

Saint Thomas Aquinas Bulletin

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

Today's Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 8/15: Holy Day of Obligation

St. Albert the Great: 8 am, 7 pm

St. Thomas Aquinas: 12:15 pm

Our Lady of the Rosary: 7 pm (Spanish)

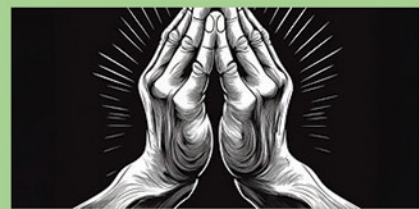
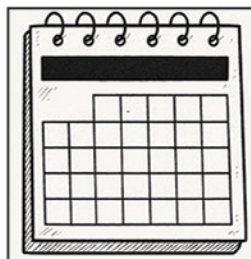
Registrations for parish programs are now open!

The Faith Formation, Youth Ministries, Young Adults, Youth retreat and other parish ministries are now open for registration. Don't miss the chance to grow in faith and community. Opportunities available for all ages and stages. Registration is on our website.



Middle School and High School Program Calendars Are Now Available

The Middle school and high school youth ministry calendars for the 2025-2026 school year are now available. Please see our website for the full calendar or the link here.



Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Sick and Homebound

Lauro Quintanar, Enedelia Sandoval, Raul Badua, Winnie McGannon, Xochiti Quintanar, Joan Campbell, Mick Pellazzari, Mena Fu, Nicki Chun, Mary Martinson, Vicky Sullivan, Shui Wong, Dan Fillin, Bob Reklis

Recently Deceased:

Mary Campbell, Virginia Ying, Anne Bertussi(Morrison), Adelina Gil Lopez, Victor Befera, Don and Nickie Andrews, Michael Toomey, Maria Luisa Marquez, Mabel G Teresi, 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. To add a name contact Mary Fong: marytanfong@gmail.com



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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary:

Sun 9 am (Spanish), Sun at 10:30 am

St. Albert the Great:

Sat at 5pm, Sun at 9 am

St. Thomas Aquinas:

Sun at 7:30 am, Sun at 9 am (Thomas Merton)

Sun at 11 am (Gregorian)

Daily Mass

St. Albert the Great: Mon-Fri at 8 am

St. Thomas Aquinas: Mon-Sat at 12:15pm

Confession

St. Albert the Great: Sat at 4:30pm

St Thomas Aquinas: Sat at 11:30 am

Rosary

After Daily Mass at St. Albert

8:30 am on Sundays at our Lady (Spanish)

Job Opening: Director of Liturgy and Music

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is hiring a full-time Director of Liturgy and Music to provide pastoral and professional leadership in planning, implementing, and enriching the worship life across its three parish sites, including music, liturgical ministers, environment, and hospitality.



For more information and to see the job posting, visit our website.

Real Options Education for Middle School

RealOptions' RealTalk curriculum uses a research-backed, risk avoidance model to help students build healthy behaviors, focusing on emotional, relational, and holistic well-being. Through engaging lessons, students gain tools to understand themselves, manage emotions, and form healthy relationships—leading to transformative growth in just 10–12 hours of classroom time. To bring RealTalk to your school or organization, contact Charmaine Williams at charmaine@realoptions.net.

Parish Camping Trip

Join us for a fun weekend at Foothill Nature Preserve, August 22-24, 2025! Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy nature and fellowship. Sign-up on our website.



Please Welcome The New Elizabeth Seton School Principal

St. Elizabeth Seton School has welcomed Dr. William Rainford as its next principal. Dr. Rainford is an experienced educator, administrator, and social worker whose life focus has been on helping children from low income families develop pathways out of poverty and to social and economic opportunities in adulthood. He holds a Bachelor of Social Work from San Jose State University, a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis and a PhD in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Rainford previously taught about and researched poverty for more than 20 years. He became a Catholic elementary teacher after retiring from higher education. Dr. Rainford holds a Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education from Western Governors University. and the California Department of Education Teacher's Credential. Prior to joining St. Elizabeth Seton School, Dr. Rainford taught 4th grade and 6th grade at St. John Vianney Catholic School in East San Jose. Dr. Rainford and his wife, Rosio, married for 30 years, have three adult children and two grandchildren. They are members of St. John Vianney Catholic Parish, where they are lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and leaders in the Evangelization Ministry. Dr. Rainford is a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.





"DO YOU WANT TO BE WELL?" (John 5:1-9)

Message of Pope Leo XIV

Let us contemplate Jesus who heals. I invite you to think about the situation in which we feel "blocked" and stuck in a 'dead end.' At times, it may seem pointless to continue to hope, so we become resigned, and no longer have the desire to fight. This situation is described in the Gospels with the image of paralysis.

Jesus came to the pool of Bethesda, where the ill, blind, lame, and crippled gathered hoping for a miracle in the healing water of the pool. A paralytic man, ill for thirty-eight years, was there but unable to reach the water. Jesus asked him "do you want to be well?" The paralytic man did not ask for healing but complained: "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me."

The pool is an image of the Church, where the sick gather, and the Lord comes to heal and give hope. Jesus specifically addressed a man who felt hopeless, because he never could reach the water of the pool. We too, like the man at the pool, are often paralyzed by disappointments and feel discouraged. Sometimes we prefer to remain in the condition of sickness, forcing others to care for us. It gives us an excuse for not deciding what to do with our life.

Jesus asked the paralytic man and is asking each one of us: "Do you want to be well?" The man was too discouraged to ask for healing. We too, often think that things happen to us because we are not fortunate, or destiny is against us. We feel defeated in the struggle of life. Instead, Jesus is calling us to discover that our life is in His hands. Jesus invited the paralytic man, and is inviting each one of us, to rise from our chronic situation of the past that is blocking us and forcing us to lie like a dead person.

Jesus said to the paralytic man: "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." That mat is not to be thrown away: it represents his past of sickness. Until that moment the past had blocked him, forced him to lie hopeless. Now, he can take that mat and carry it wherever he wishes; he can decide what to make of his life. Jesus is asking each one of us to walk and take responsibility for the choices we made!

Let us ask the Lord for the gift of understanding of the situation where we are stuck in our life. Let us try to give voice to the desire to be healed. Let us pray for all those who feel paralyzed and do not see their way out. Let us return to the dwelling place in the Heart of Christ, the True House of Mercy, who is the true place of our healing!

Saint Peter's Square, Wednesday, 18 June 2025

(Teresa Budzich, M.Div.)