



Saint Thomas Aquinas Bulletin

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



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



Please keep our youth in your prayers this weekend as 40 of them journey to Mount Hermon for their annual parish retreat.

May this time be filled with faith, friendship, and a deep encounter with God's love.

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.

**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.

Most Reverend Bishop Andres Ligot

Congratulations on Your Ordination as Auxiliary Bishop

On behalf of the Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish community, we extend our warmest congratulations on your ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose. We are filled with joy for your new ministry and grateful for your faithful service to our Church. Please be assured of our prayers as you guide and inspire our diocese with wisdom and grace.

Follow this link at the QR code to learn more about the role of an Auxiliary Bishop, the Symbols a Bishop wears, and about the life of Bishop Andres Ligot.



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 for details.



Altars of Remembrance

November 2025

Our Altars of Remembrance are lovingly prepared in all three churches for the month of November. You are warmly invited to place photos of your departed loved ones on these altars throughout November. They will be remembered in prayer at every Mass during this holy season of remembrance. Please kindly retrieve your photos by November 30 to take them home.

Additionally, envelopes for Mass offerings are available at the back the church. You may include your loved ones' names for November Masses by placing the envelopes in any Sunday collection or mailing them to the parish office

Altars Memoriales

Noviembre 2025

Nuestros Altares 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.



Senior Soup

No Meetings in November

Please note that our Seniors Soup Gathering will not take place in November. We look forward to resuming this cherished community event on December 9th.

SVdP Annual Food Drive

Help Us Help Others

It is time for our Parish Annual November Food Drive. Here are some suggestions for food we most need to fill our food bags. (More on list). Boxes at all churches. Bags with lists. **Hearty Meat Soups (flip-top please), High-Protein Snack Bars, individual milks and water.**

St Vincent de Paul will continue to provide bags of food for the homeless and to work with the South Palo Alto Family Food Closet to provide food for families. Our St Vincent de Paul conference has been working with the poor since 1965.

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Sick and Homebound:

Katherine Dobbs, 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



“You Are The Christ, The Son of The Living God” (Mt 16:16)

Homily of the Holy Father Leo XIV

I invite you to recognize the marvels that the Lord has done in our lives and the blessings that the Lord continues to pour out on all of us through the ministry of the Church. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the one Savior Who alone reveals the face of the Father. In Him, the Father revealed Himself to us in the trusting eyes of a child, in the lively mind of a young person, in the mature features of a man, and in a Glorious Body after the Resurrection. God thus showed us a model of human holiness that we can all imitate. In Christ, we received the gift of God and the path to follow in order to be changed by that Gift.

The salvation of the world is entrusted to the Church, to us, who were chosen by God and sent forth to proclaim the Gospel. We are the Church called to illuminate the darkness of this world through our own holiness. The Gospel speaks of two worlds. The world that at first considers Jesus an insignificant person. However, once His requirements for moral honesty become irksome, this “world” does not hesitate to reject and eliminate Him. Then there is the world of ordinary people. For them, Jesus is an upright man, one who has courage, who speaks well, and says the right things. They follow Him, but in times of danger, during His Passion, they too abandon Him.

What is striking about these two attitudes is their relevance today. They embody notions easily found on the lips of many men and women in our own world. Today, there are many settings in which Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings, where technology, money, success, power, or pleasure are preferred. These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its Truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised, or at best tolerated. Yet, precisely for this reason, those are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed.

A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, the violations of human dignity, the crisis of families, and so many other wounds that afflict our society. Today too, there are many settings in which Jesus, although appreciated as a man, is reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or a superman. This is true not only among non-believers but also among many baptized Christians, who end up living in a state of practical atheism. This is the world that has been entrusted to us, a world in which we are called to bear witness to our faith in Jesus the Savior, to make ourselves small so that He may be known and glorified, to spend ourselves to the utmost so that others may have the opportunity to know and love Him.

*Sistine Chapel, Friday, 9 May 2025
(Teresa Budzich, M.Div.)*

Confession

St. Albert the Great

Saturday
4:30 PM

St Thomas Aquinas

Saturday
11:30 AM

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)



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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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