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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

Robin Furciato: Coord. of Religious Ed.

David Martin: Custodian

Joseph McEvoy: Pastoral Assistant

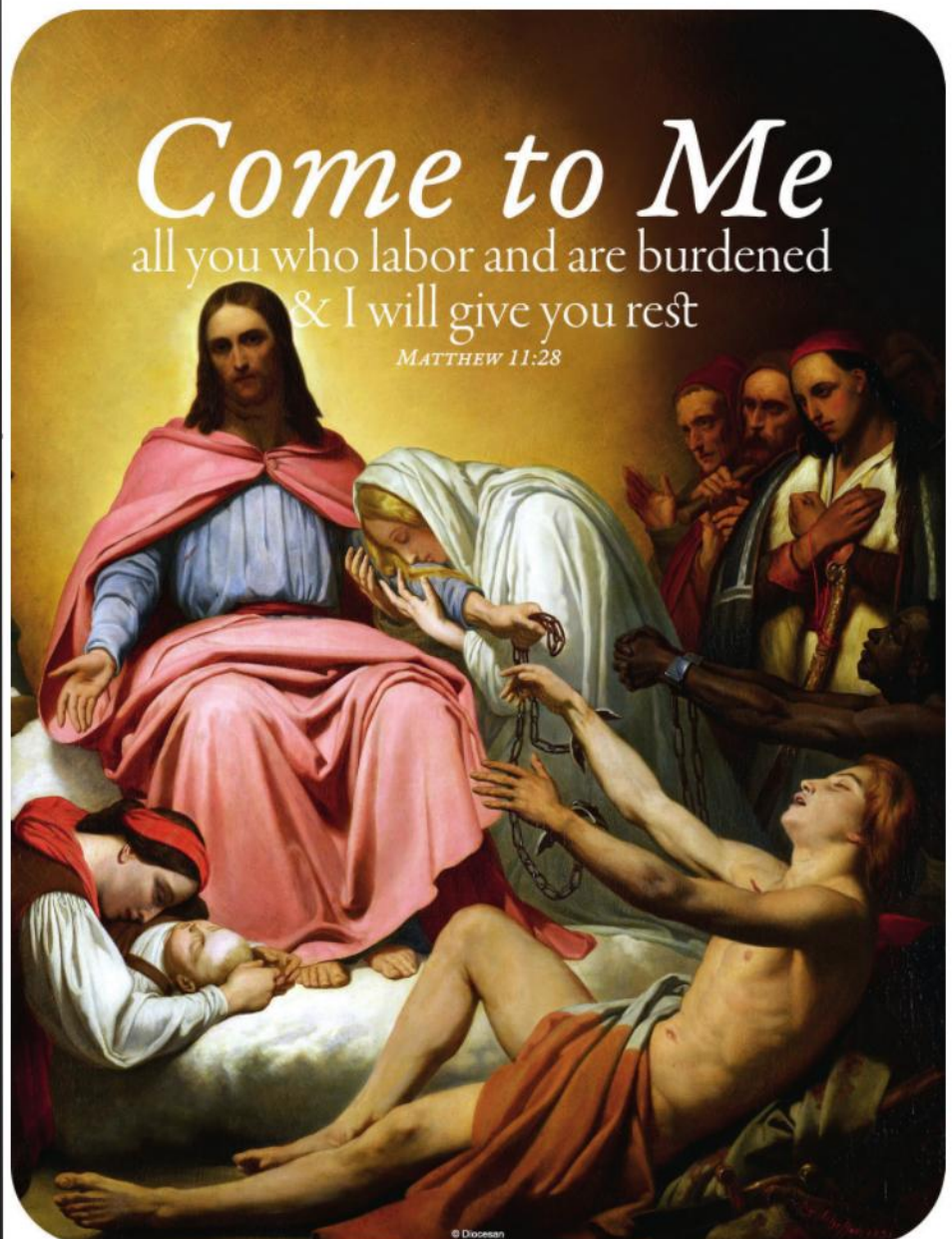
Michelle Kim-Painter: Music Director

Alfred Papino: Bookkeeper; Cantor,
& Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office and
Communications Manager

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023



TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

9 July 2023 | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



1. **CMA at work:** The 18-unit St. Benedict Apartments in Crystal River are finally ready for occupancy. Under Catholic Charities' Shelter of Hope initiative, the Diocese of St. Peterburg has built affordable, income-based rental apartments for individuals and families in various parts of the diocese. Located at 6753 W Gulf to Lake Highway (Crystal River), this is the first Shelters of Hope housing project in Citrus County. Grand opening is set for July 11 (Tuesday), with Bishop Gregory Parkes attending. These Shelters of Hope are just one of the many projects that our diocese is doing using the contributions we donate to the Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA). Thank you for your continued support.

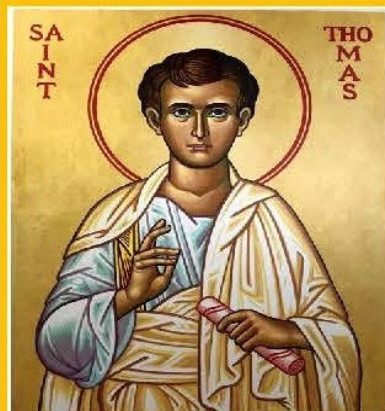
2. Last June 11th, Corpus Christi Sunday, we began the second and most critical phase of the National Eucharistic Revival (NER). This phase is focused on revival in the parish level. For this reason, we have started some **initiatives** to foster eucharistic revival in our parish. Ongoing NER initiatives: Holy Hour every Thursday (8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.); missions and retreats focused on the Eucharist; Eucharistic processions. Starting in September, we are offering an evening mass during the week for those unable to attend the morning mass. If this gains some traction, then we will offer more evening activities, such as bible study, adoration, etc.

3. In today's **gospel** (Matthew 11:25-30), Jesus invites us: "Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Life could get burdensome at times. Whatever type of burden we carry, Jesus assures us that we are never alone, for he walks with us, and he shares our burdens. Following the example of Jesus, we have to help one another in carrying our burdens in life. In Jesus, we have a God who shares our yoke. In Jesus, we have a God who is meek and humble of heart. In Jesus, we have a God who invites us to find rest in him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."



Fr Glenn | 4 June 2023



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.

LPMI // PRAYER FOR ANNA // CMA



On June 20, 2023, eight Catholics were commissioned as lay ecclesial ministers during a Commissioning Ceremony and Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle led by Bishop Emeritus Robert Lynch. Among these individuals is our own Joseph McEvoy, who is now a graduate of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute, a four-year formation program of the Diocese of St. Petersburg that empowers laity to learn about and share their personal gifts with their parishes.

During the Commissioning Ceremony Bishop Emeritus Lynch said, "The wounded and the hurting are all around us, and they abound. But tonight, Christ the healer receives new helpers, new nurses, new physicians."

LPMI graduates are each assigned an end-of-class project focused on a parish need. This project is more than just a small work of service. It is designed to challenge each member to follow the Divine Will of God in doing what He calls them to do at their parish, whatever it may be. For Joe, it is establishing the RCIA program that is now active here at our parish.

Congratulations, Joe! May God prosper the work of your hands. Psalm 90:17

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute is funded through your gifts to the Catholic Ministry Appeal. If you are interested in attending the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute, please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Glenn.



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.



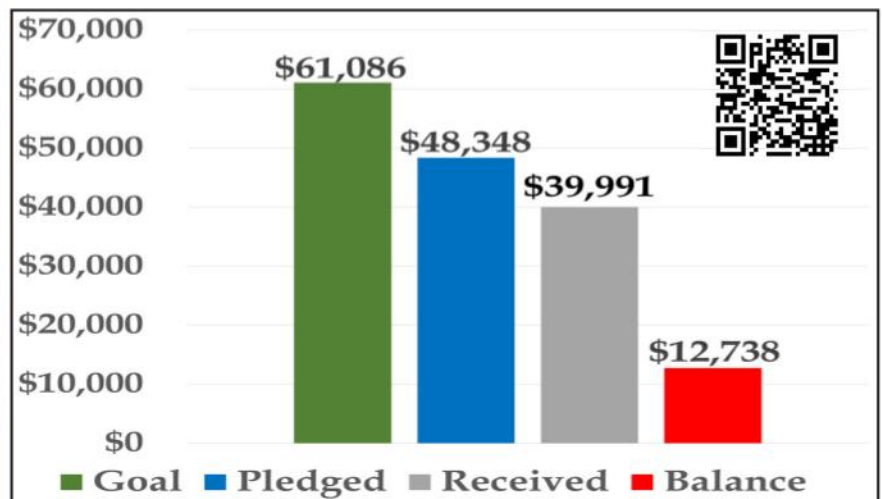
Be *Strong and Courageous*
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the *Lord* your *God*
will be with you wherever you go.
~Joshua 1:9

More information can be found at:
www.heartgallerytampa.org

Thank You! to everyone who pledged or made a donation to our **2023 Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA)**. 100% of the donations received support the ministries of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

As of June 26, 2023, 234 pledges were made totaling \$48,348 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://visiting.givetoministry.dosp.org) or by scanning the QR code in the upper right corner of the graph.



IN OUR PRAYERS & HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am: 8:00 am: Joseph Cioppa
Requested by: Cindy Kessler

10:30 am: Parish Family

Monday, July 10

8:00 am: John G. Emanuele †
Requested by: Rosalie Emanuele

Tuesday, July 11

8:00 am: Sheridan & Tighe Families
Requested by: Charles J. Sheridan

Wednesday, July 12

8:00 am: Fran Frankenberger †
Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

Thursday, July 13

8:00 am: Daly Family
Requested by: Pat Daly

Friday, July 14

**8:00 am: Departed members of the
Suson—Tarmowski Families †**
Requested by: Beth & Joe Tarnowski

Saturday, July 15

4:30 pm: Parish Family

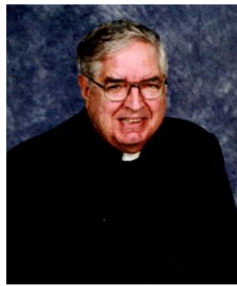
Sunday, July 16

**8:00 am: Kathi Warrington †,
Richard & Bonnie Ludwig †**
Requested by: Their Family,
the Windmillers

10:30 am: Dante' Abbene †
Requested by: Frances Gaudes

DAILY READINGS, SAINTS, & OBSERVANCES

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
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a; 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Henry Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9



**Fr. Glenn, St. Thomas's
Pastoral Staff, and the St.
Thomas Parish Family wish
Msgr. Joe,
a very Happy & Blessed
Birthday
this Thursday, July 13th!**

Happy Birthday, Msgr. Joe.



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.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Below are photographs from the 8:00 a.m. Mass celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Eucharistic procession that occurred outside after the Mass on June 11, 2023.

Fr. Glenn, Deacon Mark, with the assistance of servers and members of the Knights of Columbus, council 15154, and invited parishioners/guests, participated in a Eucharistic procession. It started just outside our church's main entrance, including a stop at the street entrance to our church on Suncoast Blvd. (Route 19) and concluded back inside our church.

The photographs below were kindly provided by Imre Beke. Thank you! More photographs can be found on our parish website: www.MyStThomas.org; click on "About" then "Photo Albums," and you will find an Album called "Feast of Corpus Christi".



ST. THOMAS YFF // ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD COLLECTION

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, we hear Jesus say: ***"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."***

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.

Due to the significant increase of the less fortunate seeking help we find that our Food Pantry shelves are running low.

The list below was prepared to give you suggestions on items that are in short supply. 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, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Salad Dressing, Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard,
Pancake Mix, Syrup,
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 July 15 & 16.

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.

SVdP needs 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 p.m. in St. Martin's Hall or call Bill at 727-230-1883 or Pauline at 401-241-9404.

The next SVdP meeting is Wednesday, July 19, at 4:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

LAST CALL

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 contact Robin Furciato at
RobinF@mystthomas.org or
(352) 628-7000 for more information.





EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // BAPTISM // ONLINE GIVING

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 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
Monday, July 10:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday, July 11:	8:00 am 8:45 am	Mass Holy Face Devotion
Wednesday, July 12:	6:00 pm 	The Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, July 13:  NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival	8:30 am—9:30 am 9:45 am 1:00 pm	Holy Hour Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
Friday, July 14:	8:00 am	Mass
Saturday, July 15:	8:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt. 4:30 pm	Communion Only Service Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sunday, July 16: Collections: Catholic Ministry Appeal and SVdP Food Collection	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass



Giatta Dupler will be baptized today at 12:00 p.m.

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