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**JUNE 12, 2022** 

## **WELCOME HOME**

#### **PASTOR:**

Rev. Joseph Pottemmel, MSFS frjoseph@stasugarland.com

#### 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

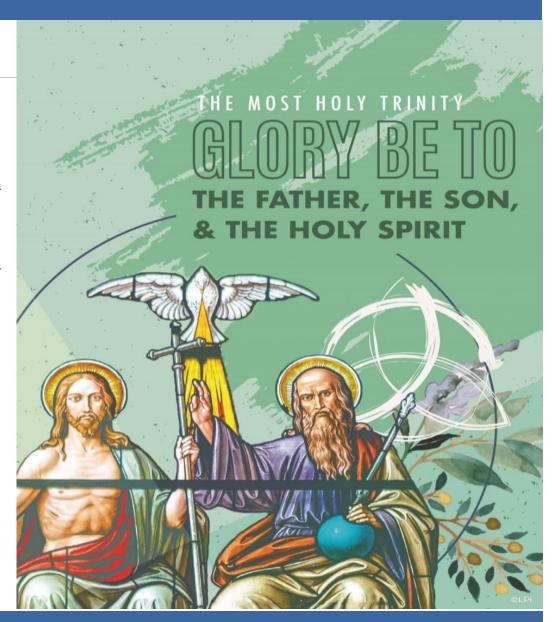
By request after Mass, Mondays & Tuesdays

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**

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: "You, Holy Father, are King of Heaven and Earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness." Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God's creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life's business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God's care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

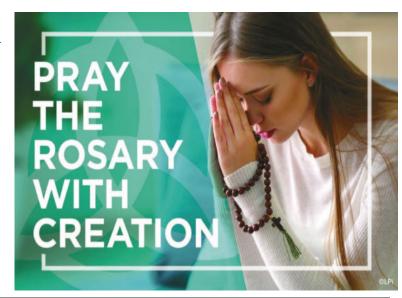
**Decade Five:** Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining One. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

#### INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Life can leave us feeling very distracted and detached. Perhaps this is why many people seek things that make them "feel good," wrongly believing those things actually provide a sense of meaning and purpose. In truth, they are simply more distractions. When we discover real silence, we can realize that the stirrings and impulses in our hearts desiring connection, meaning, and purpose are really God desperately trying to pull us toward His Divine Heart. Once we submit to God's pull, we are led to the beauty of God's Presence. This holy presence carries us to the heights of mountains, the vastness of ocean depths, the beginning of things and their end, and the majesty of universal wonder. We meet the Father. Then, gently carried to the tenderness of compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness we touch the innocence and vulnerability of life. We see the poor and those who are broken. We meet the Son. Finally, we are directed toward the seasons that change,

the ebb and flow of life, the inspirations that surprise, and the wonder, awe, and joy of life. We embrace the Holy Spirit.



### **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**

#### 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 21–22, 2022

#### 1st Collection

Total......\$12, 950 STA Cares Collection this weekend......\$12,856

Thank you for your donation!





# 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 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 Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Thelma Ocampo †

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

**Birthday** 

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 13**

8:00 a.m. Elena & Felipe Martin †

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 14**

8:00 a.m. Remedius Arce - Birthday

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 a.m. Ian & Josephine Dipasupil—Wedding

**Anniversary** 

7:00 p.m. Ayodeji Salako - Birthday

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 a.m. Rev. Santa Olaya & Hector Martinez

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 a.m. Victorina & Timoteo Martin †

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 a.m. Hector Martinez †

5:00 p.m. Salvadora Agravante †

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

7:30 a.m. For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Phero Tia Dinh †

11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Kwan - Gomilla Family

#### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

For The Weekend of June 18 - 19 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.

Hope Santos

Joy Santos

Mary Sabol

Annaliese Lopez

Erika Warren

Ella Warren

Ethan Warren

Divine Nwoko

Favor Nwoko

"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.



# **%** INFORMATION



Now Enrolling for 2022

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# 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/ <a href="mailto:brian.tina.little@wwme.org">brian.tina.little@wwme.org</a> for more information. Or go on-line to <a href="mailto:houstonme.org">houstonme.org</a>. An inviting video may be viewed at <a href="http://houstonme.org">https://houstonme.org</a> or <a href="https://youtu.be/UbX70a49QUs">https://houstonme.org</a> or <a href="https://youtu.be/UbX70a49QUs">https://youtu.be/UbX70a49QUs</a>

## 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:

Stem Cell Research

**Question:** Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's?

Answer: Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with embryonic stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Which two Gospels include the passages known as 'the Beatitudes'?

Answer: Matthew and Luke.



#### 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

#### COME HOLY SPIRIT, AND DIRECT OUR LIVES!

In Luke 10:21, Jesus says, "I thank
Thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and
earth, that Thou hast hidden these
things from the wise [learned] and
understanding [clever] and
revealed them to babies; yea,
Father, for such was Thy gracious
will."

The Bible says that 'Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit' that His father had hidden certain things "from the wise and learned." This does not necessarily mean that being learned is useless or harmful, but that our understanding is limited before God! Proverbs 3:5 tells us to "trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight {understanding}." Why? Because, it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can know everything, even the depths of God (1 Cor 2:10-11). Without the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, even the

most intelligent and educated people in the world are doomed to ignorance and even confusion, self-deception, and darkness. Christ, while physically on earth, told His Disciples in Jn 14:26, "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send you in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." For us, we need to cry out for the Holy Spirit to instruct us in everything, remind us of all that Jesus told us, and guide us to all truth, especially as He speaks through the teachings of the Church and the Bible. The Spirit will not only put ideas in our heads but words in our mouths to proclaim the goodness of God. For in the Spirit, we will hear the tiny, whispering sound of the Father's voice, as in Isaiah 30:21, "A voice shall sound in your ears: 'This is the way; walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left." Paul exhorts in 1Thes 5:19, "Do not quench the Spirit." As we give Him all of ourselves, He forever provides for us. Heb 7:25 tells us, "Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost, those

#### **May They Rest in Peace**

#### who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for then.

We pray that we will all accept God's grace to suppress our carnal desires and be stirred up in the Spirit so we can receive His revelation that leads to truth and light. "No one knows what lies at the depth of God but the Spirit of God" [Rom 5:5]. "Come Holy Spirit" so we can give glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit will guide us in Trinitarian life (In 16:13).

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 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. The Most Holy Trinity Mass, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. The Most Holy Trinity Mass, Sanctuary10:30

a.m. RCIA - Adult, TH 202-204

11:30 a.m. The Most Holy Trinity Mass, Sanctuary

**MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022** 

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022** 

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

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 16, 2022** 

Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

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 18, 2022**

2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

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. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Mass,

Sanctuary

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 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. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Mass,

Sanctuary

8:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Breakfast, ALD Kit

9:30 a.m. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Mass,

Sanctuary

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

11:30 a.m. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 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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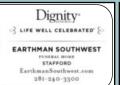
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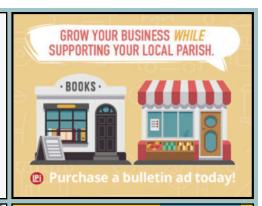
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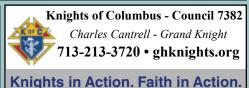






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