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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
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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



13th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow
after me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:38

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Christ Leading the Apostles to Mount Tabor, by Lorenzo Lotto, 1512

SUNDAY, July 2, 2023



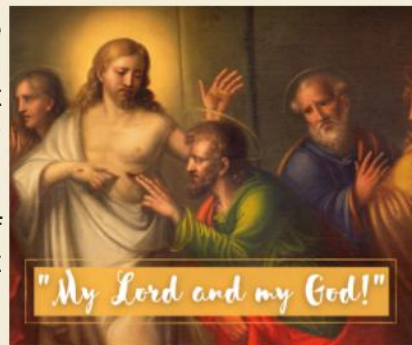
TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

2 July 2023 | 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A



1. **Welcome, Bishop Parkes! Bishop Gregory Parkes** is presiding at the 10:30 am mass today (July 2nd). This is his third visit to our parish since he became bishop of St. Petersburg. His first visit was back on December 16, 2018. We asked Bishop Parkes then to plant a cypress tree to mark the occasion. His second visit was back on August 9, 2020, when I was installed as pastor in this parish. After the mass, Bishop Parkes will bless the marble statue of St. Joseph outside our church.

2. Tomorrow, July 3rd, is the feast day of our patron, **St. Thomas the Apostle**. History has not always been kind to him. People refer to him as "the doubting Thomas." But if we're honest about it, we have to admit that sometimes we also demand signs. Perhaps we are not among the blessed ones who have not seen and yet believe. That is why Jesus has to help us by appearing to us so that we can touch his wounds and believe. When we confront our own sinfulness through the sacrament of penance, we are also given the chance to touch the wounds of Christ and experience reconciliation. And then, like St. Thomas, we too can make boldly our own profession of faith: "My Lord and my God."



3. What ties up our First Reading to our gospel reading today is the theme of **hospitality**. Hospitality is at the heart of the Old and the New Testaments. In the bible, we find God welcoming the sinners, the outcasts, and the strangers into his loving embrace. As Christians, we are called to be welcoming and hospitable even to those who are outsiders and strangers. As Christians, we are called to make room for God and for one another. Here at St. Thomas, we strive to welcome everyone, parishioners and visitors alike, wherever one may find himself in his faith journey. As St. Paul tells us: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7).

Fr Glenn | 22 May 2023

JULY CELEBRATIONS



Fr. Glenn and the entire St. Thomas Pastoral Staff wish much happiness, joy, and congratulations to all our parishioners enjoying a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, and/or the Birth of a Baby/Grandbaby this month.

May God bless you with His infinite love, comforting peace, and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory of those who declared life
and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work
begun long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human
solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that
belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

— from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

Happy 4th
of July!



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
RobinF@mystthomas.org
or (352) 628-7000
for more information.



In today's Gospel, hear Jesus tell us:
"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box Collection next weekend can make a significant difference in the lives of the less fortunate, allowing them to experience God's love.

Our parishioners' generous support has enabled the St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Society to help many people in need.

From May 21 through June 24, the SVdP Visitation Case Workers received 73 calls, had 29 cases, served 66 people, and distributed 242 pounds of Pantry food. Additionally, they made 29 home visits, and a total of \$3274.55 was spent on lodging, utilities, food, clothing, etc. The SVdP Teams donated 186 hours and traveled 753 miles in service to the needy.

If you know someone who needs help, please tell them to call us at 352-628-3366.

SVdP needs of more volunteers to do home visits or help with money and food collections. We welcome all interested parishioners to join us for our first and third Wednesday of the month meetings at 4:30 pm in St. Martin's Hall or call Bill at 352-232-1071 or Pauline at 401-241-9404.

The next SVdP meeting is Wednesday, July 5, at 4:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

The SVdP Money collection will occur next weekend, July 8 & 9, and the Food Collection will follow on July 15 & 16.

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!

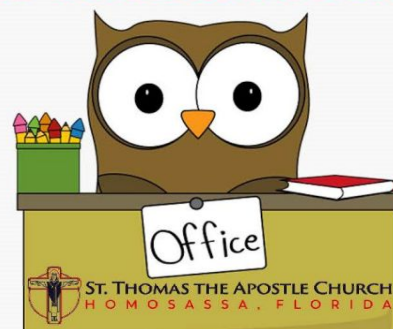
All children in our Faith Formation classes and their friends are invited to join us July 17, 19, and 21 (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 2

8:00 am: Parish Family

10:30 am: Antonio Del Nero †

Requested: Helen Del Nero

Monday, July 3: Feast of St. Thomas

8:00 am: Louise & Joseph Smith †

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day

8:00 am: Mary Jane Edge-Horton †

Requested by: Karen Ballaban

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 am: Alaina McDowell †

Requested by: Bill & Kathy

Thursday, July 6

8:00 am: Christopher Morrow †

Requested by: Loving Family

Friday, July 7

8:00 am: Nick & Ann Frustaci †

Requested by: Loving Family, The Pumas

Saturday, July 8

4:30 pm: John & Vivian Mussulli †

Requested by: David & Tina Maffia

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am: Joseph Cioppa

Requested by: Cindy Kessler

10:30 am: Parish Family

DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

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

Monday

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

**Memorial of Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Pope,
and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

**Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and
Martyr**

Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a,
4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom
8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



The Bread & Wine
for the 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass
are donated



in loving memory of
Ernest & Irene Guades †

By: Ed & Frances Gaudes



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 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, Neill Aiken, and our Website Prayer Requests.

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

PETER'S PENCE // CATHOLIC MEDIA AWARD // ST. LEO UNIV.

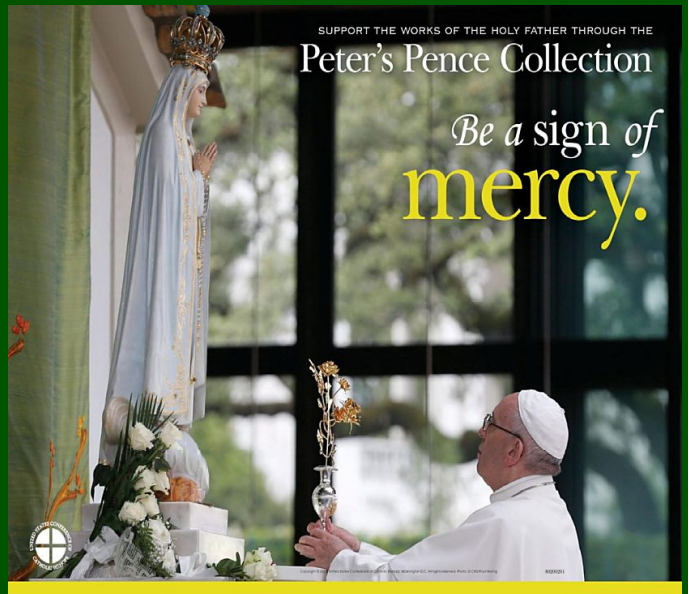
Holy Father Peter's Pence

This 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

Your generosity is appreciated.



Congratulations Bishop Parkes!

Bishop Gregory Parkes was recognized by the Catholic Media Association as having an outstanding Facebook presence. He received an award in the Category of "Best Facebook Account by a Diocesan Bishop" and he ranked second place nationally. The award was announced online during the Catholic Media Conference on June 9, 2023, in Baltimore.

Be sure to follow @BishopParkes on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

Saint Leo University is ranked one of the best universities in Florida. The University offers an unparalleled liberal arts education grounded in rich Catholic traditions. More than 1,800 Saint Leo students live and study at the beautiful lakeside campus in east Pasco County.

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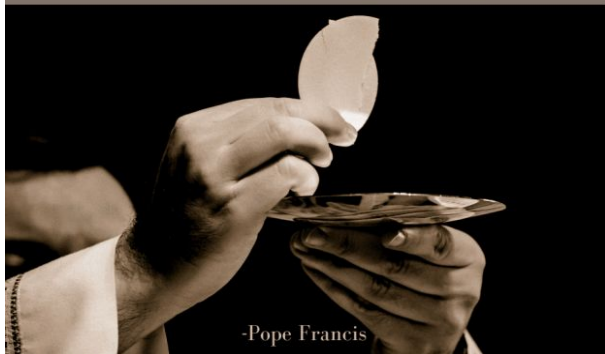


Father's Day Offering 2023

In Memory Of: All fathers, Calvin J. Doran, Matt Paleczny, Leo Ducharme, Walter Kopicki, Raymond A. Huffman, Joseph P. DeGiacomo, Marvin Klein, Walter Piorkowski, Joseph Parisi, Kevin Watson, Robert Watson, John Burns, Emil Brignola, Jr., Jim Mawhinney, Earl J. Smith, Robert Tennity, James Maffia, Ernest Courteau, Louis Barbieri, Edward Kirkland, Ken Jeffres, Sr., Lynn Jeffres, James J. Tremblay, Peter Fylak, Sr., Colin J. Menzies, Leo Blais, John T. Cardillo, Elio Chicca, Roy Hylla, Mike Koczur, Joseph Koczur, Bernard Tully, Jr. & Sr., John Hewitt, Angel Vera, Felix Faulmino, Benjamin Llagass, Michael Piasta, Anthony Gutowski, Karl Iwaszkiewicz, Jacob Piasta, Francis Bowman, Leo Potoski, Charles Wren, Francis Fornabio, Bert Mikula, Jacob Zembal, Fr. Vernon Malley O. Carm, Steve Manko, Donald Sydejko, James Patrick Dougan, Thomas Eberhart, Joseph Vincent Prefer, Eric Riches, Kenneth Roby, Oscar Carder, Bill Metzger, Art Langione, Matt Roberts, Andrew Laurie, Sr., Robert McCue, John Dougherty, Gene Heymans, Jr., Alonzo Vallier, Russell Asklund, Hubert O'Neil, Nathan Hall, Sr., Charles E. Walker, Charles Miller, Ross Frisbie, Antonio Perez, Roland Aberle, Balbino Auditor, John Cummings, Dale Frederickson, William Schultz, Fred O'Hara, Patrick McArdle, Andrew Laurie, Sr., Art Sgroi, Paul Demianczyk, Joseph Kwiecienski, Primo Bachiochi, John Oechsner, John Oechsner, Jr., Victor Closi, Steve Yelich, Andrei Grunspan, Bill Robben, Frederick Robben, Joseph Smith, Jerry Allard, Chester Burczycki, Gilbert Burczycki, Walter Burczycki, Emile Allard, Vincent Gach, Leonard Kopitzke, Frank Dzbanski, Stanley Burczycki, Sr., Joseph Pasieka, Ephrem Allard, Julius Dzbanski, Shikrey Rehal, John Bressar, James Varano, Joseph Parisi, Gaspar Ingui, Frank Ingui, James F. Casey, John Parisi, Winfred Wolf, Michael Joseph Gorman, James Lorevin, Ross Frustaci, Nick Frustaci, Benny Puma, Jack Puma, Charles C. Sheridan, William H. Sheridan, Adam Schneider, Joseph Schneider, Patrick Tighe, John Gerbino, Peter Bucceroni, Joseph Jablonsky, Leo Simon, Wayne Martin, Harold Soares, Jesse Martin, Leonard Soares, Aurel Allain, William Horan, John McKeon, Martin Laffey, James J. Tremblay, Alberino Carcone, Mario Turgati, Gus Smith, James Cribb, Nick Martelli, Paul Pavlak, Michael J. Morga, Charles Mancuso, Isadore Pifker, Sam Scime, Joseph S. Kieras, Raymond Hiles, Armando DiGennaro, Victor A. DeWeaver, Henry Oleszczok, Joseph B. Davis, Benjamin Mondares, Thomas Erana, Glicerio Pepito, Clem Wolak, John Kasperski, Monserrate Rodriguex Velez, Anthony Cianciolo, George McDonald, Thomas Chesky, Aldred Alvarez, George Klein, Joseph Olayos, Anthony Giardina, Paul Cavanaugh, Robert Anderson, Joseph Calzaretta, Bill Robben, Joe Smith, Walter Robben, Michael LaPella, Frank Dooling, James F. Sweeney, Sr., Joseph Kurek, James Doherty, Dante Abbene, Ernest Gaudes, Len Pellegrom, Karol Klumas, Joseph Pafchek, Sr., Robert Pafchek, Sr., Michael Lelko, Michael Blisco, Michael Goske, Andrew Koch, John Klumas, Sr., Stephen Klumas, Gasper Bodego, John Nardone, August J. Pirrone, Joseph DeLuca, Robert Drozdowski, George H. Carlson, George S. Carlson, James Hromnak, Scott Litzenburg, Leighton Nickerson, John Reina, George Szucsik, Philip Breimayer

In Honor Of: All fathers, Virgilio Diaz, Sr., Raymond F. Huffman, Peter Fylak, Jr., Charles Kalbfell, Joseph V. Prefer, Andrew Laurie, Jr., Arthur Frisbie, Anthony Chirumbolo, Kevin Laurie, Andrew Laurie, III, Walter Kopicki, Edward A. Smolski, John Toden, Fr. Glenn, Msgr. Joe, Robert Puma, Sal Lammantia, Frank Montalbani, Michael Puma, John Puma, John Chaplin, Charles J. Sheridan, Robert Pennamacook, Ken Kasperski, Ralph Koplar, Michael Kurek, Robert Pafchek, Jr., William Terreault, Arthur Frisbie, Ray Reid, David Pullen

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



-Pope Francis

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: a Eucharistic Life

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Please join us at St. Thomas the Apostle for Eucharistic Adoration on **First Friday, July 7** from 8:30 am—Noon.

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a Holy Hour from 11 am-Noon.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



NAME TAG SUNDAY // EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // BAPTISM

Hello there!

Today is Name Tag Sunday, and we would appreciate your participation in filling out a name tag. By doing so, we can address each other by name and foster a friendly and inviting atmosphere.

Thank you for your cooperation.



hello
My name is

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.

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, July 2: Collections: Holy Father Peter's Pence & Pregnancy & Family Life	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass (Bishop Parkes)
Monday, July 3: Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle	8:00 am	Mass
 Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day Parish Office is Closed.	8:00 am 8:45 am	Mass Holy Face Devotion
Wednesday, July 5:	8:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm	Most Precious Blood Votive Mass Respect Life Meeting SVdP Meeting
Thursday, July 6:	8:45 am 1:00 pm	Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
Friday, July 7: First Friday	8:30 am—Noon 11:00 am—Noon	First Friday Adoration KofC Holy Hour  NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival
Saturday, July 8:	8:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt. 4:30 pm	Communion Only Service Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sunday, July 9: Collections: Parish Building Fund and SVdP Money Collection	8:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am - 2:30 pm	Mass Mass Love More Ministry: Team D Cindy Russo Team Captain



Giatta Dupler will be baptized at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Sunday, July 9th at 12:00 p.m.



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Dolfi Herscovici, D.O. - Foot/Ankle
Korey Yngstrom, D.O. - Hip/Trauma
Kenton Panas, M.D. - Sports Fellowship Shoulder
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