



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Bulletin

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



## All Souls Mass of Remembrance

*A Sacred Gathering to Honor and Remember Our Loved Ones*

Dear Beloved Parish Family,

On Saturday, November 1st, at 5:00 PM, we warmly invite you to join us at Saint Albert the Great Church for our heartfelt All Souls Mass of Remembrance. This sacred gathering is a cherished moment for our close-knit community to unite in love and faith, honoring the memory of our dear parish members who have recently passed and all those who have gone before us. As we light candles and offer prayers, we hold fast to the hope of eternal life, trusting in God's promise of everlasting love and reunion in His presence.

This Mass is a beautiful opportunity to share in the warmth of our parish family, to reflect on the lives that have touched our hearts, and to find comfort in the promise of resurrection. Bring your memories, your prayers, and your hope as we celebrate the enduring bond of our community and the eternal life that awaits us all. We look forward to seeing you there, united in faith and remembrance.

You may return the enclosed envelope with the names of your loved ones, placing it in any Sunday collection basket or mailing it to the parish office, so we may include them in our prayers during this special month where we remember all our loved ones.

With hope and gratitude,  
*Estanislao Mikalonis, Pastor*



## Altars of Remembrance

*November 2025*

Our Altars of Remembrance are now prepared in all three of our churches—Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Albert the Great, and Our Lady of the Rosary.

You are warmly invited to bring photos of your departed loved ones and place them on the altars throughout the month of November. They will be remembered in prayer at every Mass during this sacred season.

Please collect your photos by the end of November and take them home. May the light of Christ comfort us as we honor those who have gone before us.

# Misa en Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos

*Una reunión sagrada para honrar y recordar a nuestros seres queridos*

Querida Familia Parroquial,

El sábado 1 de noviembre a las 5:00 p.m., los invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nosotros en la Iglesia de San Alberto Magno para nuestra sentida Misa de Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos.

Esta reunión sagrada es un momento precioso para nuestra comunidad, donde nos reunimos en amor y fe para honrar la memoria de nuestros queridos miembros de la parroquia que han fallecido recientemente y de todos aquellos que nos han precedido. Mientras encendemos velas y ofrecemos oraciones, nos aferramos a la esperanza de la vida eterna, confiando en la promesa de Dios de amor eterno y reunión en Su presencia.

Esta Misa es una hermosa oportunidad para compartir el calor de nuestra familia parroquial, reflexionar sobre las vidas que han tocado nuestros corazones y encontrar consuelo en la promesa de la resurrección. Traigan sus recuerdos, sus oraciones y su esperanza mientras celebramos el vínculo duradero de nuestra comunidad y la vida eterna que nos espera a todos.

Pueden devolver el sobre adjunto con los nombres de sus seres queridos, colocándolo en cualquier canasta de colecta dominical o enviándolo por correo a la oficina parroquial, para que los incluyamos en nuestras oraciones durante este mes especial en el que recordamos a todos nuestros seres queridos.

Con esperanza y gratitud,  
***Estanislao Mikalonis, Pastor***

## Altare Memoriales

*Noviembre 2025*

Nuestros Altare Memoriales ya están preparados en las tres iglesias: Santo Tomás de Aquino, San Alberto Magno y Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

Los invitamos cordialmente a traer fotos de sus seres queridos fallecidos y colocarlas en los altares durante todo el mes de noviembre.

Serán recordados en oración en todas las Misas durante esta temporada sagrada. Por favor, recoger sus fotos al final de noviembre y llevarlas a casa.

Que la luz de Cristo nos consuele mientras honramos a quienes nos han precedido.





## 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.*

**1  
NOV**

***All Saints Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church***

12:15 pm

**1  
NOV**

***All Souls Mass of Remembrance at St. Albert the Great Church***

5 pm

**4  
NOV**

***Memorial Requiem Mass for Bill Mahr***

7:30 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
Featuring: MISSA PRO DEFUNCTIS à 4  
by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)  
Celebrant: Fr. Francisco Nahoe, OFM  
Conv.

**5  
NOV**

***Fr. Seth Funeral @ Resurrection Church, Sunnyvale***

11 am

**7-9  
NOV**

***Youth Retreat at Mount Hermon***

8th to 12th grade STA Youth Retreat in  
the Santa Cruz Mountains

**11  
NOV**

***Veterans Day***

Only one daily Mass at 10 am St. Albert  
the Great Church.

Office closed.

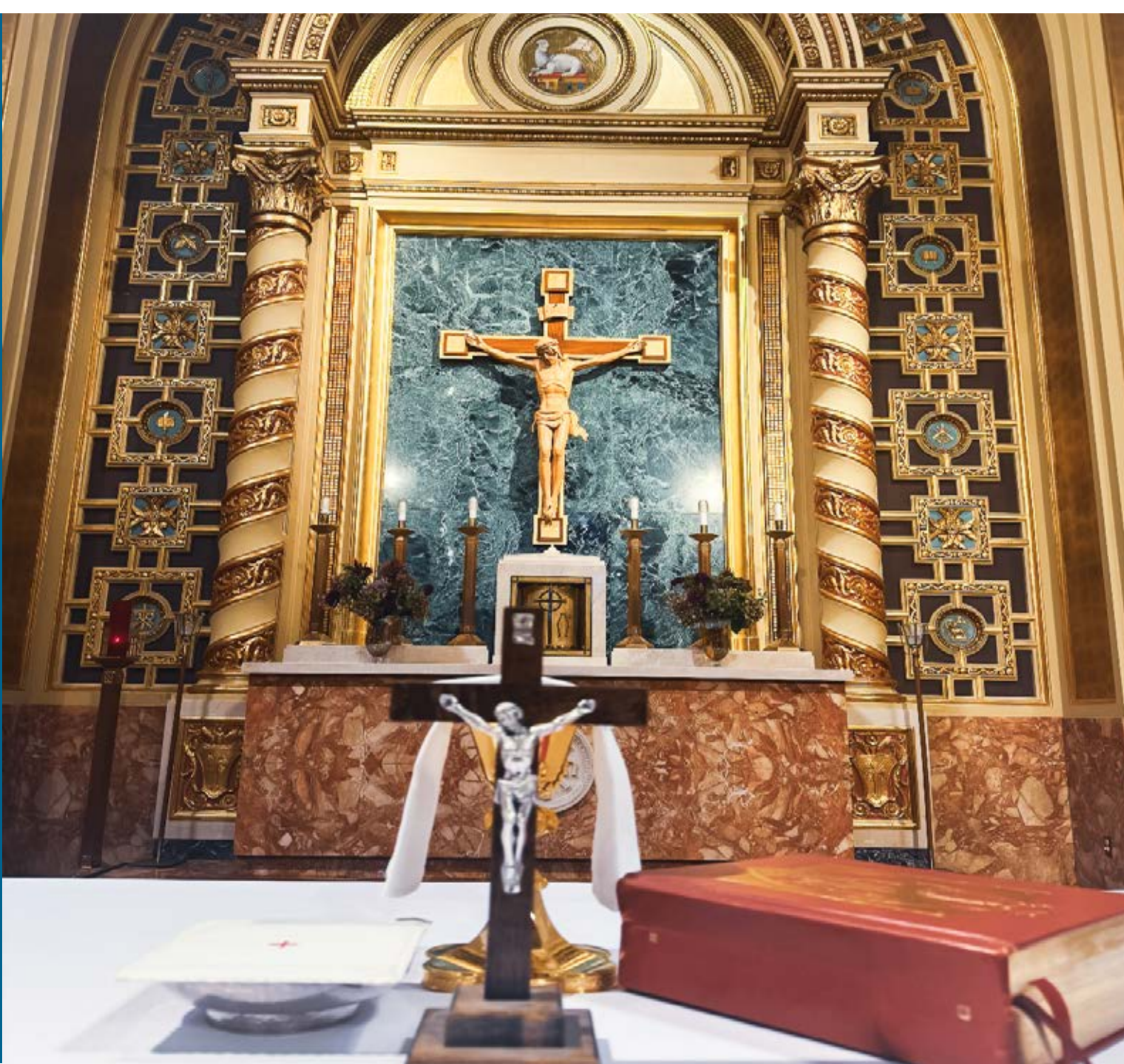
**24-28  
NOV**

***Thanksgiving Week,***  
Office is Closed.

**27-28  
NOV**

***Thanksgiving,***

Only one daily Mass, 10 am St. Albert  
the Great Church.



## Vocations Crucifix Program

Parishioners are encouraged to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week and pray for the men and women discerning the vocation of priesthood or religious life.

Presented at the end of the Mass, families, individuals, or even groups of friends can pray together for an increase of vocations.

To participate in this important prayer ministry,

**Please contact Mary Lou Savage at:**  
[marylou.savage@dsj.org](mailto:marylou.savage@dsj.org) for details.





## Thank You for a Grace-Filled October

*Faith in Action: Celebrating Our Parish Life Together*

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you all for your joyful participation in our October parish activities! It was a month filled with grace and meaningful community moments.

A special thank you to everyone who joined the Monthly Parish Lunch and to the children of our Faith Formation Program for their delightful All Saints Parade—your enthusiasm truly brought the saints to life! We launched our Vacations Crucifix Ministry, a beautiful opportunity to bring Christ's presence into our homes to pray and promote vocations to the Religious life. We also extended our heartfelt gratitude to our Faith Formation ministers who have faithfully served this ministry for decades:

- 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 years
- And a special honor to Rufina for 40 years of dedicated service!

Your witness inspires us all. Thank you for your enduring commitment to nurturing faith in our community. Your presence and spirit strengthen our parish family.







## Crop Walk Thank You

Amidst drizzling rain, 9 parishioners took part in the CROP Hunger Walk in Menlo Park last

Sunday. Between us, we have raised \$4,605 so far, \$4,326 on the website and \$279 from after Mass collection.

This is not even half way to our goal so please consider continuing to support the CROP Walk. Our team webpage will still be up until the end of the year. Our poster and yard sign with the QR code will be up for a few more weeks.

## 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!



## 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 with Mary Spohn Romo at Santa Clara University on November 8, 2025 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. PST. Their workshop 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.



## Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

### *Sick and Homebound:*

Gina Craig, 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:*

Maurice McCaffrey, Amalia Pina, 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](mailto: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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## “Were Not Our Hearts Burning While He Spoke To Us” (Lk 24:32)

*Catechesis of the Holy Father Leo XIV*

Our lives are marked by countless events. At times we feel joyful, other times sad, or stressed, gratified, or demotivated. We live busy lives, concentrate on achieving results, and even attain prestigious goals. In short, we find ourselves experiencing a paradoxical situation: we would like to be happy, and yet it is very difficult to be happy in a continuous way. We come to terms with our limitations and, at the same time, with the irrepressible urge to try to overcome them. We feel that we are always missing something. In Truth, we are created for fullness and joy in life. “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly” says Jesus in the Gospel of John (10:10). This deep desire in our hearts can find its ultimate answer not in roles, not in power, not in having, but in the certainty that there is Someone who guarantees this constitutive impulse of our humanity; in the awareness that this expectation will not be disappointed. This certainty coincides with hope. Hope does not mean thinking in an optimistic way: often optimism lets us down, whereas hope promises and fulfils. The Risen Jesus is the guarantee of this deliverance! He is the wellspring that satisfies our thirst, the infinite thirst for fullness that the Holy Spirit permeates into our hearts. Indeed, the Resurrection of Christ is not a simple event of human history, but the Event that transformed history from within.

Let us think about a source of water. What are its characteristics? It quenches thirst, refreshes creatures, irrigates the land and renders fertile what would otherwise remain barren. It gives refreshment to the weary traveler, offering him the joy of an oasis of freshness. A wellspring appears as a freely-given gift for nature, for creatures, for human beings. Without water it is not possible to live. The Risen One is the Living Wellspring that does not dry up and does not change. It always stays pure and ready for anyone who is thirsty. And the more we taste the mystery of God, the more we are attracted to it, without ever becoming completely satiated. Jesus, through His Resurrection, has guaranteed for us a permanent source of life: He is the Living One, the Lover of life, the Victor over all death. Therefore, He is able to offer us refreshment in our earthly journey and assure us of a perfect peace in eternity. Only Jesus, who died and rose again, responds to the deepest questions of our heart: is there really a destination for us? Does our existence have any meaning? And the suffering of so many innocents, how can it be redeemed? The Risen Jesus does not bestow upon us an answer “from above” but becomes our companion on this often arduous, painful, and mysterious journey. Only He can fill our empty flask when our thirst becomes unbearable. To journey with Him means to experience being sustained despite everything, to have our thirst quenched, and to be refreshed in the hardships and struggles that, like heavy stones, threaten us and try to divert our history.

*St Peter's Square, Wednesday, 15 October 2025*  
*(Teresa Budzich, M.Div.)*



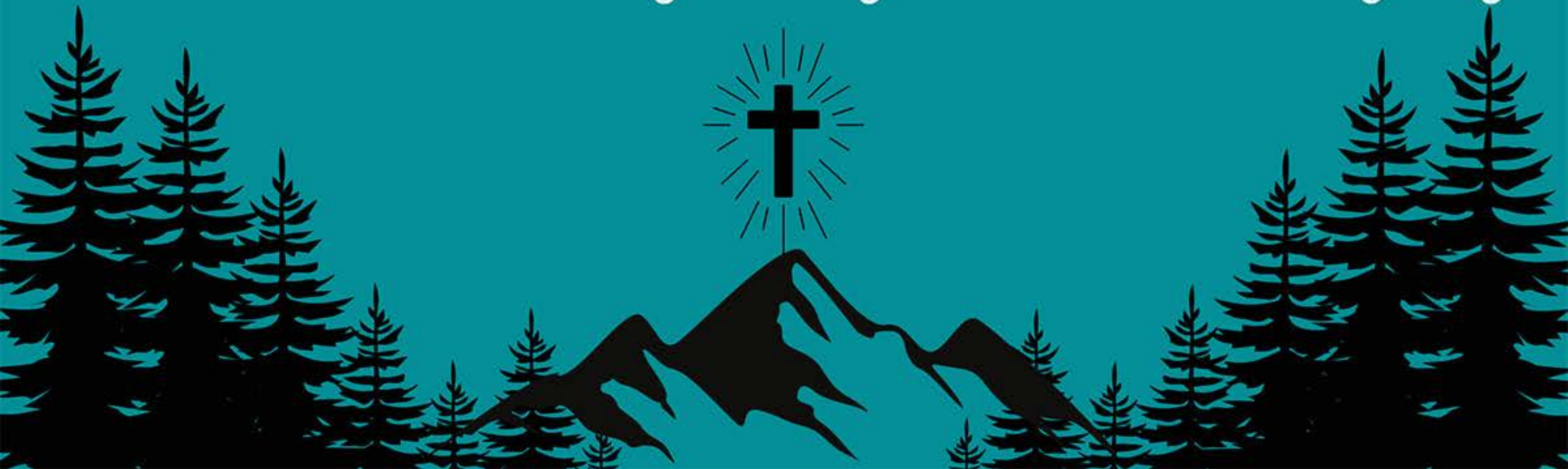
# St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Retreat Now 7-9 2025 @Mt. Hermon



*Register today!*



*Questions?  
Contact Miguelangel  
Cardenas(youth Coordinator):  
[Miguelangel.cardenas@dsj.org](mailto:Miguelangel.cardenas@dsj.org)*







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# **Annual Fund Raising Drive**

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**NOVEMBER**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

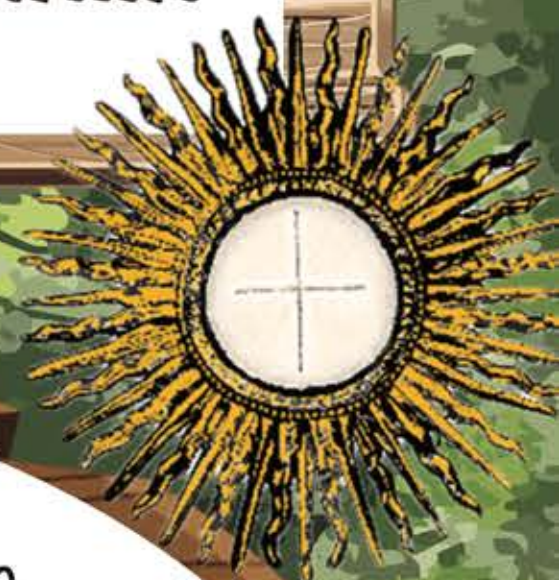
*St. Clare's Retreat*

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

Space is Limited  
Reservations Are Required  
Secure Your Spot Today  
[www.stclaresretreat.org](http://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:**

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](mailto: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](http://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:**

**[40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity](http://40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity)**