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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

At the sight of the CROWDS, Jesus' HEART was moved
 with PITY for them because they were troubled and
 ABANDONED, like SHEEP without a shepherd.
 Matthew 9:36

June 15th, 2008 A.D.
 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We live 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,

A very blessed Father's Day to all the dads in our parish!

As many of you know, our parishioner, Dr. Dave Russell, is studying to be a deacon. On June 28, 10 am, at Risen Savior Church, he will take his first important step towards that goal when he receives Candidacy for Holy Orders. Congratulations, and God bless you, Dave! (In the "old days", there were six steps to Holy Orders, tonsure, the four minor orders of porter, lector, exorcist, and acolyte, and then sub-deaconate. In 1970, it was all simplified: tonsure became Candidacy, minor orders were reduced to two – lector and acolyte- and renamed "ministries", and
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DISCIPLES' MISSION (THE HARVEST)

We are not part of "Mission Impossible;" we are part of Christ's "Mission Possible," but only if we, His people, take it on! In today's gospel, Christ sends out the twelve Apostles on a mission, a mission for ordinary men to do extraordinary things. **We** can do extraordinary things too when we accept Christ's call to holiness and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

Unfortunately, we laborers are few and the harvest remains abundant. A **remarkably small percentage** of our parishioners do little more than coming to Mass on (occasional) Sundays; too bad! Christ calls all of us to His mission. He promised that if we pray to the Holy Spirit, He would help us with our mission to serve Christ here on earth, **if only we ask Him!**

And for what should we ask? First, we need to know **what part we can play** in the harvest. **"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's**
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the order of of sub-deacon was abolished.)

The pastor could not run the parish without the good advise he receives from the Pastoral and Financial Councils. On the Finance Council, three of our members – Paul Yarbrough, Debbie Hanko, and Jean Rivera, have completed two terms of service. Thank you, dear friends, for your help to the parish.

This week we had our discernment meeting to select their replacements. I am happy to announce that John Ahlskog, Felicie Truscio, and Jeff Armijo will be the new members.

Also, on the Pastoral Council, I am happy to announce that I am appointing Coleen Maddy, Rick Torretto, Randy Lichtenfeld, and Michael Tafuro to a second term of three years.

All of this becomes effective July 1st. They will be officially installed at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on July 13th.

I wish to give many thanks to everyone who donated the new hymnals. We still have 155 that need be donations, at \$20 a piece. If you would like to donate one, please contact the parish office at 892-1511.

Yes, I know the new hymnals don't have the readings. No hymnals nowadays have the readings. That is because in less than two years (so we are told) the translation of everything in the Mass is going to change. The reason for this is to make our English translation more faithful to the Latin original (For example, "And also with you" will become "And with your spirit – *Et cum spiritu tuo*".) This is part of the reason I put off getting new hymnals – I wanted to wait for the new translation. But word came that the new translation would not be here until 2010, and our hymnals were falling apart.

For those who like to follow the readings, we are providing them each Sunday in the racks at the doors of the church. Take one when you enter, and please return it there after Mass for others to use. Or, get a subscription to the *Magnificat*. Or, do what we did in the old days and buy a hand missal! (Remember your old *St. Joseph's Daily Missal*? The nice thing about owning a hand missal is that you can look over the prayers and readings before you come to Mass.)

This week, on June 17th, our beloved Archbishop will celebrate his 25th anniversary as a Bishop at the Cathedral in Santa Fe. (In July he will be 44 years a priest.) May God bless and keep Archbishop Sheehan in health and holiness as he serves as the Chief Shepherd of our venerable Archdiocese.

A blessed week, Msgr. Doug Raun

Funerals

Susan Flores

Audrianna Lujan

Leonard Aaron Milligan

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Luke Michael Anaya

Mia Estrella Elizabeth Flores

Annamaria Elizabeth Mathena

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

1st Banns: Stephanie Aileen Ortiz & Jasent G. Quintana

1st Banns: Andrea Sanchezh & John Spina

1st Banns: Heather Lee & Kyle Parisian

Electronic Funds Transfer

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. Request a form from the parish office or e-mail Stewardship@stanm.org

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.

To register with the parish, stop by or call the office (1594 Sara Rd, 892-1511) or send an e-mail to: Contact@stanm.org

Next Week's Readings

15-22 June

Readings for the Week of June 15, 2008

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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Upcoming Events

On Sunday, June 22nd, after the 7 and 9 a.m. Masses in Father 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. Come and enjoy!

The **Rosary Makers** will hold a **religious articles sale** with the Knights' breakfast next Sunday. While there, check out their beautiful Rosaries. Your purchase will support the thousands they send to those around the world who can't find them locally. Contact Rose Chavez, 891-3337, R5Chav@aol.com, for more information, especially how you can help this deserving ministry!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We will have training on 28 June 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 join us for training. Contact Cindy Keaveny at 892-5649 or ckeaveny@msn.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

We have scheduled another workshop on **Saturday, 28 June**, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., in the St. Lucy Filippini room. Contact Kathy Girón at 892-1511 x107, or Kathy.Giron@stanm.org, to register. **If you are a ministry member who contacts children or adults in one-on-one circumstances, you must attend once!**

BAPSTIMAL INSTRUCTIONS CLASS CANCELLED

The 5 July class is cancelled due to the holiday weekend. The next classes will be 21 June or 19 July. If you plan to have baptism, contact Kathy Girón, 892-1511x107, at the parish office for all the details, necessary paperwork, and to register for a class.

Home school Co-op

Janice Martinez and Chris LaLonde are beginning a High School (9-12) Catholic home schooling co-op in the fall here at St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Other grades might be available based on interest.

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.

Pot Luck Thursday, 26 June, at the **Weidner's**. **Bus will leave STA parking lot at 11:00 a.m.**



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Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Here are some beautiful blessings posted in our Daily Blessings Received Book for the Chapel: Thank-you:
For teaching me a lesson everyday!
For continued good health!
For the gift of life!
For filling my heart with joy and happiness!
For my cousins cancer being in remission!
For healing my knee and my depression!
For my new job!

PERPETUAL ADORATION CONTACTS

Pauline Salata (12 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 (12 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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is our response to Jesus' love for us. We become a part of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration by committing to spend a quiet holy hour of prayer in His Eucharistic Presence once each week. This unites us all together giving thanks to Our Lord for all He has done and will do for us.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Committed adorers needed for the following:

Sundays 2:00 a.m.; Fridays 1:00 a.m.

Mondays 1:00, 2:00, & 4:00 a.m. urgent!

"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 Kathy at 898-5591 or Joann at 899-9647.

Virgin I: **16-30 June Larry & Liz Large**

Virgin II: **16-30 June Les & Jennie Reynold**

TABERNACLE FLOWERS Please contact Betty Larson at 891-3577 or Elaine Jones at 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. **14-20 June In memory of Jackie Costa by the family**

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES -please call the parish office at 892-1511. **8-21 June Dolores Tedder**

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



AFTER THE 6:00 P.M. MASSES

15 June: NO LT- Happy Father's Day Dads!

22 June: Catholic Underground

This is a night we will invite the **WHOLE PARISH** to come worship with us.

29 June: Summer kick off party/BBQ!!

PARENT LIFE NIGHTS

We invite you to share in your son's/daughter's experiences of Life Teen Nights. "How?" you wonder. We now hold **Parent Life Nights concurrent with Life Teen Nights**. We meet in the Religious Education Building, following the 6 p.m. Mass in room 7. What a wonderful way for you to get to know other parents and find answers to some of the questions with which we all struggle as we grow together with our teens!

Parent Life Nights are based on **the same subjects that the teens receive Sunday evenings**. You will grow, learn, and share life with other parents, your teens, and our families. We challenge you to take this step to move forward spiritually with your teens as they and we enrich each others lives in Christ. If you would like any other information concerning this great experience, please contact **Cindy Langlois** at clanglois53@msn.com or **892-4702**. We look forward to meeting you!

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

ALPHA IS HERE!

Do you, or someone you know, want to know more about Catholic Christianity? If so, THE ALPHA COURSE is where one starts! ALPHA is an 18-week, no-pressure course in basic, foundational Catholic/Christian teaching. ALPHA is for **all** adults—young, old, and in-between: "cradle" Catholics wanting a refresher course or needing to prepare for sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and/or First Communion), and Christians and non-Christians wanting to become Catholic, or to simply learn more about Catholic Christianity without committing to it.

ALPHA is held in Fr. D'Arco Hall on Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00 p.m., begun on 5/27/08. Each class meeting normally includes dinner. Please contact Jeannette, AquinasAM@yahoo.com or 892-1511, x104, for more details and to pre-register.

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

Saint Thomas Aquinas School offers a co-educational program in which family support and participation is crucial. Through limited class enrollment and a variety of teaching styles, the school strives to meet the students' needs while developing their innate abilities. Its programs encompass quality experiences in the arts, sciences and humanities, as well as encourage self-expression and creativity. A warm, family like Catholic atmosphere enables students to grow in knowledge of God, themselves, and the world.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Registration is full. We will still accept registrations, but you will be put on a waiting list until notified.

ALL FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES are now in. Pick up your photos in the Religious Ed Office.

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2008-09 Religious Education year will be available in the Religious Education Office.

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 1 August, 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/>

NEW ACTS COURSE

Dr. Jeffrey Steenson, former bishop of the Episcopal diocese of the Rio Grande, is presenting a six-week course, "Introduction to the Early Church Fathers," on Mondays, 6/2/08-7/7/08, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall. Dr. Steenson earned his doctorate at the University of Oxford, England, and has studied the history and literature of the early Church extensively throughout his academic and ministerial careers.

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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Are those special feelings and interactions with your spouse becoming routine? Learn how to **REALLY** communicate and revitalize those feelings by attending a natural family planning course. Taught by a certified couple, the course begins on Sunday, 29 June, at 2:00 p.m. in the library at St. Thomas Aquinas School, 1100 Hood Rd SE, Rio Rancho. For more information and registration call Elvira at 892-5783 or Rosanne at 892-2927.

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.



“A wedding is a day, a Marriage is a lifetime,” is the message that **Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend** presents to the engaged couples attending their weekend retreat. For more information, call 352-1177 or 831-8117 in Albuquerque.

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

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.

Culture of Life Corner
Maura Jans 892-3267 mcjans1@hotmail.com

Father, we pray that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, and all the bishops, will proclaim the Gospel of Life with fidelity, joy, and effectiveness.

Father, we pray, too, for all who are fathers, that on this Father's Day, they may be affirmed and strengthened in their calling.

A FATHER LOOKS BACK

Longtime country music singer Kenny Rogers has a song called “Water and Bridges,” which highlights a father's pain after losing a child to abortion. Rogers told CNN that the song is not about him, but is “really about choices you make when you're young that you pay for when you're old.” He goes on to explain, “It starts off with a young couple who have an abortion, and the guy says, ‘If a father could hold his son, I could undo what's been done, but I guess everyone is living with water and bridges.’” Counseling and healing is available for any man or woman who has lost a child to abortion. See www.RachelsVineyard.org for details.

Taken from Father Frank Pavone,
www.priestsforlife.org.

**JOIN MSGR. MUKASA
AS WE BRING THE LIGHT AND LOVE
OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST TO
THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS
MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL
PROJECT DEFENDING LIFE
SATURDAY, 21 JUNE
SAN IGNACIO CHURCH
1300 WALTER ST. NE, ALBUQUERQUE**

Mass begins at 8:00 a.m., celebrated this month by Msgr. Mukasa, and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a rosary procession to the nearby abortion mill. Then we return to church for Benediction and a Social. Invite your family and friends to join you at this peaceful and prayerful event. For more information contact Yolanda at 220-8891 or
5 Helpers@Defendinglife.Org .



Mass Intentions

Sunday June 15th, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day

- 7:00 a.m. † Wayne E. Hanson in loving memory
 by his wife & family
 † Robert & Harold Gallegos by Terry Gallegos & family
 † Enrique Serrano by the family
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Margarito Jaramillo by daughter Nila
 † Sebastian Bellistri by Catherine & Tom
- 11:00 a.m. † Merejildo Rivera by John Rivera & family
 † Joaquín Arguelles by Cindy & Dennis Garcia & family
 † Leonard Baker by Dan & Mary Gallegos
- 12:30 p.m. † Charles Smith by family
 In honor of Ven. Matt Talbot for special intentions
 by Lorraine Torres
- 6:00 p.m. † Bruce Franco Sr. by wife & family
 † Hal Kent by wife Joan Kent
 † Ernie Trujillo 2nd anniversary by Jan & Rachael
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV For vocations, especially from our parish
- 11:00 a.m. @ SJV For all of our parish clergy

Monday June 16th, Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. † Justin DeLeonardis by Kay Wierzbicka
 † Leonard Baker by Mr. & Mrs. John Naegale
 † Nick Cruz by Nick Fasciani
- 6:00 p.m. Lordie Lautman for her wellbeing by Sarah, Megan,
 Higinia & Estelle
 In thanksgiving to St. Jude by S.R.

Tuesday June 17th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Fr. Scott Mansfield 8th anniversary
 by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi
 † Juanita & Pete Rios by the Duran family
 † CR & Flora Duran by the Duran family

- 6:00 p.m. † Andrew López by Pauline

Wednesday June 18th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Helen Felicetti by Catherine & Tom
 † Leonard Baker by wife, Nila
 Anita López birthday by Marie Padgett
- 6:00 p.m. In honor of Ven. Matt Talbot for special intentions
 by Lorraine Torres
 † Arthur Guzman by his mother Bea Guzman

Thursday June 19th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † George Ganssle
 † Jackie Costa by the family
 Fr. Stephen Imbarrato by Wendy Rakes
- 6:00 p.m. † James & Irene Serna by the family
 Katherine Jo Pannell by Mom

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.

Friday June 20th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Karen Gallegos by Council 6696 K of C & Beverly Nys
 † Leonard Baker by Mr. & Mrs. John Naegale
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Francis Baltz
 by Mrs. Gladys Quintero & family
- 6:00 p.m. † Alex Molnar by Deborah Kozerski
 † Hal Kent by wife Joan Kent

Saturday June 21st, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

- 9:00 a.m. † Donald De Blassie by Joseph De Blassie & family
 Deacon Aston Bailey 90th birthday by Anna Puglilsi
 In thanksgiving to St. Jude by Ian
- 5:00 p.m. Rose & Vince Scigliobaglio happy 50th birthday
 by the Doody family
 † Angelo Reyes by Grace Fanelli
 † Annie Marcus by Cathy Collins

Sunday June 22nd, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna Family
 † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane
 Mary & Anthony Eckel 47th wedding anniversary
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Miles Wilson rest in peace by Rick & Penny Torretto
 Phil Kahle & family by V
- 11:00 a.m. Holy souls in purgatory
 † Alex Sullivan by Henry
 † Josephine Lucero by husband & children
- 12:30 p.m. † Frank Skinner & family by the Rakes family
- 6:00 p.m. † Juana Cruz Montañez by the Denman family
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV
- 11:00 a.m. @ SJV

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.



ONGOING WEEKLY MEETINGS **(Religious Education Building)**

- Al-Anon: Thursdays, Noon, rm. 6
Bible Study: Jeannette, 892-1511 x104
Blue Army: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; Kathy, 898-5591
 (Call Kathy with your prayer petitions.)
Rosary Makers: Fridays, 10 a.m., rm. 6 896-6127
 (Father D'Arco Hall)
Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Thursdays, 7 p.m.
 (Church)
Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
 Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass

DISCIPLES' MISSION (THE HARVEST)

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grace.” **1 Peter 10.** We must pray for discernment regarding the gifts God gives us. Without that knowledge, we may try to use a gift we don't have, and that can be very discouraging.

Then, once we discern our gifts, we must **use them in Christ's name** for His harvest (of souls). As Christ's disciples, **we have no choice**; Christ calls each of us, whether we listen to His call or not. As Christ's disciples, it our duty to serve Him and those He calls us to serve. We are part of a community in which Christ expects us to participate to bring Him honor and glory.

Best of all, when we take Christ's mission upon ourselves, we discover **great blessings and joy in His service!** Stewardship brings us joy because we are fulfilling God's intentions for us. There is **great reward in serving others**; you can see it in those who really take stewardship seriously. They achieve a peace that is foreign to those who focus only on themselves.

This coming August Archbishop Sheehan will ask each parish to devote a weekend to time and talent, just as we do for treasure in November. We will have testimony about service and ask each of you to consider how much of your time and talent you give back to the source of all your gifts. **Begin now** to think about what you do well and what you enjoy and how you can use those gifts in Christ's service. Get ready to join “Mission Possible,” Christ's mission for you. Get ready to reap the great harvest for our God.

FACILITY SCHEDULING

We finished our annual facility scheduling last month. There the Directors determined the basic facility schedule for the next year from July 2008 through June 2009. We're now entering the several thousand items from that meeting.

To ensure you obtain an equitable opportunity to schedule your ministry's meetings, submit your scheduling requirements immediately to Scheduling@stanm.org. This will help prevent any accidental mis-scheduling.

It is essential that your ministry maintain a current point of contact with the scheduling office. **E-mail addresses** are the most effective and efficient means of communications. Please ensure your ministry has someone who monitors their account frequently and can either make a scheduling decision or knows who can. Snail mail and telephone contacts are usually too slow and ineffective to work well.

You can also obtain a form from the parish office to submit your requests. We cannot accept facility scheduling requests over the telephone. We schedule events based on each directorate's pre-established priorities. Even so, occasional events (such as an Archdiocese or parish-wide function) supersede pre-scheduled events. Call 892-1511 x115 with any questions.

SUMMER RETURNS

GIVING GLORY AND HONOR TO GOD

On a recent radio show, Laura Ingram explained her dismay about attending Mass in Washington D.C. and seeing such casual dress: flip-flops, bare midriffs, shorts, halter tops, t-shirts, etc. You may not approve of Laura Ingram's political views or her approach to discussing them, but her point about dress at Mass is valid and deserves a mention! She received accolades for her courage in calling for dress that gives God **glory and honor!**

Look around you at Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas parish. One might think people just drove up the street from Haynes Park! The concept is very simple. We are coming to Mass where **our Lord Jesus Christ is present in the tabernacle** (Lighted candles hanging on either side of the tabernacle indicate this fact.) We dress appropriately to show **we give Him the honor and glory** He deserves.

The argument that “Christ doesn't care what I wear to Mass.” doesn't hold water. **Our dress is an outward sign of our respect** (or lack of) **for Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist**; the Eucharist we are about to receive in Holy Communion. Making a statement about our respect is as important as the respect we have for Him. Our dress identifies us with people who respect the Eucharist or those who don't (**informality to the point of being disrespectful**).

1 Chronicles 16:29 states “...**worship the LORD in holy attire.**” “Holy attire” has changed through the centuries. The safest test for our dress at Mass would be: **“Would I wear it daily at the office?”** Sure, some work places accept very informal clothing. However, that is not termed **“business casual”** which is at the **bottom end of acceptability at Mass.**

Few people dress at the extravagant end of the dress scale, although that would be inappropriate as well. **The bottom line is we shouldn't draw attention to ourselves by our dress at Mass!** Ask yourself if your dress gives glory and honor to God. **If dressing for Mass is no different than going to the park or pool, is that giving glory and honor to your Savior?**

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

If you missed any of the series on **membership expectations**, send an e-mail to Contact@stanm.org or call 892-1511 x115 for back copies.

Parish Directory

Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
Vicar (Ext. 110).....	Rev. Fr. Scott Mansfield
Vicar (Ext. 116).....	Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Whorton
.....	Rev. Fr. Michael DePalma, in residence
Deacons.....	Rev. Mr. Roger Ayers, James Baca, Tom Burns, Kenneth Hill, David Little, Leroy Sanchez, Frank Smith
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Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana Martínez
Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....	Jeannie Pinel
Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....	Liz Large
Adult Ministries (Ext. 104).....	Jeannette Case Schlicher
Ayuda Español (Ext. 360).....	Deacon James 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).....	Gilbert Garcia & Manuel Fernandez
Marriage & Family Life (Ext. 103).....	Deacon Ken Hill, Director
Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
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Secretary to the Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Kathy Girón
Special Mass Schedule.....	Extension 350
Weather Closures/Cancellations.....	Extension 359
<u>WEBSITE</u>	www.aquinaschurch.org
Youth Ministries (896-8097).....	Justin Bucalo
Assistant (896-8097).....	Alisha Stravinski

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**

Mission Church St. John Vianney

St. Thomas Aquinas School
1100 Hood Road SE

Mass Times

Sunday..... 8:00 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: Reconciled to God St. Paul, in today's reading, assures us that Jesus has paid the price for our lives. We are now reconciled to God through the death of his son. With that reconciliation comes forgiveness and freedom from the heavy burden of sin and separation. With that reconciliation comes authentic love and abundant life. Do you know someone who needs to hear this message? Do you know someone who needs to be reminded that *we are God's people*?

Southwest Catholic Charismatic Conference

July 25-27, 2008 at the beautiful Glorieta Conference Center in Glorieta, New Mexico. Confirmed speakers include Archbishop Michael Sheehan, Fr. Celsus Auguste, Jim Murphy and Fr. Daniel Balizan in English and Fr. Gino Correa and Fr. Gonzalo Moreno en español.

Theme: Good News, Go Tell it Everywhere! Call 505-247-0397 or visit www.asfcc.org for registration information.

Ch 13, Sunday Mass 7:00 a.m.
Ch 47, La Voz Católica, Domingo 10:00 a.m.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 22 JUNE

World Refugee Day is a global, annual event when we join in solidarity with the nearly 20 million refugees around the world who struggle to survive and rebuild their lives. It is a time to bring attention to the refugee plight, a time to take responsibility to resolve this human tragedy, and a wonderful occasion to celebrate the amazing and diverse cultural gifts the refugees bring to us all. We are pleased to report that, since 2000, Catholic Charities of New Mexico has helped approximately 2,000 refugees from 26 countries start their new lives in Albuquerque.

Sunday, 22 June; 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Outpost Performance Space, 210 Yale SE Blvd.
(2 blocks south of Central).**

Program: Multi-cultural musical performances (to include music by a Grammy-nominated performer), refugee testimonials, and delectable refreshments! Admission: Free! Call for reservations, as seating is limited! For more information, contact Feliz Tixier, Volunteer Coordinator, Center for Refugee Settlement and Support, 724-4670 or 724-4629 (direct) or tixierf@ccasfnm.org.

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
FAMILIA: Phil & Cathy Casaus 890-3222
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
Lectors: Maria Burns—771-2005
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
Pre-Cana: Michael & Michelle Beglau 771-0756
Public Affairs Committee: Felicie Truscio - 891-1304
Respect Life: Maura Jans - 892-3267
Rosary Makers: Jim Tauer - 896-6127 or Jane Ricci - 892-9260

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): Betty Rivera 867-1087 or Lee Stevens 792-8871
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