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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: Business Manager

Robert Adams: Maintenance

Steve Balcom: 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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Here I am, send me



The celebration of World Mission Day is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.
~Pope Francis

OCTOBER 22, 2023



TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

22 October 2023 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



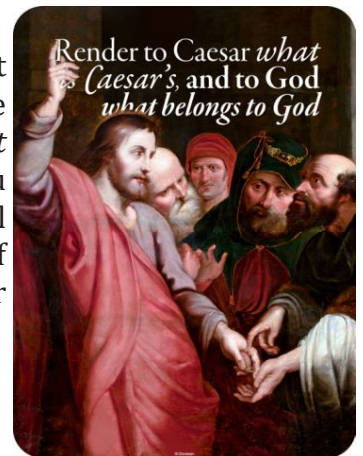
1. **Pope St. John Paul II** made an Apostolic Journey to the United States on October 4 - 9, 1995, with an itinerary that included Newark, Brooklyn, Yonkers, and Baltimore. The final stop on his very busy last day of the journey was to greet the seminarians at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. The Pope was greeting the seminarians when he decided to make an unplanned visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

2. The **security personnel** now had to check this building to ensure it was safe for the Pope to enter. So with their highly trained dogs, they swept the building paying close attention to the chapel where the Pope would be praying. These dogs were trained to locate survivors in collapsed buildings after earthquakes and other disasters. They went through the halls, offices, and classrooms before eventually being sent to the chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was.



3. Upon reaching the tabernacle, the dogs sniffed, whined, and refused to leave, their attention riveted on the tabernacle. The dog in the photo was trained to identify life after earthquakes. His posture and staying fixed as seen in the image is the posture that tells the rescuer that **there is life**. This dog was convinced that he discovered someone alive. And of course, we know that he did: the dog found the Real Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. Let us remember this reality each time we receive the Eucharist. (My thanks to Joan Wahl for sharing this story with me.)

4. In today's gospel (**Mt 22:15-21**), we find the Pharisees plotting against Jesus, trying to find fault with his teachings, and entrap him. We hear the familiar phrase, "*Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*" Giving a coin to Caesar is relatively easy, but how do you repay God? Each of us belongs to God, from the moment of conception until death. Our life's journey should be one in which we repay God for this gift of life that he has entrusted to us. That repayment comes in the form of love. For love can only be repaid with love: love of God and love of neighbor.



Karen Robben | 13 September 2023

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We are grateful for your support!

PARISH DINNER DANCE



12th Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Dinner Dance



All are invited to attend!

Where: **West Citrus Elks Lodge #2693**
7890 Grover Cleveland
Homosassa, FL 34446

When: **Saturday, November 18, 2023,** Doors open at 5:00 pm
Cocktails & appetizers 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Dancing 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Entertainment by DJ Fred Campbell

Choice of Entrée: Sliced Roast Beef with Gravy
Chicken Cordon Blu with Mornay Sauce.
Baked Haddock with herbed butter.
All entrees include Rolls & butter, house salad, potato, vegetable, and dessert,
Coffee, Tea, or soft drink

Cocktails, Beer, and Wine available at additional cost

Cost: \$ 50.00 per person

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Toys for Tots Kick off!
Bring a toy and receive a raffle ticket for the gift baskets!

For tickets or additional information contact:

Joseph McEvoy, GK (248) 388-0142 or kofc15154@gmail.com

All seats are reserved. Tables will have 8 people. List the name of the person attending and the Host's name at whose table you wish to be seated with, or you will be assigned a random seat.

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MASS INTENTIONS // DAILY READINGS // IN OUR PRAYERS // INVITE

Sunday, October 22

8:00 am: Parish Family

10:30 am: Fr. Franco

Requested by: Olivia Bruce Kosling

Monday, October 23

8:00 am: Lenny Schmitz †

Requested by: Joseph McEvoy

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 am: Al Plante †

Requested by: The Divine Will Cenacle

Wednesday, October 25

8:00 am: The Robben Family Living & Deceased

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

Thursday, October 26

8:00 am: Intentions of Mary Lou Robben

Requested by: Karen Robben

Friday, October 27

8:00 am: Christopher St. Pierre †

Requested by: Ruthann Pullen

Saturday, October 28

4:30 pm:

Dorothy & Jim Adams

62nd Wedding Anniversary

Requested by: Jim Adams



The Bread & Wine & Flowers
are donated by

Dorothy & Jim Adams

in celebration of their
62nd Wedding Anniversary



Sunday, October 29

8:00 am: Mary Seymour †

Requested by: Laurie Jo & Susan Brignola

10:30 am: Parish Family

Sunday

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;

1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Monday

Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;

Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;

Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;

Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;

1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

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

Karl Wolf, Ethan Grayshan, Virginia Kanis, Scott Klaben, Kerrie Schmidt, Mike Jablonsky, Skip Guss, Stephanie St. Clair, Mary Ann DeSimone, Charles Terreault, Christine Gicola, Elizabeth Dostal, Anthony Cimorelli, Norma Galvin, Wendell Miller, Joseph Hertrich, Michelle LaGreca, Sutton Hotard, Charles Harvey, Betty Parker, David Cheevers, Joseph & Gail Carey, Deacon Vince Small, Raymond Huffman, Wade Wolfe, Tony Caposieno, Samantha Wasley, Don Harnett, 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 & Lorraine Kwiecienski, Sandy Marecki, Linda DeWitt, Neill Aiken, Peg Laurie, Sheyna Clements, Sandra Boros, Edward & Rusty Ryal, Maria Casey, Fred Di Battista, Tonya Leigh & Family, Evelyn Sweeny, Kevin Watson, Ron Zasada, Audrey Shetton, Fr. Robert Pesarchick, Mariann De Pue, John Chaplin, Maria Casey, Barnara Diaz, Robert Adams, Glenn Hultgren, Carl Campise, Terry Brausch, Imre Beke Sr., Dayl Kohorst, and our Website Prayer Requests.

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

FFRA Haunted Forest Drive-Thru



Date: Fri. Oct 27 & Sat. Oct 28
Time: 7:00PM to 10:00PM
Price: \$20 Per Car, Truck or Van



Public votes for Best Scary Stops. One Vote/Vehicle.
Top Prize is \$500, 2nd is \$300 and 3rd is \$200 for their club or charity.

Come and enjoy a COVID-safe, drive-through Haunted Forest experience, hosted by FFRA and featuring many distinct and unique Scary Stops designed to bring you a Halloween treat from the safety of your car or truck! Bring a vehicle or hay-wagon load of kids and adults to be frightened beyond belief! Drive through at your leisure and be amazed at the scary creatures and un-usual active Halloween scenes! Vote for the Best and enjoy treats at Exit!

ROUTE LOCATION (East of Howard's Flea Market):

From US 19, drive East on W. Cardinal St., turn Left on S. Lewdingar Dr., drive approx. 1 mile, then turn Left at W. Barbara Ann Ln. Follow signs.



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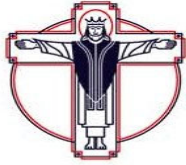


For Details, contact Robert DeSimone—352-501-9107 or iam4mentoring@aol.com

YOU PICK THE PRIZE RAFFLE

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2023 YOU PICK THE PRIZE RAFFLE



The winner will be drawn during the
10:30 a.m. Mass on
Sunday, December 17, 2023.

Need not be present to win.

YOU PICK THE PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET

Return this portion.

Donation Amount (circle): \$30 \$20 \$10 or \$_____

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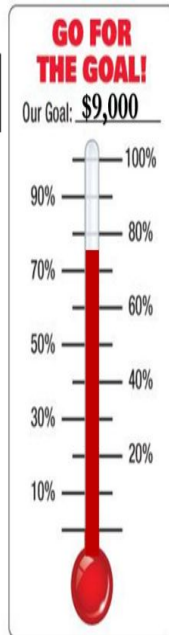
(Maximum of \$30 per ticket)

YOU PICK the PRIZE RAFFLE

This year's goal is \$9,000
for parking lot improvements.

★ \$6,705.00 ★ Entries 334

One lucky winner will be drawn
at random during the 10:30 AM
Mass Sunday, December 17!



Join our fourth annual "You Pick the Prize Raffle"!

Here's how it works: Your donation amount directly correlates with your potential prize percentage – a \$30 donation gets you 30% of the total pot, \$25 gets you 25%, \$10 for 10%, and \$5 for 5%. Your family and friends are also welcome to participate.

Participation is easy – complete the ticket & return it with your donation. You can pay by cash, check (made out to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with "raffle" in the memo), or credit card.

Drop your entry in the collection basket at Mass, or mail it to the parish office. Obtain more tickets in our parish office or from our weekly bulletin.

You can also participate online at
give.mystthomas.org/give and select
"You Pick the Prize Raffle" from the dropdown.

WOMEN'S GUILD FLEA MARKET



Women's Guild's 6th Annual Flea Market Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9 AM to 2 PM

We look forward to seeing you whether you buy or sell.
Please come and support our Women's Guild.

If you are selling, please bring your own table to display your
unwanted treasures.

A \$15 donation is requested for each space occupied.
Payment can be made on or before November 18th.

Contact Info: Brenda Jeffres thejeffres@gmail.com 352-422-7755

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to join this important ministry,
please call our parish office or email Brenda Jeffres.
Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd. Wednesday at 11:00 am.



EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // TRUNK OR TREAT


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 parish office.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.

Together We Pray!



Sunday, October 22: Collection: World Mission Sunday	8:00 am 9:00 am—10:15 am 10:30 am	Mass Youth Faith Formation Class Mass
Monday, October 23:	8:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass RCIA Meeting: St. Martin's Hall
Tuesday, October 24:	8:00 am 8:45 am 5:00 pm	Mass Holy Face Devotion COR Program: St. Martin's Hall
Wednesday, October 25:	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday, October 26:  NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival	8:00 am 8:30 am—9:30 am 9:45 am 1:00 pm	Mass Holy Hour Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting :St. Martin's Hall
Friday, October 27:	8:00 am	Mass
Saturday, October 28:	8:00 am Noon—2:00 pm 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt. 4:30 pm	Communion Only Service Trunk or Treat: Church Parking Lot Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sunday, October 29:	8:00 am 9:00 am—10:15 am 10:30 am	Mass Youth Faith Formation Class Mass

St. Thomas is hosting our third annual TRUNK OR TREAT!

Kids of all ages are welcome to attend our Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 28, 2023, from Noon to 2:00 pm.** Dress up in your favorite costumes and enjoy the tricks and treats!

We will also have Halloween craft projects. We will have a very scary fun time!

We are looking for volunteers to give away treats from the trunks of their cars. Please contact the office if you're interested.

Volunteers will need to arrive in the church's west parking lot by 11:30 am.

(Pictures are from previous events)



WE ARE REQUESTING SMALL PUMPKIN DONATIONS. WE NEED 30 SMALL PUMPKINS FOR THE CHILDREN TO CARVE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP!



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