



St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Community

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week of November 29, 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

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of the new liturgical year, a year of grace in the Lord. It can indeed be a new beginning in our journey with Jesus. The year will unfold for us the mysteries of Christ's life, ministry, suffering, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension into glory. Our journey this year with Jesus can be an occasion for each of us to deepen our participation in the mystery of his death and rising. Our experience will not be the same as previous years, even though the stories about Jesus may be familiar. New personal insights and a fuller knowledge of God's work in our lives can be ours if we are willing to walk with Jesus once again, following him as his disciples did.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus gives his disciples a strong advice: "Be watchful! Be alert!". Jesus shares with them God's plan and what is to come at the end of the world. Jesus uses the parable of a man who is on a journey and "places his servants in charge, each with his own work", to exemplify the place of the disciples in God's plan. Do we, too, recognize that we are each given a task to carry out while the master is away? The *Opening Prayer* for today's liturgy speaks of the task in these words, "Increase our strength of will for doing good, that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming". Yes, *do good!* If we all take these task seriously, the world would be free of war, poverty, injustice, oppression, hatred, and all other evilness.

The beginning of today's first reading acknowledges God as a Redeemer and a Father forever. In spite the people are sinful and their hearts have hardened to the ways of the Lord, Isaiah described the people as unclean, polluted rags, and withered leaves because of their sinfulness. Isaiah recalls the awesome deeds that God has done, none of which eye has seen nor ear ever heard, and pleads with God to return, to come down that he may catch the people doing right. Isaiah perceived God's fatherly love for the Israelites, acknowledges that they are the clay and God is the potter, and the people are the work of God's hands.

If we are willing to be a clay, God can shape us into vessels that *do good*. As Saint Paul promises the Corinthians, Jesus will strengthen us as well to endure until he comes again. This is the favor God has shown to us, reshaping us into a worthy vessels again and again, so that when Christ comes in glory at the end of time, we will be found worthy and blameless on that day of the Lord. Our Advent task is to let God reshape our hearts and minds into his instruments of doing good. Let us pray often our Advent prayer: *show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.*

Fr. Dominic

Your brother in Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 28

4:00PM Joseph Anzideo Jr. By Parents
6:00PM Amelia Chapparo by Soraya
Chaparro

Sunday November 29

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

8:00AM Vietnamese Mass
10:00AM Yvon Derwyen Renwick by Family
12:00PM Indonesian Mass

Monday November 30

8:30AM For the Soul of Angel Nolasco

Tuesday December 1

8:30AM People of the Parish

Wednesday December 2

8:30AM People of the Parish

Thursday December 3

8:30AM Angel de Dios Pelaez by Family

Friday December 4

8:30AM People of the Parish

Saturday December 5

8:30AM People of the Parish

Saturday December 5

4:00PM For the soul of Vivencio Balmores
by Family
6:00PM Spanish Mass

Sunday December 6

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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

Due to bulletin early transmission, we will not have the weekly collection available for this week

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 Salvadore, 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 Everett and Family, Latrice & Sierra Brooks, Ralph Berarducci, Armando Ventura and People of the World

Sanctuary Memory Fund

Remember your beloved deceases by making an offering to the Memorial Fund. Donations are assigned a week and posted in the weekly bulletin. Families will receive a memorial card with the week and donation received. Forms can be picked up at the Rectory.

Our future depends on you!

Please remembered St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in your will. Our legal title is St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1719 Morris St. Philadelphia PA 19145

PASTORAL STAFF

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT



The Mass Book for 2021 is now open to schedule please send an e-mail to Staquinasparish@gmail.com or call at 215334-2312 /267-388-1281

Help with our Parish Newsletter!!



Are you a writer? A photographer? An artist? Or a poet? We need help with our Parish e-newsletter. No 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



Mother Boniface
Spirituality Center
Advent Bible Study
Nov. 24, December 1, 8 and 15
7:00-8:30 pm (EST) on Zoom

To register: e-mail at mberetreat@msbt.org or call 267-350 1831



Saint Charles Borromeo

Seminary Virtual
Christmas Concerts

St. Charles Borromeo is inviting all to participate virtually in the annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 6th at 2:00pm. The concert will be streamed on

<https://joyfulfilms.com/scbschristmasconcert/>

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

Advent

To St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners:

As the numbers for Covid-19 are rising, we are reminded to follow the procedures that have been in place for our parish. It is important that we continue to do our part to stop the spread of this virus, and keep our parishioners safe while we are in church.

- Remember to social distancing at all time, including communion.
- If you use a Missalette or read a bulletin, you must take them with you when you leave. Please do not leave it at the church as the virus can spread.
- Follow ushers' directions, especially during communion. The communion Procession begins at the break. The last pew at the break comes forward, the first pews walk to the minister at the back of the church. Those in the side pews come all the way across to the center
- Leave as soon as Mass is over. No gathering or loitering after Mass.
- Please do not leave anything at the church, as we have to sanitize after every Mass as soon as everyone leaves.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to make our church a safe place for worship.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH



Raffle will be drawn on December 13th after 12:00 pm Mass
Tickets are \$5.00 & 5 for \$20.00
On sale from
November 28 to December 13th



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PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Noviembre 29, 2020



*Santo Tomas de Aquino
através de su diversidad
cultural, unida en su
expresión de fé, vive el
mensaje del evangelio en
nuestra comunidad a
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Mensaje de nuestro Pastor

El primer domingo de Adviento, marca el comienzo del nuevo año litúrgico, un año de gracia en el Señor, puede ser, en efecto, un nuevo comienzo en nuestro viaje con Jesús. El año nos revela los misterios de la vida, sufrimiento, pasión, muerte, resurrección y ascension a los cielos de Cristo. Nuestro viaje este año con Jesús puede ser una ocasión para que cada uno de nosotros profundicemos en la participación del misterio de su muerte y su resurrección. Nuestra experiencia no será la misma que la de los años anteriores, aunque las historias sobre Jesús sean familiares, nuevas percepciones personales y un conocimiento más completo de la obra de Dios en nuestras vidas, puede ser nuestra si estamos dispuestos a caminar con Jesús una vez más, siguiéndolo como lo hicieron sus discípulos

En la lectura del evangelio de hoy, Jesús da a sus discípulos un fuerte consejo: "¡Estén atentos! Estén alerta!" Jesús compartió con ellos el plan de Dios y lo que vendría al final del mundo. Jesús usa la parábola del hombre en camino que "pone a sus siervos a cargo, cada uno con su propio trabajo" para designar el lugar de los discípulos en el plan de Dios. ¿Reconocemos también que a cada uno de nosotros se nos ha dado una tarea a realizar mientras el maestro está fuera? La oración inicial de la liturgia de hoy habla de la tarea con estas palabras: "Aumenta nuestra fuerza de voluntad para hacer el bien, para que Cristo pueda encontrar una ansiosa bienvenida a su venida". ¡Sí, haz el bien! Si todos nos tomáramos en serio esta tarea, el mundo estaría libre de guerra, pobreza, injusticia, opresión, odio y todos los demás males.

El comienzo de la primera lectura de hoy se reconoce a Dios como Redentor y Padre para siempre. A pesar de que la gente es pecadora y sus corazones se han endurecido a los caminos del Señor. Isaías describió a la gente como impura, trapos contaminados y hojas marchitas debido a su pecaminosidad. Isaías recordó las obras impresionantes que Dios ha hecho, ninguna de las cuales no se ha visto, ni oído, y suplica a Dios que vuelva, que baje para que pueda atrapar a la gente haciendo el bien. Isaías percibió el amor paternal de Dios por los israelitas, reconociendo que ellos son la arcilla, que y Jesus es el alfarero, que son obra de las manos de Dios.

Si estamos dispuestos a ser la arcilla, Dios puede moldearnos en vasos que hagan el bien, como San Pablo promete a los Corintios, Jesús nos fortalecerá también para soportar hasta que vuelva. Este es el favor que Dios nos ha mostrado, moldeándonos en vasos dignos una y otra vez para que cuando Cristo venga en gloria al final de los tiempos, seamos hallados dignos e irreprochables en ese día del Señor. Nuestra tarea de Adviento es dejar que Dios reforme nuestros corazones y mentes en sus instrumentos de hacer el bien. Recemos a menudo nuestra oración de Adviento: "Muéstranos, Señor, tu amor y concédenos tu salvación."

**Padre Dominic
Tu hermano en Cristo**

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- Requisitos : Los niños nuevos deben tener 8 años de edad
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 - El programa empieza en Enero 2021
- Para mayor información llamar a la rectoría al
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Novena Virtual a la Virgen de Guadalupe del 4 al 10 de Diciembre 2020

Te invitamos a participar de nuestro
novenario virtual a la Morenita de las
Americas en St Tomás del 4 al 10 de
Todos son bienvenidos!

<https://meet.google.com/joi-dewm-vvf0>

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH



El sorteo se hará en Diciembre 13,2020 después de la Misa de
las 12:00 pm

Dos premios adicionales de \$ 100

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boleta \$ 5.00 cada una u
5 por \$ 20 dolares

MENSAJES PARA TODOS NUESTROS PARROQUIANOS

- Como bien lo sabemos, los números de Cov 19 están en aumento, por favor sigamos los procedimientos que se han puesto en marcha para nuestra parroquia. Es de vital importancia que hagamos nuestra parte para detener la propagación de este virus y mantener a nuestros feligreses seguros mientras estamos en la iglesia.
- Recuerden el distanciamiento social en todo momento, incluyendo la línea de comunión.
- Si usas un misal o un boletín, debes llevarlos contigo cuando salgas, No dejes nada en la iglesia, esto causaría que el virus se extienda .
- Sigue las instrucciones de los ujieres, especialmente en la comunión. La procesión de la comunión comienza en la mitad de la iglesia. Las bancas de la mitad hacia abajo caminan hacia el ministro en la parte de abajo de la iglesia. Los que están en los bancos laterales se dirigen al centro.
- Tan pronto como termine la misa debes salir. No es el tiempo de socializarte con ninguna persona dentro de la iglesia
- Por favor, no deje ningún tipo de papel o basura en las bancas
- La iglesia es desinfectada después de cada misa tan pronto como todos se vayan.

Gracias por su cooperación mientras continuamos haciendo de nuestra iglesia un lugar seguro para adorar a Dios, especialmente durante estos días

RCIA: Aprende a través del "Rito de Iniciación cristiana para adultos" como explorar la fé católica. Este programa es para personas de 18 años en adelante que no tienen los sacramentos como el bautizo, la primera comunión y la confirmación . Favor llamar al **Padre Wilmer Chirino** al 260-619-1453

Comenzando el año litúrgico de la Iglesia, el Adviento (del latín "ad-venire" o "venir a") es la estación que abarca los cuatro domingos (y días de la semana) que conducen a la celebración de la Navidad.

El tiempo de Adviento es un tiempo de preparación que dirige nuestros corazones y mentes a la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos y también al aniversario del nacimiento del Señor en Navidad.

Los últimos días de Adviento, del 17 al 24 de diciembre, se centran especialmente en nuestra preparación para las celebraciones de la Natividad de nuestro Señor (Navidad). Las devociones de Adviento, incluyendo la corona de Adviento, nos recuerdan el significado de la estación.

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