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Anointing of the Sick Call the Parish Office.
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Mass Intentions Mass Intentions can be scheduled for a deceased loved one at the parish office during office hours. $10.00 suggested donation each.
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A LETTER FROM THE DESK OF THE PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Derek Saldanha

Dear family of St. Thomas Aquinas,

As we enter the second week of Advent, we are reminded by St. John the Baptist to "repent and believe in the Gospel". As we prepare for the coming of Christ, it is very important that we repent and repair our relationship with God which has been broken because of sin. Sin damages our relationship with God and blocks the grace of God from flowing into our hearts. It prevents us from receiving God's love and sharing that love with others. Sin makes us spiritually sick.

Thankfully, we have the right medicine to fight this spiritual sickness with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I encourage you to make a good examination of conscience and bring your sins to confession where you can receive the healing and mercy of God. There is an examination of conscience available in this week's bulletin and also on the MyParish app. I pray that you will be able to repent and renew your heart this Advent.

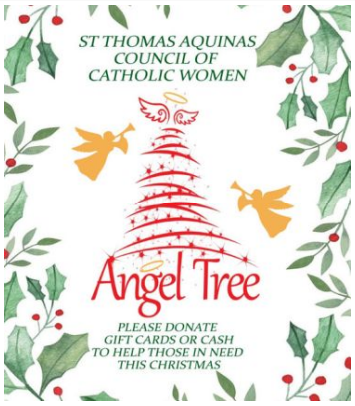
Have a blessed week!
Your Servant in Christ,
Fr. Derek

Querida familia de Santo Tomas Aquino,

Al entrar en la segunda semana de Adviento, San Juan Bautista nos recuerda que debemos de "arrepentirnos y creer en el Evangelio". Mientras nos preparamos para la venida de Cristo, es muy importante que nos arrepintamos y reparemos nuestra relación con Dios, que se ha roto a causa del pecado. El pecado daña nuestra relación con Dios y bloquea el flujo de la gracia de Dios en nuestros corazones. Nos impide recibir el amor de Dios y compartir ese amor con los demás. El pecado nos enferma espiritualmente.

Afortunadamente, tenemos la medicina adecuada para combatir esta enfermedad espiritual con el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Te animo a que hagas un buen examen de conciencia y lleves tus pecados a la confesión, donde podrás recibir la curación y la misericordia de Dios. Hay un examen de conciencia disponible en el boletín de esta semana y también en MyParish app. Rezo para que puedas arrepentirte y renovar tu corazón en este Adviento.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!
Su servidor en Cristo,
Padre Derek



STACCW will be collecting gift cards (cash donations accepted) at all Masses on ***November 26th & 27th, December 3rd & 4th and December 10th and 11th .*** People are in need of gift cards to Walmart, Target, Dollar General, Publix, Winn Dixie, Aldi and gas cards. Please NO restaurant, home good stores or Amazon gift cards. There will be collection containers at the church entrances after all masses.

Thank you for your support!

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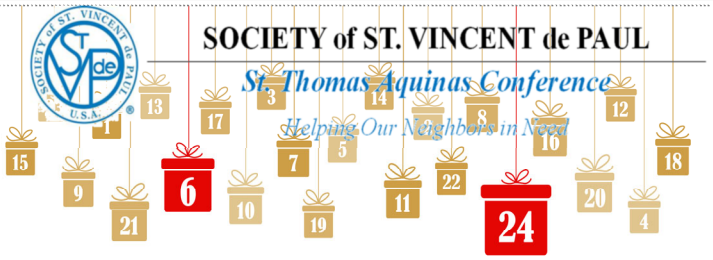
Helping Our Neighbors in Need



Advent Boxes for the Needy will be available for pick up after all Masses on Sunday, December 18. Please pick up a box if you know a needy family.

Thank you!

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

-Do I give God time every day in prayer? -Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart? -Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult? -Do I seek to surrender myself to God´s word as taught by the Church? -Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin? -Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession? -Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

-Have I used God´s name in vain: lightly or carelessly? -Have I been angry with God? -Have I wished evil upon any other person? -Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord´s Day.

-Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? -Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? -Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

-Do I honor and obey my parents? -Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children? -Have I given my family good religious example? -Do I try to bring peace into my home life? -Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

-Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion? -Have I physically harmed anyone? -Have I abused alcohol or drugs? -Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin? -Have I been angry or resentful? -Have I harbored hatred in my heart? -Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? -Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization? -Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization? -Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

-Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action? -Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage? -Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage? -Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life? -Have I been guilty of masturbation? -Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations? -Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects? -Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity? -Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions? -Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

-Have I stolen what is not mine? -Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? -Do I waste time at work, school, and home? -Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs? -Do I pay my debts promptly? -Do I seek to share what I have with the poor? -Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

-Have I lied? Have I gossiped? -Do I speak badly of others behind their back? -Am I sincere in my dealings with others? -Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others? -Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? -Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor´s wife.

-Have I consented to impure thoughts? -Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity? -Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations? -Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor´s goods.

-Am I jealous of what other people have? -Do I envy the families or possessions of others? -Am I greedy or selfish? -Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

EXAMEN DE CONCIENCIA

[1] Yo soy el Señor tu Dios. No tendrás dioses extraños.

· Le doy tiempo al Señor diariamente en oración? · Busco amarle con todo mi corazón? · He estado envuelto en prácticas supersticiosas o en algo de ocultismo? · Busco entregarme a la palabra de Dios como lo enseña la Iglesia? · He recibido la Sagrada Comunión en estado de pecado mortal? · He dicho deliberadamente en la confesión alguna mentira o le he omitido algún pecado mortal al sacerdote?

[2] No juraras el Santo nombre del Señor en vano.

· He usado el nombre del Señor en vano, ligeramente o descuidadamente? · He estado enojado con Dios? · Le he deseado maldad a alguna persona? · He insultado una persona consagrada o he abusado de algún objeto sagrado?

[3] Asistir a misa todos los Domingos y fiestas de guardar.

· He faltado deliberadamente a la misa los Domigos o Dias santos de guardar? · He tratado de observar el Domingo como un día de la familia y como día de descanso? · Hago trabajos innecesarios el día Domingo?

[4] Honrar a Padre y Madre.

Honro y obedezco a mis padres? · He abandonado mis deberes para con mi esposa y mis hijos? · Le he dado a mi familia buen ejemplo religioso? · Trato de traer la paz a mi vida familiar? · Me preocupo por mis parientes de edad avanzada o enfermos?

[5] No matarás.

· He tenido algun aborto o le he dado coraje a alguien para que lo tenga? · He herido físicamente a alguien? · He abusado del alcohol o de las drogas? · Le di algun escandalo a alguien, y de esa manera le llevé al pecado? · He estado enojado o resentido? · He llevado odio en mi corazón? · Me he hecho alguna mutilación con algun método de esterilización? · He favorecido o me he puesto a favor de la esterilización?

[6] No cometer adulterio

· He sido fiel a los votos de mi matrimonio en pensamiento y en acción? · He tenido alguna actividad sexual fuera de mi matrimonio? · He usado algún metodo anticonceptivo o algun metodo de control artificial de nacimiento en mi matrimonio? · Ha estado cada acto sexual de mi matrimonio abierto a la procreación? · He estado culpable de masturbación? · He buscado controlar mis pensamientos? · He respetado todos los miembros del sexo opuesto, o he pensado de la ellos como si fueran objetos? · He tenido actividades homosexuales? · Busco ser cásto en mis pensamientos, palabras y acciones? · Me cuido de vestir modestamente?

[7] No hurtar.

· He robado lo que no es mío? · He regresado o he hecho restitución por lo que he robado? · Desperdicio el tiempo en el trabajo, en la escuela o en la casa? · Hago apuestas excesivamente, negándole a mi familia sus necesidades? · Pago mis deudas prontamente? · Busco compartir lo que tengo con los pobres?

[8] No levantar falsos testimonios ni mentir

· He mentido? · He chismoseado? · He hablado a las espaldas de alguien? · He sido sincero en mis negocios con otros? · Soy crítico, negativo or falto de caridad en mis pensamientos de los demás? · Mantengo secreto lo que debería ser confidencial?

[9] No desear la mujer del projimo

He consentido pensamientos impuros? · Los he causado por leyendas impuras, películas, conversaciones o curiosidad? · Busco controlar mi imaginación? · Rezo immediatamente para desvanecer pensamientos impuros o tentaciones?

[10] No desear los bienes ajenos.

Soy envidioso de las pertenencias de los demás? · Siento envidia de otras familias o de las posesiones de otros? · Soy ambicioso o egoista? · Son las posesiones materiales el propósito de mi vida? · Confío en que Dios cuidará de todas mis necesidades materiales y espirituales?

Mass Intentions

MON, 12/5	9am	†	Brian Lunetta
TUE, 12/6	9am	†	Dulce Montero
WED, 12/7	9am		Miguel Alvarado for Health
	7pm Vigil	†	Jeff Penton
THUR, 12/8	9am	†	Cesar A. Zapata
	5:30pm	†	Jorge Campos
	7pm	†	Laureano Gil
FRI, 12/9	9am	†	Romulito Perez
SAT, 12/10	4pm	†	Alice & Leonard Kozlowski
	6pm	†	Virginia Cruz Lugones
SUN, 12/11	8:30am	†	Louis Hedrick
	10am	†	Maire Baird
	11:30 am	†	Bertha Cuza
	5pm	†	Sr. Marguerite Torre, OUS

HOLD Women's Christmas Fellowship Meet & Greet! All women of the parish are invited to an informal meet & greet fellowship and lunch at Buffet City on 12/14 at 11:00 am. For more details, please contact pennyfeliciano@hotmail.com

After 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses this weekend! Join us in the Social Hall for Coffee & Donuts

This Week at Our Parish

Monday 12/5	**Mass** 9am, Church **St. Vincent de Paul General Meeting** 5:30 pm, Social Hall **Adult Faith Formation Group** 6:30pm, Aquinas Room
Tuesday 12/6	**Mass** 9am, Church **Adoration & Exposition** 9:30am, Chapel **Senior Social Group** 12pm, Aquinas Room **RCIA & Adult Confirmation Classes**, 6:30pm, STACS **Grupo de Oracion** 6:30pm, Social Hall **English Choir Practice** 7pm, Chapel
Wednesday 12/7	**Daily Mass** 9am, Church **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** after 9am Mass, in the Chapel **Knights of Columbus General Meeting** 6pm, Annex **Faith Formation Classes** 6:30pm, Church **Vigil Mass** 7pm, Church
Thursday 12/8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	**Mass** 9am, Church **Adoration & Exposition** 9:30am, Chapel **Mass** 5:30pm, Church [English] **Cursillo** 6pm, Aquinas Room **Mass** 7pm, Church [Spanish]
Friday 12/9	**Mass** 9am, Church **Grupo de Oracion** 7pm, Aquinas Room **Spanish Choir Practice** 7pm, Church
Saturday 12/10	**Confession** 3pm, Church **Mass** 4pm, Church **Mass** 6pm, Church [Spanish] **Young Adults Ministry Meeting** 6pm, Aquinas Room
Sunday 12/11	**Mass** 8:30 am, Church **Mass** 10am, Church **Mass** 11:30 am, Church [Spanish] [*livestream*] **English Choir Practice** 4pm, Church **Mass** 5pm, Church

Weekly Offertory	11/20 & 11/27/22
Offertory	$46,659.79
2nd Collection	$6,956.89

OCA 2022 Assessment

Goal: $200,222.64
Pledged to Date: $204,748.97
Collected to Date: $184,899.87
Percentage of Participation: 11%

Second Collection Next Week is for: Retirement Fund for Religious

Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. Thomas Aquinas!

Readings for the Week

Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

Student Council at Bishop Grady Villas

As a service project last month, the members of our Student Council went to Magnify (Bishop Grady Villas) to help serve the Thanksgiving luncheon to the residents. The students enjoyed having the chance to get to know the residents and to serve them lunch. They even joined in for some fun dancing to the Chicken Dance and YMCA with the residents. The members of the Student Council are all looking forward to the next time they can go visit our neighbors at Bishop Grady Villas.

For more information and to schedule a tour of our school, please contact our front office at 407-957-1772.

INVITACIÓN A LA FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Parroquia Santo Tomás de Aquino

700 Brown Chapel Rd., St. Cloud FL 34769

Lunes, 12 de Diciembre del 2022

Para honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de México y Emperatriz de las Americas celebraremos en el Salón Social y la Iglesia así:

6:00pm	Bienvenida
6:15pm	Rezo del Santo Rosario
7:00pm	Representación en Vivo de la Santísima Virgen y los símbolos del Manto por el Grupo Staff Guadalupe de Orlando
7:40pm	Procesión hacia la Iglesia
8:00pm	Celebración de la Santa Misa con el Mariachi Las Aztecas
9:30pm	Serenata a la Santísima Virgen

Puede vestirse con el traje típico de su país.

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Monday, December 12th, 2022

To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of Mexico and Empress of the Americas we are going to celebrate at the Social Hall and Church.

6:00pm	Greetings
6:15pm	Holy Rosary prayer
7:00pm	Live reenacting of Virgin's and the symbols of the mantle by the Grupo Staff Guadalupe de Orlando
7:40pm	Procession to church
8:00pm	Celebration of Mass with Mariachi Las Aztecas
9:30pm	Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe

For more additional information please contact:

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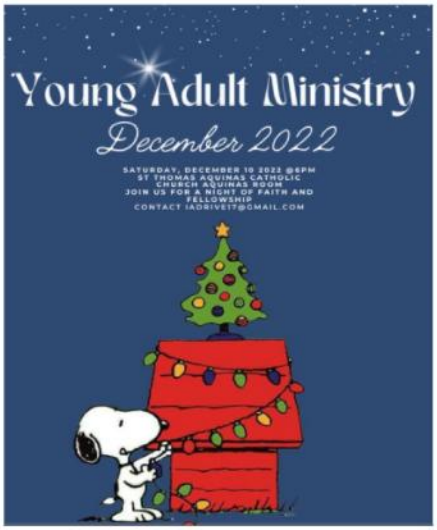

Grief and Trauma Support Group **starting in January.**

This group will provide a safe, confidential and healing environment where all individuals may listen, share and learn together. Designed as 8 sessions to walk with you through the following modules; Who are you? Coping with Constant Change, Compassion Fatigue, Emotional Intelligence, Healthy versus Unhealthy Relationships, Thoughts, Emotions and Behaviors Triangle, Mind, Body and Spirit Healing and Moving Forward and Celebration. For more information please contact info@stacatholic.org

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