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(Psalm 100:5)



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**May 3, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**ENGLISH:** Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am | 12:00pm | 6:00pm  
**ITALIAN:** Sunday 10:30am  
**SPANISH:** Sunday 2:00Pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday to Saturday** 9:00am  
**First Fridays** 7:00pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Fridays** 9:30am-11:00am.  
**First Fridays** 7:30pm

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturdays** 4:00pm or by appt.

**ANOINTING – UNZIONE – UNCIÓN**

First Saturdays of the month at 9:00am.  
El primer sábado de cada mes, 9.00am.  
Il primo sabato di ogni mese alle 9:00.

**BIBLE STUDY SESSION**

**Fridays, 7:30-8:30pm** in the Main Hall.  
Refreshments provided. Please enter  
through the parking lot side door.

**DEVOTIONS**

**Holy Rosary:** 8:30am Mon-Fri before Mass  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Wednesdays  
9:00am Mass

**SICK CALLS**

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

**BAPTISM - BATTESIMO - BAUTIZOS**

Call the office, **Three months** in advance/ Si  
prega di chiamare l'ufficio con **tre mesi** di  
anticipo. Con **tres meses** de anticipación.

**WEDDING – BODAS – MATRIMONIO**

Contact the office **one year in advance.**  
Contatta l'ufficio con un anno di anticipo.  
Contáctenos con **un año de anticipación.**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

For Initiation, Baptism, First Communion  
and Confirmation, please the Parish Office

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon, Wed & Fri:** 8:30am – 3:00pm  
**Tue & Thu:** 10:30am – 5:30pm  
**Mon-Fri Office Closed:** 12:00-12:30pm

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The church is open **Monday to Friday** 8:00 am -12:00pm  
**Saturdays** 8:00am-6:00pm / **Sundays** 8:00am -7:00pm

**FOOD BANK**

**Tuesdays** 12:00m

*Anniversary Prayer*

Heavenly Father, We come before you with grateful hearts, Celebrating one hundred years of blessings, of faith lived and shared, of our community built in Your love. Bless our parish, Lord and all those who ministered and served in the past hundred years. Unite us in love, guide us in service and strengthen our faith. May this anniversary not only honor the past, but renew our zeal and commitment to live faithfully in the present and the years ahead. We pray that our centenary may be a true Celebration of Your goodness, A witness to Your Grace and a beacon of hope for generations to come. Amen  
*Saint Thomas Aquinas.....Pray for us*

*Preghiera per il centenario*

Padre celeste, ci presentiamo davanti a te con cuori riconoscenti, celebrando cento anni di benedizioni, di fede vissuta e condivisa, della nostra comunità costruita nel tuo amore. Benedici la nostra parrocchia, Signore, e tutti coloro che hanno prestato servizio e ministero negli ultimi cento anni. Uniscici nell'amore, guidaci nel servizio e rafforza la nostra fede. Possa questo anniversario non solo onorare il passato, ma rinnovare il nostro zelo e il nostro impegno a vivere fedelmente nel presente e negli anni a venire. Preghiamo affinché il nostro centenario possa essere una vera celebrazione della tua bontà, una testimonianza della tua grazia e un faro di speranza per le generazioni future. Amen  
*San Tommaso d'Aquino... Pregha per noi*

*Oración por el centenario*

Padre Celestial, Nos presentamos ante ti con corazones agradecidos, celebrando cien años de bendiciones, de fe vivida y compartida, de nuestra comunidad construida en tu amor. Bendice nuestra parroquia, Señor, y a todos aquellos que han ministrado y servido en los últimos cien años. Únenos en el amor, guíanos en el servicio y fortalece nuestra fe. Que este aniversario no solo honre el pasado, sino que renueve nuestro celo y compromiso de vivir fielmente en el presente y en los años venideros. Oramos para que nuestro centenario sea una verdadera celebración de tu bondad, un testimonio de tu gracia y un faro de esperanza para las generaciones venideras. Amén.  
*Santo Tomás de Aquino... Ruega por nosotros.*



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## THIS WEEK IN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

### Fifth Week of Easter Message

This Sunday's readings remind us that the Church is built on faith, service, and trust in the Lord. In the Acts of the Apostles, the early Christian community responds to its needs by sharing responsibilities so that the mission of the Word and prayer may continue to grow. In this way, we see that every vocation in the Church matters and is needed. Saint Peter tells us that we are "living stones," chosen by God and called to proclaim His goodness. We are not passive members, but active builders of the Church through our faith and witness. In the Gospel, Jesus comforts us with His words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He is "the way, the truth, and the life," and He invites us to trust Him completely, especially in times of uncertainty. As we celebrate this Easter season, let us renew our trust in Christ and pray that many will hear and respond generously to His call. **Amen.**

#### Mother's Day Blessings and Photo with Priest

Join us as we celebrate and honor all mothers on the weekend of **May 9 & 10**. After all Masses, mothers are invited to receive a special blessing and take a photo with the priest.

Let us give thanks for the gift of our mothers and entrust them to God's loving care. All are welcome!

#### Second Sunday of the Month – Fellowship Sunday

Join us every second Sunday of the month for "**My Neighbor Next Bench**" Fellowship Sunday! Come and enjoy a time of community, conversation, and connection with fellow parishioners from **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Main Hall**. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, strengthen friendships, and grow together as a parish family. All are welcome—bring a friend and come share the joy of fellowship!

#### Bible Study – Friday May 8 – 7:30 to 8:30pm

**Session 12: Divided Kingdom (Part 2)**. Join us as we reflect on **Matthew 16:13–20** and **CCC 552–553**, exploring how the Davidic kingdom points to the Church and the papacy. **Theme: Kingdom Continuity**. What connection do you see between the Old Testament kingdom and the office of the Pope? Enter through the **parking lot doors** and proceed to the hall. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

#### Parish Marian Pilgrimage – Come Journey in Faith!

You are warmly invited to be part of our **12-Day Parish Marian Pilgrimage**, visiting the beautiful and sacred shrines of **Our Lady of Fatima (Portugal)**, **Our Lady of Lourdes (France)**, and **Santiago de Compostela (Spain)**. This is a special opportunity to grow in faith, pray together as a parish family, and experience the grace of these holy places. If you feel called to join us, we encourage you to contact the parish office soon, as **spaces are limited and the booking deadline is approaching**. We look forward to sharing this meaningful journey with you!

#### **ShareLife** Your Gift Builds a Path to Hope

Bradley's life was shattered by addiction from a young age. Just when hope seemed lost, your generosity made a difference. Through ShareLife, he found support at the Good Shepherd's DARE Program—and a second chance at life.

Today, many still struggle with mental health and addiction, waiting for hope and healing.

**Please give to ShareLife** using a parish envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Your gift can help turn lives around.

#### MASS INTENTIONS – May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

**SATURDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter / St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**9:00am:** Thanksgiving for Legion of Mary

**5:00pm:** +Marcelo & Maria Dado/ +Juana Baguis/ +Josefina Odilao/ +Jericho Antonio & Antonio Lauron/ +Rino Dela Mora/ +Giuseppe Dariu/ Thanksgiving from Peralta Family/

Thanksgiving from Elim Community

**SUNDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**9:00am:** Parishioners of STA

**10:30pm:** +Giovanni Massaro/ +Teresa Giacoia/ +Vito Caricata/ +Pasquale Sciulli

**12:00pm:** Parishioners of STA

**2:00pm:** +Maria Elotilde de Barros & Adelino Montereis Gomez/ +Efrain Rodas/ +Arturo & +Eduardo Gonzalez/ +Ana Orsini/ +Claudio & Rina La Rosa/ All Souls in Purgatory/ Birthday blessings for Julio Gonzalez Jr/

**6:00pm:** Thanksgiving from Peralta Family

**MONDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

**9:00am:** +

**TUESDAY, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter/**

**9:00am:** +John Bosco Tran/ +Henriette Nguyen/

**WEDNESDAY, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

**9:00am:** +Remembering the life of Levie Lag-ang on her 1 year death anniversary

**THURSDAY, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

**9:00am:** +Julia & +Juan Alvarado/ Birthday blessings for Fryda Tatiana de Mejia, Rosalba Campos, & Micaela Manzano.

**FRIDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

**9:00am:** +Carmen Hushion/ +Lescek/ +Kristof/ +Helena/ +Wadek/ +Wiesiek

#### Thank you for your Generosity!

**Apr 26, 2026 – Regular: \$5,208.00**

**Apr 19, 2026 – ShareLife: \$8,875.75**

**Apr 26, 2026 – ShareLife: \$1,079.00**

*"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song."*

*– Pope John Paul II*

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**Messaggio della quinta settimana di Pasqua**

Le letture di questa domenica ci ricordano che la Chiesa si fonda sulla fede, sul servizio e sulla fiducia nel Signore. Siamo «pietre vive», chiamate a costruire la Chiesa con la nostra testimonianza. Gesù ci rassicura: «Non sia turbato il vostro cuore»—Egli è la via, la verità e la vita. In questo tempo pasquale, rinnoviamo la nostra fiducia in Lui e rispondiamo con generosità alla Sua chiamata. Amen.

**Mensaje de la Quinta Semana del Tiempo de Pascua**

Las lecturas de este domingo nos recuerdan que la Iglesia se edifica sobre la fe, el servicio y la confianza en el Señor. Somos «piedras vivas», llamados a construir la Iglesia con nuestro testimonio. Jesús nos dice: «No se turbe vuestro corazón»—Él es el camino, la verdad y la vida. En este tiempo de Pascua, renovemos nuestra confianza en Él y respondamos con generosidad a su llamado. Amén.

**Benedizione per la Festa della Mamma e foto con il sacerdote**

Unitevi a noi per celebrare e onorare tutte le mamme nel fine settimana del 9 e 10 maggio. Al termine di tutte le messe, le mamme sono invitate a ricevere una benedizione speciale e a scattare una foto con il sacerdote. Ringraziamo per il dono delle nostre mamme e affidiamole alle amorevoli cure di Dio. Siete tutti benvenuti!

**Bendiciones del Día de la Madre y foto con el sacerdote**

Acompáñenos a celebrar y honrar a todas las madres el fin de semana del 9 y 10 de mayo. Después de todas las misas, invitamos a las madres a recibir una bendición especial y a tomarse una foto con el sacerdote. Demos gracias por el regalo que son nuestras madres y confiémoslas al amoroso cuidado de Dios. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**Seconda domenica del mese – Domenica della fratellanza**

Unitevi a noi ogni seconda domenica del mese per la “Domenica della fratellanza” con il tema “Il mio vicino di banco”! Venite a godervi un momento di comunità, conversazione e condivisione con gli altri parrocchiani dalle 10:00am alle 4:00pm nella Sala Principale. È una meravigliosa opportunità per incontrare nuove persone, rafforzare le amicizie e crescere insieme come famiglia parrocchiale. Tutti sono i benvenuti: portate un amico e venite a condividere la gioia della fratellanza!

**Segundo domingo del mes – Domingo de compañerismo**

¡Acompáñenos cada segundo domingo del mes para el Domingo de compañerismo «Mi vecino del banco de al lado»! Venga y disfrute de un momento de comunidad, conversación y conexión con otros feligreses de 10:00 a. m. a 4:00 p. m. en el salón principal. Es una oportunidad maravillosa para conocer gente nueva, fortalecer amistades y crecer juntos como familia parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos: ¡traiga a un amigo y venga a compartir la alegría de la comunión!

**Studio della Bibbia – Venerdì 8 maggio – dalle 7:30 to 8:30pm**

Sessione 12: Il Regno diviso (Parte 2). Unitevi a noi per riflettere su Matteo 16,13-20 e CCC 552-553, esplorando come il regno davidico rimandi alla Chiesa e al papato. Tema: Continuità del Regno. Quale connessione vedete tra il regno dell’Antico Testamento e l’ufficio del Papa? Entrate dalle porte del parcheggio e procedete verso la sala. Seguirà un rinfresco.

**Estudio bíblico – Viernes 8 de mayo – 7:30 a 8:30 p. m.**

Sesión 12: El reino dividido (Parte 2). Acompáñenos a reflexionar sobre Mateo 16:13–20 y el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CCC) 552–553, explorando cómo el reino davídico apunta a la Iglesia y al papado. Tema: Continuidad del reino. ¿Qué conexión ve entre el reino del Antiguo Testamento y el oficio del Papa? Entre por las puertas del estacionamiento y diríjase al salón. Habrá refrigerio después. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**Pellegrinaggio Mariano Parrocchiale**

Siete cordialmente invitati a partecipare al nostro pellegrinaggio mariano parrocchiale di 12 giorni, alla scoperta dei bellissimi e sacri santuari della Madonna di Fatima (Portogallo), della Madonna di Lourdes (Francia) e di Santiago de Compostela (Spagna). Si tratta di un'occasione speciale per crescere nella fede, pregare insieme come famiglia parrocchiale e sperimentare la grazia di questi luoghi santi. Se sentite la chiamata a unirvi a noi, vi invitiamo a contattare presto l'ufficio parrocchiale, poiché i posti sono limitati e la scadenza per le prenotazioni si avvicina.

**Peregrinación Mariana de la Parroquia**

Te invitamos a formar parte de nuestra Peregrinación Mariana de 12 días, en la que visitaremos los hermosos y sagrados santuarios de Nuestra Señora de Fátima (Portugal), Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (Francia) y Santiago de Compostela (España). Esta es una oportunidad especial para crecer en la fe, orar juntos como familia parroquial y experimentar la gracia de estos lugares sagrados. Si se siente llamado a unirse a nosotros, le animamos a que se ponga en contacto con la oficina parroquial pronto, ya que las plazas son limitadas y la fecha límite de inscripción se acerca.

**ShareLife Costruisce un percorso verso la speranza**

La vita di Bradley è stata distrutta dalla dipendenza sin da giovane. Proprio quando la speranza sembrava perduta, la vostra generosità ha fatto la differenza. Attraverso ShareLife, ha trovato sostegno nel programma DARE del Good Shepherd e una seconda possibilità di vita. Oggi, molte persone lottano ancora con problemi di salute mentale e dipendenza, in attesa di speranza e guarigione. Fate una donazione a ShareLife utilizzando una busta parrocchiale, online attraverso il sito web della nostra parrocchia o su [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). La vostra donazione può aiutare a cambiare delle vite.

**ShareLife Costruye un camino hacia la esperanza**

La vida de Bradley quedó destrozada por la adicción desde una edad temprana. Justo cuando la esperanza parecía perdida, su generosidad marcó la diferencia. A través de ShareLife, encontró apoyo en el Programa DARE del Buen Pastor, y una segunda oportunidad en la vida. Hoy en día, muchas personas siguen luchando contra problemas de salud mental y adicciones, esperando esperanza y sanación. Por favor, done a ShareLife utilizando un sobre de la parroquia, en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Su donación puede ayudar a cambiar vidas.

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