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JUNE 26, 2022

WELCOME HOME

PASTOR:

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MASS TIMES

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.

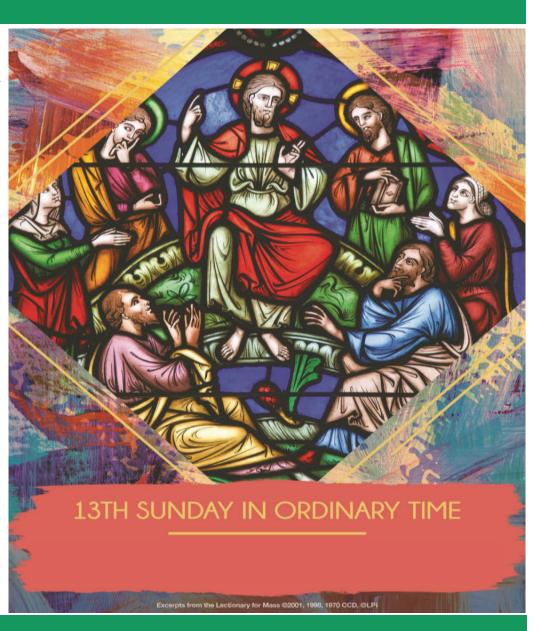
9:00a.m.. - 8:00 p.m. **Wed. -** 9:00 a.m.. - 6:30 p.m. Fri. - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chapel

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"



A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR,

REV. JOSEPH ARULRAJ, MSFS

In Rev. Joseph Arulraj MSFS we have a fine young person as our new Associate Pastor. The Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish are very pleased to extend him a very hearty welcome. Fr. Arul was born in India on August 30, 1984, at Palakkad in Kerala State. His proud parents are Mr. Anand Arulraj and Mrs. Saleena. After graduating from St. Francis Xavier's Higher Secondary School the young Joseph joined the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales in 2002. After 12 long years of Priestly Studies which included his graduation from Bangalore University he was Ordained Priest on May 12, 12014. After his Ordination to Priesthood he worked in various capacities like, Office Manager in 3 big High Schools, three years as Associate Pastor at St. James' Catholic Church, one year on the staff of *Divya Jyoti Ashram* (a Minor Seminary of MSFS). Finally, as a Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Aurangabad from November 21, 2021 till his departure to USA on June 7, 2022 to take up assignment as the Associate Pastor of our Parish, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, effective from June 10, 2022.

We welcome you, dear Fr. Arul, and we wish you all the very best!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



Guided by the spirit

There will always be something behind us and before us. Time moves on and the world continues to rotate. Will we miss that which exists right before our eyes because they are shut while we are consumed by the past or worried about the future?

When we go about whatever work God has set for us this day, large or small, we cannot get it done if we are looking behind us. Being mindful means to live for the present. It sounds like the simplest thing in the world, but we forget it (I forget it at least once every day). We must be guided by the Spirit.

What I'm talking about here is a radical abandonment of ourselves to God — over, and over, and over again. We cannot put our hand to the plough, while our eyes are looking backward at what is left behind. We cannot turn back if we are to move forward.

When we take up the yoke of stewardship, we will never be able to bear it if we rely on our own strength. When we put our hands to the plough, we will never get the job done if we look backwards at our own track record for inspiration. There is no inspiration there. Let the dead bury their dead.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



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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PENTECOST SUNDAY June 4-5, 2022

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SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE





Fr. Manny Fernandez

The Magnificat Prayer Group is inviting you and your family & friends to

come and join us to a pilgrimage to Louisiana

Ther There will be Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Healing Services.

August 21, 2022 - Sunday Date:

Meeting Time: 6:30 A.M. 7:00 A.M. Departure Time:

Wal-Mart Super Center @ 11210 West Airport Blvd. Meeting Place:

(Corner Hwy 59 and West Airport Blvd.) *Continental Bus will pick-up at the back corner – right side

Return: Departure Time from Louisiana back to Houston @ 5:00 pm

Bus Fare: \$50.00 "NON-REFUNDABLE" (Please make check payable to Yolanda Sison and mail it to 9019 Woodleigh Dr., Houston, TX 77083)

Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant (optional). You may bring your own lunch. Please bring snacks to share...

Reservations are limited! Seats are assigned on First Come First Serve Basis

For more details... Please call:

Yolly Sison (713) 562-1389 Myrna Sulit (917) 325-9117 Tessie Bumanglag (832) 287-3355

The Parish Office & Adoration will be Closed Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day

There will be morning Mass in the Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m.



INFORMATION





WE PRAY FOR THE LIVING & THE DEAD

Sat. June 25	8:00 a.m.	John Tankeh †
	5:00 p.m.	Mauren and Ojay Anyaeji -
		Birthday
Sun. June 26	7:30 a.m.	For All Parishioners
	9:30 a.m.	Vitus Ifeanyi †
	11:30 a.m.	Francisco Roman Delgado †
Mon. June 27	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Gladys
		Akuwudike
Tue. June 28	8:00 a.m.	Healing for Lee Meister
Wed. June 29	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Cordova
		Family
	7:00 p.m.	Teresita Tindugan †
Thu. June 30	8:00 a.m.	Paulino Leus †
Fri. July 01	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Sat. July 02	8:00 a.m.	Stephen K. Arthur †

5:00 p.m. Henry Klesel † 7:30 a.m. For All Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Daniel Pavlicek †

9:30 a.m. Anna Nguyen - Birthday

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

For The Weekend of July 2 - 3 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.

Joachim Panam Joseph Panam Chidimma Richards Chidume Richards Arinze Nmadin 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



Sun. July 03

Pray the Rosary for America

A Public Square Rosary Rally! What a better way to show reverence for our country then praying the rosary for America! In honor of America's birthday on July 4th we are praying the rosary for America on Saturday, July 9th at noon. It will be held on the corner at 12381 W. Bellfort and Dairy Ashford in front of CVS Pharmacy. Please join us as we turn to God and our Lady to shower blessings upon America! Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America – Court Aquinas #2266.

% 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:

Vicar General and Chancellor

Question: I have seen the title of Vicar General and Chancellor used in our Catholic newspaper. Who are they and what do they do?

Answer: A bishop is in charge of a diocese and appoints people to help with its administration. Two of those positions are the Vicar General and the Chancellor. Both play a role in the life of a diocese, despite the many jokes priests may tell at their expense! A chancellor is the archivist of a diocese, charged with task of keeping the records of the diocese. Often a bishop may add other responsibilities and the chancellor may end up being like the executive director of the diocesan office. The chancellor does not need to be a priest.

The vicar general is a priest, appointed by the bishop and acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has an advanced degree in canon law or theology. He also has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance. In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first Catholic priest to serve in the United States House of Representatives?

Answer: Fr. Gabriel Richard.

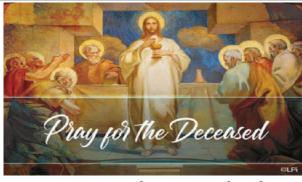


PASTORAL ASSISTANT

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, Lee Meister, 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

SPREADING OF THE 'BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT' [1]

Why do we always speak of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal [CCR]? Because it is the Core! The Holy Spirit produces the renewal. That is why CCR is called Renewal in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the "Lord and giver of life". This renewal is one that the Church and the world goes through when they experience a new Pentecost. That is why Pope Paul VI stated that the greatest need of the Church was to have "a perennial Pentecost". St. Pope John XXIII in his prayer said, "Lord, give us a new Pentecost". St. John Paul II called for "a new Pentecost for the world". All these gave voice to the prayer of Blessed Elena Guerra in 1895. "Oh, if only ... unanimous and

fervent prayers could be raised to Heaven in every part of Christendom, as they were one in the Cenacle [Upper room] of Jerusalem for rekindling of the Divine Spirit". On the prompting of Blessed Elena, Pope Leo XIII asked all the faithful to celebrate a solemn novena [nine days of prayer to the Holy Spirit] perpetually between the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost for the unity Christianity.

The essence of the Messianic action of Jesus is to baptize in the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said, "He who comes after me will baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire" [Mt 3:11]; "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit" [Jn 1:33]. This is one of the most essential work of Christ, in the fulfilment of one of the Messianic prophesies of the Old Testament, When "God will pour out His Spirit upon"

a flesh" [Joel 2:28]. The Holy Spirit has given rise to the CCR to spread the experience of Pentecost in our time. Christ wants to renew all mankind in the Spirit and wants that all children, men and women be told about it. In Acts 1:8. Christ says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth". To have the experience of the baptism in the Spirit is to live a "Pentecost today". Christ is the one that baptizes in the Holy Spirit! ... TO BE CONTINUED.

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

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

7:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary
Wheelchair Project Appeal, After all Masses
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary

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

11:30 a.m. 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/ Mt 8:18-22

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 28, 2022

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

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 29, 2022

Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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 30, 2022

Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

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, JULY I, 2022

Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

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, JULY 2, 2022

Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

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.14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary6:00 p.m.New Jerusalem Charismatic Prayer Group, AQ B-C

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

ls 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

7:30 a.m. 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary

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

11:30 a.m. 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. ICH, Sanctuary

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







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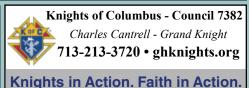


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