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(Psalm 100:5)



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May 17, 2026 – The Ascension of the Lord

SUNDAY MASSES

ENGLISH: Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am | 12:00m | 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.
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed & Fri: 8:30am – 3:00pm
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The church is open **Monday to Friday** 8:00 am -12:00pm
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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

The Ascension of the Lord – Sunday Message

Today's readings remind us to remain faithful and hopeful as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel (John 17:1–11a), Jesus prays for His disciples, entrusting them to the Father's care and asking that they may remain united in faith and love. Like the disciples in Acts 1:12–14, gathered together in prayer after the Ascension, we too are called to trust in God's presence and remain strong in times of challenge. As St. Peter reminds us, even in difficulties we can rejoice, knowing that Christ is with us. May we continue to live as joyful witnesses of the Gospel, united in prayer, faith, and hope within our families and parish community. Have a blessed Sunday!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Football Club

Practice starts: Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 PM
Ongoing practices: Every Monday at 6:00 PM until June 15
Location: St. Thomas Aquinas School soccer field. Registration is still open for children—thank you for the great response! Join us for fellowship, fun, and sport!

Theology on Tap: St. Thomas Aquinas

Join us for a meaningful evening of faith on Sat. May 23 at 6:30 PM in the Main Hall. In this gathering we'll reflect on our faith, share conversation, enjoy light refreshments, and build community in a welcoming atmosphere. It's a great opportunity to learn, ask questions, and connect with others in the parish. All are warmly invited!

Parish BBQ & Raffle 2026

Join us for our Parish BBQ and Raffle on **Saturday, June 20, from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM!** Come enjoy a joyful day of food, fellowship, and community fun. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after Masses. All are welcome—we look forward to celebrating together!

Bible Study – Friday May 22 – 7:30 to 8:30pm

Join us for **Session 13: Exile**, as we reflect on the theme "**Freedom from Bondage.**" **Scripture Readings:** *Matthew 18:21–35/Daniel 1–7. Catechism: CCC 2838–2845.* This session explores Jesus' teaching on forgiveness through the parable of the unforgiving servant, and how it connects to the meaning of jubilee and the experience of exile. Together, we will deepen our understanding of the importance of forgiveness in our journey of faith.

Through you support human connection

On this World Day of Social Communications, we are reminded of the importance of staying connected with one another in faith, hope, and charity. Through your generous support of ShareLife, lives are being transformed both in our local community and around the world. ShareLife supports more than 40 agencies serving children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international missions, and vocations. The third ShareLife Sunday is May 31. Thus far we have raised **\$16,046.60** toward our goal of **\$29,000.00**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Marian Procession & Potluck

Join us for a beautiful **Marian Procession & Potluck** on **Saturday, May 30 at 6:15 PM**. Come together in prayer to honor Our Blessed Mother, followed by a joyful potluck gathering. Please feel free to bring a dish to share. All are warmly invited—come celebrate faith and community with us!

MASS INTENTIONS – May 16th to May 22th 2026

SATURDAY, May 16th – Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter
9:00am:

5:00pm: Thanksgiving from Neena Correa for blessings received

SUNDAY, May 17th – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9:00am: *+Nivola Di Placido/ +Liang Hui Wang/ In*

Honour and Thanksgiving to The Blessed Trinity Holy Family and all Saints/ Birthday Blessings for Joseph Virgilio and Blessings for all family members.

12:00pm: Parishioners of STA

2:00pm: *+Ana Orsini/ +Claudio & Rina La Rosa/ All Souls in Purgatory/ +Amparo Chavez de Moreira/ Birthday blessings for Mateo Castillo & Vianey de la Torre de Gomez*

MONDAY, May 18th – Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter

9:00am: *+Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong*

TUESDAY, May 19th – Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

9:00am: *+Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ Birthday blessings for Paulina & George Calle, Francisco Jose Marin/ Wedding anniversary for Lucia & Carlos Rodas, Maria Azucena & Jose Gonzalez*

WEDNESDAY, May 20th – Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

9:00am: *+Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +John Michael Fee/ +Mary Wahba/ +Maria Serafina & +Juan Cedillos*

THURSDAY, May 21st – Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter

9:00am: *+Carlos Lopez/ +Julia & +Juan Alvarado/ +Rev. Priest Jose Maria Naranjo*

FRIDAY, May 22nd - Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter/ St. Rita of Casia

9:00am: *+Bernadette Cardyn/ Birthday blessings for Rev. Priest Benedict Nwamuo, Margherita Carusso, Giada Alvarez & Maria Antonieta Asuncion*

Thank you for your Generosity!

May 10, 2026

Regular: \$5,612.25 / Youth Ministry: \$1,540.00

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." – St. Rita of Casia

ITALIAN & SPANISH COMMUNITIES

L'Ascensione del Signore – Messaggio Domenicale

Le letture di oggi ci ricordano di rimanere fedeli e pieni di speranza mentre attendiamo la venuta dello Spirito Santo. Nel Vangelo (Giovanni 17,1–11a), Gesù prega per i suoi discepoli e li invita a rimanere uniti nella fede e nell'amore. Come i discepoli riuniti in preghiera dopo l'Ascensione (Atti 1,12–14), anche noi continuiamo a confidare nella presenza di Dio e a vivere come gioiosi testimoni del Vangelo. Buona e santa domenica!

Squadra di calcio della parrocchia di San Tommaso d'Aquino

Inizio degli allenamenti: martedì 19 maggio alle 6:00pm. Allenamenti: ogni lunedì alle 6:00pm fino al 15 giugno. Luogo: campo da calcio della scuola San Tommaso d'Aquino. Le iscrizioni per i bambini sono ancora aperte: grazie per la grande risposta! Unitevi a noi per stare in compagnia, divertirvi e fare sport!

Theology on Tap: San Tommaso d'Aquino

Unisciti a noi per una serata significativa di fede sabato 23 maggio alle 18:30 nella Sala Parrocchiale. In questo incontro rifletteremo sulla nostra fede, condivideremo la conversazione, gusteremo un leggero rinfresco e costruiremo comunità in un'atmosfera accogliente. È una grande opportunità per imparare, fare domande e connettersi con gli altri nella parrocchia. Tutti sono cordialmente invitati!

Barbecue parrocchiale e lotteria 2026

Unitevi a noi per il nostro barbecue parrocchiale e la lotteria sabato 20 giugno, dalle 12:00pm alle 7:00pm! Venite a godervi una giornata gioiosa all'insegna del cibo, della fratellanza e del divertimento in comunità. I biglietti della lotteria saranno in vendita dopo le Messe. Tutti sono i benvenuti: non vediamo l'ora di festeggiare insieme!

Studio biblico – Venerdì 22 maggio – dalle 7:30 alle 8:30

Sessione 13: Esilio – «Liberazione dalla schiavitù» Letture: Matteo 18, 21–35 / Daniele 1–7. CCC 2838–2845. Rifletteremo sul perdono alla luce della parabola del servo spietato e sul suo legame con il giubileo e l'esilio nel nostro cammino di fede.

Attraverso  ShareLife contribuisci a rafforzare i legami umani

Grazie al vostro generoso sostegno a ShareLife, molte vite vengono trasformate nella nostra comunità e nel mondo. ShareLife sostiene oltre 40 agenzie che aiutano bambini, giovani, famiglie in difficoltà, anziani, immigrati e rifugiati, persone con bisogni speciali, missioni e vocazioni. La terza domenica di ShareLife sarà il 31 maggio. Finora abbiamo raccolto **\$16,046.60** su **\$29,000.00**. Grazie per la vostra generosità e il vostro sostegno. Potete donare in parrocchia, online o su sharelife.org/donate.

Processione Mariana e pranzo in comune

Unitevi a noi per una bellissima processione mariana e un pranzo in comune sabato 30 maggio alle 6:15pm. Riuniamoci in preghiera per onorare la Beata Vergine Maria, seguiti da un gioioso pranzo in comune. Sentitevi liberi di portare un piatto da condividere. Siete tutti calorosamente invitati: venite a celebrare la fede e la comunità con noi!

La Ascensión del Señor – Mensaje Dominical

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que debemos permanecer fieles y llenos de esperanza mientras esperamos la venida del Espíritu Santo. En el Evangelio (Juan 17:1–11a), Jesús ora por sus discípulos y los llama a permanecer unidos en la fe y el amor. Al igual que los discípulos reunidos en oración después de la Ascensión (Hechos 1:12–14), también nosotros continuemos confiando en la presencia de Dios y viviendo como testigos alegres del Evangelio. ¡Que tengan un bendecido domingo!

Club de fútbol de la parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino

Inicio de los entrenamientos: martes 19 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m. Entrenamientos: todos los lunes a las 6:00 p. m. hasta el 15 de junio. Lugar: campo de fútbol de la escuela Santo Tomás de Aquino. Las inscripciones para los niños siguen abiertas. ¡Gracias por la gran acogida! ¡Acompáñanos para disfrutar de la camaradería, la diversión y el deporte!

Theology on Tap: Santo Tomás de Aquino


Únase a nosotros para una noche de fe, el sábado 23 de mayo a las 6:30 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. En este encuentro reflexionaremos sobre nuestra fe, compartiremos conversaciones y disfrutaremos de un ligero refrigerio. Es una gran oportunidad para aprender, hacer preguntas y conectarse con otros en la parroquia. **¡Todos están cordialmente invitados!**

BBQ y Rifa Parroquial 2026

¡Acompáñanos en nuestra barbacoa y rifa parroquial el sábado 20 de junio, de 12:00 pm. a 7:00pm! Ven a disfrutar de un día alegre de comida, compañerismo y diversión en comunidad. Los boletos para la rifa estarán disponibles para su compra después de las Misas. Todos son bienvenidos; ¡esperamos celebrar juntos!

Estudio bíblico – Viernes 22 de mayo – de 7:30 a 8:30 p. m.

Sesión 13: Exilio – «Liberación de la esclavitud» Lecturas: Mateo 18, 21–35 / Daniel 1–7. CCC 2838–2845. Reflexionaremos sobre el perdón a la luz de la parábola del siervo implacable, y su relación con el jubileo y el exilio en nuestro camino de fe.

A través de  ShareLife apoyas las relaciones humanas

Gracias a su generoso apoyo a ShareLife, muchas vidas están siendo transformadas en nuestra comunidad y en el mundo. ShareLife apoya a más de 40 organizaciones que ayudan a niños, jóvenes, familias en dificultades, personas mayores, inmigrantes y refugiados, personas con necesidades especiales, misiones y vocaciones. El tercer domingo de ShareLife será el 31 de mayo. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado **\$16,046.60** de un total de **\$29,000.00**. Gracias por su generosidad. Pueden hacer sus donaciones en la parroquia, en línea o en sharelife.org/donate.

Procesión Mariana y Compartir

Acompáñenos en una hermosa procesión mariana y comida compartida el sábado 30 de mayo a las 6:15 p. m. Reúnanse en oración para honrar a Nuestra Santísima Madre, seguido de una alegre reunión con comida compartida. No dude en traer un plato para compartir. Todos están cordialmente invitados: ¡vengan a celebrar la fe y la comunidad con nosotros!

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