

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



March 2, 2025 | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SUNDAY MASSES

### ENGLISH:

Saturday—5:00 pm  
Sunday—9:00am | 12:00 pm |  
6:00 pm

### ITALIAN:

Sunday—10:30 am

### ESPAÑOL:

Sunday—2:00 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday 9:00am |

First Fridays - 7:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

## BAPTISMS—BAUTIZOS

Please call the office, **Three months** in advance.  
Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

## ANOINTING - UNCIÓN

Every first Saturday of the month at 9:00AM. El primer sábado de cada mes a las 9.00 am.

## WEDDINGS—BODAS

Please contact the office **one year** in advance.  
LLamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.

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For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/ Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

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Please call the office for visits or Communion visitations to the sick.

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Friday**  
9:30 am - 12:00pm |  
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm



*Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, where unity embraces diversity in the one and same Catholic faith. Together, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.  
Come, worship with us today!*

**PASTOR** Fr. Patrick Ezimora CCE

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Fr. Benedict Nwamuo, CCE

**RESIDENT PRIEST:** Fr. Peter Paul CCE

### CHURCH HOURS:

The church is open  
Mondays to Fridays from 8:00  
am to 12:00 pm, Saturdays  
from 8:00am to 6:00 pm and  
Sundays 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

### DEVOTIONS—DEVOCIONES

**Holy Rosary:** 8:30am on Wednesdays

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 9:30am - 11am on  
Fridays and 7:30 pm on First Fridays

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, This 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time is the last Sunday before the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, 5 March. The readings are Sirach 27.4-7 (1<sup>st</sup> R), Psalm 92, 1 Corinthians 15.54-58 (2<sup>nd</sup> R) and Luke 6.39-45 (Gospel). Make sure to read and pray along! Even today, everyone understands that *each tree is known by its fruit*, as Jesus teaches us. But how many of us realize that what we do or say shows the state of our soul or, if you like, how we are inside? Pray with me: Lord, I give you permission to live in me this week!

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Este 8º domingo del tiempo ordinario es el último domingo antes de que comience el tiempo de Cuaresma, el miércoles 5 de marzo. Las lecturas son Eclesiástico 27,4-7 (I R), Salmo 92, 1 Corintios 15,54-58 (II R) y Lucas 6,39-45 (Evangelio). No dejes de leer y rezar. Aún hoy, todo el mundo entiende que a cada árbol se le conoce por su fruto, como nos enseña Jesús. Pero, ¿cuántos de nosotros nos damos cuenta de que lo que hacemos o decimos muestra el estado de nuestra alma o, si se quiere, cómo estamos por dentro? Reza conmigo: Señor, ¡te doy permiso para vivir en mí esta semana!

## 2025 Lent Schedule

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**9:00am:** Mass & Imposition of Ashes  
**10:30am:** School Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
**7:30pm:** Bilingual Mass & Imposition of Ashes

### FRIDAYS

**9:00am:** Holy Mass  
**9:30am:** Adoration & Reconciliation  
**6:00pm-6:30pm:** Confession  
**6:45pm-7:10pm:** Holy Rosary  
**7:15pm:** Station of the Cross  
**8:00pm-9:00pm:** Lenten Bible Study

### LENTEN CONFESSION

Fridays until April 4th — 9:30am to 10:00am y  
6:00pm to 6:30pm

### BIBLE STUDY

Fridays until April 4th — 8:00pm to 9:00pm

## Calendario de Cuaresma 2025

### MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

**9:00am:** Misa e Imposición de Cenizas  
**10:00am:** Liturgia de Miércoles de Ceniza para las escuelas  
**7:30pm:** Misa bilingüe e Imposición de Cenizas

### VIERNES

**9:00am:** Santa Misa  
**9:30am:** Adoración y Reconciliación  
**6:00pm-6:30pm:** Confesión  
**6:45pm-7:10pm:** Santa Misa  
**7:15pm:** Viacrucis  
**8:00pm-9:00pm:** Estudio Bíblico de Cuaresma

### CONFESIÓN DE CUARESMA

Viernes hasta el 4 de Abril — 9:30am a 10:00am y  
6:00pm a 6:30pm

### ESTUDIO BIBLICO

Viernes hasta el 4 de Abril — 8:00pm a 9:00pm

### Thank you for your generosity!

**February 16, 2025**

Regular Collection \$ 2,566.25

**February 23, 2025**

Regular Collection \$ 5,205.00

Youth Ministry Support \$ 1,424.15

### Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

**16 de Febrero, 2025**

Colecta Regular \$ 2,566.25

**23 de Febrero, 2025**

Colecta Regular \$ 5,205.00

Soporte al Ministerio de Jovenes \$ 1,424.15

### Pre-Authorized Giving

If you wish your Weekly Offertory donation to be withdrawn automatically from your bank account, you may contact the office or fill out the reverse of yellow envelope in your new offertory envelopes box, enclose a blank voided cheque and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

### Donación preautorizada

Si desea que su donación del ofertorio semanal se retire automáticamente de su cuenta bancaria, puede ponerse en contacto con la oficina o rellenar el reverso del sobre amarillo en su nueva caja de sobres de ofertorio, adjuntar un cheque en blanco anulado y dejarlo en la cesta de la colecta o en la oficina parroquial. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

### Reminder! Parish Hall Available for Rent!

Just a soft reminder that our newly renovated parish main is available for rent at a discounted rate for all parishioners. Please contact our parish office for details. Thank you.

### ¡Recordatorio! ¡Salón Parroquial Disponible para Alquiler!

Sólo un recordatorio suave que nuestra parroquia recién renovado principal está disponible para alquilar a un precio de descuento para todos los feligreses. Por favor, póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina parroquial para más detalles.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup> —**

**9:00 am** +All Souls in Purgatory/ Thansgiving for Legion of Mary/

**5:00 pm** +Healing of Rosa Drusain/

**SUNDAY, March 2<sup>rd</sup>— Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am** +Maria Antonietta Buongiorno/ +Julieta Nacion Nuyda/ Birthday blessings to Lucita Macuto, Jessy Asuncion, Melchar Ray Porras & Edenia de la Peña/

**10:30 am** +Crocifissa Carmela Calabró/

**12:00 pm** +Birthday blessings for Jessie Asuncion, Melchar Ray Porras & Edenia Dela Peña

**2:00 pm** +Ana Orsini, +Claudio, +Rina & Luigi La Rosa & todas las almas del purgatorio/ +Roberto Ramirez/ +Josefa Campos/ +Delia Maria Puga Farah/ Birthday blessings to Ariana Azucena Martinez & Mauro Dalsass / For the needs of the Martinez Velásquez Family/

**6:00 pm** + Pasquali & Angela Sclocco

**MONDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup> — St. Katharine Drexel**

**9:00 am** +Lilia Palomo/ +Therese Rashette & Norah Shanque/ Birthday blessing to Anne Mentore

**TUESDAY, March 4<sup>h</sup> — St. Casimir**

**9:00 am** +Mark Cohen/ +Julieta Nacion Nuyda/ +Lucia Carlota de Ycaza/ Thanksgiving Ordination of Rev. Jorge Amaro

**WEDNESDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup> —Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 am**

**THURSDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup> — Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 am** +Luci & Ernest Vanderlinden/ Birthday blessing to Collette Vanderlinden/

**FRIDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup> — Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

**9:00 am** +Hilaria Ygrubay/

**SATURDAY, March 8<sup>st</sup> — St. John of God, Religious**

**9:00 am** +Leticia, Miguel & Adalberto Gomez / Birthday blessings to Giselle Marla Monge & Marco Gomez/

**5:00 pm** Parishioners of STA

## Tax Receipts to be Mailed!

The 2024 tax receipts will come to you by mail with a special word of appreciation and financial account from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

## ¡Recibos de Impuestos Seran Enviados por Correo!

Los recibos de impuestos de 2024 le llegaran por correo con una palabra especial de aprecio y cuenta financiera de nuestro Pastor, P. Patrick. Muchas gracias por sus generosas contribuciones.

## How Well Are You Acquainted with the Bible?

Since last Sunday (February 16), our parishioners have been responding to our Bible Study survey. Your feedback will help guide future Bible study sessions, where we'll dive into the rich connections between scripture and real-world events. Please take a moment to fill it out and return it before leaving Mass. Thank you for your participation!

## ¿Qué tan bien conoces la Biblia?

Desde el domingo pasado (16 de febrero), nuestros feligreses han estado respondiendo a nuestra encuesta sobre los estudios bíblicos. Sus comentarios ayudarán a guiar las futuras sesiones de estudio de la Biblia, donde nos sumergiremos en las ricas conexiones entre las escrituras y los acontecimientos del mundo real. Por favor, tómese un momento para rellenarla y devolverla antes de salir de misa. Gracias por su participación.

## Parish 2025 Jubilee Year Committee!

Given the great spiritual benefits of this Jubilee Year, our parish would like to create a committee of 3 to 5 faith-filled, devoted and selfless individuals who are willing to assist with planning our parish Jubilee visits to the designated Churches in the Archdiocese. The members will handle informing people, organizing the bus, prayer materials, food and other relevant logistics. Please talk to our pastor or call the parish office to indicate your interest and get details. Thank you.

## ¡Comité Parroquial del Año Jubilar 2025!

Dados los grandes beneficios espirituales de este Año Jubilar, a nuestra parroquia le gustaría crear un comité de 3 a 5 personas llenas de fe, devotas y desinteresadas que estén dispuestas a ayudar con la planificación de las visitas jubilares de nuestra parroquia a las Iglesias designadas en la Arquidiócesis. Los miembros se encargarán de informar a la gente, organizar el autobús, los materiales de oración, la comida y otros aspectos logísticos pertinentes. Por favor hable con nuestro párroco o llame a la oficina parroquial para indicar su interés y obtener detalles. Gracias.

## 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy!

If you are considering joining our parish Jubilee visit to Rome and other pilgrimage sites in Italy, please pick up a flyer at the back of the Church or just call the parish office during the office hours.

## ¡2025 Peregrinación Jubilar a Italia!

Si usted está considerando unirse a nuestra parroquia Jubileo visita a Roma y otros lugares de peregrinación en Italia, por favor recoja un folleto en la parte posterior de la Iglesia o simplemente llame a la oficina parroquial durante las horas de oficina.

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Meditations for Lent Introduction



### Introduction to Meditations for Lent

1. Life Decisions and Resolutions
2. Palm Sunday
3. Leading up to Holy Thursday
4. Last Supper
5. Agony in the Garden
6. Jesus is Arrested and Brought Before Annas
7. Jesus is Brought Before Caiaphas
8. Jesus is Brought Before Pilate
9. Jesus is Brought Before Herod
10. Second Trial by Pilate
11. Jesus Carries His Cross and is Crucified
12. Jesus Speaks From the Cross
13. Jesus Dies on the Cross
14. Jesus' Body in the Arms of His Mother
15. Jesus is Buried
16. Holy Saturday

The sixteen meditations and exercises in this section are based on "Week Three" of *The Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius. The goal of this period of sixteen reflections will be to reflect upon the events of Holy Week. Specifically, this period invites you to accompany our Lord in His passion and death so as to share more fully in His resurrection. This section of meditations is best started the week of Ash Wednesday and concluded on Holy Saturday.

The meditations provided in this section will mostly focus upon the Scripture when the meditation is scriptural. Therefore, there will be an introduction to the Scripture so as to set the context, then Scripture passages will be provided for you to slowly, carefully and prayerfully meditate upon. Additionally, there will be bullet points provided to help guide your meditation if you find that useful. The goal, however, is not so much to study the passage. Rather, the goal is to prayerfully contemplate using the scriptural passage. So, do not hesitate to spend more time with the Scripture and less time with these reflections. The reflections that follow are only a guide to help your prayer.

—*My Catholic Life*

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## Discover the Heart of our Savior



This Lent, join Scott Hahn as he unpacks the biblical richness of Jesus's Seven Last Words, spoken as He hung dying on the cross. In this free Lenten journey starting Ash Wednesday (March 5), you will receive 30-minute video reflections on one of Jesus's final utterances. To accompany these reflections, we're excited to share sacred music by the men's ensemble, Floriani.

To sign up for this free Lenten journey, click the link below: <https://stpaulcenter.com/lent>

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## 3 Minute Retreat New Life Is Given

The heart is thought to be the center of the person, the place of emotions, desires, and intentions. Today's retreat verse focuses on our desire for renewal and a "clean heart." It's our desire for a new start, to "clean up our act" and to have good intentions and desires. Falling short and making mistakes is part of being human, so we can sometimes feel like failures. The really good news here, however, is that with God's help a new start is possible. We can shine again with God's love and start afresh. The secret is to join our desire for renewal with the overwhelming love God has for us, letting it seep in and clearing a space in our hearts.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

# LIVING YOUR FAITH

What is **Lent**? Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving explained



**Animated Story**

[\*\*Children's Video\*\*](#)

Cardinal Parolin to lead Rosary for Pope's health in St. Peter's Square



**By Vatican News**

**By Deborah Castellano Lubov**

The Vatican announced an evening rosary for the Holy Father's health, starting Monday, in St. Peter's Square.

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**IGNITE Ministry Bible & Beer Forty Days: Finding God in the Desert**

**Tuesday, March 04, 2025 07:00 PM to  
Tuesday, March 04, 2025 9:30 PM**

St. Patrick's Church, 137 McCaul St.  
(Enter through front Church doors)



Jesus' time in the wilderness teaches us about perseverance, trust and spiritual strength. How does God meet us in our own "desert" moments? In this week's session, we'll dive into Luke 4:1-13 to uncover the deeper meaning behind Jesus' responses to temptation and how they guide us in our walk of faith. Sr. April Cabaccang, FMA will lead the reflection as our special guest speaker.

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

**Did God Abandon You?**



"My God, my God why have you abandoned me?"  
Psalm 22:1

Are you praying everyday but still suffering? Are you doing all the right things but your heart is still broken?

Fr. Mike shares with us today that God doesn't promise all our desires, but promises that He will be with us through our sufferings. He reminds us that we are never abandoned by Him.

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**"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you." *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta***

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