

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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St. Thomas Aquinas

2001 CENTENNIAL
751 Waverley Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Celebration of the Eucharist

7:30 am Sunday
8:45 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday
12:00 pm Sunday (Gregorian)
7:15 am, 12:15 pm Monday-Friday
12:15 pm Saturday

Reconciliation

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Saturday

St. Albert the Great Church

MASS: Sunday 10:00 am
St. Elizabeth Seton School | 2-6
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center

Our Lady of the Rosary

3233 Cowper Street
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 am Sunday (Spanish)
10:30 am Sunday
6:00 pm Sunday (Life Teen)
8:30 am Monday-Friday

St. Albert the Great

1095 Channing Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Celebration of the Eucharist

5:00 pm Saturday (Anticipated)
9:00 am Sunday
11:00 am Sunday (Byzantine)

Reconciliation

4:15 - 4:45 pm Saturday

ST THOMAS AQUINAS
CHURCH

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Pastoral Center

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is a Roman Catholic community of disciples working together for the glory of God and our spiritual growth in Jesus Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we live and share the Gospel through worship, education and service.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

Considering the amount of love and care that a mother endows her children, she should be thanked every day. However since this is not always possible and makes the relationship too formal, a specific day has been reserved for making a mother feel special. On this day most of us express our feelings with greeting cards, letters, phone calls, and even presents. This time let's try to give our mothers the gift of laughter.

"WHY GOD MADE MOMS" – Answers given by second grade school children to the following questions.

Q.-How did God make mothers?

A.- Magic, plus super powers and a lot of stirring.

Q.- Why did God make mothers?

A.- Mostly to clean the house.

Q.- What ingredients are mothers made of?

A.- God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

Q.- What's the difference between moms and dads?

A.- Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

So let's be thankful for our mothers for they love with a higher love from the power and strength God has given them from up above. "HAPPY MOTHERS DAY"

Sandra Pedersen, Mother & Parish Secretary

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 13:

9:00 am SAG ... Frank M. Briggs †

10:30 am OLR .. Roger S. Silva †

and Angelina P. Lozano †

10:30 am STA... Clothilda Rita Wait †

12 Noon STA Walter & Helen Kedzierski†

6:00 pm OLR... Odette Aclimandos †

Readings: Acts 10:25-26,35-36,44-48P

Jn 4:7-10, JN15:917(56)

Monday, May 14: St. Mathias, Apostle

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 JN15-9-17

Tuesday, May 15: St. Isadore, the worker

8:30 am OLR ...

Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 16:

12:15 pm STA ..

Readings: Acts 17:15,22-18.1 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 17: 8:30 am OLR

Readings: Acts 1:1-11/eph 1:17:7-23

Friday, May 18:

8:30 am OLR ...

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 19: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;

St. Pancras

12:15 pm STA .. Virginia McCosker †

5:00 pm SAG ... Bertha Gretz †

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 19-20, 2012

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Seimas

Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am TBD

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Valenton

Sun 12 noon Fr. Thompson

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Gammad

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley

Sun 6:00 pm Youth Fr. Stanley

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC...

Do you have an interest in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized as a child but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Our adult inquiry sessions continue all year long. For more information about the process, please call Jean Ramocciotti (650) 494-2496 ext. 34 or jramocciotti@dsj.org

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Easter is a season of joyful giving. We deeply appreciate the joyful giving of so many of our parishioners who share with us in abundance their time, talent, and treasure. We encourage everyone to keep this Easter joy alive and consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.

Stewards know themselves to be both recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts.



Our Weekly Offering

May 6 \$11,000... • Goal \$11,000



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Sr. Jeannette Donnelly, Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Irene Zupon, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Linda Staelgraeve, Erika Staelgraeve, William McInerney, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Joan Sterling, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen.

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Fr. Tony Medina, Hong Lee, Frank Ventura, Maryhelen Macpherson, Dominador Navarro, Robert Purcell, Judith Ann Canales,, Arminda Schembri, Frank M. Briggs

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com



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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 13: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 14:

7:00 p.m. TMC...(Thomas House)

6:00 p.m. Catechesis (Hispanic) (OLR)

Tuesday, May 15:

7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

7:00 pm Hispanic Board Mting (OLRH)

Wednesday, May 16:

10:00 am Adult Spirituality Bd (PC)

6:00 pm RCIC (PC)

Thursday, May 17:

10:00 am Faith Sharing (DC)

5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)

7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

7:00 pm Communications PC)

7:00 pm 1st Communion Parents

Catechesis(PC)

Friday, May 18:

7:00 pm Hisp. Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, May 19:

8:30 am -12:30 pm PSC RETREAT (Thomas Hs)

RETREAT AT THOMAS HOUSE

There is a Retreat at the Thomas House on Saturday May 19th 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Pastoral Stewardship Council would like at least 2 or 3 people from each organization to attend. Please let Pat Keicher or Pat Briggs know if you can attend.

MEMORIES AVAILABLE ON LINE

Pictures of the St. Thomas Events are now up. Communion and Confirmation pics up by the end of May. They are available for review and purchase at : www.shutterstock.com/pro/PALOALTOPHOTO/SpecialR1

ANNIVERSARIES OF PRIESTHOOD

This Friday, May 18th, Fr. Matt celebrates the 21st anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Peter, also, celebrates the 11th anniversary of his ordination. "Ad multo anos!"

SOLEMNITY OF THE OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As of September, 1999, the Bishops of the Dioceses in the Western part of the United States permanently transferred this Solemnity to the 7th Sunday of Easter which this year is next Sunday, May 20th.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

You can make a difference for the good by encouraging and supporting the work of Catholic Charities! Your contribution helps leverage larger grants to provide more than 40 different services that help people move out of poverty in Silicon Valley. This is a clear expression of loving one another. Envelopes are available in the pews or at the Pastoral Center. For more information, see www.catholiccharitiesscc.org.

THOMAS HOUSE NEWS.....

The Thomas House library is slowly coming together. When completed, the library will be open to the public for a few hours each week.

On Tuesday, May 22, at 1:30, there will be an organizational meeting in the Thomas House for anyone who would like to help with the library or occasionally be a librarian/attendant when the library is open -- no experience required! There is a separate office associated with the library so that the attendant may enjoy their time in relative privacy.

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MUSICIAN NEEDED

Musician needed for monthly Mass on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm at Lytton Gardens. The mass is well attended by the seniors who live there. We need a regular/alternate piano player or someone who plays guitar or any small musical instrument to help with the music. If you are able to help please contact Mary Fong at 650-494-1660.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has already provided 44 shawls to men and women in great need of God's comfort and healing love.

Come join this mission to knit, crochet or weave a simple shawl at your leisure with love and prayers for the future recipient. Your investment of time and yarn costing about \$15 will bring joy to all. For further information, please call Terry Atkinson 650-714-2131.

May 13, 2012

CLERGY STUDY WEEK—CORRECTION.

Beginning this Monday, May 14th and continuing through Friday, May 18th, many of the priests of the Diocese of San Jose including Fr. Matt, Fr. Peter & Fr. Randy will spend some time at San Juan Bautista for our annual week of study, prayer, and reflection. Please keep all of us in your prayers.

REST IN PEACE FATHER MEDINA.

September 15, 1951 – May 6, 2012

Father Tony Medina was born in Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico, the youngest of the five children of Benjamin and Francisca Medina. He was ordained a priest on August 14, 1982, in Guadalajara, Mexico, for the Misioneros de Guadalupe.

After ordination, Father Medina was missioned to Hong Kong, where he served until 1989.

Father Medina's service in the Diocese of San Jose included assignments as Parochial Vicar at Saint Athanasius Parish in Mountain View, Saint Martin Parish, Sunnyvale, Saint John Vianney Parish in San Jose, Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Palo Alto, and Saint Patrick Proto-Cathedral Parish in San Jose. He also served as Chaplain at Presentation Center. From 1998 until 1999, he was a member of the Faculty at Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. In 2005, Father Medina was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of San Jose.

In 2008, Father Medina was assigned as Pastor of Saint Martin Parish in Sunnyvale, an office he held until January 31, 2012, when he resigned for reasons of health.

During his time in the Diocese of San Jose, Father Medina earned a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from Santa Clara University and was often an instructor at the Spanish-language track of the Diocese's Institute for Leadership in Ministry, as well as his work in Cursillo and Pastoral Hispana. Father Medina is survived by his brothers, Benjamin and Silverio, his sisters, Margarita and Rosa Maria, nephews and nieces and many wonderful friends.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL NEWS

Fore! We are looking for more players and tournament sponsors to participate in the 17th Seton Scramble for Students on Monday, May 21 at Stanford Golf Course. Registration forms for the annual charity golf tournament event benefiting St. Elizabeth Seton School are in the back of the churches. For more information, please contact the Seton School Development Office 650-326-1258 or email SESSdevelopment@gmail.com.

Welcome new parishioners to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish!

We encourage you to register as members of our growing family. Please email your *name, address, and phone* to admin@paloaltocatholic.org. Current members please contact the Pastoral Center to update your information.

KEY REFERENCES

DC ... Dermody Center	SAGH SAG Hall
OLR .. Our Lady of the Rosary Church	SESS.. St. Elizabeth Seton School
OLRH OLR Church Hall	SESA . SES Auditorium
KC ... OLR Kerry's Corner	STA... St. Thomas Aquinas Church
PC Pastoral Center	STAH . STA Hall (basement rectory)
SAG .. St. Albert the Great Church	TH... Thomas House

HOLY SACRAMENTS

Please contact the Pastoral Center for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Every first Monday of the month after the 7:15 am Mass. Once a year, the weekend closest to February 11, World Day of the Sick, and by request.

Christian Initiation: If interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) as an adult, youth or child.

Infant Baptism: Preparation may begin before or after the birth of your child.

Marriage: Arrangements need to be made at least six months prior to the proposed marriage date.

ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE STAFF, & COMMITTEES

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