St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
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St. Thomas Aquinas
2001 CENTENNIAL
751 Waverley Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Celebration of the Eucharist
7:30 am Sunday
8:45 am Sunday
12:30 am Sunday
12:00 pm Sunday (Gregorian)
7:15 am, 12:15 pm Monday-Friday
12:15 pm Saturday

Confessions
11:30 am-12:00 pm Saturday

Our Lady of the Rosary
3233 Cowper Street
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Celebration of the Eucharist
9:00 am Sunday (Spanish)
10:30 am Sunday
8:30 am Monday-Friday

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is a Roman Catholic community of disciples working together for the glory of God and our spiritual growth in Jesus Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we live and share the Gospel through worship, education and service.
The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 12th, goes back to the 16th century. An indigenous Mexican named Cuahtlatoahuc was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby town to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

When Juan Diego was walking by a hill called Tepeyac, a radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood a lady dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan’s uncle became seriously ill. This led Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop’s presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had appeared an image of the Virgin Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

**Join us for the Mañanitas serenade (5:30AM) to Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by Holy Mass (6:00AM), and then breakfast at Our Lady of the Rosary church on Tuesday, December 12.**

Daniel Hernandez, Permanent Deacon

**October Mass Count**

The following figures have been tallied regarding our Sunday Mass attendance for the past month. A heartfelt “thank you” is extended to the many people who made this count possible. Our weekly average is 1,317 (45% of church capacity). Please invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to join you at Mass next weekend. St. Albert the Great 5pm (118); 9am (158); Our Lady of the Rosary 9am (405); 10:30am (258); St. Thomas Aquinas 7:30am (114); 8:45am (106); 10:30am (82); 12pm (77).

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### For the Sick & Homebound

| Terry Flynn | Lydia Li | Stephen Lee | Andrea Binger | Cindy Palmer | Maria Merlitt | Donna Riordan | Agnes Tan | Lucienne Woods |
| Carolyn Byrne | Joseph Crea | Cathy Doerr | Anne Bisaccia | Mark LaFlamme | Mary Carlstead | Pat Cala | Ruth Murphy | Beth Richards | Betsy MacDonald | Mary Stratton |

### For the Recently Deceased


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**Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent**

- 10:30 am OLR ....... Alice McCarty ♠
- Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/Psalm 85:9-10/11-12, 13-14/2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:2-8

**Monday, December 11: St. Damasus I**

- 8:30 am OLR ....... Sr. Fidelma
- Prendeville L.C.M. (SI)
- Readings: Isaiah 3:1-10/ Psalms 85:9ab, and 16, 11-12, 13-14/Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**


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**Saturday, December 16**

- Readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Matthew 17:9-10

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**Sunday, December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 am OLR ....... Mary Heckler ♠
- Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19 / Psalms 11:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Matthew 11:16-19

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**Wednesday, December 13: St. Lucy**

- Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Matthew 17:9-10

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**Presider Schedule**

**3rd Sunday Advent – Dec. 17, 2017**

**St. Albert the Great**

- 1095 Channing Ave.

- 7:30 am ............ Fr. Hester
- 8:45 am ............ Fr. Percell
- Sun 10:30 am ............ Fr. Gazzingan

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

- 3233 Cowper St.

- Sun 7:30 am ............ Fr. Morgan
- Sun 12:00 pm (Greg.) ... Fr. Gazzingan

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

- 751 Waverley St.

- Sun 7:30 am ............ Fr. Hester
- Sun 8:45 am ............ Fr. Percell
- Sun 10:30 am ............ Fr. Gazzingan

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**Please Pray**

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**For the Recently Deceased**


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**For Lists guidelines**

- Have permission from the person to be listed.
- Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names.
- Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed.
- Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com
**This Week’s Highlights**

**Sunday, December 10**
- 9:15 am  STA Kids Session (ISTP)
- 10:15 am  STA Kids Session (SESS)
- 10:30 am  Hispanic Catechesis Pre-Confirmation 1st-2nd yr (DC)
- 10:30 am  Hispanic Catechesis K-6 + Adults (ISTP)
- 12:00 pm  The Christmas Story (SESSAud)
- 4:00 pm  EDGE Middle Schl (OLRH)
- 6:00 pm  Life Teen High School (CD)

**Monday, December 11**
- 6:00 pm  Hisp Catechist Mtg (PC1st)
- 7:00 pm  TMC Liturgy Comm (THLib)

**Tuesday, December 12**
- 5:30 am  Mañanitas & Mass (OLR)
- 7:00 pm  Hispanic Prayer Grp (DCC)
- 7:00 pm  Spanish Baptism Class (PC1&2)
- 7:00 pm  Taize Prayer (SAG)
- 7:00 pm  Knights of Columbus (THB)

**Wednesday, December 13**
- 9:30 am  SESS Confessions (SAG)
- 4:00 pm  YSOP (OLRH)
- 6:00 pm  RCIA Children (DC)
- 5:30 pm  Confessions & Mass for Legatus (STA)
- 6:00 pm  Legatus Org. (THDin/THLib)
- 7:00 pm  PSC Meeting (OLRH)

**Thursday, December 14**
- 9:00 am  ISP Teachers/Parent Mtg (OLRH)
- 10:00 am  Prayer Group (SAGH)
- 3:00 pm  SESS Tutoring (SAGH)
- 6:00 pm  Advent Gathering (OLRH)
- 6:30 pm  Hispanic Catechist Christmas Party (OLRH)
- 7:00 pm  Hispanic 1st Communion Catechesis for Adults & Children (PC1&2)
- 7:15 pm  TMC Board Meeting (THLib)

**Friday, December 15**
- 10:00 am  ISP Teachers (OLRH)
- 2:00 pm  Setup for El Niño Jesús Novena (OLRH)

**Saturday, December 16**
- 9:30 am  Pageant Rehearsal (SAG)
- 10:00 am  Spanish Baptisms (OLR)
- 11:30 am  Pageant rehearsal (OLR)
- 3:00 pm  Confirmation Class (SAGH)
- 6:30 pm  El Niño Jesús (OLRH)

**Table of Remembrance**

Please remember to pick up your photos from our Table of Remembrance. If you don’t see them, please check in the Sacristy.

**The Christmas Story II – Today at Noon**

Performed by young people and adults from our parish and from Holy Family Parish today, **December 10**, at Noon in the St. Albert the Great Seton School Auditorium. Suggested Donation: $10 for adults, $5 for children (proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul). Tickets are available at the door.

**Kenya Help Crafts at St. Thomas Aquinas Church**

Kenya Help will be back on today, **December 10**, 10 am -12 pm, with handmade Kenyan crafts for your holiday giving. There are new items, as well as old favorites (wooden bowls, table top crèche sets, puzzles, cloth shopping bags, jewelry, carved animals for your Christmas tree ornamentation, African mama and baby dolls, etc.). The display tables will be set up in the Thomas House Bride’s Room, next door to the church. With a donation to Kenya Help, you may select from the array of handmade items. Pay by cash, check or credit card.

**Advent Taize Prayer (Spirituality Tuesday Event)**

You may have heard about Taize prayer in previous bulletin announcements and wondered what it is and why this special prayer experience is offered during Advent and Lent each year. This form of prayer service originated in the small town of Taize, France, in 1940 and is ecumenical in origin. Taize Prayer uses the psalms, scripture, songs, candles and silence. There are chants, music, prayer and meditation which promote a sense of inner peace. The Taize music, songs and chants, are simple to learn and sing. Chris Lundin leads us on the piano. This is an opportunity to take a few moments for yourself and for your soul. “Bring a friend for a personal encounter with Jesus”. **Join us this Tuesday, December 12, at St. Albert the Great Church from 7:00 until 8:00 pm.**

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection – Next Sunday**

Certainly, Religious do not have a corner on financial challenges! In fact, none of us is exempt from the current conversation centered on the rising cost of health care; however, here are a few facts that may shed light on our need. There are 22,000 religious past the age of 70 in the US. The average cost of caring for them last year was $41,000 per person. For each of the past seven years, the cost of health care for Religious has exceeded $1 billion. Elderly Religious while in active ministry received small stipends i.e. $50 per month or less. The average Social Security benefit for religious is $6,312. The average beneficiary in US receives $16,092. The Diocese of San Jose contributed over $200,000 to the last collection. Women and men religious who serve or have served in the diocese, but whose communities are based elsewhere may also benefit from the annual collection.

**If You Shop Amazon, You Can Support SESS Too!**

Support St. Elizabeth Seton School! It costs you nothing and Seton School receives a small % for every dollar that you spend.

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**Step 2:** Select “St. Elizabeth Seton School, Palo Alto, CA”

**Step 3:** Shop Amazon as Usual. THANK YOU For Supporting Our Students!
Weekly Stewardship Report

November 19 (Week 21)

Offertory by Mass:
- Sat 5:00pm (SAG) .... $499
- Sun 9:00am (SAG) ... $1,988
- Sun 9:00am (OLR) ... $1,089
- Sun 10:30am (OLR) ... $2,430
- Sun 7:30am (STA) ... $1,442
- Sun 8:45am (STA) ... $900
- Sun 10:30am (STA) ... $482
- Sun 12:00pm (STA) ... $314
- Mail ................... $945
- Online Giving ...... $3,036
- Total ............... $13,125
- Weekly Goal ........ $12,000
- Human Development $4,538

November 26 (Week 22)

Offertory by Mass:
- Sat 5:00pm (SAG) .... $955
- Sun 9:00am (SAG) ... $432
- Sun 9:00am (OLR) ... $898
- Sun 10:30am (OLR) ... $2,443
- Sun 7:30am (STA) ... $1,484
- Sun 8:45am (STA) ... $706
- Sun 10:30am (STA) ... $601
- Sun 12:00pm (STA) ... $317
- Mail ................... $0
- Online Giving ...... $3,036
- Total ............... $10,872
- Weekly Goal ........ $12,000
- Thanksgiving ...... $1,835

Weekly Stewardship Report

Penance Schedule

St. Simon - 12/11/17 - 3:30 pm & 7:00 pm
St. William - 12/11/17 - 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm
St. Athanasius - 12/18/17 - 7:00 pm (bilingual)
St. Albert the Great - 12/18/17 - 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Rosary 12/20/17 - 7:00 pm (bilingual)

Friday Fish Fest

We will have the new Nativity set ready for viewing at our next Fish Fest, Friday, December 15, 6:00 pm in the Thomas House! Join fellow parishioners, and enjoy our supper of fish and chips, tasty Asian coleslaw, and beverages. The meal will be followed by Christmas caroling, led by Joy Apple. RSVP to Helen Baumann, 650-327-9236, hbbaumann@aol.com.

Christmas Poinsettias & Flowers

We need your help in making our churches look beautiful for the holy days. Won't you consider donating toward a poinsettia plant in remembrance of a loved one or just as a gift from you? Special Christmas Flower Envelopes are available in the vestibule or in the back of church. All your gifts will be greatly appreciated.
Welcome new parishioners to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish!

We encourage you to register as members of our growing family. Please email your name, address, and phone to Cathy Miller at camiller@dsj.org. Current members please contact the Pastoral Center to update your information.

KEY REFERENCES
DC . . . Dermody Center
DCC . . . Dermody Center Chapel
OLR . . . Our Lady of the Rosary Church
OLRH OLR Church Hall
KC . . . OLR Kerry’s Corner
PC . . . Pastoral Center
SAG . . . St. Albert the Great Church
SAGH SAG Hospitality Ctr.
SESS . . . St. Elizabeth Seton School
SESA . . . SES Auditorium
STA . . . St. Thomas Aquinas Church
THB . . . STA - Thomas House Basement
THD . . . STA - Thomas House Dining Room
THL . . . STA - Thomas House Library

HOLY SACRAMENTS
Please contact the Pastoral Center at 650-494-2496 for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Every first Friday at the 7:15 am, 8:30 am and 12:15 pm Mass.

Christian Initiation: Become a Catholic or renew your Catholic faith (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) as an adult, youth or child.

Funeral: Arrange for a Funeral, Memorial Mass or graveside service for a loved one.

Infant Baptism: Preparation may begin before or after the birth of your child.

Marriage: Arrangements need to be made at least six months prior to the proposed marriage date.

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