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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God.”
 1 Peter 2:4

April 20th, 2008 A.D. 5th Sunday of Easter

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish lives a dynamic orthodoxy that is, a spirit-filled faithfulness to Jesus Christ and His Gospel and to His Catholic Church and its teachings.



Pastor’s Corner Stewardship Focus Parish News



My dear family,

As many of you know, my dear mother fell last Monday, broke her hip, and had to undergo surgery. She is now in the Rio Rancho Nursing and Rehab Center undergoing physical therapy. She is doing as well as can be expected. Thank you for all the prayers.

Because of this family emergency, I had to cancel some appointments, and put aside some non-emergency phone calls and letters. I will do my best to catch up this week. Thank you for your understanding.

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The Liturgy—A Great Blessing!
 Our parish provides Sunday (and week-day) Masses that feed us faithful through God’s Word and the Eucharist. As our Pastoral Plan states *The Church of Christ is a Eucharistic Church. That everyone participate in Sunday Mass, and do so fruitfully, is the practical heart of our mission.*

Everything in our lives must point to and flow from Mass! It is not enough to participate in the Mass occasionally. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains the liturgy as a “public work” “in the name of/on behalf of the people.” Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through His Church. **That work begins at and flows from the Mass!**

In a liturgical celebration the Church is a servant in the image of her Lord. As parish members, we are privileged to participate in liturgy where the Church share’s Christ’s priesthood for us. **We are sanctified (blessed) by the liturgy**
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Lourdes Pilgrim Shirley Capener
 Shirley is the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish selectee for this Triple Jubilee (150 year) anniversary of the apparitions of the Immaculate Conception to St. Bernadette for a healing pilgrimage to Lourdes by the Knights of Malta. Her sister, Gina Montoya-Varela, will accompany her. Please keep them in your prayers! Deacon Frank Smith will join them to assist all of the *malades* (the selected ill).

Your Prayer Intentions at Lourdes!

If you wish to send your own written petitions to be placed at the grotto, please get them to the parish office prior to Monday, 28 April.

Shirley, Gina, and Deacon Frank request you keep them in your prayers for their pilgrimage. They also request that you pray the novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, also available at the parish office, for their intentions during their nine day pilgrimage beginning 29 April.

Pastor's Corner

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We already have had 90 new hymnals donated! And I know most of you will return your envelopes today. Thank you for your generosity! If you did not bring your envelope with you this weekend, please return it to the parish as soon as possible.

Mother's Day is coming. This year we are doing things just a little differently. We know that many people have Mass offered on Mother's Day for a deceased mother or grandmother—so the greeting card we have enclosed with each request envelope has been wasted money for the parish. So we are offering the card separately from the Mass request envelope for the nominal charge of one dollar. You can pick up the cards either after Mass in the sacristy or in the office during Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Our second class of First Communion Children receives our Lord today. God bless them on this important day!

A blessed week!

Msgr. Doug Raun

Bring a Friend to Mass. Our Lord will thank you!

To register with the parish, pick-up a registration card at the church exits, stop by or call the office (1594 Sara Rd, Panorama Shopping Center, 892-1511) or send an e-mail to: Contact@stanm.org

Health Screenings to Help You and Those Unable to Help Themselves

Cathedral Health Services will provide a series of seven tests at our parish on Monday, 28 April. As a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives, Cathedral provides low cost services to those who can afford them. From these fees, they also bring detection and prevention to those who can't afford them. Watch next weekend's bulletin for an insert with all the details. Please set aside 28 April to help yourself and others live better and longer! Call 800-770-0240 for an appointment

These screenings include heart, stroke, abdominal aortic aneurism, peripheral arterial disease, thyroid, and bone density, and of course, blood pressure and pulse, all for the low cost of just \$160!

We welcome our new Parishioners

Ben C & Sonia M Baca

Celestina R Blair

Elvira S Elorriaga

Mike D & Cathy F Mirabal

Brenda Ortiz

Jolene L Rael

Chris & Shirley D Trujillo

Funerals

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Elizabeth May Kangas

Tasyanna Neveah Gabriella Pinto

Kyra Erica Preciado

Ryan Christopher Rich

Emily Cassandra Stone

Miguel Remigio Valencia

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

2nd Banns: Amanda Montaña & Sean Ricker

LifeTalk Radio Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

LifeTalk is a weekly radio show on KTBL Albuquerque, 1050 AM, presented by **Project Defending Life**. The program deals with all life issues, but focuses on those issues which adversely affect life in today's secular culture, such as abortion. There is a guest segment, a teen segment, and one with Father Stephen Imbarrato each week. We encourage call-ins! Anyone who wishes to be a guest or has a suggestion for guests, should call Fr. Imbarrato at 505-447-1717.

**"Respecting every stage of Life as Unique,
Precious, and Unrepeatable."**

Next Week's Readings

April 20th — April 27th

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Upcoming Events

Make Your Mom Proud!

Now is the time for all good parishioners to come to the aid of their Respect Life Committee! Earn great merit in Heaven, as my mother always said to us to get us to do chores around the house, by making corsages on Saturday, 10 May or selling flowers before and after any or all of the Masses on Mother's Day, 11 May. Please call Maura Jans at 892-3267 and leave a message. God bless you!

Knights Of Columbus Breakfast!

On Sunday, 27 April, after the 7 and 9 a.m. Masses in Fr. D'Arco Hall, Knights of Columbus Council 6696 and Assembly 1905 will serve a delicious pancake breakfast. Light pancakes, fluffy scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, hot coffee and cold juice will be accompanied by other goodies. **Proceeds from the Knights pancake breakfast will go toward purchasing new hymnals.** Come and enjoy!

Altar Server Training

If you are interested in becoming an altar server we will conduct training on 26 April following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The training will last approximately two hours. Requirements are 6th grade and older. This will also be refresher training for current servers. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Keaveny at 892-5649 or e-mail at ckeaveny@msn.com.

Rio Rancho Blue Star Mothers will hold a benefit rummage sale on Saturday, 26 April, for Rio Rancho's Wounded Warrior, Eric Schei. Eric incurred traumatic brain injury while serving in the Army in Iraq. All are invited to donate items or purchase table space. As the Blue Star Mothers is a 501(c)3 organization, donations are tax deductible. Contact: **Marla, 792-4552/660-4523 or at lalag007@msn.com.**

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
Note: No Pot Luck on 24 April!



Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

April Liturgical Events

Confirmations 29 April 7:00 p.m. (no 6 Mass)

Perpetual Adoration Testimonies

Here are some beautiful blessings posted in our Daily Blessings Received Book for the Chapel: Thank-you: for putting me at ease and for my new job!
for helping my son get work!
for my job, husband, and family!
for putting my heart and mind at ease!
for giving me strength at work!

Perpetual Adoration Contacts

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

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!*

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Committed adorers need for the following:

Sundays & Mondays 2:00 a.m.; Mondays 3:00 a.m.
Fridays from 1:00 a.m.

"Could you not watch with Me one hour?" Mt. 26-40

Pilgrim Virgin: To have the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima in your home, and to receive Her Blessings in your life, call Cathy 898-5591 or Joann 899-9647.

Virgin I: Julie Chimento 15-30 April

Virgin II: Monica Pineda 15-30 April

Tabernacle Flowers 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. 19-25 April Kenneth & Estela Benevidez by Mom.

Adoration Chapel Candles -please call the parish office at 892-1511.13 to 19 April by Dolores Tedder

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



After the 6:00 p.m. Masses

April

20th-Interior Castle
27th-Big Daddy T

May

4-The Elite 8
18-Momma T



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!

Open to all ages, we invite everyone to attend and receive the joy that comes from praising and worshipping God!

St. Thomas Roman Catholic Homeschoolers (STRCH), ministering to the needs of home schooling families, meets every month for First Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. Next meeting is 2 May, followed by fellowship in Fr. D'Arco Hall. Call Andrea Bass at 323-9222 for more information or you can join our group online! <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STRCH-RRNM/>

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

St. Thomas Aquinas School
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221

1100 Hood Road www.stthomasaquinasschool.org
Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Science Fair Winners!

The results are in from the St. Thomas Aquinas 2008 science fair, with multiple winners in many grades. Congratulations to all of our high achieving students, kudos to their ingenuity!

6th grade:

1st: Nicole Klein, Erin Abeyta
2nd: Devon Padilla
3rd: Marcos Serna
honorable mention (HM): Keitzecume Garcia

7th grade:

1st: Marisa Wityak
2nd: Larry Walden, Christopher Silva
3rd: Matthew Sample, Robert Garcia
HM: Bryant Marquez

8th grade:

1st: Melissa Casaus
2nd: Jessica van Lobensels
3rd: Charles Berger, Vincent Wing
HM: Felicity Jackson

Homeschool Co-op

Janice Martinez and Chris LaLonde are beginning a High School (9-12) Catholic homeschooling co-op in the fall here at St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Other grades might be available based on interest. Please come to an information meeting at STA Religious Education Building Room 11 on 24 April and one on 6 May from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

Our children are making First Communion on 20, & 27 April and 4 May. Please pray for them. Registrations for the 2008-09 Religious Education Year will be available in the Religious Education Office the week of 20 April.

Religious Education Classes end the week of May 4th. Camaren Ly of St. Thomas Aquinas Religious Ed won 2nd place in Division 1 Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2008 poster contest. Congratulations Camaren! Sr. Alma

Conflict Resolution Presentation

Deacon Tom Burns, of our Counseling Center, will present thoughts and tools on a subject dear to married couples—Conflict Resolution. We all have differences from time-to-time. Deacon Tom will lead us to understand their source and provide solutions for solving, not running from, this eventuality. Maria & he will start with a mini-play which is designed to get the audience to **think about their own conflicts**. It will be in two parts. The second part of the morning's presentation will be to **elicit discussion** from the audience. The third part will be table exercises to get the audience **to work on real issues of their own**. We will have a couple of breaks interspersed.

The presentation will include discussion and hands-on exercise in resolving an actual conflict. This presentation will occur on **10 May, from 9:00 a.m.** until noon. **Admission is free** for this event. However, you **must register!** We'll have refreshments so we need to know how many of you plan to partake! We also need to prepare materials and provide sufficient seating. Call 892-1511 x362 or e-mail M&FL@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.



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

No meeting 25 April. Meets the **2nd and 4th Fridays of the month**. We will meet each month at my house. The topic for our next series is the Holy Mass and the Bible. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

St. Thomas Aquinas **Bereavement Support Group** meets Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Lucy Filippini room, adjacent to the Parish office. For information contact Mary Davidson at 892-9886. If no response within two days, please call back.

Father, we pray that we, the people God claims as His own, may bear witness that He alone has the authority to give and take human life.

Politics and Religion Do Mix

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in its doctrinal note "On some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in political life" (2002) said about St. Thomas More: "[He] gave witness by his martyrdom of the inalienable dignity of the human conscience. Though subjected to various forms of psychological pressure, Saint Thomas More refused to compromise, never forsaking the constant fidelity to legitimate authority and institutions which distinguished him; he taught by his life and his death that 'man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality.'"

Taken from Father Frank Pavone,
www.priestsforlife.org

GOOD NEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES

"I just had dinner with a young man whom I had not seen in over a year. It seems that he and his girlfriend visited Planned Parenthood a few months back. He said they passed through the people on the sidewalk quietly protesting as they went into the clinic.

They sat in a room with about a dozen other young girls, mostly with their moms, he thought. He was the only guy there. She was handed a clipboard, he was ignored.

She filled out the information requested then they sat without speaking for several minutes. As he looked around the room, no one spoke.

He said all he could think about were the people outside on the sidewalk.

He turned to her and at the same time she looked up at him. Without speaking, they both got up and walked out.

He said the people outside cheered for them as they headed to their car.

I will be baptizing their son in a couple of months. Thank you for all you do!"

Fr. Codega, a pastor in Providence, Rhode Island, email from David Bereit, david@40daysforlife.com.

How would you like to make a difference between life and death? Call Project Defending Life at 266-4100 or Maura Jans at 892-3267 and join us in peaceful and prayerful presence in front of our local abortion mills.



Mass Intentions

Sunday

April 20th Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. † Karen Gallegos by Council 6696
Knights of Columbus/Beverly Nys
Lawrence Hebel
† Leonard Baker by Christine Pérez
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
† Pat Lucero by Norman & Karen Lucero
† Genevieve Cismoski by Irene Green
- 11:00 a.m. † Carolyn McTernan by Jim McTernan
† Anthony "Tony" Paradiso Jr. by Maria
† Anthony Lioce by Pat & Jerry Ruba
- 12:30 p.m. Canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam
by the SSVdP
† Robert Romero by Eddie & Evelyn Vasquez
† Juan D. Lopez 17th anniversary by Irma Trujillo
- 6:00 p.m. † Dorothy Hasey, Love Jan, Paul & Matt
The Beglau family by Kyrie Garcia
† Ruth & Holly Thompsen by sister
- 8:00 a.m. @SJV for missionaries around the world
- 11:00 a.m. @SJV for the homeless

Monday

April 21st, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Miles Wilson rest in peace by Rick & Penny Torretto
Sr. Clare Millea by Mom
† Lois Coates by Mary Shawn
- 6:00 p.m. † Ceprianno Trujillo 8th anniversary by Rumalda Trujillo
Alisha & Jason Stravinski by JR
† Mark Anthony Gallegos by Clara Gallegos Patron
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS

Tuesday

April 22nd, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane
† Russ Whalen by Wife Joan
Monica Pineda for her health by the McCluskey
- 6:00 p.m. † Pete Perea by Rumalda Trujillo
Alisha & Jason Stravinski by JR
Ezequiel Abeyta by family
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS

Wednesday

April 23rd, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Dana & Armando Gonzales 20th Wedding Anniversary
By Jane
† Leonard Baker by Berdel & Terry Boulanger
† Leonard Baker by Mr. & Mrs. Moyna family
- 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe by Rumalda Trujillo
Alisha & Jason Stravinski by JR
† Doris Van de Oever by Maidman family
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS

Thursday

April 24th, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Helen Borzick by Irene Green
† Leonard Baker by Pat & Nora Shannon
† Amado Bagood by the Sutherland family

- 6:00 p.m. † Marilou Agan Sevilla by the Sutherland family
To Jesus in thanksgiving by Rumalda Trujillo
† Jack Buckley by Wrasman family

- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS

Friday

April 25th St. Mark the Evangelist

- 9:00 a.m. † Virginia Ashe Raybon by Husband
† Tony Lioce by the Moyna family
† Leonard Baker by Mike & Cay Shannon
- 6:00 p.m. † Alex Molnar by Deborah M. Kozerski
Adrian, Jessica & family by the Abeyta family
Benny Anduras & family by Linda Casaus & family
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS

Saturday

April 26th, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Alfonso Tedesco by CDA #2306
† Leonard Baker by Helen & Him Doolittle
† Al Tedesco by the McCluskey family
- 5:00 p.m. Amy Johnson by parents
† James Doyle Johnson by parents
† Leonard Baker by Bob & Rosina Cook

Sunday

April 27th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna family
† Fr. Joseph Ganssle, OFM by his sister
† Michael Wynne by Leo Wynne
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
† Leonard Baker by Kuchar family
† Beatriz Padilla by Alfred
- 11:00 a.m. Minnie, Vince Jaramillo & Frank Torres by family
† Joseph & Barbara Rich by Thomas & Paula Pruitt
† Virginia Pruitt by Thomas & Paul Pruitt
- 12:30 p.m. † Robert Martinez by De Blassie family
Olivia & baby by Victor
† Bob Keaveny Sr. by family
- 6:00 p.m. Society of St. Vincent de Paul is
celebrating their 175th year
† Eliza Romero 1st Anniversary
by Rebecca, John & family
Stan Matejczvk 50th birthday by wife & children
- 8:00 a.m. @SJV
- 11:00 a.m. † @SJV Peggy Ward by Jack Ward & family

Ongoing Weekly Meetings (Religious Education Building)

- Al-Anon: Thursday, Noon, rm. 6
Bible Study: Jeannette, 892-1511 x104
Blue Army: Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Cathy, 893-5591
(Call Cathy with your prayer petitions.)
Rosary Makers: Friday, 10 a.m., rm. 6 896-6127
(Father D'Arco Hall)
Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Thursday, 7 p.m.
(Church)
Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Wednesday, after 9 a.m. Mass

Stewardship—not an Option!

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as the celebrant leads us in the public worship of our Lord and Savior.

Liturgy extends beyond the Mass. It includes the Benediction, sacraments, Liturgy of the Hours, blessings, and sacramentals. But it is the Mass on which we must focus, **especially Sunday Mass!** The Mass is the supreme form of liturgy on earth. We faithful are obliged to take our proper part in its celebration. We more fully receive the Mass' benefits through our proper and respectful participation.

For us, it starts with **coming to Mass on time**, to be seated well ahead of the opening prayer. Missing any of the readings or Gospel is **missing one half of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Word!** Leaving before the final blessing after Communion removes the time we need to meditate on having received the Eucharist. Mass protocol calls for the celebrant to be the last person entering the church at the beginning of Mass and the first to leave! Christ, through the ministry of the priest, offers Himself to God. **Would we be late or leave early in Christ's Presence?** Except for 6:00 p.m., there is always another Mass to attend if circumstances prevent us from arriving on time. And for 6:00 p.m., get there early if you want a seat!

Our active participation begins with responses to the opening and subsequent prayers. It includes our attentive listening to the readings, Psalms, and the gospel. The celebrant's sermon or homily provides insight into the scripture we just heard and how we can use that lesson in our lives beyond the church doors. Our function is to **listen, learn, and put into action God's Word in our lives, spiritually fed with the Eucharist.** Anything less is a states that we are not true believers; that His Word is less important than our personal desires; that Christ's Sacrifice means little!

The Communion Rite, part of the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, is where we receive the **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, truly present** under the appearance of bread and wine, not symbols, but His True Presence! We must be in the **state of grace** (no mortal sin unconfessed) and have **fasted an hour before Mass**, with the exception of water and medicine. And most importantly, **we must believe that it is truly Christ we will receive!**

This column barely scratches the surface of Catholic liturgy, the Mass, and what's expected of us as faithful members. An excellent book on the Mass entitled **Mass Confusion** by **James Akin** is available at local religious stores. It is practical and straightforward, an easily-read book on the do's and don'ts of the Mass. Get a copy and learn more about what should be the center of your life!

You can also learn about liturgy on-line. Try "The Catholic Liturgical Library" at www.catholicliturgy.com/index.cfm or "Catholic Liturgy Menu" (with Mass in English and Latin) at <http://www.truecatholic.org/menu-liturgy.htm>.

Our priests work very hard to provide the utmost in
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BeFriender Ministry is a lay pastoral care program. That means specially trained lay persons enter into caring relationships with others at times of special need by visiting with them, being with them, and bringing emotional and spiritual support. Please call Gloria at 891-0388.



Electronic Funds Transfer

We have successfully completed testing our Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) system for Sacrificial Giving donations. For those of us who travel a lot on weekends, this is a great way to avoid missing a weekend! We still ask you to continue using your weekly envelopes when you come to Mass here. Beginning with the June envelope packet, we'll have a space to indicate you're using EFT.

It's important to understand that our weekly donations should be a weekly decision. If we have a better week financially than usual, we should consider adding some to our weekly donation. Conversely, if we experience a long-term financial setback, we are always free to decrease our weekly donation.

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.



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liturgy. They provide all the liturgy we expect. **Do we meet the Church's expectations** of weekly Mass attendance? If we believe in our Creed, we must **properly, respectfully, and faithfully (at least weekly)** participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and carry its graces throughout our daily lives. **Mass in truly a great blessing!**

Bill Mader, Communications & Development

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
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 Maintenance (Ext. 129).....Gilbert Garcia & Manuel Fernandez
 Marriage & Family Life (Ext. 103).....Deacon Ken Hill, Director.
Deacon Frank Smith, Associate Director
 Music & Liturgy (Extension 105).....Steven Woodbury
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 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 - Friday6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Mission Church St. John Vianney

St. Thomas Aquinas School
 1100 Hood Road SE

Mass Times

Sunday8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

Evangelization: Having Courageous Hearts

Today there is much in our world that can trouble our hearts: the absence of peace in our society and within our families, the shaky economy and our bank account, death and disease and worries about our future. With all this uncertainty, fear can easily win the day. But today, Jesus tells us to not let our hearts be troubled, to have faith in Him and in His Father who loves us. We are invited to take comfort knowing that his love will sustain us through any hardship or pain. For the believer, even death cannot win for His resurrection is our promise.

The **Albuquerque African American Catholic Community** will celebrate its **16th Anniversary** with Mass and Song Praise on **27 April** at **12 noon** in the **Sandia Room of the Catholic Center**, 4000 St. Joseph's Place NW, Albuquerque 87120. The celebrant will be Rev. Thomas M. Jackson, OP from UNM Aquinas Newman Center. All are invited to join us in the celebration. Please call **Mrs. Brenda Dabney** at **836-3627** for more information.

Pre-Cana of Santa Fe

24-26 April. Call 505-9829139 or 505-983-3992 to register or for more information.

Weekend for the Engaged

May 2, 3, 4, 2008 at Our Lady of Belen
 Call 864-8872 to register

Doves at St. Joseph on The Rio Grande will begin their meetings every 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month starting 14 April at the Catholic Center, 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW, Albuquerque at 6:30 p.m. If you're divorced, widowed or separated, come and join us.

TV Mass
Channel 13 KRQE
Sundays 7:00 a.m.



St. Thomas Aquinas Ministries

Altar & Rosary Society: Saralee Wisner - 792-5516
Altar Servers: Cindy Keaveny - 892-5649
Apostolate Our Lady of Fatima: Gerrie - 892-0414
BeFrienders: Gloria Hultine - 891-0388
Bereavement: Mary Davidson - 892-9886
Catholic Daughters of America: Mary Chambers - 896-0256
Charismatic Prayer Group: Nila Baker - 892-1511 x361
Counseling Center: 417-2467 or Dn. Tom Burns - 892-1511, ext. 113
Elizabeth Ministry: Cyndee DeBlassie - 922-0145
Eucharistic Adoration: Ben & Gaylene Bitonel - (806) 676-0333
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Doug & Karen Taylor - 896-7985
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Finance Council: Christian Reedy - 899-0873
Greeters: Eileen Walling 891-1775
Home & Hospital Ministry: Eileen Walling - 891-1775
Catholic Homeschoolers: Andrea Bass - 323-9222
Holy Cross Association: John & Penny Marselle - 400-7245
Knights of Columbus #6696: Allen J. Rowbotham - 899-2516
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Life Teen Liturgical Coordinator: Jeannette Mata - 896-8483
Natural Family Planning: José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783
Nursery: Aud Walaszek - 792-8716
Parish Social Committee: Debbie Hanko - 379-0561
Pastoral Council: Danny Trujillo - 891-8515
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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 Apostolic 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
Suicide Crisis Hotline: 247-1121 or 266-7711

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: Carol Donlin 6a@stasnm.org
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 & Clothing 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