

Novena of Prayer

*for Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Martin,
and the Priests of the Diocese of Charlotte*

Novena to St. Augustine

Begin on August 19 to complete on August 27, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Augustine

Opening Prayer: O holy Saint Augustine, who has famously declared that "Our hearts were made for Thee, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in Thee," aid us in our search for Our Lord that through your intercession we may be granted the wisdom to determine the purpose God has planned for us. Pray that we be blessed with the courage to follow God's will even at times when we do not understand. Ask Our Lord to lead us to a life worthy of His love, that we may one day share the riches of His kingdom. Petition Our Lord and Savior to ease the burden of our problems and grant our special intention, and we will honor you all of our days.

Glorious St. Augustine, you are renowned in the Christian world for your kindness, compassion, and powerful intercession. Emboldened by this, we humbly come before you to invoke your aid in asking for God's all-powerful assistance to see us through our most pressing concern.

Glorious Saint Augustine, we boldly ask for your intercession confident in your boundless wisdom and compassion. May this devotion lead us to a life dedicated to the fulfilling the will of God, that we may one day be deemed worthy of sharing His Kingdom with you and all the saints for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

St. Augustine, pray for us!

Closing Prayer: Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Liturgy at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Updating Our Future Capital Campaign Prayer





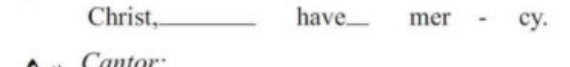
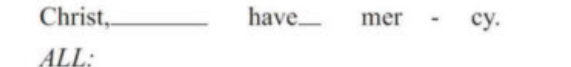


O Saint Matthew, former tax collector and patron saint of financial matters, we humbly come before you, seeking your intercession as we seek to raise money for our choir loft and an organ. We ask for your assistance that we might further beautify the Lord's house, and worship Him with loving music. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude: Prière à Notre-Dame – Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Processional hymn: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee – VII Hymnal, p. 224

Penitential Rite: Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe – VII Hymnal, p. 127

<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>  <p>Lord__ have__ mer - cy.</p>	<p><i>ALL:</i></p>  <p>Lord__ have__ mer - cy.</p>
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<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>  <p>Lord,__ have__ mer - cy.</p>	<p><i>ALL:</i></p>  <p>Lord,__ have__ mer - cy.</p>

Gloria: Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe – VII Hymnal, p. 127

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: VII Hymnal, p. 622

Antiphonal psalm: Psalm 117:1, 2

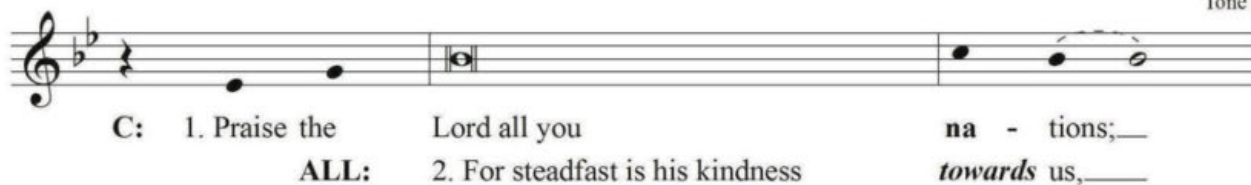
(Please sing the response after the cantor and then chant the verses as indicated. After verses, repeat response.)

Response: Aristotle Esguerra



C = Cantor // ALL = Congregation

Tone 5



(Repeat Response: "Go out to all the world...")

Second Reading: VII Hymnal, p. 623

Gospel Acclamation: Graduale Simplex



Gospel Reading: VII Hymnal, p. 623



Liturgy of the Eucharist

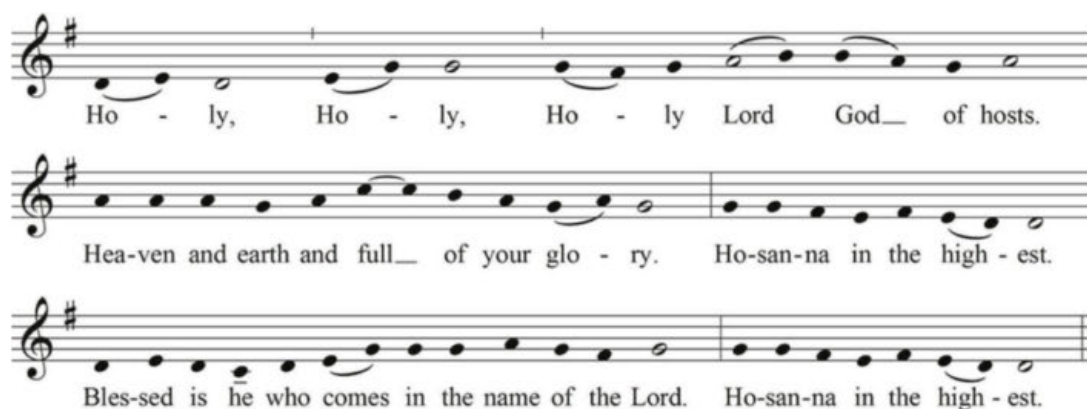
Offertory Proper: [Cantor] **Expectans expectavi** – Liber Usualis* or **With expectation I have waited** – S. Weber, OSB
Expectans expectavi Dominum, et respexit me: et exaudivit deprecationem meam, et immisit in os meum canticum novum, hymnum Deo nostro. Psalm 40:24

With expectation I have waited on the Lord, and he had regard to me, and heard my prayer, and he put a new canticle into my mouth, a hymn of praise to God.

* Compendium (lit. Common Book) of Gregorian chant (© 2014 by St. Meinrad Archabbey. All rights reserved.)

Offertory hymn: **Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor** – VII Hymnal, p. 301

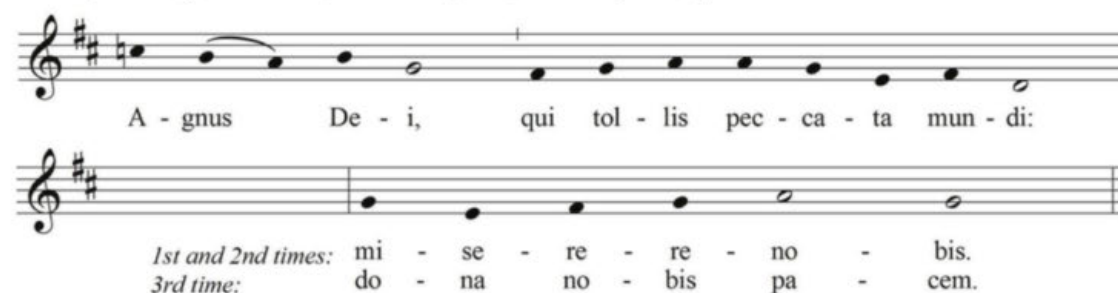
Sanctus: **Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – VII Hymnal, p. 129



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Hea-ven and earth and full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation: **We proclaim your death O Lord** – VII Hymnal, p. 114

Lamb of God: Agnus Dei II (Vatican Kyriale) – VII Hymnal, p. 200



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:
1st and 2nd times: mi - se - re - re - no - bis.
3rd time: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Communion antiphon: **And all the people marvelled** – Paul Ford



And all the peo-ple mar - velled at the words that came from the mouth of the Lord.

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Processional Hymn: **To Jesus Christ, our sovereign King** – VII Hymnal, p. 220

Postlude: **Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680** – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church

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OUR DAILY BREAD: PUBLIX FOOD COLLECTION

Community outreach is something we strive to do more at our parish, especially when so many people are in need. We need new volunteers for Our Daily Bread. Drivers will pick up day-old baked goods from the Publix store off of Benfield Road and deliver them to designated food pantries once a week around the city. **The days that need coverage are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.** These hours are scheduled in the morning. For more information, please contact Carolina Willes at carolinawilles@att.net.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

LIFE DEFENDERS—SCHEDULE CHANGE!



The FSJ Life Defenders Respect Life ministry invites you to our monthly Rosary Vigil. We believe in the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death and are committed to protecting the most vulnerable among us, especially the unborn. Join us in prayer at the Latrobe abortion facility in Charlotte on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 8:30-9:30 AM. Our next vigil will be on Saturday, September 20. Join us in our mission to protect the sanctity of life.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well." - Psalm 139:13-14

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES & TRADITIONAL

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Monica
Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Monday: St. Louis IX, King & Confessor
Tuesday: St. Zephyrinus, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Joseph Calasanz, Confessor
Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor; St. Hermes, Martyr
Friday: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist; St. Sabina, Martyr
Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

MONTHLY WAY OF THE CROSS

Join with the Legion of Mary Sunday, August 24 and every fourth Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m., to pray the Way of the Cross for the intentions of our loved ones who have left the Church. Fr. Jeffrey Kirby's book used during this devotion, *Way Of The Cross For Our Loved Ones Who Have Left The Faith*, is available to purchase at a reduced rate.



OCIA SPONSORS NEEDED



Our parish is seeing an incredible number of people interested in becoming Catholic! In this calendar year alone, we have been contacted by 52 individuals, and approximately 34 of these are currently in formation at our parish. Every week we have between 1 to 3 new people reach out to us about joining our program.

Each one of these people needs a sponsor! Preferably someone who can connect with them on a weekly basis, and, even better, attend OCIA classes with them as regularly as possible. **OCIA sessions are held each Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Are you willing and able to participate in the Church's most important apostolate -- bringing people to the sacraments? There is a need for our parish to come together and help mentor and form these souls Jesus and Mary are sending our way.

If you can serve as a sponsor, please email ociastact@gmail.com

Please pray that we will find good sponsors for all of these individuals whom the Holy Spirit is guiding into full communion with the Catholic Church.

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August is Make-a-Will Month, a meaningful reminder that creating or updating your will is one of the most loving and responsible acts you can take. A thoughtfully prepared estate plan ensures that your wishes are honored, your loved ones are protected, and your faith values live on - bringing peace of mind today and a lasting legacy tomorrow.

- Plan Today for a Peaceful Tomorrow -
for your family, your values, and your faith community.

We're deeply grateful to those who have included St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in their estate plans. Your generosity strengthens our parish family and its future. If you've made this special commitment but haven't yet shared it with us, please contact Gina Schafer - we'd love the chance to thank you and honor your wishes.

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K of C Council #10505



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism is our motto!

The next planning meeting is Monday, August 25 at 7 p.m.
Please bring your ideas for the council to do for our parish & community.


We want to thank all the brother knights who showed up for the monthly regular meeting and voted for our yearly budget!

The knights will be at UNCC on Saturday, September 6 volunteering to run the beer and wine stand at the football games. Contact us for more details, future dates, and to volunteer.

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS
ON THE LIFE OF
ST. ANTONY OF THE DESERT**
**WHY IT IS A HANDBOOK OF
PRAYER & UNSEEN WARFARE**

**WEDNESDAYS
6:30-7:15 P.M. IN
AQUINAS HALL**

**STARTING ON
SEPTEMBER 10TH**



*Prayer & Catechesis
in the Christian Home*

On both Saturday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m.
and Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.,

There will be a presentation regarding
Prayer and Catechesis in the Christian
Home. Parents will be provided ideas and
suggestions in regard to making their
home an extension of St. Thomas Aquinas
Church – with the goal of the home
becoming a parish within the parish.

Both meetings will be held in Aquinas Hall.

CATEQUESIS PARA ADULTOS
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El programa es para:


Jóvenes solteros mayores de 17 que no hayan recibido el bautismo,
la eucaristía o la confirmación.

Parejas que estén viviendo en unión libre o que estén casados solo por el
civil y que aún no tengan la gracia de la bendición del sacramento del
matrimonio ya sea porque les falta alguno de los sacramentos de iniciación o
porque tienen un impedimento, es decir, un matrimonio anterior por la iglesia o por
el civil.

Católicos que ya recibieron todos los sacramentos pero que dejaron de
practicar la fe o desean profundizar en el conocimiento de nuestra fe.

Las clases son gratuitas y empezarán el martes 2 de septiembre.
El horario es de 6:30-8:30 pm.

Para más información o para inscribirse, por favor comunicarse con
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Con Lupita Perez llamando al 704-326-6189.




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Pray, Fast and Struggle for a More Perfect Union with Christ as a Family

Suggested Prayers, Readings and Thoughts for the week

A Psalm for the Morning (Psalm 112, Douay Rheims)

Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and forever. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise. The Lord is high above all nations; and his glory above the heavens. Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: And looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth? Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill: That he may place him with princes, with the princes of his people. Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children..

A Gospel for the Morning (Matthew 6:16-18, RSV-CE)

16 "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

A Psalm for the Evening (Psalm 90; Douay Rheims)

He that dwelleth in the aid of the most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of Jacob. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector, and my refuge: my God, in him will I trust. For he hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters: and from the sharp word. He will overshadow thee with his shoulders: and under his wings thou shalt trust. His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night.

Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business that walketh about in the dark: of invasion, or of the noonday devil. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. But thou shalt consider with thy eyes: and shalt see the reward of the wicked. Because thou, O Lord, art my hope: thou hast made the most High thy refuge. There shall no evil come to thee: nor shall the scourge come near thy dwelling.

For he hath given his angels charge over thee; to keep thee in all thy ways. In their hands they shall bear thee up: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk: and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. Because he hoped in me I will deliver him: I will protect him because he hath known my name. He shall cry to me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation, I will deliver him, and I will glorify him. I will fill him with length of days; and I will shew him my salvation.

A Gospel for the Evening (John 14:15-17 from RSV-CE)

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

A Prayer to St. Thomas Aquinas

Pray for us Blessed Thomas. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A Marian Prayer

That our minds and bodies may be pure, devoted hearts and lips now implore thee. Through thy sweet-sounding prayers, grant us pardon forever, O kind Lady who didst alone remain inviolate.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

#1604 - God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. and this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation

#1605 - Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," i.e., his counterpart, his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

From the Saints

- Through marriage we become one another's hands, ears, and feet. Marriage doubles what had been weak. It is a great joy to our friends, a distress to our enemies. Sorrows shared hurt less; joys shared are sweeter for both; wealth brings greater joy to those who are like-minded. To those who are in need, being like-minded brings greater joy than wealth. Marriage supplies a lock of self-control over desires and sets a seal on our natural need for friendship... It is a drink from the household spring from which strangers cannot taste; it does not flow forth outside nor can another collect it from outside. The mutual love of those who are united in the flesh and are of one soul sharpens their piety to a fine point. -St. Gregory of Nazianzus
- It is necessary for everyone to know Scriptural teachings, and this is especially true for children. Even at their age they are exposed to all sorts of folly and bad examples from popular entertainments. Our children need remedies for all these things! We are so concerned with our children's schooling; if only we were equally zealous in bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord! -St. John Chrysostom

Fast, abstain and/or sacrifice this Wednesday and Friday

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, especially those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Memorize the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord

Opportunities for Christian Formation this week at the parish:

- Tuesday at 6:30p.m.** in Aquinas Hall – Adult Catechism/OCIA; Topic: The Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday at 6:30p.m.** in Aquinas Hall – Presentation on Prayer and Catechesis in the Christian Home

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- Soundboard
- Ushers & Communion Ushers

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me." – Ps. 138: 7
Please pray for those serving in our military.

Lt. James Brian Barker, 101st Airborne Division, US Army
 Major Brian J. Burke
 Sr. Airman Charles Broadway, US Air Force
 Sr. A C Meghan Cabaniss, US Air Force
 Col. Patrick Frank
 Dominic DeLaRosa – US Navy
 Army Lt. Alec Forezzi
 Daniel Frazier, Charlie Troop 4-73 82nd Airborne Division, US Army
 Navy Chief – Jannel D. Glenn
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Lt. Thurman Chad Howell – US Navy
 PFC Ryan Cameron Keistler, USMC
 E-3 Jason Kline
 LCDR Matthew Keidel, U. S. Navy
 SS C. Newman
 General John W. Nicholson
 SSgt. Benjamin M. Pake, US ANG
 Lt. Jeffery Platoon
 Andy Olszewski, Jr. US Navy
 Kevin Rios, PFC
 CPL Nicholas E. Rosario
 AFC Joshua Runfola
 MSgt. Ronald Ryckman
 Sgt. Michael James Sanchez
 AFC Sean Scheuerman
 S.Sgt. Matthew Simono, USAF
 A1C Christopher Robert Smith
 SFC Christopher T. Smith
 PFC Brandon G. Taylor, US Army
 Ryan Adam Stein – USAF
 Capt. Vincent Vu US Army
 AFC Alonda West
 PFC Medic, Patrick Wyllie
 Johnathan York USMC
 Gabriel B. Young Army

PRAYER REQUESTS

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people" – 1Tim 2:1

Brian Broadwell
 Kate Calhoun
 Joyce Colella
 Joseph F. Coyle
 Nancy Denaro
 Flip Early
 Alan Friedl
 John & Jamie Flynn
 Rebecca Flynn
 Norman Fowler
 Helen Goldman
 Christine Goldman
 Teresa Goldman
 David Goldman
 John Grivizas
 Linda Hess
 Porter Jordan
 Jones Family
 Luke Juday
 Joseph Machnaca
 George Linde
 Michael Manz
 William Marchioni
 James Martin
 Darrin May

Meghan McDonough
 Kathryn Blackmar Miller
 Ed Mongillo
 Nickerson Family
 Jenny Peabody
 Andreas Pope
 Reginald Randall
 Anthony & Ann Marie Ramjohn
 Ryan Rolando Rodriguez
 Abdiel & Yarazeth Santamaria
 Hector Samani
 Bill Schubert
 Al Siano
 Joseph Siano Sr.
 Joe Siano Jr.
 Arielle Vari
 Jack Watters
 Katie Young
 Phil, Elise, & Noah Yun

Please notify the Parish Office to have yourself or a family member placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month and cycle through this column. If needed, we will gladly continue in one month increments as often as you request.

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Masses held in the Church

Date	Time	Intention
Mon., Aug. 25	8:30a.m. 12:15p.m.	+Benedict Ohm +Iris Almonte
Tues., Aug. 26	8:30a.m. 12:15p.m.	+Jerri Perkins +Michel Mocombe
Wed., Aug. 27	8:30a.m. 12:15p.m.	Jocelyn & Frank Haywood +Brendan Sullivan
Thurs., Aug. 28	12:15p.m. 7:00p.m.	Connor Gallagher +Cassie Stroot
Fri., Aug. 29	8:30a.m. 12:15p.m.	+Louis Charles Lisa Deacon David Carter
Sat., Aug. 30	10:00a.m. 5:30p.m.	Richard Costes +Madeline Tran
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun., Aug. 31	7:30a.m. 9:30a.m. 11:30a.m. 5:00p.m.	Pro Populo Ray Haywood John Christopherson +Paul Le

Mass Intentions for this Sunday

Sat., Aug. 16	5:30 p.m.	Stephany Shayeghi
Sun., Aug. 24	7:30a.m. 9:30a.m. 11:30a.m. 5:00p.m.	+Elizabeth Resano Fraternity of St. Joseph Andrew Colombani <i>Pro Populo</i>

PLAN IN ADVANCE!

Due to the Eucharistic Congress, there will be no First Saturday Holy Hour, Mass, Blessing of Objects, Evening Confessions, or Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 6.

ALTAR CARE



The Bread & Wine Memorial is offered by
Culpepper & Lina Ingram in honor of
Luisa Castaneda's birthday

CONDOLENCES



In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Connie Harris**, who passed away in Virginia on August 5.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

WORLD FEAST

Ethnic Food - Games - Entertainment - Cultural Devotions

SAT. OCT. 18

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

+COMING THIS WEEK

AH = Aquinas Hall BLR = Brother Leo Room K = Kitchen in AH
OCR = Office Conference Room CY = Court Yard N = Narthex
CH = Church PC = Parish Center chp = Chapel AC = Adoration Chapel

Date	Time	Event / Activity
Mon. Aug. 25	6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	Confessions [CH] K of C Meeting [PC-B]
Tues. Aug. 26	6:00a.m. 10:00a.m. 6:00p.m. 6:30p.m.	Holy Face of Jesus Devotion [CH] Legion of Mary [PC-C] EF Server Training [CH] OCIA - Adult Education [AH]
Wed. Aug. 27	6:00p.m. 6:30p.m. 7:00p.m.	Confessions [CH] Home Catechesis [AH] Legion of Mary - Evening [PC-C]
Thurs. Aug. 28	10:30a.m. 1:30p.m. 6:00p.m.	Lectio Divina [PC-B] Prayer Shawl [PC-B] Confessions w/ Eucharistic Adoration [CH]
Fri. Aug. 29	9:00a.m. 6:00p.m.	Aquinas Hall Set-Up Aquinas Learning STEM Classes [PC-C&D] Confessions [CH]
Sat. Aug. 30	11:00a.m. 11:00a.m. 4:00p.m. 4:00p.m. 5:00p.m. 5:00p.m.	2nd Collection - Archdiocese of Military Services Baptism [CH] Aquinas' Finest - Sandwich Making [PC-D] Eucharistic Adoration / Confession [CH] Vocations Rosary [CH] St. Basil - Vigil [chp] Private Function [AH]

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. Aug. 31	9:45a.m. 11:00a.m. 1:30p.m.	2nd Collection - Archdiocese of Military Services OCIA - Inquiry Group [PC-C&D] St. Basil - Divine Liturgy/Fellowship [AH,chp,BLR] High School Youth Group (HSYG) [AH]
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This events listing is accurate at time of bulletin submission. For most up-to-date listing of parish events and activities, please check our online calendar: www.stacharlotte.com/calendar

NEW COUNTRY COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR:

Argentina – Brazil – Canada – Poland – Austria/Germany
Venezuela and Vietnam

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or Monica at volunteers@stacharlotte.com

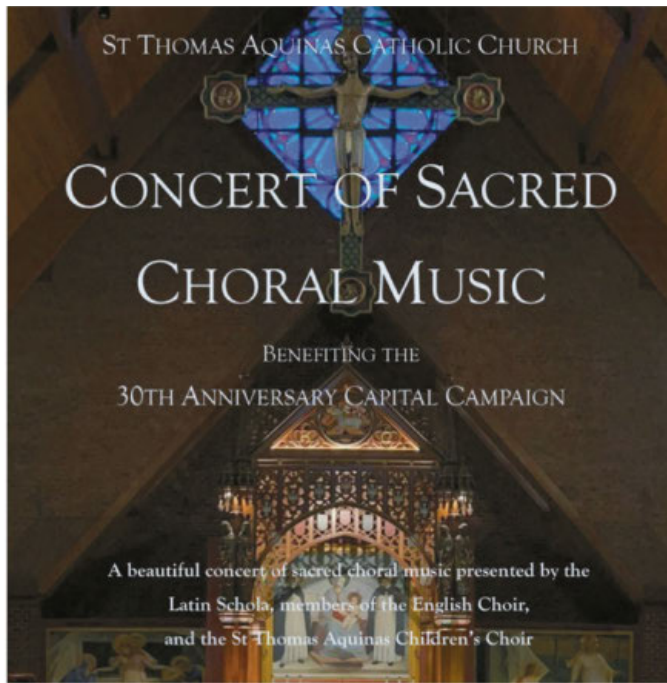
WISH LISTS

You can also purchase items for our silent auction on our Etsy and Amazon Wishlists!

Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/mua6hvja>

Etsy: <https://tinyurl.com/233cujsr>

COMMUNITY NEWS



The concert will also feature special guests,
the St. Joseph College Seminary Quartet
Fr Matthew Kauth, Violin
Fr Brian Becker, Cello
Matthew Sie, Clarinet
Fr Kolbe Murrey, Violin

*Please join us after the concert for a wine, cheese, and dessert reception.
We will also have a special presentation about the renovation project and
a chance to pledge your financial support for the capital campaign!*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 7:30 PM
ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
1400 SUTHER ROAD

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE!

If you're interested in participating in the concert as part of the choir, please contact Mara DeLuca, mdeluca@stacharlotte.com. The English choir will be practicing at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Those with previous musical or choral experience are especially encouraged to join!

Registration for children's choir is also ongoing! All children in 2nd through 8th grade are welcome! The children's choir will also participate in the concert on September 20, and rehearsals start the week of August 18. Please see the sign up form for more information and to register your child:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-thomas-aquinas-rc-church/forms/children-s-choir-registration-2324-1>



Build a New Life: 12-Week Healing & Support Program for Separated & Divorced Catholics Feeling overwhelmed by marital stress, separation, or divorce? You're not alone—and healing is possible. Join a compassionate, Catholic-led virtual Intensive workshop to guide you through emotional and spiritual recovery with practical tools rooted in faith. Starts September 11, 7 p.m. ET on Zoom with certified Catholic Divorce Healing Coach, Carolyn Klika. Don't carry this burden any longer. Take the first step toward hope and renewal today. Learn more & register: AboundingJoyMinistry.com/events or email Carolyn@aboundingjoyministry.com

Become a volunteer and make new friends, have fun and get a behind-the-scenes look at how this incredible two-day event comes together! **For the 2025 Eucharistic Congress**, help is needed Friday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 6, with: Greeter, Ushers, Procession assistants, Information booth, Book sales. Volunteers serve in 1.5-3 hr. shifts based on their interests and availability. Shifts start at 6 p.m. Friday and continue until the close of the Eucharistic Congress at the vigil Mass on Saturday. Each volunteer receives a free event T-shirt and parking pass. Sign up for a volunteer spot at the link below: <https://goeucharist.com/get-involved/form-volunteer-registration/>

Putting on the Armor of God Conference at St. Mark

Date: Sat., Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church, 14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, in the Parish Hall

Join the Saint Mark Family Ministry for a day of spiritual strengthening! Learn how to combat evil and cultivate virtue. Increase spiritual protection for families. Deepen your connection with Our Lady through Marian Devotion. Mass is at 9 a.m. and conference registration begins at 10 a.m. Snacks and lunch from Viva Chicken are included. The cost is \$35/couple or \$20/single. More Information and Registration: www.stmarknc.org/family-ministry

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming Oct 3-5 weekend in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org 727-343-6701 or or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Job Openings- The **Cathedral of Saint Patrick** is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Parish Office Manager to support the day-to-day operations of the parish office. To inquire: aantezana@stpatricks.org.

Chancery—Positions are available at the diocesan Human Resource Department. Job descriptions and applications can be viewed at <https://charlottediocese.org/employment-opportunities/> or tamack@rcdoc.org

Looking for something to liven up your relationship this summer? A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will give you all the tools you need or a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Oct 24-26, 2025 in EMERALD ISLE, NC and Aug 29-31, 2025 in WHEATON, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

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