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JUNE 5, 2022

WELCOME HOME

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MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

MON.-SAT. 8:00 A.M., MASS **SCHEDULE** Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m. Wed. 7:00 p.m.,

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Tue. & Thur.

9:00a.m.. - 8:00 p.m.

Wed. - 9:00 a.m.. - 6:30 p.m.

Fri. - 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

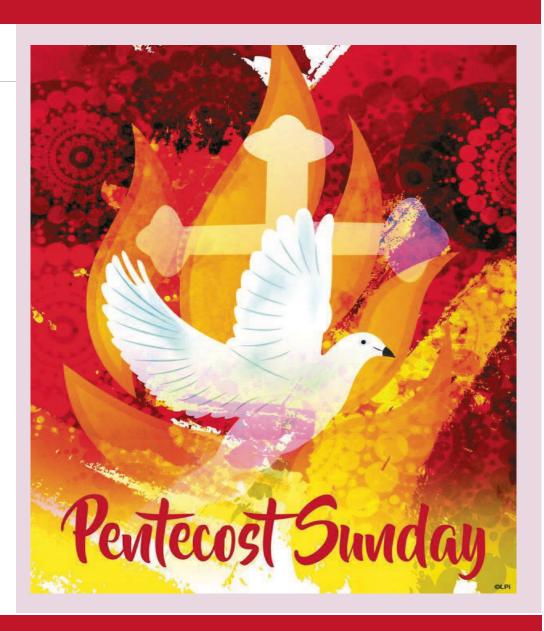
Divine Mercy Chapel

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

By request after Mass. Mondays & Tuesdays Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thur. 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. (Lunch) Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sat & Sun: Closed



OUR MISSION

"We the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church are a diverse Christ Centered community empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Word and the Sacraments to Proclaim the Good News"



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they

are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

St. Josemaria Escriva tells us, "To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble Him more and more." Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very Breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful Presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the One who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to Heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the One who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



IGNITE Payment for the Archdiocese of Galveston –Houston Total Campaign Amount \$ 538,853.00

	Amount	Balance
Ist Payment 4/30/2019	\$33,678.31	\$505,174.69
2nd Payment 7/30/2019	\$33,678.31	\$471,496.38
3rd Payment 10/17/2019	\$33,678.31	\$437,818.07
4th Payment 12/19/2019	\$33,678,31	\$404,139.76
5th Payment 3/26/2020	\$33.678.31	\$370,461.45
6th Payment 7/15/2020	\$33.678.31	\$336,783.14
7th Payment 10/15/2020	\$33,678.31	\$303,104.83
8th Payment 12/23/2020	\$33,678.31	\$269,426.48
9th Payment 3/25/2021	\$33,678.31	\$235,748.17
10th Payment 6/24/2021	\$33,678.31	\$202,069.90
11th Payment 10/21/2021	\$33,678.31	\$168,39159
12th Payment 12/16/2021	\$33,678.31	1.34,713.28
13th Payment 3/24/2022	\$33,678.31	101.030.18



Is your day filled with work, family, errands, rushing here and there?

Wishing you could have just one peaceful hour? How about one peaceful hour with YOUR LORD? Jesus wishes to SPEND ONE HOUR WITH YOU!

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO COMMIT TO ONE HOUR EACH WEEK CALL THE OFFICE AT 281-240-6721.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ADORATION HOUR, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT ALONE.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism preparation classes for Parents and Godparents are held every other month.

Please call the parish office for information.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples need to call, Matt Falleri (281) 240-6721 ext. 107, six to nine months before your wedding to allow time for preparation.



SACRAMENT OF HEALING

In case of illness, please call the Parish Office at 281-240-6721



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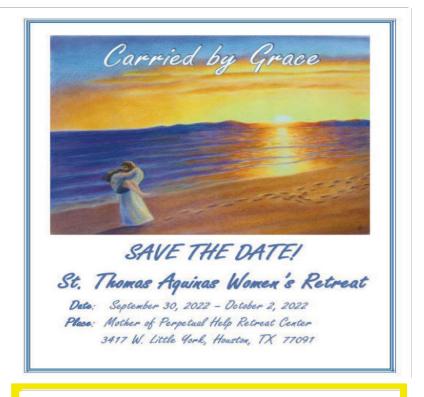
STEWARDSHIP

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 14– 15. 2022

1st Collection

Total......\$10, 814 STA Cares Collection this weekend......\$3,403







St. Thomas Aquinas Wheelchair Weekend

WHEELCHAIR MISSION



Providing Wheelchairs for the Needy!!

It is estimated that worldwide, over 100 million children, teens and adults lack mobility due to birth defects, war, disease, accident, natural disaster, or advanced age, and are in need of a wheelchair but cannot afford one.



"We are grateful for the opportunity to give the gift of mobility to those who need it most, and who otherwise would be condemned to lives of isolation and hopelessness." Carl A. Anderson, Former Supreme



Mark your Calendar St. Thomas Aquinas Wheelchair Weekend is coming on Saturday & Sunday June 24 & 25 Following each Mass!!



Each \$150 donated can sponsor and deliver a brand new wheelchair that would sell for over \$500. Your tax-deductible donation will allow children to go to school, adults to work and provide for their families and the elderly to get out of a bed they may have been confined to for years.



Contact: Grand Knight Charles Cantrell, Council 7382 for details Text: (713)213-3720 Email cantrell4us@yahoo.com

INFORMATION





SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 a.m. Ana Amadi † 5:00 p.m. Earl Jones †

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 a.m. For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Carolina Lorenzo-Santiago †

11:30 a.m. Carmeling Crisologo †

MONDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 a.m. Rachel Rodes - Birthday

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 a.m. Sister Angela Patrice Power OSF †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Lyons Family

7:00 p.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Roy Oggero

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 a.m. Catherine Schmidt †

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Elizabeth Jackson &

Family

5:00 p.m. Special Intention for Giovanni Rosa

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 a.m. For All Parishioners9:30 a.m. Thelma Ocampo †

11:30 a.m. Angela, Celestine & Eunice Obinna -

Birthday

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

For The Weekend of June 11 - 12 If you have any questions please call Earl Marasigan at 832-687-0455.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Brandon Amaefule Bianca Amaefule Kosi Uzoh Kamsi Uzoh

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Ariel Fernandez Eric Fernandez Emily Mayes Joachim Panam Joseph Panam Godswill Eze Favour Eze Marae Fernandez

"If you cannot make it to your Mass, please contact the Adult Coordinator assigned for the Mass."

Adult Coordinators

5:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Samson Awoh (713) 232-9131 or

Jonah Eze (346) 717-8911

11:30 a.m. Edmund Warren (832) 926-9595

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their great contribution to the service of our community of St. Thomas Aquinas.



1 INFORMATION



Now Enrolling for 2022

We call it learning, they call it fun!

Aquinas Early Childhood Center who We Are

Seeing a need for high quality early childhood education in the community, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish rose to the challenge. Licensed by the State of Texas, our degreed teachers, trained in the Reggio Emilia, allow children to flourish.



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Marriage 2

- ◆ Bring the freshness of spring into your marriage!
- ♦ Detox from the daily grind of life. Spend a weekend away with your spouse talking about what really matters.
- ♦ Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on September 9-11, 2022, November 4-6, 2022.Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014/ brian.tina.little@wwme.org for more information. Or go on-line to houstonme.org. An inviting video may be viewed at https://houstonme.org or https://houstonme.org or https://youtu.be/UbX70a49QUs

Next Baptism Class Saturday, July 16, 2022



8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Thissen Center, Rm. 202-204

Parents and Godparents have to attend.

You must be registered in the church office before Fri., July 1, 2022.

'Please do not bring children to the class'



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Mass Celebrated Around the World

Question: Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer: One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which of the United States was the first to have a Catholic school?

Answer: Maryland



PASTORAL ASSISTANT

LORD, WE LIFT UP PETITIONS OF HEALING FOR OUR SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Jane Arinze, Fr. Angelito Baldonado SDB, Fr. John Bosco, Elizabeth and Courtney Brown, Donna Buczo, Alan Cordova, Fr. Vince Dulock, Pat Gerecci, Doris Giron, Elizabeth Jackson, Amanda Jackson, Dana Bryan Lee, Ronald Murphy, Fr. Bruce Nieli, Fr. Miguel Obregon, Martha Swift, Millie Thibodaux, Cecilia Williams, Fr. Louis Zee and our Catholic Residents at The Hampton Meadows Place Assisted Living Facility, Bedford Place, Home Sweet Home, First Smile and Catholic Patients at Atrium Medical Center.





PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Members of St. Thomas Aquinas.



NEW JERUSALEM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

PENTECOST DAY THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Acts 2:1-4 says, "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from Heaven like a rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance". With this, the CHURCH was born!

For the past nine days, the Mother Church has been praying and waiting [in the Upper room] for this day; to be empowered once again by the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can go out and preach the Good News to the world; and also carry out the injunction by our Lord in Mk 16:17-18, "And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new

tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover".

What's the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian?

- 1. Given the Personality of the Holy Spirit, Jesus has become **EMMANUEL** [God with us]; because of the Spirit, it is possible for the senders (God the Father and God the Son) to join the Spirit in dwelling in our lives.
- 2. For one to acknowledge that Jesus Christ came as Human and Divine, He must have the Spirit of God in Him [see **Lk 4:2-3].** In other words, without the Holy Spirit we cannot be witnesses for Christ. We need His Power.

The Holy Spirit is a Divine 'Person'. His Presence and Power within us does, and should, effect changes in our lives like it did in the lives of the early Christians. He fills us with Power, Love and Self-Control {2Tim 1:7}. Benedict XVI noted on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in 2008, "Christ's

May They Rest in Peace

entire mission is summed up in this: to Baptize us in the Holy Spirit". God the Father, according to **Titus 3:6-7**, "poured out the Holy Spirit richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs of eternal life". The Holy Spirit is "THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE"!

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them, the fire of Your Love".

HAPPY PENTECOST DAY!!!

PRAYER MEETING EVERY SATURDAY, FROM 6:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. IN AQUINAS CENTER ROOMS B & C.

All are invited!!

For any questions, please call Emmanuel OFILI at: 832-247-5226.









1st Sacrament and Confirmation

2022-2023 REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 6TH

Parish office - 6/6 - 8/26 During Regular Business Hours

Early Registration - June 6th - July 8th

All Faith Formation (CCE, Edge & Life Teen) \$70 each

(Family Plan 3 or more children) \$50 each

Confirmation \$80 each - First Sacraments \$70 each

Regular Registration - July 11th - August 5th
All Faith Formation (CCE, Edge & Life Teen) \$85 each
(Family Plan 3 or more children) \$60 each
Confirmation \$95 each - First Sacraments \$85 each

<u>Late Registration – August 8th - August 26th</u>
All Faith Formation (CCE, Edge & Life Teen) \$110 each
(Family Plan 3 or more children) \$85 each
Confirmation \$120 each - First Sacraments \$110 each

NO REGISTRATION AFTER AUGUST 26th

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

7:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. RCIA - Adult, TH 202-204

11:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. African Parishioners, AQ-Main

5:00 p.m. ICH, Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. ICH Reception, ALD- Main

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-8p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study, TH-Youth

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council Meeting, ALD Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16 7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary 8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary 9a.m.-8p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-6:30p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel
7:00 p.m. OLPH Mass & Novena, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-8p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel
6:00 p.m. NJCCRPG Core Group, AQ - B

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary 8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary 9a.m.-6:00p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Legion of Mary, AQ-C

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. New Jerusalem Charismatic Prayer Group, AQ B-C

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

7:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. RCIA - Adult, TH 202-204

11:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Sanctuary



The Parish Office still accepting Mass Intention requests for 2022.

All requests will be <u>ONLY taken in person</u> during office hours. Donation of \$5.00 for each Mass intention.





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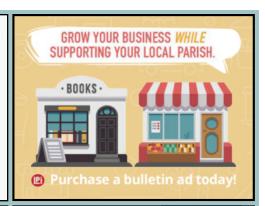
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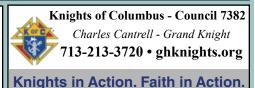






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