



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Bulletin

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



## Parish Camping Trip 2025 - Celebrating God's Creation Next to the Campfire

The Parish camping trip was a beautiful reminder of God's blessings in our community. Surrounded by nature, we shared fellowship, laughter, and prayer—grateful for the chance to enjoy His creation and one another's company. What a wonderful way to spend the last days of summer, rejoicing in the gift of faith and friendship. Keep scrolling for more images!





## Daily Mass Announcement

Wednesday Weekly Mass during school year, will be held at 8.15am every Wednesday during the School Year (even when school its in break). Please see our Mass schedule for more Mass times.

## Labor Day Mass Announcement

September 1st, Labor Day, there will be only one Mass at 10:00 AM, at St. Albert the Great Church.

## Women's Silent Retreat

Join us for a Women's Silent Retreat on The Last Discourse of Jesus, directed by Fr. Serge Propst, OP & Fr. Augustine Hilander, OP. The retreat will focus on the Gospel of John and how to live the Divine Life. The cost is \$320 for a single occupancy room, \$300 per person for a double occupancy room, or \$125 for a Saturday day commuter (no lodging). Register on our website or by phone. Registration closes one week before the retreat. Contact for registration and questions: 831-423-8093 or [info@stclaresretreat.org](mailto:info@stclaresretreat.org)

## Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton: Becoming Who You Already Are

Building on the Merton Center's Lent/Holy Week Bridges program, we will continue to explore the spirituality and writings of Thomas Merton and other authors. Facilitated by Fr. John Auther, SJ, retreat director at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, this eight-week series invites participants into a deeper journey of contemplative living and prayer. Sessions will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m., September 10–October 1, 2025, and January 14–February 4, 2026. Registration is required at [thomasmerton.org/bridges](https://thomasmerton.org/bridges), where the Zoom link will be available.

## 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.



### Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

#### Sick and Homebound

Bill Morrison, 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:

John Christopher Kelly, Mark Delamater Flanagan, 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](mailto:marytanfong@gmail.com)



# PRAY. LEARN. CONNECT.



## Join The Young Adults

All young adults are invited to join us every Thursday evening at the SAG site for a time of prayer, reflection, and community. We begin with Adoration at 6:45pm, followed by Bible Study at 7:30pm, and end the evening with fellowship and social time at the Parish Rectory at 8:30pm. Come grow in faith, build friendships, and share in the joy of walking with Christ together.

## 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.

## Join Us for Our Annual Parish Picnic – A Day of Faith, Food, and Fun!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th, as we come together for our vibrant Annual Parish Picnic! This special day kicks off our Pastoral Year, bringing our community closer through shared prayer, delicious food, and joyful activities for all ages.

To celebrate as one family, we'll combine the 9:00 AM OLR, 9:00 AM SAG, and 10:30 AM OLR Masses into a single, uplifting 10:00 AM Unity Mass. (All other Masses will remain as scheduled.) After Mass, the festivities begin, offering a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends old and new across our three parish sites.

Join us to:

- Strengthen our community through shared worship and fellowship.
- Enjoy delicious food and exciting activities for kids, families, and adults.
- Kick off the Pastoral Year with enthusiasm and new opportunities to grow in faith.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate our parish family and start the year with joy! Bring your energy, your smiles, and your appetite – we can't wait to see you there!



## 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

## 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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2025 PARISH  
CAMPING TRIP





Thank you to everyone who joined and helped make our parish camping trip such a joyful and faith-filled experience! From shared meals to songs by the "fire", games, prayer, and fellowship, we truly built memories together as a parish family. Your presence, energy, and generosity made it all possible. Until next year, may God bless you on every step of the journey!

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## **“The Parable of Hospitality” (Gen 18:1-10, Luke 10:38-42)**

Homily of Pope Leo XIV

God visited Abraham in the figure of “three men” who arrived at his tent. Abraham, recognizing the presence of God, runs to greet them and implores them to stay. The stillness of that afternoon is filled with gestures of love which involve not only the Patriarch, but also his wife Sarah, and the servants. It is there that God gives Abraham the best news: “your wife Sarah shall have a son” (v.10). The dynamics of this encounter shows how God chooses the path of hospitality to enter the lives of Sarah and Abraham and announces that they will have a child, which they had long desired but given up hope of receiving.

While the circumstances of Marta and Mary are different, this Gospel too teaches how God chooses the way of acting. Here too, Jesus appears as a guest at a house. This time, however He is not a stranger: He comes to visit His friends amid a festive atmosphere. Martha welcomes Him by serving Him, while Mary sits at His feet, listening as a disciple of her teacher. It would be incorrect to see these two attitudes as mutually exclusive, or to compare the merits of the two women. Serving and listening are two complementary attitudes that enable us to open ourselves, and our lives, to the Blessings of the Lord.

Our relationship with God must always come first. We must be “at the feet of Jesus,” listen to Him, while being attentive in hospitality, for only then we will be able to recognize the presence of God in the face of another. Today, we need to recover this dimension of Christian hospitality as a value for individuals, communities, and as a prophetic sign of our times. Let us leave behind the whirlwind of worries and commitments, to savor the moments of peace and to share in the joy of seeing others. Serving and listening do not always come easily; they require hard work and ability to make personal sacrifices. Our weariness will pass and our rest will come through the efforts we made.

*Cathedral of Albano, XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20 July 2025  
(Teresa Budzich, M.Div.)*