



Saint Thomas Aquinas Bulletin

St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Albert the Great, and Our Lady of the Rosary

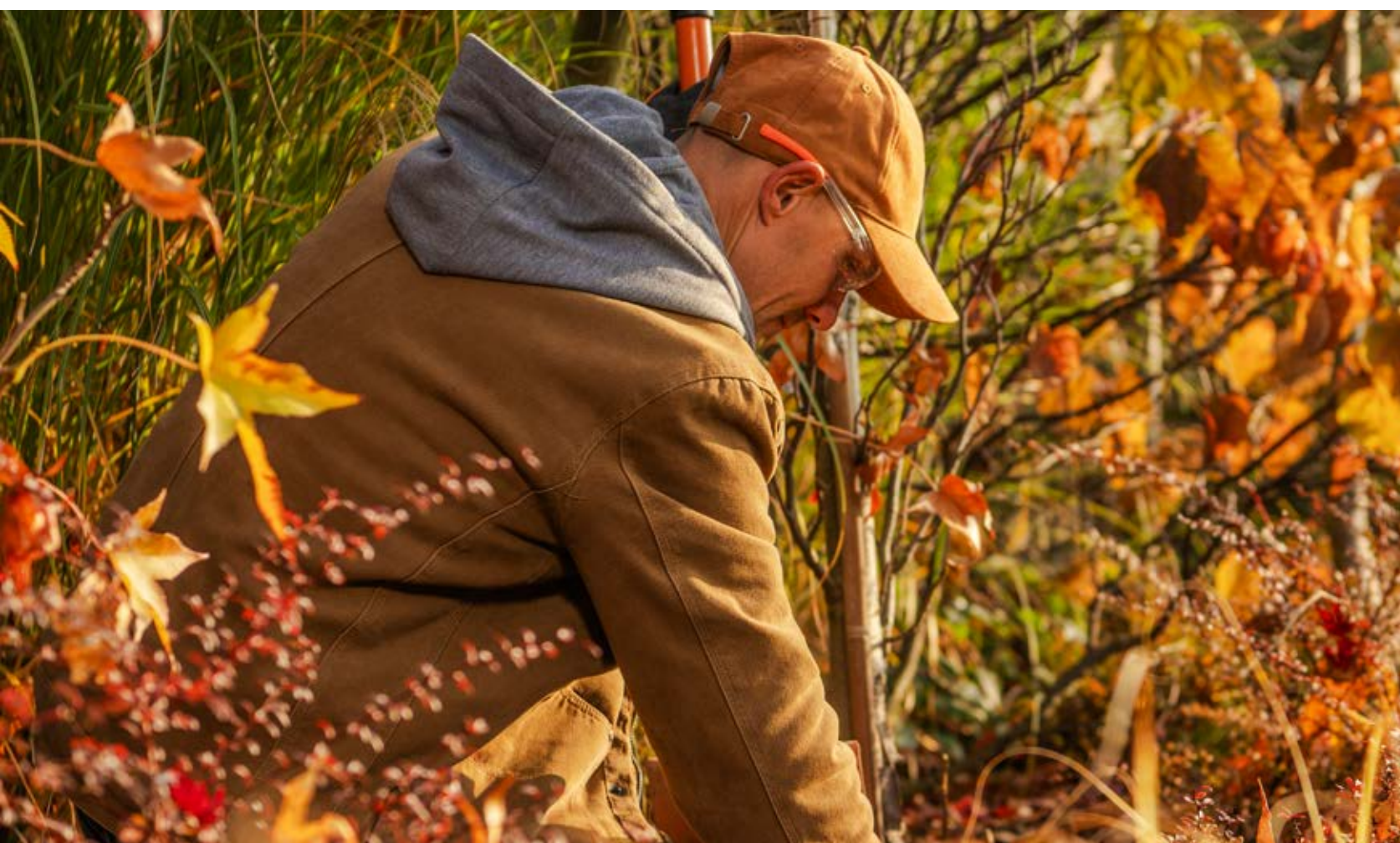


Parish Lunch This Sunday

Sunday, October 26

Don't miss our October Parish Lunch on Sunday, October 26, following the 10:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

The menu will feature ravioli pasta (or a similar dish). Come share in food, fellowship, and faith!



Parish Garden

Please join us for a cool Fall morning at the Pastoral Garden at Our Lady of the Rosary Pastoral Garden (behind the parish office on 3290 Middlefield Rd).

This Saturday, Oct 25, help with some weeding, pruning, tidying up, and other Fall garden tasks, 9 to 11:30am or however much time you can spare.



STA 2025 Youth Retreat

November 7-9, Mount Hermon in Felton, CA

8th to 12th grades are invited to the annual STA Youth Retreat in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a time set apart for prayer, reflection, and building deeper friendships rooted in Christ. Surrounded by God's creation, our middle and high schoolers will have the chance to grow in faith, encounter the Lord in a new way, and return renewed and strengthened. Questions? Contact Youth Ministry Coordinator Miguelangel Cardenas: miguelangel.cardenas@dsj.org

Announcements and Upcoming Events

We look forward to seeing you at these events as we grow together in Christ. For more details, contact the parish office.

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Senior Soup x Catholic Dance Crew

Tuesday October 28 at 12:30pm
Joining us at the next Senior Soup is Christina from the Catholic Dance Crew to show us some great line dance moves! Come and enjoy an awesome afternoon of Christian fellowship, delicious soup and line dancing!

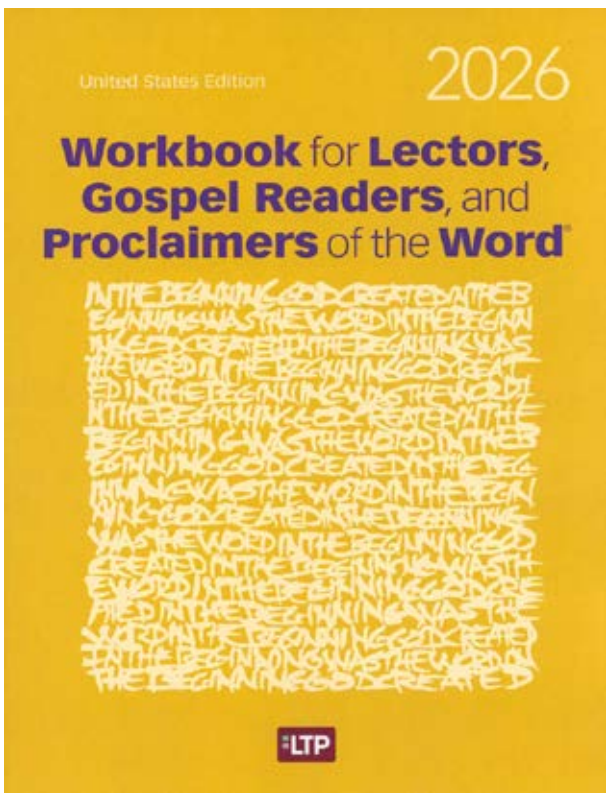
Please note:
There will be no Senior Soup in the month of November.



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All Souls Mass of Remembrance

Mark your calendars for our annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 1, at 5:00 PM at Saint Albert the Great Church. Join us as we pray for our departed loved ones in this sacred liturgy.



Announcement to All Lectors

2026 Lectors Workbooks Now Available in the sacristy. If you are a registered lector, please stop by the sacristy to pick up your copy and verify your name on the list.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our parish through your ministry!

Annual Fund Raising Drive



Every year the Knights of Columbus, as an international nonprofit organization, collect donations for local charities that support people with intellectual disabilities. All 100% of donations collected, are passed to the local charities. This year, on November 1st and 2nd, members of our Knights of Columbus Palo Alto Council #2677, will be stating out in front of our three churches after Mass, looking for donations. We greatly appreciate any help you can provide. Thank You and God Bless!



Join the CROP Hunger Walk

When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you are raising money to help fight hunger but you are also walking in solidarity with all of those people around the world who are walking for food, for water and for firewood each day. Only one week left to sign up to be a Walker or sponsor!

We now have 5 Walkers participating from our congregation. The CROP

Hunger Walk is truly about us all fighting hunger in many ways throughout the world!! Come walk with us!

Please see our posters in the church vestibules and use the QR code to sign up to walk alongside us or to sponsor us.

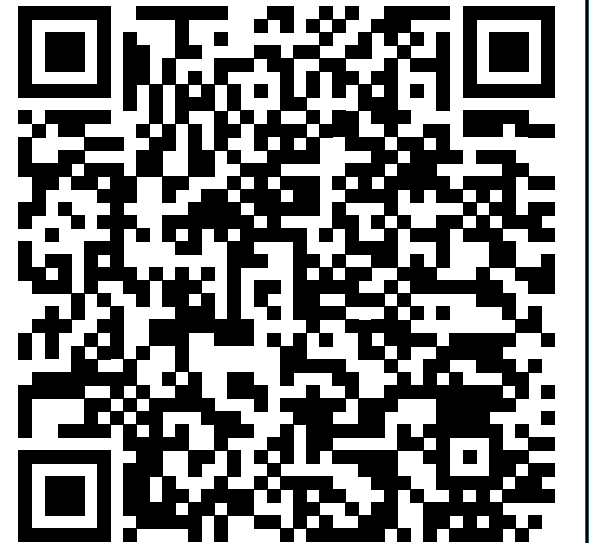




A Graceful Time of Life: Spirituality and Aging

We are delighted to share that one of our own parishioners, Anne Grycz, will be giving a special talk at Santa Clara University on November 8, 2025 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. PST. Her workshop, A Graceful Time of Life: Spirituality and Aging, invites participants to reflect on the joys and challenges of growing older — letting go, finding acceptance, and embracing new beginnings in what Richard Rohr calls “the second half of life.”

This event is part of the Markey Center for Leadership in Ministry Workshop Series, co-sponsored by the Diocese of San José, and will be held in the Nobili Dining Room at Santa Clara University.



Respect of Life Novena

October 22-30, 2025

Please pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death by joining the novena from October 22-30.

Sign up using the QR code and complete the form to get an email reminder along with the prayer intention novena

in your mail inbox from Oct. 22-30.

This novena prays for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention that is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Thank you for your prayers!



Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Sick and Homebound:

Yvette Bovee, Lillian Aragon, Bill Morrison, Lauro Quintanar, Enedelia Sandoval, Raul Badua, Winnie McGannon, Xochiti Quintanar, Joan Campbell, Mick Pellazzari, Mena Fu, Nicki Chun, Mary Martinson, Shui Wong, Dan Fillin, Bob Reklis

Recently Deceased:

Fr. Seth Kupo, Francis Yetso, Brian Dooney, Kathy Finnerty, John Christopher Kelly, Mark Delamater Flanagan, John Arnold, Leticia U Revilla, Eleanor Jane Kelly, Mary Valentine, Mary Frances Johnson, Perri Cebedo, Magdalena Mendez, Susan Adams, Maria Aquilar, Guillermina Garcia

To add a name to a list, you must obtain permission from the person or their family and contact: Mary Fong at marytanfong@gmail.com

Lessons in Courage and Conscience: Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, and Clare of Assisi

Join Dr. Elyse Raby for this inspiring workshop on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 9 a.m.–Noon (PST) at St. Martin of Tours Parish Hall in San José. Part of the Hear their Voices, Heed their Wisdom: Women of the Christian Tradition series, this session explores the faith, courage, and conscience of three remarkable women who shaped the Christian tradition.

Free and open to all. Co-sponsored by the Markey Center for Leadership in Ministry and Santa Clara University. Use the QR code to register for this in-person event.



Discover the San José Diocese Pastoral Plan

Renewed in Christ, Together in Mission

The Diocese of San José has shared a pastoral plan to guide our community in faith, service, and mission. As we look ahead to the 50th Jubilee of the Diocese of San José in 2031—joyfully coinciding with the 500th anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe’s appearance—we embrace a future filled with faith, unity, and renewal.



The Pastoral Plan is not simply a document, but a living roadmap for meaningful action in our community. We invite you to take a look and see how we can walk together in Christ.

Visit the DSJ website at the QR code to explore the plan and learn how you can be part of this journey.



Sowing Seeds of Faith

The Diocese of San José Campaign for Spiritual Renewal

The Sowing Seeds of Faith Campaign for Spiritual Renewal is a bold step forward in our diocesan journey of renewal.

Rooted in prayer, consultation, and our shared mission, this campaign will strengthen our parishes, schools, ministries, and future generations of Catholics in Santa Clara County. For more information on how you can get involved, contact the Mission Advancement & Stewardship Office at (408) 983-0120



Confession

St. Albert the Great
Saturday
4:30 PM

St Thomas Aquinas
Saturday
1:30 PM

Rosary

St. Albert the Great
After Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sundays
8:30 AM (Spanish)

Weekday Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas
Monday to Saturday
12:15 PM

St. Albert the Great
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:00 AM
Wednesday
8:15 (Seton School Mass)

Our Lady of the Rosary

Weekend Mass

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:00 AM (Thomas Merton Center Community)
11:00 AM (Gregorian Mass)

Saturday
5:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday
9:00 AM

Sunday
9:00 AM (Español)
10:30 AM (English)



Give Online!
Online giving is simple and easy to use! Scan the QR code for direct access.



Follow us on Instagram
Stay connected with parish life, see what's happening in our ministries, and be inspired by daily faith-filled moments @paloalto_catholic_sta

Get in Touch!

Have questions or need support? Our pastoral staff is here to walk with you in faith—please don't hesitate to reach out and connect with us.

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“Ask, and It Will Be Given You; Seek, and You Will Find; Knock, and The Door Will Be Opened To You” (Lk 11:9)

Homily of the Holy Father Leo XIV

With these words, Jesus invites us to turn, with trust, to the Father for all our needs. We are asked to entrust our lives to the Mercy of God, to bear witness to that trust, and abandon ourselves, like children, into the arms of the Father. “To ask,” “to seek,” and “to knock.” These expressions of prayer, mentioned by the Evangelist Luke, are attitudes that are familiar to us. “To ask,” is to recognize, through poverty, that everything is a gift from the Lord and give thanks for it. “To seek,” is to discover the path that we must take on our journey towards holiness, following God’s plan. “To knock” is to ask God for gifts and offer them, with generosity, to our brothers and sisters.

“To ask,” “to seek,” and “to knock” also means reflecting on our own lives, recalling what the Lord has given to us over the years by multiplying our talents, strengthening our faith, and fostering our generosity in charity. Sometimes this has been achieved in joyful circumstances, and at other times in ways that are difficult to understand, perhaps even through suffering. God is the fullness and the meaning of our lives. He is everything in different ways: as Creator and the source of existence, as Love that calls and challenges us, as the Strength that inspires us to share with others. History teaches us that an authentic experience of God always gives a rise to generous outpouring of charity.

We heard the Lord say to the inhabitants of Jerusalem: “The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings” (Mal 4:2), inviting them to hope for a fulfillment of their destiny and look beyond the present moment. This is a reference to the eschatological dimension of Christian life, which calls us to be engaged in the world, while at the same time constantly striving towards eternity. It is an invitation for us to prolong the “asking,” “seeking,” and “knocking” of our lives through prayer to God, that transcends the realities of this world. May you succeed in discovering anew an interior and closer relationship with Christ, with your brethren, and be among those who will bring to the world the peace of Christ.

*St. Peter's Square, Thursday, 9 October 2025
(Teresa Budzich, M.Div.)*

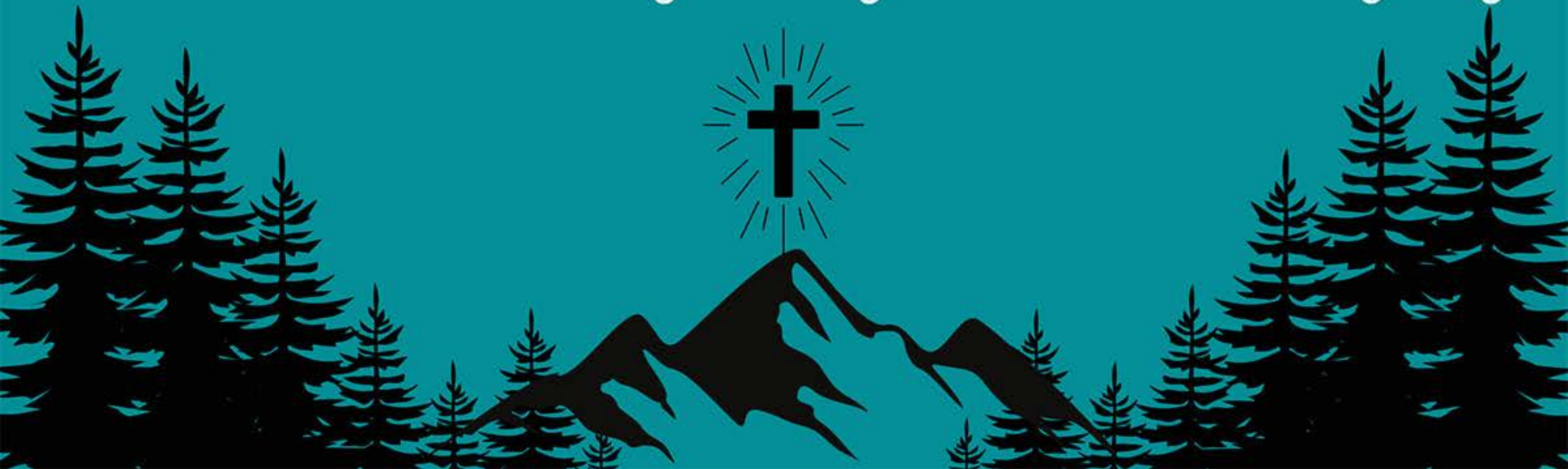
St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Retreat Now 7-9 2025 @Mt. Hermon



Register today!



*Questions?
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Annual Fund Raising Drive

NOVEMBER

1st and 2nd 2025

WHO BENEFITS?

**PEOPLE WITH
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES,
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

2025 *Silent* **Ignatian Retreat**

Oct 31, Nov 1 & 2
(Fri, Sat & Sun)



Father Ed Broom, OMV,

Renowned retreat master and expert in Ignatian Spirituality, author of 5 books, and guest on EWTN, Fr. Broom looks forward to his “first time ever” retreat in CALIFORNIA’S CENTRAL COAST - in the majestic SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS! As a pre-eminent expert on all things IGNATIAN, Fr. Broom looks forward to imparting the spiritual gems of St. Ignatius at beautiful St. Clare’s Retreat.

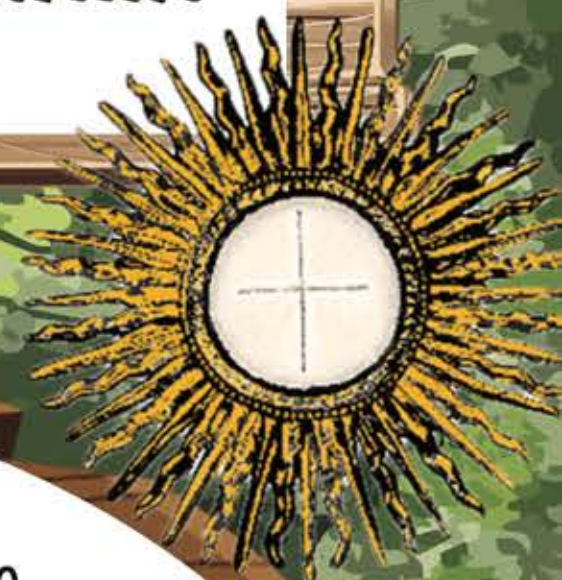
St. Clare's Retreat

2381 Laurel Glen Road, Soquel, CA 95073
(831) 423-8093

Space is Limited
Reservations Are Required
Secure Your Spot Today
www.stclaresretreat.org



“Come Away and Rest Awhile”
Mark 6:30-34



Experience a peaceful weekend of silence, reflection, and deep spiritual renewal. Guided by the time-tested wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This retreat invites you to encounter God personally in the stillness - through Scripture, guided meditations, and the beauty of silence. Whether you're spiritually seasoned or simply seeking rest, you'll return home refreshed, grounded and more aware of God's presence in your daily life.

Weekend Retreat Rates:

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| Single Occupancy Room with private or shared bathroom | \$320.00 |
| Double Occupancy Room - per person | \$300.00 |
| Saturday Day Commuter (no lodging) | \$125.00 |
| Meals Included | |

St. Clare's Retreat is owned and operated by the
Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows



**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE.**

**September 24th til
November 2nd**



HELP SAVE LIVES IN REDWOOD CITY!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **25,000** saved babies
- More than **170** closed facilities
- More than **270** converted workers

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: On sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Jessica, 650-918-9119, email: themunns@yahoo.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

40 DÍAS
POR LA VIDA®

**24 de septiembre al
2 de noviembre**



¡AYUDA A SALVAR VIDAS EN REDWOOD CITY!

Protege a madres y bebés uniéndote a la movilización pro-vida más grande de la historia.

40 Días por la Vida ha logrado tener más de 1,000,000+ voluntarios en 63 países.

Con la ayuda de Dios, aquí están los resultados:

- Más de **25,000** bebés salvados del aborto
- Más de **270** trabajadoras del aborto convertidas
- Más de **170** centros de aborto cerrados

Contribuye a expandir este impacto y forma parte de la campaña de 40 Días por la Vida:

- **Ubicación de la vigilia:** Fuera del centro de abortos de Planned Parenthood ubicada en el 2907 El Camino Real (esquina calle Berkshire) en Redwood City
- **Horas de la vigilia:** 7 am – 7 pm a diario
- **Contacto local:**
Elena, teléfono 650-278-9709
- **Aprende más y únete a nosotros:**

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