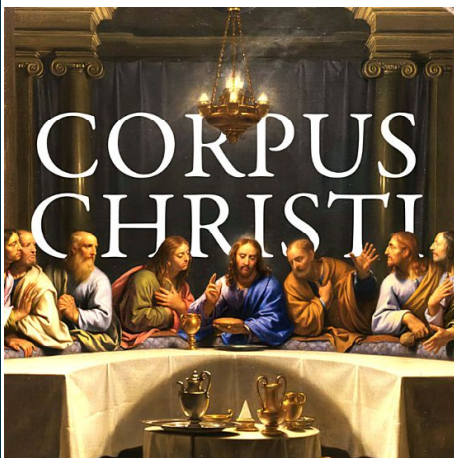
2. In the **first reading** from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke tells us that the disciples were in one place together, and a mighty wind arose, and it filled the entire house. Then there appeared to them as tongues of fire, which came to rest on each of them. And they began to speak in languages, and were understood by the crowd that had gathered, each in their own language. Fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus' ministry at his baptism by the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles begin theirs when the Holy Spirit descends on them on Pentecost. This is considered the birth of the Church. We receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation, which completes Baptism.

3. In our **Gospel** reading from John, the coming of the Spirit occurs on Easter evening while the disciples are hiding in a locked room. Jesus appears to them and breathes the Holy Spirit giving them the authority given to him by his Father. They receive the power to act in Jesus' name and in his person. It is a call to mission, to spread the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. And today, through their successors, the priests, and bishops, we continue to experience God's mercy on a personal level.



We celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, on the weekend of June 10 and 11. This solemnity celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

At all weekend Masses, we will distribute communion under both species of bread and wine. Communion from the chalice will be available from the Deacon and two Eucharistic Ministers. We encourage you to drink from the chalice, but it is purely voluntary.



Corpus Christi Sunday also marks the beginning of the second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival (NER), where the focus is at the parish level. We will have a Eucharistic procession at the end of the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, and incense will be used during this Mass. Weather permitting, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament outside, a public display of our faith and belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”  
(John 6:54)

## START EACH DAY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART



St. Thomas Corner of Gratitude!

### MEMORIAL DAY: MAY 29th

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons  
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen  
~ USCCB



We want to thank everyone who helped make our Mother's Day Weekend memorable for all. The statue of "Our Lady of Fatima," the Blessed Virgin Mary, was displayed on the Altar and surrounded by vases of beautiful pink, red, and white carnations. We are grateful to the Women's Guild and anyone who donated and/or provided a carnation. *Thank you!*

### CONGRATULATIONS! JOSIE MAE

Josie graduated Summa Cum Laude and completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. During her time at Lecanto, she was the president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, vice president of the schools choir, was a Medshare officer (a club that packages and sends medical supplies to underprivileged countries) and was a Catechist at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. She will be attending the **University of Florida** this summer. The University of Florida was ranked #5 for public universities nationwide. She received the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholarship which is a scholarship that provides promising students a full ride to the university! Congratulations, Josie!





## IN OUR PRAYERS

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, May 28

**8:00 am: Parish Family**

**10:30 am: Rosina Chirumbolo †**

Requested by: Pat & Tony Chirumbolo

#### Monday, May 29

**8:00 am: In Thanksgiving For All Graces Received**

Requested by: Karen Robben

#### Tuesday, May 30

**8:00 am: Special Intention**

Requested by: Fran & Bud Klein

#### Wednesday, May 31

**8:00 am: Bill Robben †**

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

#### Thursday, June 1

**8:00 am: Anthony & Lois Bodego †**

Requested by: Sister-in-law & Sister,  
Norma Pafchek

#### Friday, June 2

**8:00 am: Daly Family**

Requested by: Pat Daly

#### Saturday, June 3

**8:00 am: Helen Ann Rubino †**

Requested by: Helen & Gene Koczur

**4:30 pm: Parish Family**

#### Sunday, June 4

**8:00 am: Abby & Benny Puma †**

Requested by: Loving Family,  
The Pumas

**10:30 am: To our loving son,  
Donovan Stapleton †**

Requested by: Charles & Andrea Stapleton

### DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

#### 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

Monday: *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: *Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr*

Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 10:46-52

Friday: *Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: *Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: *Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13;  
Jn 3:16-18

For Thursday, June 1st.

**THE BREAD & WINE**

are donated in loving memory of  
**ANTHONY & LOIS BODEGO †**

By: Sister-in-law & Sister,  
Norma Pafchek



### **LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

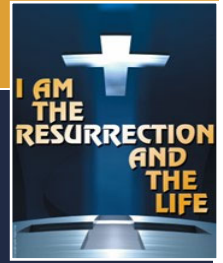
Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family  
who are ill, especially:



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, 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, Pat Cleary, Mary Ann Zack, Arria Wheeler, Kathy Farrell, Jim Crouse, Andy Lunk, Sarah Phillips, Peggy Paul, Sheila Greifenkamp, Pat Allard, Philip Porter III, Phyllis Fylak, Sandy Mueller, Richard and Lorraine Kwiecienski, Sandy Marecki, Linda DeWitt, Ruthann Pullen, and our Website Prayer Requests.

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

**LET US PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF  
OUR PARISHIONERS:**



1st Sgt. John William Pauley, U.S. Army, (RET) † - May 16, 2023

Alaina C. McDowell † - May 9, 2023

Joan Marcus † - May 6, 2023

Marie Carey † - May 2, 2023

Frances Frankenberger † - May 2, 2023

Frances Loeffler † - April 25, 2023

Rita Tanner † - April 18, 2023

James Goldade † - April 17, 2023

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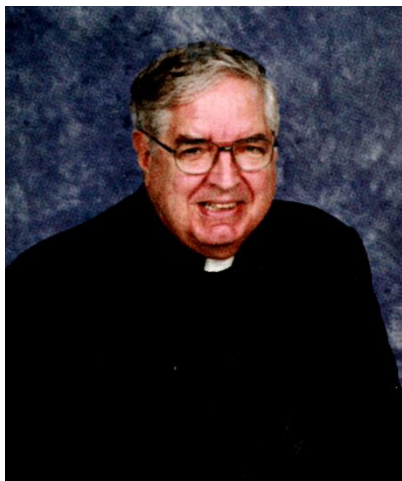
*"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." — St. Ambrose*

**June 3rd: First Saturday Rosary**

The Respect Life Ministry will continue with the First Saturday Rosaries in the Garden throughout the summer months, June, July, and August. Weather permitting this will be held outside at 9:00 am in the Meditation Garden. Our world needs our prayers. Please join us on Saturday, June 3!



The Respect Life Ministry would also like to invite you to attend one or more of their monthly meetings to learn about the ministry's mission: To provide awareness & information and to advocate for the respect of all life from conception to natural death. Meetings are in St. Martin's Hall on the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 6th starting at 11am. Please consider coming.



**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**

**June 2nd: First Friday Adoration**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in "The Holy Eucharist." On First Friday Adoration, the Eucharist is displayed in a holder called a monstrance, and people are invited to come to pray. You can spend the amount of time you desire between the hours of 8:30 am to Noon.

During adoration, you can pray the rosary, read the Bible, or say your prayers. This is a peaceful and healing time with the Lord.

All are invited to come and join Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

For the first half hour (8:30—9:00 am), our Vianney Cenacle prays for the sanctification of priests. We recite the Unity Prayer and the Rosary and ask God to keep all priests close to the heart of our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary. We also encourage the spiritual adoption of our priests and seminarians. All are welcome to join us in prayer, whether you become part of our cenacle or pray individually.



The Knights of Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle Council 15154 will hold a Holy Hour starting at 11:00 am during this First Friday Adoration.

**The Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak**

**CONGRATULATIONS! MSGR. JOE,  
ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING YOUR  
47TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!  
(Ordination Date: 5/15/1976)**

**We are blessed to have you at St. Thomas &  
thankful for your spiritual guidance.**



# Hurricane Season Safety Tips



## Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property.

## Take Shelter

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

## Use Good Judgment

Use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

## Stay Informed

If a storm threatens our area, please check local news stations for weather updates. Also, check with your parish and school about about closures and cancellations. Also, check the diocesan website, [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org).

## Local Resources

Florida Department of Emergency Management:  
[www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)

Citrus County Emergency Management:  
[www.sheriffoltrus.org/divisions/bureau\\_of\\_support\\_operations/emergency\\_operations.php](http://www.sheriffoltrus.org/divisions/bureau_of_support_operations/emergency_operations.php)

Hernando County Emergency Management:  
[www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management](http://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management)

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:  
[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management)

Pasco County Emergency Management:  
[www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management](http://www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management)

Pinellas County Emergency Management:  
[www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/)

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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>



## CHURCH EVENTS & COLLECTIONS & YFF

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, May 28: <b>Collection: School Camp &amp; Support</b>	8:30 am—12:30 pm	<b>St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Blood Drive (Walk-ins Welcomed)</b>
Monday, May 29: ★★★★★ <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	8:00 am <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	<b>Mass Memorial Day Holiday</b>
Tuesday, May 30:	8:45 am	<b>Holy Face Devotion</b>
Thursday, June 1:	8:45 am 1:00 pm	<b>Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting</b>
Friday, June 2  <b>NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival</b>	8:30 am—Noon 11:00 am—Noon	<b>First Friday Adoration Knights of Columbus Holy Hour</b> 
Saturday, June 3:	8:00 am 9:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.	<b>First Saturday Mass &amp; Confession First Saturday Rosary Reconciliation</b>
Sunday, June 4: <b>Collections: Parish Building Fund, Pregnancy &amp; Family Life, and Father's Day.</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	<b>Mass Mass</b>

### **FATHER'S DAY MASS ENVELOPE COLLECTION is scheduled for next weekend (June 3/4).**

On the Father's Day Collection Envelope, please print the name of the person (s) you would like us to pray for during the Father's Day Masses on June 17/18. Check one of the boxes "In Memory or Honor of" to the right of each name submitted. Please place the envelope, with your donation, in the collection basket during next weekend's second collection. You can find Father's Day envelopes this weekend in the church narthex (lobby). *Thank you!*

**RSVP by June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Call Robin Furciato  
(352-628-7000)**



### **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) STEWARDSHIP TRIP**

**WHEN: JUNE 10, 2023 :  
10am - 1pm**

**WHERE: Main Building  
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