



# 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

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David Martin: Custodian

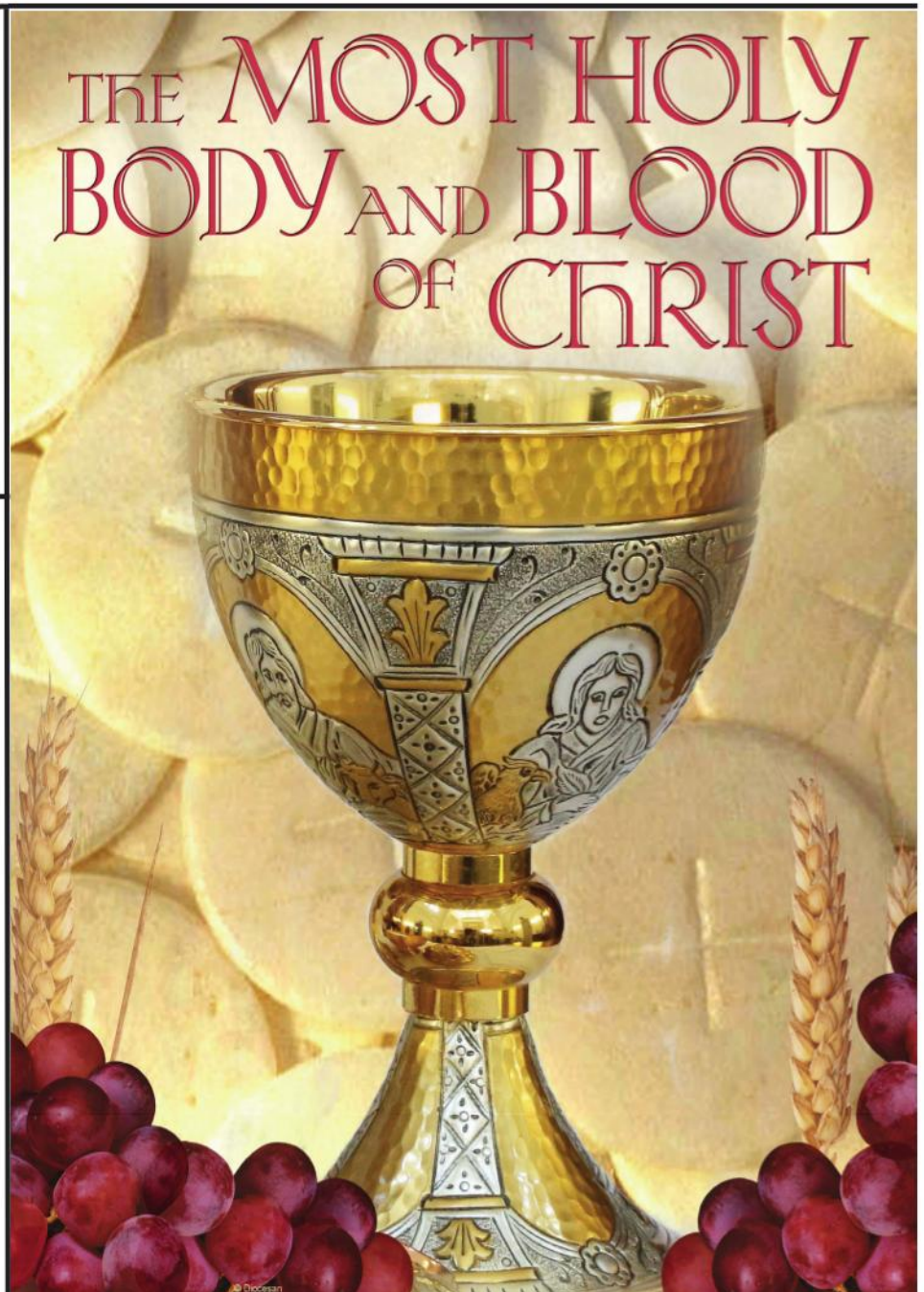
Joseph McEvoy: Pastoral Assistant

Michelle Kim-Painter: Music Director

Alfred Papino: Bookkeeper; Cantor,  
& Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office and  
Communications Manager



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023**



# TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

11 June 2023 | Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

Fr. Glenn | 24 April 2023



1. We begin today the **second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival**, which covers from June 11, 2023, until July 16, 2024. At this stage, the revival happens in the parishes, with the assistance of "Eucharistic missionaries" who are described as parish lay leaders that help in organizing and carrying out the revival at the parish level. As of this writing, however, we are still waiting for the playbook from the diocese that will give us the concrete steps to make during the parish revival. But even before the advent of this playbook, here in our parish, we have already been doing the following: Eucharistic adoration every Thursday after mass, more catechesis on the Eucharist through homilies and retreats, and revival of classic Eucharistic hymns for mass.

2. We celebrate today the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known as **Corpus Christi Sunday**. Weather permitting, we will publicly display our faith in the Eucharist by holding a procession of the Blessed Sacrament outside our church in one of our masses this weekend. To feed on Christ, our Living Bread, means not only being bonded to Christ and one another at the Eucharistic celebration, but also bringing our Living Bread to the streets. If we become what we eat, then every aspect of our lives should reflect that.



3. In today's **gospel** (John 6:51-58), Jesus tells those who were following him: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." But they did not understand. They thought that Jesus was advocating cannibalism. The response of Jesus is even more shocking: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." In other words, the fullness of life belongs to those who fully and actively experience Christ by partaking of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

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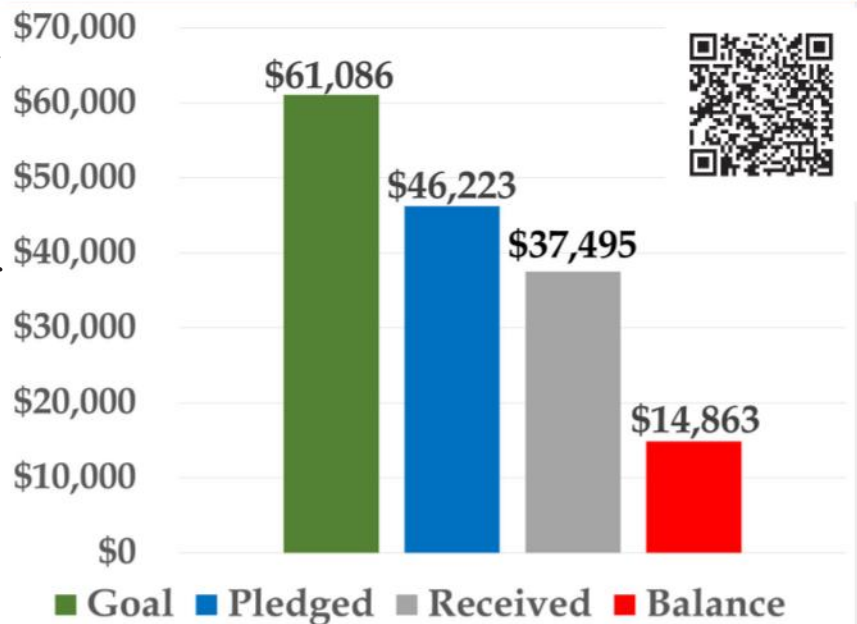
# CMA // SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY // OUR PARISH PRAYER

## Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA)- Update

**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 June 5, 2023, 231 pledges were made totaling \$46,223 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](http://givetoministry.dosp.org) or by scanning the QR code in the upper right corner of the graph.



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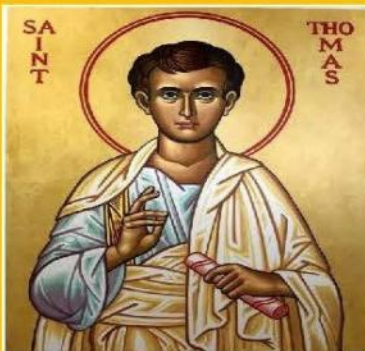
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<https://www.saintleo.edu/future-students>



### ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER

Gracious God, you have called us to be missionary disciples of Jesus, your Son. Grant that we, your loving sons and daughters, may become living witnesses to the gospel. Together as a parish family, we are committed to follow Christ's example by using our time, talent, and treasure in building up God's kingdom on earth. Through the intercession of our patron, St.

Thomas the Apostle, we humbly ask that you keep us steadfast in our faith, serene in our hope, and faithful in our love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, June 11

8:00 am: Mark Nehrbaas †

Requested by: List Family

10:30 am: Our Parish Family

#### Monday, June 12

8:00 am: Andrew J. Freeman †

Requested by: Loving Family

#### Tuesday, June 13

8:00 am: Donna Maria Franz †

Requested by: Gael Palumbo

#### Wednesday, June 14

8:00 am: Susan Glacken †

Requested by: Laurie Jo & Susan Brignola

#### Thursday, June 15

8:00 am: Jim Goldade †

Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Dalton

#### Friday, June 16

8:00 am: Mary Agnes Tansey †

Requested by: Loving Husband, Gene Tansey & Family

#### Saturday, June 17

4:30 pm: All Fathers &

Andrei Grunspan †

Requested by: Karen Robben

#### Sunday, June 18

8:00 am: All Fathers & Our Parish Family

10:30 am: All Fathers &

Bill Robben †

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

### DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

#### Sunday *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday *Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church* 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

#### Friday *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

#### Saturday *Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51

#### Sunday *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100: 1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8

### HURRICANE SEASON JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30 NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE!

#### ‘SAY A PRAYER’

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. ~ DOSP

For more information: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>  
(Click on Plan & Prepare)



### 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.

# ST. THOMAS MINISTRIES



St. Thomas the Apostle's Love More Ministry is pleased to have six (6) teams with an assigned team captain and anywhere from 8 to 15 volunteers per team. If you are interested in helping, please, contact Richard Kopicki at 352-476-9020. Rich will put you in contact with a Team Captain who needs help.

Once a month, one of the six teams (Teams A– F on rotation) prepares a meal to take to the shelter next to the Nature Coast Church on Rt. 19. Our team members feed the poor/homeless and help coordinate laundry & shower times.

The photographs below are from last month (Sunday, May 14) when Team B served at Love More Ministries. Rich Kopicki is the Team B Captain, and Jeanne Kopicki, Patti Damiano, Ann Marie Davis, Trish Grove, Terry Harrison, Charles Locasto, Anne Lunk, Pauline Papino, and Tina Smolski are volunteers on his team.

**"Team C," with Sandy Campise, Team Captain, serves at Love More Ministries today,  
Sunday, June 11, from 11:45 am to 2:30 pm.**

*"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full." ~ Proverbs 19:17 (NABRE)*



*In the Gospel today, we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ; let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished, and starving.*

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.**

In May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the Poor by assisting families and providing food. Our Food Pantry had 109 cases and distributed 3788 lbs. of food staples, paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene supplies to help 304 needy people within our parish boundary. We had 24 volunteers (9 stocking items and 15 distributing food) who worked 80.5 hours. Volunteers distributed other donated items: 1 pair of slippers, a kitty litter box, kitty litter, and bread and pastries.

The list below was prepared to give you suggestions on items that are in short supply on our Pantry shelves. We will continue to accept and appreciate all food items you kindly wish to donate.

**Pasta Sauce, Pasta Noodles, Rice, Mac and Cheese, Instant Potatoes,  
Coffee, Instant Coffee, Tea, Crackers, Snacks and Drinks, Powdered Milk and Evaporated Milk,  
Canned Fruit, Canned Meats, Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard,  
Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes,  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, and Napkins**

**The Food Collection will be next weekend on June 17 & 18.**

Because of your generosity, St Thomas the Apostle's Food Pantry continues to be a Beacon of Hope for many in our local area. We Thank You!!

*May God continue to bless you for giving from your heart.*



## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL // PRAYER FOR ANNA // VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### Have You Heard?

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING  
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING  
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



Corpus Christi Sunday also marks the beginning of the second phase of the ***National Eucharistic Revival***, where the focus is at the parish level. We will have a Eucharistic Procession at the end of the 8 a.m. Mass this Sunday, June 11, 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.

We recently received a “playbook” with suggested resources developed for those in leadership positions coming from the executive team for

the National Eucharistic Revival. Envisioned to inspire the faithful to enter more deeply into the Eucharistic Revival, the playbook is organized around the four pillars at the core of the revival, namely: **personal encounter with Christ, reinvigorating devotion, deepening formation, and missionary sending**. We are forming a team to unpack the contents of this playbook for implementation here in our parish. Stay tuned for more information!



**PRAYER FOR ANNA**

**ANNA**

Lord, grant Anna the  
forever home that she  
deserves and strongly  
desires.

Touch the hearts of her  
future family and give them  
courage and peace.



Be *Strong* and *Courageous*  
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
for the *Lord* your *God*  
will be with you wherever you go.  
~Joshua 1:9

**More information can be found at:  
[www.heartgallerytampa.org](http://www.heartgallerytampa.org)**

### 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Join the Fun!**

**JULY 17, 19 & 21**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Give your child an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, scripture, worship, and praise!

All children in our Faith Formation classes and their friends are invited to join us July 17, 19, and 21 (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The cost for all three days is \$30.00 and includes Bible study, crafts & skits, outside playtime, a light breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

**Please register no later than July 7, 2023.**

Please contact Robin Furciato at  
**[RobinF@mystthomas.org](mailto:RobinF@mystthomas.org)** or  
(352) 628-7000 for more information.



## 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!*




<b>Sunday, June 11:</b> <b>Collections: Catholic Ministry Appeal &amp; SVdP Money Collection</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am—2:30 pm	Mass - Procession Outside after 8 am Mass Only (weather permitting) Mass Love More Ministry - Team C Leader: Sandy Campise
<b>Monday, June 12</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study "The Psalms"
<b>Tuesday, June 13:</b>	8:45 am	Holy Face Devotion
<b>Wednesday, June 14: (Flag Day)</b>	6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Thursday, June 15:</b>  <b>NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival</b>	8:30 am—9:30 am 9:45 am 1:00 pm	Holy Hour of Adoration Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
<b>Saturday, June 17:</b>	8:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.	Communion Service Only Reconciliation
<b>Sunday, June 18: (Father's Day)</b> <b>Collections: Catholic School &amp; Camp &amp; SVdP Food Collection</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

**Monday, June 19:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday. It will re-open again on Tuesday, June 20 at 8:30 a.m.



### Citrus Teen Group

Ages 13-17



**Every Monday from 6:30pm to 8pm**

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**Facilitated by Leah Haefner, LPN, NAMI Board Member**





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