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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

*Seeking the greater honor and glory of God and the salvation
 of souls by sanctifying, teaching, and shepherding
 the faithful through dynamic orthodoxy*

October 28th, 2007

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Corner



My dear family,
 We have a busy, but wonderful week
 ahead in our parish!

**This Thursday, November 1st, is
 the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy
 Day of Obligation.** All Catholics are
 bound under pain of mortal sin to attend
 Mass this day (or at the vigil Mass).

This is one of the most beautiful
 feasts of the Church. I know that most
 of us are not able to go to daily Mass
 and celebrate the individual feasts of the
 saints (This is one of the great blessings
 of being a daily communicant!), but at
 least once a year we come to honor all
 the great heroes of our faith, and to beg
 their intercession. The full Mass sched-
 ule is in the bulletin.

**Friday, November 2nd, is the Com-
 memoration of All the Faithful De-
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“The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
 it does not rest till it reaches its goal...” Sirach 35:17

Stewardship Focus

Catholic News

What difference will stewardship make in our lives?

Stewardship, from last week's col-
 umn, is about us and how we live! It's
 about our giving based on our thankful-
 ness. It's about the **joy we receive**, the
benefits we derive, from **giving** in
 Christ's name! Stewardship is about us
 making a difference in others' lives, and
 it's about the difference it can make in
our lives too!

This concept can be difficult to swal-
 low if we approach it from a secular
 perspective. Most of what we see and
 hear in today's media is about receiving,
 not about giving. We're bombarded with
 the advantages we will gain from wear-
 ing a certain brand of clothing or driving
 a certain car. We hear or see little about
 receiving anything from giving our time,
 talent, and especially our treasure.

**Living stewardship is living God's
 plan for us.** Our focus must be on God
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Golden Compass Promotes Atheism! (from the Catholic League)

“New Line Cinema and Scholastic
 Entertainment have paired to produce
 ‘The Golden Compass,’ a children's
 fantasy that is based on the first book of
 a trilogy by militant English atheist
 Philip Pullman. The trilogy, His Dark
 Materials, was written to promote athe-
 ism and denigrate Christianity, espe-
 cially Roman Catholicism. The target
 audience is children and adolescents.
 Each book becomes progressively more
 aggressive in its denigration of Christi-
 anity and promotion of atheism.

“It is his hope that ‘The Golden
 Compass,’ which stars Nicole Kidman
 and opens December 7, will entice par-
 ents to buy his trilogy as a Christmas
 gift. It is our hope that the film fails to
 meet box office expectations and that
 his books attract few buyers. We are
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commonly known as **All Souls Day**. It is not a **Holy Day of Obligation**, but a day of special devotion and prayer for all the souls in purgatory.

It is a defined Church doctrine that there is a purgatory, and that the souls there can be helped by our prayers. It is the common teaching of the Church that most of the faithful will spend at least a short time in Purgatory: for this reason the Church prays for all those who have died after the age of reason. The Bible teaches us "It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead." As we wish to be prayed for in death, so we must pray for those who have gone ahead of us.

I will offer the traditional three Masses for all those souls on our parish list of the dead on All Soul's Day. Please turn in the names of your departed loved ones before November 2nd to be included. You may use the envelopes provided in the monthly packet or at the doors of the church, if you so wish.

The 6:00 P.M. Mass that day will be a Solemn Requiem Mass offered especially for all those who have died in our parish this last year.

All those who visit a cemetery on All Soul's Day to pray for the faithful departed may gain an indulgence for the souls in purgatory. Under the usual conditions (confession, communion, and prayers for the Pope) it is a plenary indulgence; otherwise, it is partial.

Every year I get questions about Catholics celebrating Halloween. As we know, the name means "All Hallows (Saint's) Eve", and it apparently comes from our ancestors making fun of the spirits of evil fleeing from the coming of the saints of God.

As a kid, I was a fervent Halloweener! I trick-or-treated with the best of them. We always went to the convent, because they had the best goodies of them all! I am happy to report that I did not grow up to be a devil-worshiper.

Friends, we must use common sense with this. The common children's observance of Halloween is no sin, and quite harmless. Indeed, it can become an occasion of teaching our children about All Saint's Day. Of course, in these strange days, parents must be vigilant about keeping their children safe, including protecting them from any direct involvement with the occult. But as to how kids normally keep Halloween – well, I think there are a lot bigger fish to fry out there.

Word from our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators is that a number of our long-time adorers who have been taking **the midnight to 6 A.M. hours** have, due to personal reasons, had to quit. **We really need some new blood for these hours!** Yes, it is a great sacrifice, but greater is the blessing in spending these hours with our Lord. If you would like to commit to one of these hours a week, please call Pauline Salata at 892-0524.

A blessed week!
Msgr. Doug Raun

We welcome our new Parishioners

Barbara Baca

Jose Castillo

Thomas Moloney & Ivonne Esparza

Juan Pena

Rafael & Elva Uuina

Funerals

+*Elizabeth De Aveiro*

+*Mary Mudrey*

Please call our Parish Office as soon as possible in order to coordinate liturgical services.

Sacrament of Baptism

Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass. Please call our Parish Office.

Adrien Michael Gonzales

Mireya Raika Rose Mascarenas

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.

3rd Banns: Loretta Zarate & Ryan Coughlin

1st Banns: Sigrid Erchenbrack & Daniel Twomey

1st Banns: Feliz Gallegos & David Epling

Due to the Feast of All Saints Day, the following meetings are cancelled:

Children's Religious Education Classes 31 Oct/ 1 Nov
Bible Study 1 and 2 November

All other meetings will occur as scheduled.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Saturday, 2:00 A.M., 3 November. Set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed Saturday. You wouldn't want to be an hour early Sunday!

La oración del humilde las nubes atraviesa, hasta que no llega a su término no se consuela él.
Eclesiástico 35: 17

Next Week's Readings 28 Oct-4 Nov

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk

2 19:1-10

Upcoming Events

First Friday – 2 November

The Respect Life Committee is holding a monthly parish prayer session to end abortion and pray for our servicemen and women who are in danger.

Two prayer sessions: Noon – 20 decades of the Rosary; 6:30 P.M. – 20 decades of the Rosary. Help us pray to fully understand Christ's almighty power to turn evil events into good, and to console the sorrowing.



Altar Serving Training

We will have altar server training in the church on 10 November following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. If you are in 6th grade and older and would like to join a beautiful ministry, then plan to participate with us in training. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Keaveny at 892-5649 or ckeaveny@msn.com.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Thanksgiving Baskets

The SSVdP began its annual collection of non-perishable food donations at all the weekend Masses through 19 November. There will be containers at each of the church entrances for your donations. Bring turkeys and hams to the parish office during the week for proper refrigeration. The Society and the parish needy greatly appreciate your support! For more information, call 892-0526 or e-mail SVdP@stanm.org.

World Mission Sunday

"All the Churches for all the world"

Thanks to all of you who donated last weekend! If you missed that opportunity to support Catholic Missions around the world, you can still donate! Place a check or envelope marked "World Missions" to include your support into the tithing box, mail it to or drop it off at the parish office.

AARP Defensive Driving Class

Calvin Cross will conduct this two session class on 10 & 17 November at the Corrales Senior Center, 4324 Corrales Rd from 9:00 A.M.— 1:00 P.M. You will receive an automobile insurance discount by attending both sessions. Bring a check made out to the AARP for \$10.00. You must register in advance by calling Calvin at 867-6096.

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

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Upcoming Liturgical Events for November

All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

31 October 6:00 P.M. Vigil Mass

1 November 6:30 & 9 A.M., 12:10, 6:00 & 7:30 P.M.

St. John Vianney 8:15 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

22 November Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 A.M. Only

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Next to the Holy Mass, this form of worship pleases Our Lord most. Please consider coming to the Chapel and *committing* to keeping our Lord company for just one hour weekly. *Blessings abound with such sacrificial love*

The following hours are especially in need of Adorers:

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Slots Open

Sunday: 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 11 A.M. and 2, 5, 9 P.M.

Monday: 12 midnight, 4, 8 A.M. and 3, 6 P.M.

Tuesday: 1, 2 A.M. and 4, 5 P.M. (URGENT)

Wednesday: 12 midnight 4, 8 A.M. and 7 P.M.

Thursday: 1, 2 (URGENT) A.M.

Friday: 1, 2, 8 A.M. and 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 (URGENT) P.M.

Saturday: 4, 10 A.M. and 12, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 P.M.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me," says Our Lord?

Contacts

Tony & Lee Ann LaPlante, Head Coordinators at 899-0287
e-mail: rallal@msn.com

Pauline Salata: (Midnight-6 A.M.) at 892-0524

Louie & Terry Santa Maria: (6 A.M.- 12 noon) at 896-0307
e-mail: flagshipsm12659@msn.com

Paul & Anise Yarbrough: (Noon-6 P.M.) at 899-0981
e-mail: yarburro@msn.com

Pat & Jolyn Murphy: (6 P.M.-12 Midnight) at 892-4931
e-mail: jpmurphrc@msn.com

Pilgrim Virgin: To have the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima in your home, and to receive Her Blessings in your life, call Gerri Hoover, 892-0414.

Virgin I Kathy Girón 1-15 November

Virgin II Greta Belling 1-15 November

Tabernacle Flowers - 27 Oct - 2 Nov for all our living and deceased priests from STAP by Altar & Rosary Society. Please contact Betty Larson at 891-3577 or Elaine Jones 922-9758 to reserve a week for your intentions. The weeks run from Saturday through Friday. The cost for two vases at the Tabernacle is \$50.00. You may share this cost with another person for both your intentions. **Adoration Chapel Candles** -please call the parish office.

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097
Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



XLT—“the LORD is Exalted, Enthroned on High...”
Isaiah 33:5

XLT is an intense night of prayer filled with Praise and worship, inspirational talks, and powerful Adoration!
Next Date: **15 November at Fr. D’Arco Hall**

St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Homeschoolers

A support group ministering to home schooling families and those interested in home schooling. For more information, contact Andrea Bass at 323-9222 or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STRCH-RRNM/>

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher
892-1511 x104
AquinasAM@yahoo.com

Nursery Schedule Details

The nursery is open for **both the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.** Masses. Space is limited; come early enough to obtain a spot. The nursery is only for children ages one through three. **Teens who need service hours:** this is a great opportunity for you to accumulate hours and perform a truly rewarding service. If you can **volunteer** to help, please contact Aud Walaszek at: 792-8716 or e-mail her at walz11@msn.com.

St. Thomas Aquinas School
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221
1100 Hood Road www.stthomasaquinasschool.org
Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Kudos to the **girls Volleyball A Team** at St. Thomas Aquinas for finishing the season **undefeated** for the **second time in the last three years**. Their three-year record is **37-2**, and they are the **number one seed** in the championship tournament that began 9 October! Coach Joe Weber and the whole STA family are proud of this fantastic accomplishment! **Go Pelicans!**



Children’s Religious Education
Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

There are no classes the evening of 31 October and 1 November, All Saints Day.

Assigned Dates for First Confession and First Communion have been given out. Please check with your child’s teacher to get a copy or see Sr. Alma or Laura.

The second testing for First Confession, questions 12-23, takes place the week of November 4th.

There are no classes on 20, 21, 22 and 25 November for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sister Alma

Young Adults Catholic Group Deacon Little
890-6574 Deacon.Dave@stanm.org

Meets the **2nd and 4th Fridays of the month**. — We will meet at my house and continue our study of Stewardship. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

YOUNG AT HEART

Parish seniors are invited to join our social meetings every 2nd & 4th Thursday, Fr. D’Arco Hall
2nd Thursday – Bingo 1:00 P.M.
Questions? Call Earl 896-2400



Marriage & Family Life Deacon Hill 8921511 x103
Deacon.Hill@stanm.org

Pre-Cana couples must attend **one** introductory session on Natural Family Planning. We suggest couples attend a session 4-6 months before their wedding date. To schedule a session and for more information, please contact Rosanne Sloan at 892-2927.



St. Thomas Aquinas Counseling Center offers individual, couple and family counseling with afternoon and evening appointments. A fee is charged for each hour session. For more info call the Counseling Center, 417-2467 or Deacon Burns, 892-1511, ext. 113.



Wanted: Part-time licensed Masters level Christian counselor to work evenings. Send resume with copy of license to Deacon Thomas Burns in care of the parish.

Attention Married and Engaged Couples

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you **WHY** the Catholic Church prohibits unnatural forms of birth control? For most of us the answer is **NO**. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. For more information call Elvira at 892-5783 or Rosanne at 892-2927.

Xaltar CD Sales Support
St. John Vianney Building Fund
CDs Available at the Office

“**Blood of the Martyr**”, featuring **LifeTeen choir members** and **Deacon Dave Little**, is available at retail outlets throughout the Albuquerque area, as well as on-line on their website, www.xaltar.com. The new release contains 12 new songs in a variety of styles. **All proceeds from the sale of the CD, will benefit the St. John Vianney building fund**, to construct a badly needed third Catholic church in Rio Rancho, NM. **Art for the CD was done by grade school children at St Thomas Aquinas School, Rio Rancho, NM.**

You can purchase Xaltar CDs at Holy Family Religious Store, 9421 Coors Blvd NW, at the northwest corner of Coors and Irving, the Hastings store in Rio Rancho, Garson & Sons, and in the parish office!

For more information, contact Joanna Dunn at 897-2169.

Culture of Life Corner

Maura Jans 892-3267 mcjans1@hotmail.com

We pray that God, who hears the cry of the oppressed, may inspire those in the media to be a stronger voice for the weak, the marginalized, and the unborn.

Join us to see the life-affirming movie, *Bella*, opening Friday, November 9th!

Women Speak Out

“The abortion gave me grief and sorrow beyond expression. I have committed the most heinous of all crimes – I killed my own child. Yet, the Lord forgave me, just as He forgave Paul. Yet I will always regret what I did and will probably always feel grief. But I pray that my experience can somehow prevent other women from making the same fatal mistake. I’m a nurse now, so I wear my uniform to all the pro-life things I do!”

For information on healing after abortion, see

www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org

Taken from Father Frank Pavone at

www.priestsforlife.org



2007 Rio Rancho Life Chain

Sunday, 14 October, found around **400 people** lining S.R. 528, Pat D’Arco Highway, praying and demonstrating to save babies from abortion. **Thanks to all who helped!** If you missed this opportunity, there are many more ways you can help, please contact Maura Jans.



Legalizing abortion began our culture’s slippery slope into minimizing life’s value! **We need your prayers to obtain God’s intervention!** Join us at 5:30, **before each weekday’s 6:00 P.M.** Mass as we say these Rosaries for Life.



Mass Intentions

Sunday October 28th, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 A.M. † Edward Lichtensteiger by June Lichtensteiger
Pamm & Paul Wynn by Susan & Tony Medina
† Dolores & Eugene Medina by Anthony & Susan Medina
- 9:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
To St. Jude In Thanksgiving for being there
by Merlinda Cordova
Paul & Joni Barabe 40th Wedding Anniversary
by their Children & Grandchildren
- 11:00 A.M. Gracie Caraveo by her Family
† Gilbert A. Martinez by Clara Catanach
† Pam Allen by Ethan Allen Family
- 12:30 P.M. † Lucy Romero 5th Anniversary
by Tom & Sylvia Newton
† Salvatore Puentes by Melinda DeAveiro
In Favor for St. Joseph by Amanda Gonzales
- 6:00 P.M. Eunice & Walt Douthett by Christie
Patricia Smith by Eunice
† Albert Fanelli by Diane Benedetto & Family
- 8:00 A.M. † Joe Ortiz by Leo & Patsy Padilla
- 11:00 A.M. † Peggy Ward by Husband Jack & Family
† Gabriel Quiñones by daughters Sandy & Beverly

Monday October 29th

- 9:00 A.M. † Josephine Del Vecchio by Shirley DeThomas
† Felix Schumacher by daughter Ingrid
† Bridget King by Susan & Tony Baricevic
- 6:00 P.M. † Isaac Archuleta by Daughter
† Sal Puentes by The Rodríguez Family
† Dorothy Hartung by Rick & Penny Torretto
- 7:15 A.M. @ STAS for missionaries around the world

Tuesday October 30

- 9:00 A.M. In Thanksgiving
† Ramona Jaramillo by John & Mecki
Anne Carbone for her health by STA CDA #2306
- 6:00 P.M. † Josephine Di Blasi Anniv. of her death by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi
† Jim Padon by Jerry Miller
† For All Souls in Purgatory by Ron Randall
- 7:15 A.M. in thanksgiving for all parish volunteers

Wednesday October 31st

- 9:00 A.M. † Leann Evel by Aurors Sweeney
In Thanksgiving
Patricia McEneely for her health by STA CDA #2306
- 6:00 P.M. † Wayne E. Hanson in Loving Memory by his Wife & Family
Vigil Mass
Monica Baynes for her health by the Wolfram Family
Lois Homrich for her health by Robert Homrich
- 8:15 A.M.

Thursday November 1st, All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 A.M.

- 9:00 A.M. † Pauline Bovenzi Anniversary by Family
† Amado Bagoood by The Sutherlands
Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
- 12:10 P.M. † Nancy Starman by Clare & Ed Hanson
Mary Haygood for her health by Della
† All Souls in Purgatory
- 6:00 P.M. Eunice & Walt Douthett by Christie
Patricia Smith by Eunice
Patricia Furlong for her health by Robert Homrich
- 7:30 P.M. † Bobby Roberts by The Wellman Family
† Norbert Ortega by Frances Greatbatch
† Elizabeth DeAveiro by Jerry Miller
- 7:00 A.M. @ STAS for all students
- 8:15 A.M. @ STAS for vocations, especially from our parish
- 9:30 A.M. @ STAS for the unborn
- Friday November 2nd All Souls Day & First Friday
- 9:00 A.M. † Deceased Members of Cismoski & Green Family
by Irene Green
Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Sullivan Family
Bienko, Galwas Family by Angie
- 6:00 P.M. Emily & Louis Fernandez by Daughter
† Amado Bagoood by The Sutherlands
† Emma McGrath repose of her soul by John Chávez
- 8:15 A.M. @ STAS for missionaries around the world
- Saturday November 3rd, St. Martín de Porres
- 9:00 A.M. For Living & Deceased Members of A&RS & Blue
† Army
Felicie Truscio for a fast recovery and her health
by The Altar Rosary Society
† Guadalupe Pimentel Saavedra by Robert & Janice Martínez
- 5:00 P.M. † Parents of Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz
by Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz
† Terry & Mike Bird 17th Wedding Anniversary by Jane
Larry Witt repose of soul by Mike & Trish Gonzales
- Sunday November 4th, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 7:00 A.M. † Charles Hechtel by wife Mary
† Pat & Pauline Bovenzi by Family
† Corinne Vellon by Richard Vellon
- 9:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
CDA Court St. Thomas Aquinas #2306
Parents, Sisters & August by Anne Carbone
- 11:00 A.M. † Vicente L. Armijo special intentions
by Toni & Lefty Armijo
Lois Homrich for her health by Robert Homrich
Michael & Aimee Travers special intentions
by Mom & Dad
- 12:30 P.M. † The Gutiérrez Family by Margaret Page
† Paul Trujillo in loving memory by Wife Irma
† Charlotte Strom by Lorraine Kuvcech
- 6:00 P.M. † Marianne Varin by Felicie & Jim Truscio
Scott Denman Birthday by Wife & Kids
Rachel Alva for her health
- 8:00 A.M. for our Felician Sisters
- 11:00 A.M. Special Intentions
† Manuel Trujillo by Larry & Catherine
† All the Souls in Purgatory

Golden Compass Promotes Atheism! from the Catholic League

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“doing much more than hoping—we are conducting a nationwide two-month protest of Pullman’s work and the film. To that end, we have prepared a booklet, ‘The Golden Compass: Agenda Unmasked,’ that tears the mask off the movie.

“It is not our position that the movie will strike Christian parents as troubling. Then why the protest? Even though the film is based on the least offensive of the three books, and even though it is clear that the producers are watering down the most despicable elements—so as to make money and not anger Christians—the fact remains that the movie is bait for the books. To be specific, if unsuspecting Christian parents take their children to see the movie, they may very well find it engaging and then buy Pullman’s books for Christmas. That’s the problem.

“We are fighting a deceitful stealth campaign on the part of the film’s producers. Our goal is to educate Christians so that they know exactly what the film’s pernicious agenda really is.”



XLT Changes Venue

After the resounding success of Adore 2007, Monsignor Raun approved moving XLT from the church into the Fr. D’Arco Hall and opening it up to people of **all ages**, not just teenagers! We held the latest XLT just this past Thursday night, and it too, was fantastic!

The Charismatic Prayer Group joined the XLT group which was an inspiring site! There was a wide spectrum of different ages, enjoying the music, praise, and Adoration. XLT is all about praise and worship. It features and centers on Eucharistic Adoration, but includes current music along with praise of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For details, contact Justin Bucalo at 896-8097 or e-mail him at Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org. Come join a group devoted to adoring Jesus Christ in the Eucharist; you’ll come away feeling great about Him and yourself!



Sharing our talents arises from the fact that God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others.

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and our relationship with Him. Christ’s gospel message called for us to be good stewards, to care for and take care of our neighbors. One week ago Tuesday the Gospel (Luke 11:37-41) addressed the Pharisee who cared more about cleaning his hands before eating than having a “clean heart.” Christ called for him (and us) to **give alms** and “...everything would be clean for you.”

We can’t buy our way into heaven by giving alms, but giving alms will help us find opportunities to **act as Christ would act**, to **bring Christ to those in need**. Christ asks us to have faith in Him, to hear His call to follow Him. He told us many times it wouldn’t be easy, but, He would be there for us until the consummation of the world. If our God promises to be there for us, **can’t we try to be there for Him?**

A second difference is our motivation for giving. Stewardship asks us to give because we are grateful to God for what He has given to us. It is our gratefulness that makes our giving ring true. We should give freely, because we want to; **not because we have to!**

Giving in this context helps us grow spiritually. We need faith to take the first step, and then grateful giving will help grow our faith! Just listen to and watch those who follow Christ by living stewardship. They are the happiest among us! Through living His way, they receive His rewards here on earth; they enjoy the fruits He promised each of us. By being faithful to Him, we too can receive the joy of giving, the joy of sharing, and the joy of knowing we represent Christ’s teachings to His flock. This kind of giving will change our lives for good! These are the differences living stewardship can make in our lives; this giving is worth every minute, worth every dollar we give in **His name!**

Parish Directory

Pastor.....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
Vicar (Ext. 110).....	Rev. Fr. Scott Mansfield
.....	Rev. Fr. Michael DePalma, in residence
Deacons.....	Rev. Mr. Roger Ayers, James Baca, Tom Burns,
.....	Kenneth Hill, David Little, Leroy Sanchez, Frank Smith
Business Manager (Ext. 101).....	Martin P. Sedillo
Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana R. Martínez
Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....	Jeannie Pinel
Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....	Liz Large
Adult Ministries (Ext. 104).....	Jeannette Case Schlicher
Ayuda Español (Ext. 360).....	Dn. Jaime Baca
Bulletin Editor (Ext. 358).....	Bill Mader
Catholic Social Action (Ext. 112)	Deacon Frank Smith
Communications & Development (Ext. 115).....	Bill Mader
Funeral Notices.....	Extension 353
Maintenance (Ext. 129)....	Patrick Durán and Manuel Fernandez
Marriage & Family Life (Ext. 103).....	Deacon Ken Hill, Director.
.....	Deacon Frank Smith, Associate Director
Music & Liturgy (Extension 105).....	Steven Woodbury
Receptionist.....	Maria Harrington
Religious Education (892-1497)	Sr. Alma Blume MPF
Administrative Asst (892-1497).....	Laura Smith
Sacristan.....	Anne McCluskey
Secretary to the Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Kathy L. Girón
Special Mass Schedule.....	extension 350
Weather Closures/Cancellations.....	extension 359
WEBSITE.....	www.aquinaschurch.org
Youth Ministries (896-8097).....	Justin Bucalo
Assistant (896-8097).....	Alisha Langlois

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (fulfills Sunday obligation).....	5:00 P.M.
Sunday	7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.
.....	12:30 P.M. (Bilingual) & 6:00 P.M. (LifeTeen)
Monday - Saturday.....	9:00 A.M.
Monday - Friday	6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Adoration

24 hours each day in the Adoration Chapel
located on the west side of the Church

Misión Church St. John Vianney

St. Thomas Aquinas School
1100 Hood Road SE

Mass Times

Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday.....8:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.
Saturday.....8:30 A.M., 3:00 - 4:30 P.M., 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Around the Archdiocese

Praying the Rosary: mediating on the life of Christ

Did you know that the Rosary is a prayer that invites us to a deeper relationship with Christ? The Glorious Mysteries invite us to meditate on our greatest hope and promise as followers of Christ: the resurrection of Jesus, his glorious ascension into heaven, the coming of the Holy Spirit among us, the assumption of Mary and her coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth. In the Glorious Mysteries we are reminded of the fullness of the glory Christ has received and the glory that awaits us as believers in Jesus.

TV Mass Moved channels! Channel 13 KRQE 7:00 A.M. Sundays

Internationally known **Catholic recording artist John Michael Talbot** will be in concert here in Albuquerque on Sunday, **4 November** at 7:00 P.M. at Holy Family Church, 550 Atrisco Dr SW, Albuquerque. Tickets are available today from a member of Holy Family Church after the 9, 11 and 12:30 masses. Tickets are \$35 for reserved seats, \$25 for general admission.

Annulment Workshop

“Everything You’ve Always Wanted to Know About the Annulment Process.....and Have Been Afraid to Ask.” Workshop, presented by the Very Reverend Jerome Plotkowski, JCL, Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Date: Saturday, 17 November, Time: 1:30 P.M. ending with Holy Mass. Place: Catholic Center in Albuquerque. Cost: \$3.00/person for refreshments. For more information, call Family Life, 831-8117.

St. Pius X High School Open House

Saturday, 10 November 12:00 Noon

26 January 2008 8:00 A.M. until noon

Entrance Exam for Public and Charter School Students
For more information, call 831-8400 or go to:

www.saintpiusx.com

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St. Thomas Aquinas Ministries

Altar & Rosary Society: Stella Manzanares - 892-0927
Altar Servers: Cindy Keaveny - 892-5649
Apostolate Our Lady of Fatima: Gerri Hoover - 892-0414
BeFrienders: Gloria Hultine - 891-0388
Bereavement: Mary Davidson - 892-9886
Catholic Daughters of America: Mary Chambers - 896-0256
Charismatic Prayer Group: Nila - 892-1511 x361
Counseling Center: 417-2467 or Dn. Tom Burns - 892-1511, ext. 113
Elizabeth Ministry: Cyndee DeBlassie - 922-0145
Eucharistic Adoration: Tony & Lee Ann La Plante - 899-0287
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Doug & Karen Taylor - 896-7985
FAMILIA: Phil & Cathy Casaus 890-3222
Greeters: Eileen Walling 891-1775
Finance Council: Phil Casaus - 890-3222
Home & Hospital Ministry: Bob Esquibel - 205-1477
Catholic Homeschoolers: Andrea Bass - 323-9222
Holy Cross Association: John & Penny Marselle - 400-7245
Knights of Columbus #6696: Allen J. Rowbotham - 899-2516
Lectors: Bill Mader - 892-7603
Life Teen Liturgical Coordinator: Doug Taylor - 896-7985
Natural Family Planning: José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783
Nursery: Aud Walaszek - 792-8716
Parish Social Committee: Debbie Hanko - 379-0561
Pastoral Council: Rick Torretto - 994-2038
Pre-Cana: Dn. Tom Burns - 892-1511 ext. 113
Public Affairs Committee: Felicie Truscio - 891-1304
Respect Life: Maura Jans - 892-3267
Rosary Makers: Jim Tauer - 896-6127 or Jane Ricci - 892-9260

Secular Franciscans: Ernest & Elena Duran - 890-7040
St. Peter's Men's Ministry: Brad Hayden - 890-3151
Welcoming Team: John & Mecki Kahrs - 890-6534
Young Adult Catholics: Deacon Dave Little - 890-6574

Crisis & Immediate Help

Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center: 266-7711
All Faith's Receiving Home: 271-0329
Catholic Charities: 247-9521
Child Abuse/Neglect: 841-6100 or 1-800-797-3260
Haven House: 896-4869 or 1-800-526-7157
Missing Children's Hotline: 1-800-587-4357
National Runaway Switchboard: 1-800-621-4000
S.A.F.E. House 247-4219

Support & Other Groups

AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-2437
Ala Teen or Al Anon: 262-2177
Alcoholics Anonymous: 266-1900
Birthright Rio Rancho: 891-1430
Blue Star Mother: 792-4552
Boy Scouts: Bob Ortiz - 891-8941
Children, Youth & Families: 841-4482
Concerned for Disabled: 892-6467
Consumer Credit Counseling: 884-6601
Cub Scouts: Mike Jacobs - 962-2126
Gamblers Anonymous: 260-9899
NAMI (Mental Illness): Lynda Rochford 867-9517
NM Commission for the Blind: 841-8844
Overeaters Anonymous: 896-1359
St. Felix Pantry: 891-8075 - Food Support
St. Thomas Aquinas Counseling Center: 417-2467 or 892-1511 ext. 113
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 892-0526
United Way Information & Referral Help Line: 247-3671