



St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Community

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week of October 25, 2020

Mission Statement: *Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, through our cultural diversity, united in our expressions of faith, lives the Gospel message in our neighborhood through worship, education, service, and advocacy.*

Celebration of the Eucharist – Covid 19 Schedule

Saturday Vigil:

4:00PM (English)

6:00PM (Spanish)

Sunday:

8:00AM (Vietnamese)

10:00AM (English)

12:00PM (Indonesian)

Holidays:

8:30AM (Church)

Weekdays:

8:30AM (Church)

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*St Thomas Aquinas Parish Office
will be run virtually (online)
until further notice. The rectory
will be closed during this time.
The new phone number to call is:
267-388-1281*

Message From Our Pastor

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trick Jesus by asking him, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?". Jesus, without hesitation answers them, "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind". This is the greatest and the first commandment. But then, Jesus adds a second commandment, he says "The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Everything else in life is subordinate to these two commandments.

Jesus made it clear that love is a basis of our Christian faith. If we follow every other law in our faith, but do it without love, it means nothing. And, if we love God, but not our neighbor, it means nothing. God is love, therefore all that he has created is good, and is to be respected and cherished.

In many cultures, the best known symbol of love is probably a heart. For our Christian faith, though, the Cross has always been the greatest symbol of love. It's a reminder from God the Father showing his special love for us, by giving us his Son. As Christians, we must never forget, nor take for granted, the perfect act of sacrificial love Christ made for us on the Cross. It stands as a bridge between a broken people and our God. Jesus gave us the most authoritative teaching on God's law and became the lynchpin for its successful implementation on earth. For those who truly want to follow Christ, being faithful to his teachings, means giving up ourselves for the sake of others. That shows real love. It might mean looking for a way to bring love into the most difficult circumstances, and among the most challenging people.

When we commit to being a follower of Christ, we choose to be as he did, which was to bring the Father's love to all people and to help build up the Kingdom of God on earth. We do this by making love, the basis for all our actions and interactions. We are to love, no matter the cost. Jesus taught us that we cannot love God without loving and serving those around us. **Are we humble and brave enough to accept this challenge?**

God Bless You All!

Fr. Dominic

Your brother in Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 24

4:00PM Joseph Anzideo Jr. by his parents
6:00PM Spanish Mass

Sunday October 25

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Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

8:00AM Vietnamese Mass
10:00AM Alice Guarino by her mother in law
12:00PM Indonesian Mass

Monday October 26

8:30AM People of the Parish

Tuesday October 27

8:30AM People of the Parish

Wednesday October 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday October 29

8:30AM People of the Parish

Friday October 30

8:30AM People of the Parish

Saturday October 31

8:30AM People of the Parish

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4:00PM Art Kalin by Bruce Shultz
6:00PM Spanish Mass

Sunday November 1

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

RV 7:2-4,9-14; PS 24:1BC-2,3-4AB,5-6; 1 JN 3:1-3; MT 5:1-12A

8:00AM Vietnamese Mass
10:00AM Deceased & Living members of Sodality & B.V.M
12:00PM Indonesian Mass

Services Available For Our Parishioners

Mass Intentions: Please contact the rectory. We will try to accommodate your request the best possible way.

Yearly Memorial Candle: Remember your beloved deceased by keeping a memorial candle lite for them all year.

Prayer request for the sick: If you would like us to include the name of your intention in the bulletin for prayer please contact the rectory.

Leaving a Legacy: Please remember St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1719 Morris St. (our legal title) in your will. Your legacy will help support our mission and allow us to serve future generations.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Those Who Are Sick

Daniel Lorenzo Fernandez, Alexander Dwight-Theresa, Giosa Concetta Parker, Ulises Lopes, Ana Colon, Elza, Phillips Alexander, Stephan Todd- Ryan, Catherine Todd, Gwen Munson, April DeMatto, Louise Mento, Adeline Ostobile, Oscar Martinez, John Daniel, Virginia Tinkler- Moore, Robert Salvatore, Margaret Coleman, Evelyn Emmanuel Daniel, Ada Roebuck, Deacon Fred Poellnitz, Lilian Offord, David Anderson, William Jackson, Helen Zungolo-William Cirino

Please Pray For The Intentions Of:

Sandra Evertt and Family, Latrice & Sierra Brooks, Ralph Berarducci, Armando Ventura and People of the World

Announcements of the Week

Help with our Parish Newsletter!

Are you a writer? A photographer? An artist? Or a poet?

We need help with our Parish e-newsletter. New technical skills are necessary. A love of Christ and a desire to help spread the Gospel to our community are all you need.

Please contact Chrissy at parish@staquinas.com or 215-586-4697

Message from our Business Manager:

"The pandemic has changed many things we have been used to. It has caused financial stress on many. We here at St. Thomas Aquinas have had to change our Mass schedule, we've had to move our daily Mass from the chapel into church. We've had to change the way we do Communion and the seating arrangement for our Masses and we've had to have the church cleaned between Masses. We've seen our attendance at Mass drop by 50% and more importantly we have seen our weekly collection go down about \$2,333.00 per week. We can handle most of the changes but we can not continue to survive with our collections as short as they have been. Our expenses have been cut to the core and we simply can not continue paying all of our bills each month without increased revenue. I just want to make you aware of this issue. You have all been good to the church in the past and to a large extent are continuing to be but with less people attending and no second collection each week we are in trouble. If you are able to give more, I ask that you consider doing so. If you know someone that has attended in the past and does not now, I ask that to tell them of our struggle and if they are not comfortable coming back perhaps they can help support us financially. We need your help and we need it now.

St. Thomas Aquinas has become my home, it is a parish that shows concern by its members for its members. I have said many times that miracles happen frequently at this parish; I hope as I am sure you do also that another miracle happens now."

Ralph Citino, Business Manager and Parishioner

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, (The best parish I have ever been a part of)

Week of Oct 18th	2020	2019	+/-	
4:00PM	54	\$1,172.00	\$764	+\$408.00
6:00PM	50	\$246.00	\$578.00	-\$332.00
8:00AM	150	\$2,092.00	\$1,545.00	+\$547.00
10:00AM	55	\$1,185.00	\$1,141.00	+\$44.00
11:30AM	112	1,316.00	\$1,230.00	+\$86.00
Total		\$6,562.00	\$5,805.00	+\$657
Thank you for your generosity!				



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mensaje del evangelio en
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***Covid-19 Horario
de Misa***

Sábados 6:00 PM

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XXX DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Mensaje de Nuestro Pastor

Octubre 25, 2020

En el Evangelio de hoy los fariseos intentan engañar a Jesús preguntándole. Maestro, ¿cuál es el mandamiento más importante de la ley? Jesús, sin dudarle, les responde. Amarás al Señor tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente. Este es el primer mandamiento y el más importante. Pero entonces, Jesús añade un segundo mandamiento. Dice. El segundo es semejante al primero. Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Todo lo demás en la vida está en función a estos dos mandamientos.

Jesús dejó claro que el amor es la base de nuestra fe cristiana. Si seguimos cualquier otra ley en nuestra fe, pero lo hacemos sin amor, no significa nada. Y, si amamos a Dios, pero no a nuestro prójimo, no significa nada. Dios es amor, por lo tanto todo lo que ha creado es bueno, y debe ser respetado y apreciado.

En muchas culturas, el símbolo más conocido del amor es probablemente un corazón. Para nuestra fe cristiana, sin embargo, la cruz siempre ha sido el mayor símbolo de amor. Es un recordatorio de Dios Padre mostrando su amor especial por nosotros, dándonos a su Hijo. Como cristianos, nunca debemos olvidar, ni asumir, el perfecto acto de amor que Cristo hizo por nosotros en la cruz. Es como un puente entre un pueblo quebrantado y nuestro Dios. Jesús nos dio la enseñanza más importante sobre la ley de Dios y se convirtió en el eje de su cumplimiento en la tierra. Para aquellos que realmente quieren seguir a Cristo, ser fieles a sus enseñanzas significa darnos a nosotros mismos por el bien de los demás. Eso muestra el verdadero amor. Puede significar buscar una manera de llevar el amor a las circunstancias más difíciles y entre las personas más complicadas.

Cuando nos comprometemos a ser seguidores de Cristo, elegimos ser como él, lo cual significa llevar el amor del Padre a todas las personas y ayudar a construir el Reino de Dios en la tierra. Hacemos esto haciendo del amor la base de todas nuestras acciones e interacciones. Debemos amar, sin importar el costo. Jesús nos enseñó que no podemos amar a Dios sin amar y servir a los que nos rodean. ¿Somos lo suficientemente humildes y valientes para aceptar este desafío?

Dios Los Bendiga !

Padre Dominic
Su Hermano en Cristo


MENSAJE DE NUESTRO ADMINISTRADOR:

La pandemia tambien esta afectando a nuestra parroquia económicamente. Quisiéramos invitarlos a hacer una colaboración con la iglesia dentro de sus posibilidades. Es importante que este espacio de oración y comunidad se mantenga no solo para hoy sino para las futuras generaciones. Gracias por su generosidad.

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