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October 24, 2021

30th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME 30° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Just like Jesus, the greatest evangelizer, we are called to help spread the word of God. We encourage you to give generously to help others in their missionary work around the world!

La segunda colecta de hoy es para el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Así como Jesús, el supremo evangelizador, nosotros estamos llamados a ayudar a difundir la palabra de Dios. ¡Te animamos a contribuir generosamente para ayudar a otros en su labor misionera alrededor del mundo!



HELP OUR TROOPS CALL HOME

This weekend the Knights of Columbus will be accepting your old cell phones and other electronic mobile devices for the Cell Phones for Soldiers campaign to help our troops call home. Drop-off boxes are in the Narthex through Oct. 31. Please see page 5 for more details.



LIVESTREAMING

The only weekend Masses that are broadcast on our Facebook page are Sunday Masses, 11 a.m. in English and 2 p.m. in Spanish.

TRANSMITE EN VIVO

A partir del domingo 17 de octubre, la únicas misas de fin de semana que serán transmitidas en nuestro Facebook, serán la misas de domingo, 11am en inglés y 2pm en español.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Office Hours / Question of the Week

CLERGY



Msgr. Daniel Stack
Pastor



Fr. Jaime Rivera
Parochial Vicar



Fr. Paul W. Berny
In Residence

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MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

- Noon - English*

Wednesday:

- Noon - English - Senior Mass (62 and older) *

Jueves

- 7 p.m. - Misa en español*

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia:

- 5 p.m. - English
- 7:30 p.m. - Español

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Sunday/Domingo:

- 8 a.m. - English
- 11a.m. - English*
- 2 p.m. - Español*
- 5 p.m. - English

**Mass is livestreamed through our Facebook page and posted on our website and YouTube following each Mass.*

** La misa se transmite en vivo a través de nuestro pagina de Facebook y se publica en nuestro sitio web y en YouTube después de cada misa.*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Faith Formation: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Oficina Parroquial: 9 a.m. a 4 p.m. Lunes a viernes.

Formación de fe: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lunes a Jueves

La Oficina de atención al público en español:

3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Lunes a jueves

Question of the Week

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you look to God to guide you and keep you from stumbling? Why or why not?

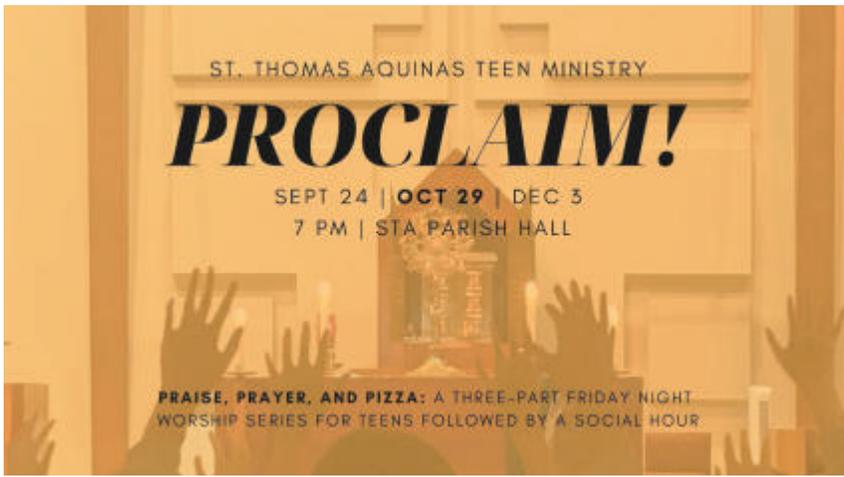
Each week, members of the staff gather to study and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, and from that study and reflection they prepare the Question of the Week. Refer back to today's Gospel to reflect on your personal response. **Mark 10:46-52**

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Buscas a Dios para que te guíe y evite que tropieces? ¿Por qué? O ¿Por qué no?

Cada semana, miembros del personal se reúnen para estudiar y reflexionar en el próximo evangelio del domingo y en base de ese estudio y reflexión ellos preparan la Pregunta de la Semana. Usa el evangelio y las lecturas para encontrar tu respuesta personal a la pregunta. **Marcos 10:46-52**





SAVE THE DATE for a night of Praise, Prayer and Pizza: On Friday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m., we will have a worship night for all high schoolers followed by a social hour starting in the Church. Teens, bring a friend and enjoy your faith, your community, and a great dinner. We'll see you there!



RESERVEN LA FECHA para una noche de Alabanza, adoración, ¡y pizza!: El viernes, 29 de octubre a las 7 pm tendremos un noche de adoración seguida por una hora social para los adolescentes, quienes están en HIGH SCHOOL (novenos a doceavo grado) de parte del Teen Ministry de nuestra parroquia.

Muchachos, traigan un amigo, y disfruten de su fe, comunidad, ¡y una buena cena! ¡Los esperamos!

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

Whatever else Catholics know, they must know that they are loved by the people of the church. We at St. Thomas Aquinas have been working to create a smaller, more personal experience of church for every member of our Parish. We call these Small Faith Communities.

Small Faith Communities are groups of 8-12 adults who gather in homes to share their experiences of faith and love. Hundreds of adult parishioners participate in Small Faith Communities at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Won't you come join us? Contact Terry Zobel at tzobel@sta.org for more information.



CONTINUED MASK MANDATE

We are so thankful that the COVID percentages are decreasing locally and nationally. We are also aware that some of the parishes around us have reduced their mask requirements for indoor services. As you know, St. Thomas has taken the approach since March 2020 to ensure the safest environment we can for the parishioners, clergy, staff and volunteers during this unprecedented time. Even today, we provide worship opportunities outdoor, inside with more social distancing available, your car, and livestreaming every weekend. Given these choices, we will continue our mask requirement for indoor services for the next 30 days and then evaluate the COVID percentages again. Masks are optional for any of our outdoor worship areas at this time.

MANDATO DE TAPABOCA CONTINUO

Estamos muy agradecidos de que los porcentajes de contagio de COVID estén disminuyendo a nivel local y nacional. También estamos conscientes de que algunas de las parroquias que nos rodean han reducido sus requisitos del uso de tapabocas para los servicios en el interior del templo. Como saben, Santo Tomás ha adoptado una posición desde marzo de 2020 para garantizar el entorno más seguro posible para los feligreses, el clero, el personal y los voluntarios durante estos tiempos sin precedentes. Incluso hoy, brindamos oportunidades de adoración en interiores, exteriores, interiores con disponibilidad de más distanciamiento social, su automóvil y transmisión en vivo todos los fines de semana. Con esa premisa, continuaremos con nuestro requisito del uso de tapaboca para todos los servicios en interiores durante los próximos 30 días y esta medida será reevaluada de acuerdo a los datos de COVID. El uso de tapaboca es opcional en las áreas de adoración al aire libre.



PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER



October is the Month of the Rosary. To celebrate, please join us in honoring our Blessed Mother by saying the Rosary and Litany of Loreto as a community. Join the Legions of Mary and Knights of Columbus every Sunday during October after the 8 a.m. Mass and bring your special intention to the care of Our Lady. All are welcome.

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided...”

The Memorane



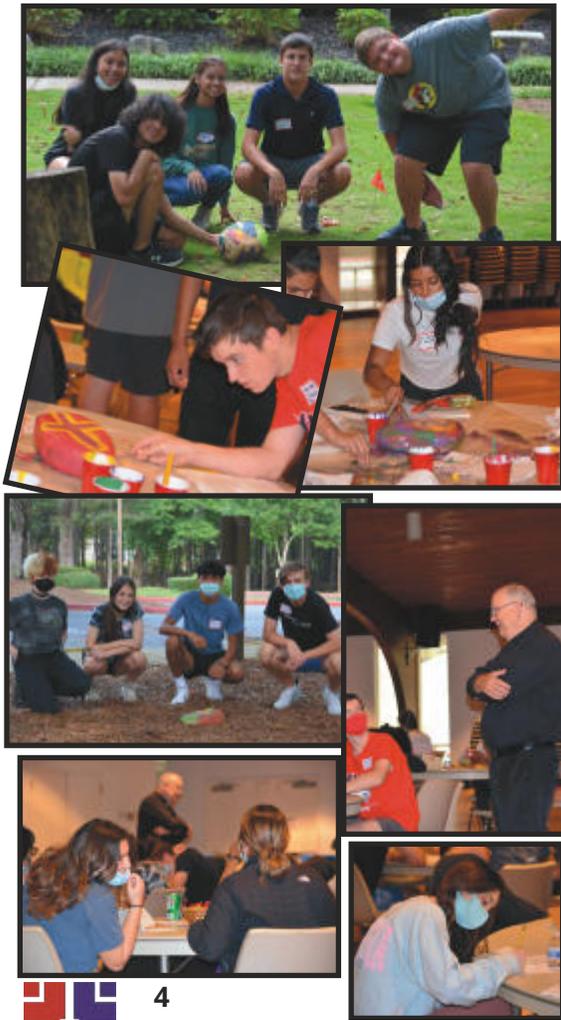
VIRTUAL ROSARY & DIVINE CHAPLET

We encourage and invite all to join us in prayer for our daily Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

When: Rosary at 12:40 p.m., and Divine Chaplet at 3 p.m. Call (224) 501-3412; enter code: 522-566-253 when prompted.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is also prayed in person every week day immediately following the noon Mass. All are welcome.

SCENES FROM 2021 CONFIRMATION RETREAT



FROM PRAYER GARDEN TO ROSARY GARDEN

For the month of October our prayer garden has been transformed to a rosary garden. The rosary, a well-known and well-loved devotion by many Catholics is usually prayed using a string of beads and carefully spoken prayers to invoke a state of peace and meditation. Thanks to the artistic abilities of this year’s Confrmandi and kids in Family Forming Disciples, STA has designed a walking rosary outside in our prayer garden. Our hope is that the STA rosary garden creates a peaceful environment ideal for meditation or quiet reflection.

We challenge all parishioners to pray at least one rosary this month in the STA rosary garden. Take a picture next to your favorite rosary rocks and send it us to be featured in future bulletins! STAreply@sta.org

DE JARDÍN DE ORACIÓN A JARDÍN DEL ROSARIO

Para el mes de octubre, nuestro Jardín de Oración se ha transformado en un Jardín del Rosario. El rosario, una devoción muy conocida y querida por muchos católicos, se suele rezar utilizando un hilo de cuentas y oraciones pronunciadas para invocar un estado de paz y meditación. Gracias a las habilidades artísticas de los jóvenes preparados para la confirmación y los niños de Formación en la Fe, STA ha diseñado un rosario hecho en piedras afuera en nuestro jardín de oración. Nuestra esperanza es que el jardín del rosario de STA sea un ambiente ideal para la meditación o la reflexión tranquila.

Invitamos a todos los feligreses a rezar al menos un rosario este mes en el Jardín del Rosario de STA. ¡Toma una foto junto a tu piedra de rosario favoritas y envíanosla para que aparezca en futuros boletines! STAreply@sta.org



VETERANS LUNCH

All veterans are welcome to attend a special Mass on Thursday, Nov. 11 at noon followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to Debra Mahon, 678-525-2835.



HELP OUR TROOPS CALL HOME



Please join the St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus in helping our military service men and women by donating your no longer used cell phones, smartphones, and tablets in the Cell Phones for Soldiers donation box in the Narthex after Mass the weekends of Oct. 23-24 and Oct. 30-31. Your donated devices are refurbished, and sold, and the proceeds used

to provide FREE calling cards/talk time to reach service men and women overseas so that they may connect with their loved ones. Cell Phones for Soldiers is a national, non-profit organization serving troops and veterans with free communication services and emergency funding.

- Donate any manufacturers' phone, this includes broken and outdated mobile phones, though newer gently used devices are preferred.
- If you have a charger to donate, please keep the original phone and charger together.
- Remove your SIM card and factory reset your device. If you cannot reset your phone, Cell Phones for Soldiers will wipe the devices. They are certified up to DOD, R2 and NAID AAA standards for removing all of your data.
- Cell Phones for Soldiers has kept over 20 million devices out of landfills, and provided over 400 million minutes of free talk time to service personnel overseas.

Please donate your used devices today! Drop them off in the donation box located in the Narthex. Your powerful gift truly makes a difference and makes you a hero to our nation's heroes. God Bless you.

VIRTUS TRAINING

St. Thomas Aquinas on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 9:30 a.m.



What is it? Virtus is our safe environment program created to educate, empower, and enlighten employees, volunteers, and other interested individuals who work with our children or other vulnerable individuals. Our goal is to create a safe place for all, by preventing opportunities for sexual abuse and providing tools and resources to assist in that endeavor.

Who can go? The program is designed for those working with children or vulnerable adults, but is open to anyone. Parents of young children may wish to attend.

How do I sign up? Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> and select FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT, Live Training, then select Pre-register for an upcoming live training session in your area. Many parishes offer this training. Find ours by the date.

Your certification lasts for five years, then you renew online.

SPONSOR A TREE IN OUR GIVING GARDEN ORCHARD

Sponsor apple, pear trees, or orchard at the exciting newly established St. Thomas Aquinas Giving Garden Orchard and get a permanent plaque displayed among the trees.

Your sponsorship donation will go to STA's St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Giving Garden Orchard to help with expenses. Harvests also go to STA's St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry.

Sponsor forms are available in the Narthex. There you will see samples of the plaques graciously made by parishioner, Don Rotolo. Please submit your form with the donation by Oct. 24.

You are also invited to join us in the planting of apple and pear trees at the orchard on Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. The location of the orchard is in the meadow area below the Rucker Road bridge. We expect to place your plaque at the orchard on this date.

- Specific Tree Sponsor \$40 (plaque size about 14" x 5")
- Orchard Sponsor \$20 donation minimums (plaque size about 7"x 2.5")

If you have questions about the STA Giving Garden Orchard, or would like to help with it, please contact Bud Barker at jtbarcker@comcast.net





REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

In the month of November, we remember all those who have died. We invite you to honor your loved ones by signing their name in the book of those who have died and by bringing their picture and placing it on the board of remembrance in the narthex.

RECORDANDO A LOS SERES QUERIDOS

En el mes de noviembre recordamos a todos aquellos que han fallecido. Los invitamos a que honren a sus seres queridos escribiendo sus nombres en el Libro de los Difuntos, o colocando su fotografía en el Mural del Recuerdo que se encuentran en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 1 All Saints Day
Mass at noon - Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Nov. 2 All Souls
Bilingual Mass - 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving
Bilingual Mass - 10 a.m.

Dec. 7 Misa por la Inmaculada Concepción
Misa en Español - 7 p.m.

Dec. 8 Mass of the Immaculate Conception
Mass in English - 9 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.

Dec. 11 Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bilingual Mass Outdoors - 11 a.m.

During the month of November, we remember all those who have died, especially these friends and family members who died in the previous 12 months:

November

Vito McCastri
Luciano Rosales
Andrea Valdez

December

Felipa Yolanda Contreras Lozano
Geraldine Nasoti
Norma Shearer

January, 2021

Thomas George Adams
Mary Rosalind (Keanney) Venti

February

Duane Hetland
Nolberto Martin
Pete Pesa
Joe Wagner
Marguerite Walsh

March

Antoinette Barone
Nobello Martian
Greg Sedgwick

April

Guadalupe Boyes
Carmen Desmelik
Mary Ellen Griffin
Linda MacArthur

May

Chuck Clement

June

Keyden Neri Coronel

July

Nilda Duckett
Jesus Ramirez

August

Ralph Abreu
Raymond J. Barry, Jr.
Jim Goslin
Nicolás Lecároz
Thomas McGinty
Dorothy Reardon

September

Martin Barrientos
Thomas Barts
Nancy Newman

October

Alba Maria Ocon

Corrections/additions should be emailed to Kathy Kuczka, kkuczka@sta.org





GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

24 de octubre 2021

30° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El mundo ha llorado mucho en estos dos años de pandemia. Después de tanto sufrimiento, Dios nos sigue invitando al cambio en nuestro corazón. La hemos pasado mal, muchas familias lloran aún a sus familiares que perdieron la batalla, otros miles siguen buscando trabajo. La lucha no termina y la esperanza en medio de todo es que volvamos a Dios, tal como el pueblo de Israel en la primera Lectura: "Partieron en medio de lágrimas, pero los hago regresar contentos" (Jeremías 31:9). Ya es tiempo de gozar del amor y la misericordia eterna de Dios. Fijémonos, en todo lo bueno y noble que hemos aprendido en este tiempo y trabajemos por una sociedad más justa.

El Evangelio también nos presenta el amor y la compasión de Dios por medio del ciego de Jericó que grita a la orilla del camino. "¡Hijo de David ten compasión de mí!" El ciego es símbolo de todas las personas que sufren en el mundo. Jesús, le pregunta: ¿Qué quieres que haga por ti? La respuesta del ciego: "Maestro, que pueda ver". Eso es lo que seguimos pidiendo: que podamos ver todas las injusticias de la sociedad, que podamos dialogar y buscar soluciones juntos, para poder vivir con paz y tranquilidad y así simbólicamente tirar el manto y escuchar su invitación: ánimo, ten fe, levántate. Jesús sigue llamando a cada uno, porque a todos nos toca ahora ver qué podemos hacer por los que nos rodean. El papa Francisco lo resume así: "Fijarnos en Bartimeo y su grito de búsqueda de Jesús. Hacerse prójimos en el camino de fe para acompañar. Testimoniar, fijándonos en los discípulos que le dirigen a Bartimeo solo tres palabras, ánimo, levántate, que te llama" (10/28/2018).

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Baptized to Serve and Minister as Priest, Prophet, and King

Kathy Kuczka

Images of water naturally surface when one thinks of baptism. The central sacramental act by which a person is immersed in baptismal waters or has those waters poured over them is powerful. The image of the baptismal water bath is so awe-inspiring that one can easily miss what follows. Equally significant to the water bath is the act of anointing that takes place immediately after the baptism.

This act begins when the minister says:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
has freed you from sin,
given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and joined you to be his people.
He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation,
so that you may remain members of Christ, Priest,
Prophet, and King,
unto eternal life. (*Order of Baptism of Children, 62*)

Anointing persons with oil is rooted in ancient Israel. Individuals who were called to the divine offices of priest, prophet, or king were anointed with oil poured on their head. Olive oil was used because it was known to heal, to protect, and to rejuvenate.

It is no surprise then that from the earliest centuries the Church has used oil, particularly olive oil, to symbolize transformation and renewal in its sacramental rites, primarily in baptism. The sacred chrism used to anoint the newly baptized is made of olive oil mixed with a fragrant liquid, usually balsam. Chrism is one of three holy oils, along with the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick, that are blessed by the bishop each year at the Chrism Mass. In the prayer of blessing, the bishop calls on the Holy Spirit to sanctify the chrism oil and prays that those who are anointed with it are strengthened to share with Christ the ministry of priest, prophet, and king.

The Spirit that sanctifies the chrism oil and anoints the baptized is the same Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism. As the synoptic Gospels note, Jesus' baptism culminates when the Spirit descends upon or after his coming out of the water, designating him the messiah, or the anointed one. The Spirit inaugurates Jesus' public ministry, empowering him to carry out the mission for which he was sent.



Anointed with the Chrism of salvation, the baptized remain in Christ, priest, prophet, and king.

Likewise, the Spirit empowers all the baptized to share Christ's ministry as priests, prophets, and kings. It may be a challenge for many people to envision themselves as a priest, a prophet, or a king. After all, the baptized don't wear priestly robes or royal crowns, but then again, neither did Jesus.

Jesus did ordinary things with extraordinary faith. He fulfilled his calling with simple means, with words, with human touch, with water, with saliva, even with dirt and whatever else may have been at his disposal.

We who are baptized, like Jesus, are called to do ordinary things with extraordinary faith. When we pray for the needs of the world, when we sacrifice our time and our talents for others, we exercise the ministry of priest. When we preach the Gospel, when we speak on behalf of the vulnerable, when we speak out against injustice, we exercise our ministry as prophet. When we serve those unable to provide for themselves, when we respect the dignity of all human beings and care for God's creation, we exercise our ministry as king.

As awe-inspiring as the water bath in a baptism may be, it is the words, gestures, and symbols in the anointing that follows that helps unfold the meaning of this foundational sacrament. Ultimately, it is living out the roles of priest, prophet, and king that witness to God's love long after baptism.

Text by Kathy Kuczka, author of *Connecting the Liturgy with Our Lives: Print and Digital Resources for Faith Formation* (LTP, 2019).

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RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

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Monday, October 25
Noon (+) Thomas Barts by Burma Campbell

Tuesday, October 26
Noon (+) John Reynolds by Richard & Elaine Herman
(+) Kevin Andronaco by Lynne & James Wascher
(+) Steven Dickman by Carmen & Joe Dickman

Wednesday, October 27
Noon (+) Jim Goslin by Friends of Martha Ministry

Thursday, October 28
Noon (+) Eduardo Urrea by Marina Urrea
(+) Clover O'Shields by Dhabliwalas
(+) Jason Duquette by Kilts Family
7 p.m. (+) Wenceslado Peñaloza by Edelmira Peñaloza
(+) Anthony Aguilar by Delia Ruiz

Friday, October 29
Noon (+) Maureen Krausen by William Kearley

Saturday, October 30
5 p.m. For the Intentions of the Parish Family
7:30 p.m. (L) Zamorano Family by Martha Zamorano

Sunday, October 31
8 a.m. Susie Gilling Joley by Ann & Ed Davalos
11 a.m. (+) Valerie Casey by Bernard Casey
2 p.m. (+) Rodrigo Díaz by Orlando Cruz
(+) Donato y Alegunda Diaz
(+) Bartolo y Agustina Nolasca by Rosa Diaz
5 p.m. (+) Lynne Hamill by Stephen Sheahan

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Baptism is a special step in your child's faith journey, and we are honored to be part of it. The Catholic Church teaches us that parents are the primary educators in the faith of their children. Our Baptismal preparation is designed to assist you, parents, and godparents, in raising these children in the faith. To allow ample time to complete planning, expectant mothers are encouraged to contact us before their baby is born. Please review our Baptism Preparation Class schedule. For more information on this class and how to register, please contact Joanne Garrett at 770-475-4501 ext. 102 or Andrea Garcia at ext. 215.

Baptism Prep Class in English will be held in room 204 at 1:00 p.m. on:

- November 20

El bautizo es un paso especial en la vida de fe de su hijo y nos sentimos honrados de ser parte de él. La Iglesia Católica nos enseña que los padres son los principales educadores en la fe de sus hijos. Nuestra preparación bautismal está diseñada para ayudarlos a ustedes, padres y padrinos, a criar a estos niños en la fe. Para permitir suficiente tiempo para completar la planificación, se recomienda a las mujeres embarazadas que se comuniquen con nosotros antes de que nazca su bebé. Por favor revise nuestro horario de clases de preparación para el bautismo, para obtener más información sobre esta clase y cómo registrarse, comuníquese con Andrea García a la ext. 215.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Claudia Alvarez
Lynn Brady
Barbara Butler
Cynthia Chase
Ellen Reuland Coons
Sally Clark
Karen Del Prince
Peter Gallagher
Tony Genito

Joanne Kohl
Deacon Ed LaHouse
Ryan Maclean
Bob McPhee
Nancy Mikan
Vince Mikan
Gloria Pasada
Rickey Polite
Yambee Ramirez

Ann Rodriguez
Estella Riley
Sandy Sparks
Deacon John Strachan
Vivian

This list of those suffering illness is a ministry of Forever Young Friends and is updated at noon on Thursday every week. To be listed for six weeks, removed or extended, contact Marianne Fronек at marianneFronек@gmail.com.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Oct. 24 | Latin America/Eastern Europe/World Mission

Nov. 1 | All Saints Collection

Nov. 2 | All Souls Collection

Nov. 7 | St. Vincent de Paul - STA

Nov. 14 | Archdiocese Seminarians / Guadalupe

Donations for second collections may now be placed in the white drop box in the Narthex specifically marked for these donations.

They may also be placed in the basket at offertory time or online at any time.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Oct.11 - Oct. 17

Wednesday Mass for Seniors | 68

Thursday Spanish | 132

Saturday 5 p.m. (English) | 106

Saturday 7:30 p.m. (Spanish) | 146

Sunday 8 a.m. (English) | 161

Sunday 11 a.m. (English) | 433

Sunday 2 p.m. (Spanish) | 450

Sunday 5 p.m. (English) | 191

TOTAL | 1,687

SVdP FOOD PANTRY:

- Tuna
 - Toilet paper
 - Shelf stable milk or powdered milk
 - Jelly
 - Crackers
 - Corn
 - Shampoo
 - Coffee, Tea
- At this time we do not need Mac & Cheese.
Please note that expired food will not be accepted.

Thank you for donating!

CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

The United States Postal Service began implementing changes on the first day of October, and they may impact mail delivery across the country. The USPS said its service times for first-class mail and periodicals will be slower. USPS is reporting that 39% of first class mail will be impacted. At St. Thomas, almost 50% of our current offertory comes from donations set up online so please consider a change to the STA online giving process if you are now mailing in your weekly offertory. This can be set up by visiting STA.org or by giving Julie a call at the church at extension 104 or sending her an email at stabookkeeper@sta.org



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. Thomas Aquinas is hiring for immediate positions. The positions include:

- Youth Minister
- Faith Formation Coordinator
- Family Formation Assistant
- Resources Manager

Please visit our website for more details and full job descriptions.

All resumes should be sent to resumes@sta.org.

RESOURCES MANAGER

St. Thomas Aquinas has an immediate opening for a part-time Resources Manager. The role will coordinate the various ministries at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, including the development and implementation of a consistent parish-wide recruitment, training, and support plan. Priority in the first six months will be given to oversee the newcomer welcome process.

FAMILY FORMATION COORDINATOR

St. Thomas Aquinas has an immediate opening for a bilingual part-time Family Faith Formation Coordinator (maximum 1456 work hours annually). The role of the Family Faith Formation Coordinator is to develop pastoralbased ministry that fosters the total personal and spiritual growth of STA families with children ages 4-12 years old.

FAMILY FORMATION ASSISTANT

St. Thomas Aquinas has an immediate opening for a part-time Family Faith Formation Assistant (maximum 960 work hours annually). The role of the Family Faith Formation Assistant is to administer a pastoral-based ministry that fosters the total personal and spiritual growth of STA families with children ages 4-12 years old.

YOUTH MINISTER

St. Thomas Aquinas has an immediate opening for full-time exempt Youth Minister (bilingual preferred). The role of the Youth minister is to develop pastoral based ministry that fosters the total personal and spiritual growth of teenagers and young adults. This position will develop and coordinate parish-based youth programs for middle school youth, a high school youth, and design and implement programs for Confirmation candidates.

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