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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
 “The desert and the parched land will exult;
 the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will
 bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with
 joyful song.” Isaiah 35:1-2A
 December 14, 2008 A.D.
 Third Sunday of Advent

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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



My dear family,

Today, Holy Church has her priests wear the rose color vestments, relieving the sad penitential purple of Advent, **as we celebrate Gaudete (“Rejoice!”) Sunday.** This is the same reason that the candle on the Advent wreath that we light today is rose color. (Rose color, not pink. Fr. Mansfield is very sensitive on this point: priests may twice a year wear rose, but real men never wear pink!) The Church rejoices because Advent is half-way over, and the birth of our Lord is near. **It’s time to get ready for His Birth!**
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Christmas Novena
 December 16 – 24
 8:30 am confessions
 (except Sunday)
 multiple priests
 hearing confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 and novena
 7:30 pm novena with
 Benediction and
 confessions
 (except Christmas Eve)
 All priests, including a
 visiting priests, will hear
 confessions each night
 of the Novena

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PASTOR'S CORNER

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This Tuesday, December 16th, is the start of our annual Christmas Novena. Please see the schedule on the front page. Note that at both the morning and evening Novena there will be multiple priests for confessions, and that at the evening Novena there will be at least one visiting priest (for those of you who like to go to confession to a "strange" priest!) **This is our opportunity to make our Christmas confession,** and blessed are those who come early in the Novena to confession, instead of waiting until the morning of December 24!

Of course **the heart of the novena is the nine days of prayer before Christmas.** Try to make at least a few of the services in church, but I know that it is very hard for many people to make all nine nights. So **I have included the novena prayer in the bulletin, so that you can clip it out and pray it at home.** How beautiful if families were to pray this prayer at home, perhaps in front of the home Nativity set. (The old Catholic custom is to leave the Baby Jesus out of the crèche, and then to put Him in after the family comes back from Christmas Mass. What a beautiful tradition!)

As we hurry about with all of our other holiday preparations, let's make sure we are spiritually prepared for our Savior's Birth!

Sister Mary Klersey, our dear founding principle of St. Thomas Aquinas School and now our Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese, **has developed some health problems. She has temporarily gone back to the Motherhouse of the Filippini Sisters,** where they have access to excellent doctors and the Sisters can better take care of her. We pray for Sister's rapid recovery and return to us! If you would like to send her a get-well card, mail it to: Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, 07960-4928.

I'm sure our Blessed Mother was very happy with the excellent attendance for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. And so was the pastor.

A blessed Advent week to you all!
Msgr. Doug Raun

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

FUNERALS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Isaac Jeremiah Matthew Chapman

McKenna Eileen Leonelli

Xavier Ignacio Trujillo

Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass.

Please call our Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

1st Banns: Megan Smith & James Pevey

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY

On Sunday, 12/28, 7:30-8:30 p.m., there will be a special memorial prayer service for all aborted, miscarried, and stillborn children in the church. Families mourning the loss of their children through such sad, tragic circumstances are invited to participate. Naming their children and recording their existence often seems to be a necessary step in healing the natural grief of parents and families affected by this particular loss. A special parish Book of the Innocents will be provided at this service for this purpose, if family members wish to remember their children in this way.

Next Week's Readings

14 December—21 December

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Upcoming Events

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar and Rosary Society is conducting its Annual Membership Drive this month. We would like to extend an invitation to join our society to all ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish who are 18+ years old and who uphold the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church. For more information or for an application, please call 792-5516 or 792-0663

Be looking forward to our 1st Perpetual Adoration Newsletter to be picked up outside the Adoration Chapel.



TREES! TREES! TREES!

Get your Christmas trees at the Boy Scout Troop 1974 tree lot located next to the Life Teen Bldg.

Support your Parish Boy Scout Troop to go to summer Camp

You can help raise money for our parish just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch.com (powered by Yahoo), or shopping online with GoodShop.com. Simply visit www.GoodSearch.com, type "St. Thomas Aquinas Parish" in the "Who do you GoodSearch for?" window, click "Verify," and search or shop to your heart's content! Our church receives one cent for every search, and a small percentage of every online sale made through merchants "clicked-through" to from GoodShop. Thank you, and God bless you!

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.

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

DECEMBER LITURGICAL EVENTS

24th Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

10:45 p.m. Novena to the Infant Jesus

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

7:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney

25th Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. (Solemn Mass), 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Bilingual) **No 7:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. at St. John Vianney

31st Solemnity of Mary

*Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

Perpetual Adoration Contacts

Pauline Salata: (Midnight-6 a.m.) at 892-0524

Louie & Terry Santa Maria: (6-12 p.m.) 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

The following is a list of hours where we need extra help in the adoration chapel. These hours are occupied by one person at present, but we want to secure them with two. Also, if you visit the chapel, PLEASE sign in. If you don't and the sign in sheet shows nothing for a certain hour, we have no choice but to think that Jesus was left alone. Thank you!

Sunday 1, 2, & 3 a.m., 8 p.m.

Monday 4 and 6 p.m.

Tuesday 12 Noon, 1, 3, and 10 p.m.

Thursday 11 p.m.

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: Bob & Gerri Hoover (12-15 to 12-30)

Virgin II: Kathy Giron (12-15-to 12-30)

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.

Adoration Chapel Candles

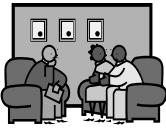
— please call the parish office at 892-1511.

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, 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
or for e-mail go to
www.trburnscounselor.mysite.com.

CD Recordings of some Masses now available:

Beginning 16, November the entire 9:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass will be recorded as well as Solemn Feast Day and Holy Day Masses. Cd's for the Solemn High Mass for Christ the King (Nov 23rd) and Thanksgiving (Nov. 27th) are now available at the parish office.. Eac CD is \$5.00. Any profit will go to defray the cost of providing free copies to shut-ins, home-bound, prison ministry and as gifts to new parishioners during home visits.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:

For life.

For my healing.

For loving me no matter who I am.

For my husband having a great job.

For everything in my life no matter good or bad.

BeFrienders provide **pastoral care** to people in difficult and transitional situations, and are trained to provide a listening presence to others. They embody the caring presence of God and of the community and serve as a living reminder of God's love. If you are in need of this caring presence or know of someone in need, please **call Gloria at 891-0388**.

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

Meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. We meet each month at my house. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

Our next meeting is January 9th. Hope to see you there! For more information, call 890-6574.

Director of Catholic Social Concerns
Deacon.Smith@stanm.org

Culture of Life Corner

We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We think of the hardships that Our Blessed Mother, Mary and Joseph endured from Nazareth to Bethlehem. There was no room for them in the inn at the most important moment in history. They really understood the will of God for them! During Advent, let's spend time in prayer for those who have trouble in their lives and then find out that they are about to have a child. They also need to accept the will of God for them. For their sake, put away your favorite food for a day or even spend time on your knees before the Blessed Sacrament. Make this your Spiritual Bouquet for them so that their "Day" will be special!

ABORTION is NOT the ANSWER!

CARING FOR KIDS

Our new ministry is open to everyone. We provide warmth and comfort for children in need by making blankets. No Experience necessary, just bring yourself to the meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month between 9:30 a.m.—noon in the St. Lucy room. Snacks, refreshments and material to make your blanket will be provided. We supply RR police, Fire Departments, ambulances, Birthright, and NM State police with small stuffed animals and blankets that are in GREAT demand. If you are unable to attend please make blankets at home and drop them off at the parish office at your convenience. We are in need of new yarn, flannel or fleece material and gift cards from craft stores are also welcome. Help us give back to our community! For more information call 999-6132 or Victoria at 261-1488. Next meetings are December 17th and January 7th.

Bereavement Support Group

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.

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

The last day of RE Classes is December 21st for the Christmas holiday. Classes resume on Tues. January 6th. Final Parent Meeting for First Confession is either Friday, January 9th, 7:00p.m.— 8:00 p.m. or Sunday, January 11th, 2:30p.m.-3:30 p.m. Plain tilmas to decorate will be given out at that time and samples will be available for review. Final testing for First Confession, questions 24-29, is the week of January 11th.

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



AFTER THE 6:00 p.m. MASSES
Next Life Teen is on

14 December-Life Teen Winter Olympics
21/28 December-Christmas Break

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

892-4702 or by email at: **clanglois53@msn.com**
We look forward to meeting you.

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

You can help raise money for our parish just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch.com (powered by Yahoo), or shopping online with GoodShop.com. Simply visit www.GoodSearch.com, type "St. Thomas Aquinas Parish" in the "Who do you GoodSearch for?" window, click "Verify," and search or shop to your heart's content! Our church receives one cent for every search, and a small percentage of every online sale made through merchants "clicked-through" to from GoodShop. Thank you, and God bless you!

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

Smith's Donates to St. Thomas Aquinas School Team Up with

St. Thomas Aquinas School

There are many ways to support our Catholic school and one way you can help is by shopping at Smith's grocery store. This school year, Smith's will be donating \$1,000,000 to local participating schools. When you enroll in the Smith's Earn & Learn program and use your Fresh Values card each time you shop, St. Thomas Aquinas School benefits. A percentage of sales is donated to STAS. To enroll you'll need your Fresh Values card and an enrollment barcode. You can print out a copy of the enrollment barcode at this web address <https://www.stasnm.org> and click on Support STAS. Or you can call the school office at 892-3221 and request a copy.

And while you're preparing those delicious Christmas and New Year's Day meals, you can also support the school by saving proof of purchase labels from Campbell Soup products, and Box Tops for Education from General Mills products. Labels and Box Tops can be dropped off at the parish or school offices. For more information about these programs, please contact the school office or visit our website.

Parish members who are interested in supporting STA through financial donations for families who need tuition assistance, please contact our principal, Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, MPF.

Used Car Needed

Father Terry Brennan, who many of you remember as the former assistant at our parish, is in need of a used car for his new assistant, Father Dennis, who is from Africa. Both of these priests are at San Juan Pueblo parish, which does not have many financial resources.



If you have a used car that you could donate, please contact Father Brennan at (505) 852 - 4179. Thank you.



Mass Intentions

Monday

December 15th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Millie Nather by Bob & Saralee Wisner
† Virginia Perkins by daughter Kathy Holguin
† Anne Sanchez by daughter

6:00 p.m. † William Lespier
† John F. Coyle by Tom Coyle
† José Sedillo by Ernest, Martha & family

7:15 a.m. @ STAS For the homeless

Tuesday

December 16th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Emmett Murray by Bob & Gerri Hoover
† Alfonso Tedesco by wife Lucille
Living & Deceased members of the Hadley family
by Xavier family

6:00 p.m. Jessica Bishop by the Bishop family
Darcy Copeland birthday by Victoria
Ana Gutierrez for health & recovery
by Debora & Tom Gonzales

7:15 a.m. @ STAS For those who have no food

Wednesday

December 17th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Syed family
by Xavier family
† Rita Wertz by the Felician Sisters Ladies Auxiliary
† Elsie Muniz by Rudy Y Nell Napoleone

6:00 p.m. † Patricia Jean Ross by Mariano & Chris Savedra

8:15 a.m. @ STAS For those who need a job

Thursday

December 18th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † William Wisner by Bob & Saralee Wisner
† Paul Muir by Valerie Gros
† Dot Laudonia by nice Carmela & Bob Andrews

6:00 p.m. For all those who have no family

7:15 a.m. @ STAS For our Clergy

Friday

December 19th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Paul Muir by Valerie Gros
Rosalie Lovato for surgery recovery
by CDA Court #2306
Maria de la Luz Moreno for surgery recovery
by CDA Court #2306

6:00 p.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

8:15 a.m. @ STAS For all religious

Saturday

December 20th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Karen Gallegos by Council 6696
Knights of Columbus/Beverly Nys
† Vinivio Polino by the Felician Sisters Ladies Auxiliary
James Koury for his health by STA Liturgical choir

5:00 p.m. † Abel Lerma 4th anniversary by Lydia Lerma
† Paul Muir by Valerie Gros
William Cortez for his health
by the Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday

December 21st, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. † Antonia Ortiz by Edmundo & Dora Lucero

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
† Robert Gallegos by Terry Gallegos
† James & Irene Serna by their children

11:00 a.m. † Myron & Eleanor Sanchez by Ron Sanchez
† Agustin Montoya by Brad & Lisa Hayden
† Margaret Han by Mike Salata

12:30 p.m. † Teodoro & Eutimia Garcia by Amelia Doolin
† Carlos Baca 1st anniversary
by Martin & Antoinette Baca & family
† Patty Torres birthday blessings
by Martin & Antoinette Baca & family

6:00 p.m. † Joseph Bonadonna by Grace Bonadonna
† Thomas Bonadonna by Grace Bonadonna
† Francis Anthony DiChiara by Grace Bonadonna

8:00 a.m. @ SJV For those who are on drugs

11:00 a.m. For those who have no one to pray for them

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Caroline Shipp, local intern for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)*, is available to do educational and interactive presentations about poverty in the U.S. for your classroom, youth group, or confirmation group. She has developed a presentation for students in grades 7-12 that will engage youth and help them to think critically & creatively about the problem of poverty. She uses multimedia techniques and innovative teaching to integrate Catholic Social Teaching with real life examples and exercises. Please call or email Caroline if you are interested in getting youth involved in the fight against poverty!

Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Office of Social Justice

justice2@archdiocesasantafe.org

(505) 831-8235

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, Joann-899-9647

(Call Kathy or Joann 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

St. John Vianney Parish Hall **Dedication and First Mass**

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish Hall
Dedication and First Mass

December 21, 2008 at 10am

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan, Celebrant

Christmas Eve December 24, 2008 at 5 & 7pm
Christmas Day at 10am

New Mass Schedule
Starting December 28, 2008

Saturday (Sunday Obligation) 4pm
Sunday 8 & 10am

Saturday Confession 3 - 3:45pm

Sunday Religious Education 11:15am

1000 26th Ave N.E., Rio Rancho



Holiday Ultreya

Individual visits to the Blessed Sacrament will take place between 7:00-7:30 p.m. at the Adoration Chapel on the Westside of the church. Ultreya's take place on the 4th Tuesday of every month at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Our next Ultreya will be December 23rd. For additional information contact Jonathan Baca 238-1080, Camille Romero Melton at 263-6927 or Juliana Jaramillo at 980-1259.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The mission: to support the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. and it's Veterans..., to advocate for America's Armed Forces...to participate in ceremonies which **honor, remember, and support our military personnel and Veterans...**to **honor those families** whose children have died in service to our country.

The Blue Star Mothers have children serving in or honorably discharged from military service. The blue star becomes gold if a service member is killed or dies while on active duty.

In August 2007 & 2008, we sponsored a **Veterans Appreciation Picnic** for Disabled Veterans of America, and members of the American Legion and VFW.

We currently educate our members about the symptoms and treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which their children may experience as a result of their deployment to the war zones.

You can help by **calling Marla at 792-4552.**



The Christmas Novena Prayer

Holy Infant Jesus, true God and true Man! Our only Lord and Savior! I offer You, as a gift for Your Birthday, the love of my heart: I give You my entire life, with all its joys and sorrows. O loving Jesus, I am sorry that I have offended You by sin, but confident in Your infinite goodness and mercy, I trust that You will forgive me. Now look upon me, with the love You showed us in Your Birth, and grant the favors I humbly ask, if they be for the glory of God and my salvation.

(Here each person presents their requests to God in silence)

O Infant King, we beg You, by the mystery of Your Birth in Bethlehem, Your flight into Egypt, and Your childhood in Nazareth, to grant our prayers. Give us the grace of being devoted to You with all our hearts; and let us serve You faithfully all the days of our lives. Then, may we leave this world, with a holy death, assisted in our last hour, by the prayers of Your holy Mother, and St. Joseph, whose zeal for Your honor shall lead us into Your divine presence, to praise and bless Your divine mercy, for all eternity. Amen.

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
Business Manager (Ext. 101).....	Martin Sedillo
Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana Martinez
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. 111).....
Catholic Social Action (Ext. 112).....	Deacon Frank Smith
Communications & Development (Ext. 115).....
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
Music & Liturgy (Ext. 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 Girón
Special Mass Schedule.....	Extension 350
Weather Closures/Cancellations.....	Extension 359
Web Site.....	www.stanm.org
Youth Ministries (896-8097).....	Justin Bucalo
Assistant (896-8097).....	Rita Montano

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. (Life Teen)
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

"Wings" Ministry

Please join the "Wings" ministry at
Risen Savior Catholic Community
7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque
TODAY

We will celebrate the Christmas Posada Mass at 4:00 p.m. Msgr. Richard Olona will be the Celebrant. A traditional Posada dinner will follow Mass in meeting room south.

"Wings" ministry invites all those who are physically or mentally challenged, blind, hard of hearing, their families, friends and caregivers.

Please bring a side dish or desert to share. Call the parish office at 821-1571 to RSVP so we can plan our main entrée.

Join us for worship, fellowship and fun.

CHANNEL 13, SUNDAY MASS 7:00 a.m.
CH 47, LA VOZ CATÓLICA, DOMINGO 10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 20th, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

- Delicious Ethnic Baked Goods (Slav & Arabic)
- High quality affordable icons of all types
- Ukrainian Embroidery
- Beautiful Greek Icon Tapestries
- Olive wood Crucifixes, Rosaries & religious bracelets



RETROUVAILLE, a lifeline for troubled marriages.

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help you. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience and a series of seven follow-up sessions over a three month period. For more information or to register, please call (505) 890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230.

**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS
AGAIN I SAY REJOICE**

St. Thomas Aquinas Ministries

Altar & Rosary Society: Saralee Wisner - 792-5516
Altar Servers: Cindy Keaveny - 892-5649
Apostolate Our Lady of Fatima: Gerri - 892-0414
BeFriender: 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: Rhonda Neel - 899-3817
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: Bill Cortez - 892-6559
Greeters: Eileen Walling 891-1775
Home & Hospital Ministry: Eileen Walling - 891-1775
Catholic Homeschoolers: Andrea Bass - 323-9222
Girl Scouts: Joyce Sypher - 896-1205
Holy Cross Association: John & Penny Marselle - 400-7245
Knights of Columbus #6696: William M. McCarty II - 681-0570
Lectors: Maria Burns—771-2005
Life Teen Liturgical Coordinator: Jeanette Mata - 250-5489
Natural Family Planning: José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783
Nursery: Aud Walaszek - 792-8716
Parish Social Committee: Debbie Hanco - 379-0561
Pastoral Council: Coleen Maddy - 404-1392
Pre-Cana: Michael & Michelle Beglau 771-0756
Public Affairs Committee: Felicie Truscio - 891-1304
Respect Life: Felicie Truscio 891-1304
Rosary Makers: Jim Tauer - 896-6127 or Jane Ricci - 892-9260

St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry: Jacob Tafoya - 892-2322
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