



# 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

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"What I say to you in the darkness,  
speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered,  
proclaim on the housetops."

-Matthew 10:27



**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023**



# TENDING GOD'S FLOCK



25 June 2023 | Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

1. In a prior TGF, Fr. Glenn mentioned, that as of Corpus Christi, we are in the 2nd year of the National Eucharistic Revival, where the focus is at the parish level. At our **annual planning meeting** on May 24, the pastoral staff spent time discussing what we could do to increase the understanding and reverence of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and grow in our faith. While some logistics need to be finalized, we are planning to celebrate Mass in the evening once a week; conduct an evening bible study; train and commission all of our liturgical ministers; continue and expand our Holy Hours; and more. We welcome your input! Please send me an e-mail at [KarenR@MyStThomas.org](mailto:KarenR@MyStThomas.org) if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer.

2. Did you know that the **church is open** Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for personal prayer time? Access to the church is available through the rear door, directly across from the entrance to the office, and you are always welcome to visit Jesus in the tabernacle - one of the great Catholic traditions. Jesus is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, and He is waiting for you to visit Him. It doesn't have to be a lengthy visit or include a formal prayer. In the words of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, "We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His Sacred Presence. That is the best prayer."

3. In today's **gospel** (Mt 10:26-33), we receive an invitation from Jesus to "speak in the light" and boldly proclaim his message. In these eight verses, Jesus tells us three times not to be afraid, as if to say, "do you hear me now?" Jesus wants to assure us that in whatever challenge we face, we should have fear of no one and nothing, except for the fear of God. Rather, we should remember that we are all precious to our heavenly Father, who knows us intimately and cares for us beyond measure.

Karen M. Robben | 5 June 2023

## Holy Father Peter's Pence Next Weekend (July 1st & 2nd) is the Peter's Pence collection.

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

~from [vatican.va/roman\\_curia/secretariat\\_state/obolo\\_spietro/documents/index\\_enhtm#com](http://vatican.va/roman_curia/secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/index_enhtm#com)

### Peter's Pence Collection *Colecta Peter's Pence*

Thank you for your generosity. To learn more about the Peter's Pence Collection, please visit [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).

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## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2023-2024

Registration is now open for the  
2023 - 2024

Youth Faith Formation Season.  
There will be a parent meeting on  
Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m.  
in St. Martin Hall.

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

## Experience the win-win-win of *stewardship*

Recently, we sent you an invitation to switch to online giving at our parish. If you already signed up for eGiving, I can't thank you enough. I'd like to share one final note on how eGiving positively impacts the call to stewardship for us all.

- It's a win for the parish. It helps save time and keeps everyone safe by not having to personally exchange cash or checks.
- It's a win for you. It allows you to share the gifts you have been blessed with while not having to remember an envelope, mail a gift, or scramble to find cash on hand.
- It's a win for the Kingdom of God. When you share your gifts with the parish, you enable us to continue our parish ministries.

Your help directly supports our ministries, liturgies, and outreach. I have continued gratitude for everything you do for our parish family. You are a gift and a blessing!

## ONLINE GIVING

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Online giving is an easy, safe, and secure way to support our parish!

To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit  
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*We are grateful for your support!*

## 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!

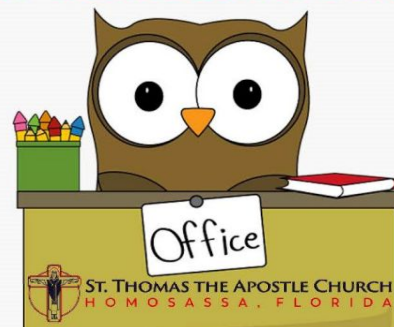
All children in our Faith Formation classes and their friends are invited to join us July 17, 19, and 21 (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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.

## WHOOO CAN VOLUNTEER AT OUR FRONT DESK?



**We're seeking a volunteer receptionist  
to assist in the parish office.**

**Training will be provided.**

**Please contact Karen Robben at  
352-628-7000 if you can help.**

**Thank You!**

## IN OUR PRAYERS // LOST & FOUND ITEM

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, June 25

**8:00 am: Edwin Male †**

Requested by: Wayne & Marcy Male

**10:30 am: Geraldine Luchok †**

Requested by: Carol Housteau

#### Monday, June 26

**8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Tully & Koczur Families †**

Requested by: Helen & Gene Koczur

#### Tuesday, June 27

**8:00 am: Amanda Burkey †**

Requested by: The Bodenmillers

#### Wednesday, June 28

**8:00 am: Fran Frankenberger †**

Requested by: The Divine Will Prayer Group

#### Thursday, June 29

**8:00 am: Joan Louise Marcus †**

Requested by: Rich & Jeanne Kopicki

#### Friday, June 30

**8:00 am: Michael Schabek †**

Requested by: Dave Deso

#### Saturday, July 1 (First Saturday)

**8:00 am: Gary Lawyer †**

Requested by: Shirley & Chuck Benninger

**4:30 pm: Dolores Mottle †**

Requested by: Laurie Jo & Susan Brignola

#### Sunday, July 2

**8:00 am: Parish Family**

**10:30 am: Antonio Del Nero †**

Requested: Helen Del Nero

### DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

#### Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Monday Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1: 11-20; Jn 21: 15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday Memorial of the First martyrs of the Church of Rome

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:36-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

#### Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

### St. Thomas Lost & Found Notice

Have you lost your Sugarmill Woods mailbox key? If so, please stop by the parish office or call Robin at 352-628-7000 during business hours (Monday– Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) to claim the one found on our church campus.



### **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, and our Website Prayer Requests.

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

## SEPT. BIBLE STUDY // RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK // ST. LEO UNIV.



### 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 begins at 10:00 a.m. and last about 1.5 hours per session. 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.



### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK : PRAY—REFLECT—ACT

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Religious Freedom Week began June 22, on the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher. This week, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. Below are a few of this week's intentions. For more information on this week's Pray-Reflect-Act intentions, go to: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>.

~ Religious Freedom Week | USCCB and submitted by the St. Thomas Respect Life Ministry



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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>

# 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.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau\\_of\\_support\\_operations/emergency\\_operations.php](http://www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau_of_support_operations/emergency_operations.php)

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

For More Information: Visit [www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season](http://www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season)



## EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // FIRST SATURDAY // BISHOP PARKES

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

The church is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for personal prayer time. Access to the church is available through the rear door, directly across from the entrance to the office.

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



Sunday, June 25:	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass
Monday, June 26:	10:00 am	Bible Study (The Psalms)
Tuesday, June 27:	8:45 am	Holy Face Devotion
Thursday, June 29:	8:30 am—9:30 am 9:45 am 1:00 pm	Holy Hour of Adoration Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
Saturday, July 1:	8:00 am 9:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.	First Saturday Mass followed by Confession and First Saturday Rosary in the Meditation Garden (see below) Reconciliation
Sunday, July 2: Collections: Holy Father Peter's Pence & Pregnancy & Family Life	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass (Bishop Parkes - see below)

### First Saturday Mass

will be celebrated Saturday, July 1, at 8:00 a.m.  
Following Mass, at 8:30 a.m., confessions will be heard  
then at 9:00 a.m., the *Respect Life Ministry* will lead us in praying  
the **Respect Life Rosary** in the meditation garden.



### Celebrate Mass with Bishop Parkes

The Most Reverend Bishop Gregory Parkes is coming to our parish on Sunday, July 2, to celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Rev. Ralph F. D'Elia III, Priest Secretary to Bishop Parkes and Chaplain of St. Petersburg Catholic High School, will also join us. The Mass will be concelebrated by Fr. Glenn and Msgr. Joe, and assisted by Deacon Mark.



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