

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Bulletin

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

Hispanic Summer Retreat

## 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.



## Join Us For Senior Soup

The Senior Soup lunch will be held this Tuesday Aug. 12 at 12:30pm at St. Albert's Hospitality Center. Join us for a great afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

## 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.



## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

**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)

- Interpretar | Juzgar. El Papa Francisco ofrece:
  - Tres perspectivas esenciales para la vida y la fe:
    - Dios nos ama y Jesús nos salva mediante su muerte,
    - Cristo está vivo mediante su resurrección y
    - nos da esperanza con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo.
  - Comparte su comentario sobre lo que significa ser joven y cómo los adolescentes y los jóvenes adultos pasan de los sueños a la plena participación en la sociedad global actual
  - Incluye un episodio de la gran esperanza que tiene para los jóvenes y la cohesión intergeneracional. Capítulo 14

- Elegir | Actuar. El Papa Francisco concluye "Cristus Vivus" señalando las alegrías y acciones necesarias en los momentos de nuestras vidas presentes, futuras y venideras, así como el papel de la Iglesia global, en respuesta



**Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound**

## Sick and Homebound

Lauro Quintanar, Enevelia 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**





Seton School Staff School Year Prep Retreat

## Give Online!

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



## Pastoral Staff

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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](mailto: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.







St. Elizabeth Seton School Windows Are In!

## Go Electric at Home!

Are you looking to make your home more energy-efficient, healthier, and more environmentally friendly? Join home electrification experts for a 45-minute webinar on August 12 at 6 pm to learn about new financial incentives and free services provided by City of Palo Alto Utilities and the state of California to help you electrify your home.



## Catholic Volunteer Opportunities at Stanford Hospital

Stanford Hospital is seeking Catholic Spiritual Care Volunteers to visit patients and offer Communion. Ideal candidates are compassionate, grounded in their faith, and able to serve a few hours a week—bilingual Spanish/English volunteers are especially needed. Office-based volunteer roles are also available for those with strong organizational skills who can help prepare visitation lists.

Join the virtual orientation on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 4:00 PM via Zoom. Contact [VolunteerResources@stanfordhealthcare.org](mailto:VolunteerResources@stanfordhealthcare.org) by Friday, August 8 to register.

## Summer Maintenance Project Update

St. Elizabeth Seton now has beautiful new windows and a brand-new roof. The old convent is also in the process of receiving new windows to continue preserving and enhancing our campus.







## **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT LOST HOPE** (Sir 14:2)

Message of Pope Leo XIV for the Grandparents and the Elderly.

The Jubilee of Hope, which is celebrated this year, helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, regardless of our age, and it is the source of intense happiness late in life. Sacred Scripture offers many examples of women and men whom the Lord called late in life to take part in His Plan of Salvation. Abraham and Sarah were advanced in years when God promised them a child. Their childlessness prevented them from any hope for the future. When Zechariah received the news of John the Baptist's birth, he reacted with surprise: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (Lk 1:18). Whenever we think of the impossible, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power.

God repeatedly demonstrates His providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah, and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was eighty years old (Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that old age is a time of Blessing, and the elderly are the witnesses of hope. The physical weakness of their bodies allows them to manifest the strength of God's action. The number of elderly people is increasing, and this is a sign of the times that we are called to discern. The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in the light of the passage of generations. Life is more than the present moment and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships.

Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalization: "Our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope" (16 March, 2025). Our freedom to love and pray cannot be taken away by difficulties. Everyone, always, can love and pray. This sign of living love reminds us that "even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2Cor 4:16). We are called to create networks of support for the elderly, prayer for them and with them, and forging relationships that would restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten. Let us press forward in confidence in our Lord, be renewed each day by our encounter with Him, and pass on the faith we have lived for so many years.

Vatican, 26 June, 2025  
(Teresa Budzich, M.Div.)