

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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## St. Thomas Aquinas

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### Celebration of the Eucharist

7:30 am Sunday  
8:45 am Sunday  
10:30 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

## St. Albert the Great

1095 Channing Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

### Celebration of the Eucharist

5:00 pm Saturday (Anticipated)  
9:00 am Sunday  
11:00 am Sunday (Byzantine)

### Confessions

4:15 – 4:45 pm Saturday

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
CHURCH

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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.

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# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## WHO'S IN & WHO'S OUT?

Teenage Research Unlimited says that today's 21st century teens fall into four basic categories, categories, mind you, that were unheard of for those of us who were teens in the last century. They are Influencer Teens, Conformer Teens, Passive Teens, and Edge Teens.

**INFLUENCERS:** they are the most-popular social group and also the smallest in size, comprising only 11% of the teen population. This is the group that is the most sought-after, valued and influential. These are the teens most other teens "wanna be."

**CONFORMERS:** they represent 50% of the teen population. They're typical teens who conform to the latest teen behaviors, styles and trends. Conformers are followers, not leaders, of trends.

**PASSIVES:** they yearn to be more popular and more like the other teens. They're the last group to pick up on fashion trends, spend less time listening to music and tend to be the least active in general. They exist on the outskirts of teen life. They're secure because their friends are just like them.

**EDGE:** (no not THE EDGE) these teens are referred to as such because they are at the cutting edge of teenage lifestyle and fashion. They consider themselves as outside, or on the edge, of the teen social spectrum. They're usually ahead of the trends, yet they're often anti-fashion and anti-style. Sometimes teens refer to these trendsetters as "those kids whose parents don't care!"

The Gospel on this Feast of Christ the King is all about separating people into groups: the rich and the poor; the haves and the have nots; the fortunate and the destitute; the compassionate and the apathetic; sheep and goats; the found and the lost; the saved and the condemned.

On the Feast of Christ the King, as we conclude this year of grace, 2017, we are invited, once again, every single one of us, no matter how together or how separated we may feel, with the very words of Jesus: "Come, you who have my Father's blessing. Gather for the Feast: for you have been found worthy to sit at the banquet of the King."

**Fr. Matt, Pastor**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, November 26: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:30 am STA . . . . John Dorgan †

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6/1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28/Matthew 25:31-46

### Monday, November 27

8:30 am OLR . . . . . Zella Cooper †

12:15 pm STA . . . Ron Jussen †  
Readings: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20/Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Luke 21:1-4

### Tuesday, November 28

7:15 am STA . . . . . Marcos Motta (SI)

Readings: Daniel 2:31-45/Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Luke 21:5-11

### Wednesday, November 29

Readings: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Daniel 3:62, 63-67/Luke 21:12-19

### Thursday, November 30: Saint Andrew, Apostle

12:15 pm STA . . . . Jack Uebbing †

Readings: Romans 10:9-18/Psalm 19:8, 9,10, 11/Matthew 4:18-22

### Friday, December 1

Readings: Daniel 7:2-14/Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Luke 21:29-33

### Saturday, December 2

Readings: 1 Daniel 7:15-27/Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Luke 21:34-36

### Sunday, December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7/Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Corinthians 1:3-9/Mark 13:33-37

## TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

We will keep the Table of Remembrance up at each site through November. Please include your name and phone number on the back of your photos so that we can return them to you.



### Please Pray



**FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND** — Terry Flynn, Lydia Li, Stephen Lee, Andrea Binger, Cindy Palmer, Maria Merlitti, Donna Riordan, Agnes Tan, Lucienne Woods, Carolyn Byrne, Joseph Crea, Cathy Doerr, Anne Bisacca, Mark LaFlamme,

Mary Carlstead, Pat Cala, Ruth Murphy, Beth Richards, Betsy MacDonald, Mary Stratton, Jane Fitzgerald, Jim Adams, Jim Thalmann, Paul McNamara, Marianne Mueller, Mary Alexander Cummings, Winnie McGannon, Mary Beth Early, Theresa Bruno, Judy Woods, Louise Veuve, Leonard Jurgenson

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — John McKenzie, Emma Luz Torregrosa, Peggy Peterson, Pat Briggs, Elizabeth Van Dalsem, Ordway Monette, Kenneth Blanchard, Kevin Giffen, Barry Young, Thomas A. Longo, Pierre Meloty-Kapella, Marjorie Soliman, Jerome Mouton, David Finnerty, Jack Uebbing, Ping Kai Lee, Joan Deaton, Maureen Missett, Teo Orejel, Joanne Seward, Jerod Trailer, Victor Wen, Josephine Palomo, Maximina Jimenez de De Anda

Pray 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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### Sunday, November 26

No Classes

### Monday, November 27

6:00 pm . . . . . STA Kids Faith Formation  
Family Gathering (SES Aud)  
7:00 pm . . . . . RCIA (SAGH)

### Tuesday, November 28

7:00 pm . . . . . Hispanic Prayer Grp (DCC)  
7:00 pm . . . . . Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)  
7:00 pm . . . . . Knights of Columbus (THB)

### Wednesday, November 29

4:00 pm . . . . . YSOP (OLRH)  
6:00 pm . . . . . RCIA Children (DC)

### Thursday, November 30

10:00 am . . . . . Prayer Group (SAGH)  
3:00 pm . . . . . SESS Tutoring (SAGH)  
6:00 pm . . . . . STA Kids Faith Formation  
Family Gathering (SES Aud)  
7:00 pm . . . . . First Comm Catechesis (PC)

### Friday, December 1

6:30 pm . . . . . Goretti Group (STA, THB)  
7:00 pm . . . . . 1st Friday Adoration (DCC)

### Saturday, December 2

8:30 am . . . . . Advent Retreat (SAGH)  
9:00am . . . . . RCIA Children Rtreat (DC)  
12:00 pm . . . . . Christmas Story Rehearsal  
(SES Aud)  
3:00 pm . . . . . Confirmation Class (SAGH)

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

### 1st Sunday Advent – December 3, 2017

*St. Albert the Great*  
1095 Channing Ave.

Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Mikalonis  
Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Stanley  
Sun 11:00 am (Byzantine) Fr. Hernandez

*St. Thomas Aquinas*  
751 Waverley St.

Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester  
Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Msgr. Sandersfeld  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Gazzingan  
Sun 12:00 pm (Greg.) . . . TBD

*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
3233 Cowper St.

Sun 9:00 am (Span) . . . . . Fr. Mikalonis  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Kuupuo

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 28

### Politics and Religions: Oil and Vinegar? Guest Speaker: Dan Baer.

In this talk Dan explores the intersection of politics and religion, what is meant by each, and the ways in which one influences the other. Dan subjects the words themselves to examination and scrutiny, and then probes more obscure forces at work behind those tendencies and motivations we're inclined to call "political" or "religious." Expect numerous anecdotes and historical examples to bring the exploration of these fundamental dimensions of human experience to life. 7:00 pm in the SAG Hospitality Center

Dan Baer always presents a thought provoking, and sometimes controversial, topic to us. He is an excellent speaker and we are happy to have him join us again this year. Dan currently serves as Department Chair of Religious Studies at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory in San Francisco. He earned an MA in Systematic Theology from Saint Louis University in 2003. He lives with his wife and three children in Albany.

## PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

The TMC Spiritual Education Committee is very happy to present a morning retreat with Fr. Kevin Ballard, S.J. on Saturday, **December 2**, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center.

Fr. Ballard will lead us in a consideration of Pope Francis's encyclical, *The Joy of the Gospel*—with the emphasis on "joy." So come prepared for a few short hours of joyous prayer, laughter, and community. Fr. Ballard is a local retreat leader and spiritual director whose main occupation is leading people in the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. All are invited. Coffee and morning snacks will be provided. Free-will donations gratefully received.

## THE ADVENT WREATH



Next Sunday, December 3, the Church enters into a new season. Advent is a winter feast celebrated for the four darkest weeks of the year. The sun rises later and later and sets long before the day is complete. Christmas comes during the darkest of this dark time. It is the Feast of Light, the celebration of Him who is the Light of the World. And so, throughout these four Advent weeks, we light a candle for each of the weeks. As the advent of Christ overcame the darkness of the world, so also, does Christ overcome the darkness within our lives.

The wreath (a circle) is the symbol for eternity; the evergreen symbolizes life; the purple candles, hope; the rose (pink) candle, a sign of joy for the Third Sunday and third week of Advent; and the number of candles (four) is symbolic of the four weeks of Advent and of the traditional legends that the world waited four-thousand years for the advent of the Redeemer. Many families keep alive the tradition of the Advent Wreath in their homes. If the Advent Wreath is not yet a familiar sight in your home, perhaps, this year might be the time to begin. The wreath can be placed on the dinner table or in another prominent place in your home where all can see and can be used as a part of the grace before each evening meal throughout the Advent Season.



# November 26, 2017

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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REPORT FOR NOVEMBER  
19TH IS DELAYED DUE  
TO THE THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAYS



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES



The Christmas Giving Trees will be put up the first Sunday of Advent. Please take a tag and return the gift to the tree. The gifts will be given to children in East Palo Alto who would otherwise not have a gift on Christmas.

## rites of ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING

Next Sunday, December 3, at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary we will have the Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens & Rite Welcoming those children in our parish Baptized Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. This will be our first time to meet some of the people with whom we will journey on the road toward the Easter Sacraments.

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY II

Performed by young people and adults from our parish and from Holy Family Parish on Saturday, **December 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.** and Sunday, **December 10, 2017 at Noon** in the Seton School Auditorium at St. Albert the Great. Suggested Donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul). Tickets are available at the door. Questions? Contact Susan in the Pastoral Center, 650-494-2496 or at [suolsen@dsj.org](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org).

## EVERY ARTIST AT FIRST WAS AN AMATEUR

Many years ago, the St. Albert the Great site committee instituted parishioner art exhibits in the SAG Hospitality Center. If you have hanging art that you would like to display (for perhaps four weeks) or would like to participate in coordinating such exhibitions, please contact Neil Barrett, the SAG site committee chair. He may be reached at [nbarrettsky@hotmail.com](mailto:nbarrettsky@hotmail.com) or 408-859-7223. Every artist in St. Thomas Aquinas parish is invited to submit one or more of their works. The exhibitions could move from site to site if the artists are agreeable to a longer exhibition period.

**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](mailto:camiller@dsj.org). Current members please contact the Pastoral Center to update your information.

**KEY REFERENCES**

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

**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 12:15pm 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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