



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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Msgr. John T. Gulczynski
Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Reisor
Deacon

Parish Staff

Mr. Jim Parkerson
Business Manager
Mrs. Kathy Baker
Mrs. Dianne Dozier
Administrative Assistants
Mr. James Taylor
Receptionist/Facilities Coordinator

Mrs. Cindy Caviness
Bookkeeper

CCD Office

Mrs. Mary Xuereb
Director
214-827-2044

Music Office

Mr. Michael Lindner
Director of Music
214-821-3360 Ext 236
Mr. Travis Powell
Associate Director
214-821-3450

School Offices

3741 Abrams Road
Mrs. Marty Frauenheim
Principal
214-826-0566
Preschool
214-823-8493

Youth Ministry

Mrs. Angela Ausmus Gill
Director
214-821-3360 Ext. 251

Family Life Ministry

Rev. Mr. Ken Reisor
Director
214-515-0354
Mr. Tim Koscheski
Associate Director
214-821-3360 Ext 234

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

Weekdays: 6:30 am Monday through Friday &
8:00 am Saturday (Latin)
8:00 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, &
Friday (English)

Communion Service Thursday 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 pm

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday Noon, in writing

Church Office Hours

M - Th 9 am - 12 noon & 1 - 5 pm
Fri 9 am - 12 noon & 1 - 4 pm

Visit Our Website

www.stthomasaquinas.org

Religious Book & Gift Shop

Sunday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

St. Jude Library

Sunday 8:30 am - 2 pm
Wednesday 7 - 9 pm
Thursday 9 am - 12 pm
Saturday 3 - 6 pm

Welcome to our Parish You are invited to register and become an active member of our parish family. Complete a Registration Form (*found in the vestibule*) and return it to the church office. You may register if you live outside parish boundaries. Please notify the church office of changes of address and telephone number.

Sick and Shut-ins Please contact the church office so that arrangements can be made for them to receive the Sacraments.

Baptisms Baptisms are on the first and third Sundays of each month at 2:00 p.m. If not previously done, parents and godparents are required to attend a Preparation Class, offered on the SECOND SATURDAY of each month, 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Room. Call the church office to make reservations for Baptisms and the Class. Most couples find it more convenient to attend the class before the birth of the child.

Weddings Either the bride or groom must be a registered parishioner. Both must be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Wedding dates are set at the first meeting with the priest or deacon, at least four months before the wedding.

Nursery Care Provided for children 3-months to 2 years old, in Preschool building during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. To register, call Sara Casner, 214-826-5975.

Counseling Professional and confidential counseling is offered by Souad Shrimme, M.S., L.P.C., N.C.C., Professional Counselor. For appointment call 214-821-3360, ext 242 or 214-502-8678.

Choirs Anyone interested in participating in any choir may contact Michael Lindner, at the church office, for more information.

Parish Organizations

Altar Society

Angela Rust
214-691-7247

Apostleship of Prayer

Salem McLean
214-692-5105

Book Club

Rose Elsom
214-739-8887

Grief Ministry

214-821-3360, x 241

Holy Name Society

Dennis Larkin
214-696-6567

Knights of Columbus

Sam Zurawel
214-827-3408

Legion of Mary

Mary Wilson
214-660-8268

Little Flower Mission Society

Mary Ann Lopresto
214-826-1076

Mothers' Association

Adrienne Menchu
214-324-0934

Parish Council

Terry O'Brien
214-341-3907

Pro-Life Organization

Kassie Marks
972-675-3896

St. Vincent de Paul

Message Center
214-823-4645

School Board

Jim Ryan
214-327-1880

School Parents' Association

Kelly Buechler
214-824-7962

Boy Scouts

Jim Krieger
214-827-1546

Cub Scouts

Maroy Merino
214-824-9993

Girl Scouts

Joan Kimber
214-828-1175

Scripture Study

Louis Freitas
214-340-5692

Senior Club

Lorraine Lastelick
214-823-6570

STA Booster Club

David Vandeven
214-378-9990

STACS (Singles)

Ana Devora
214-341-6649

Ushers

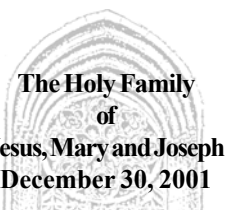
David Dozier
214-324-3562

Funeral Ushers

Mike Piacquadio
972-495-5490

Young Marrieds

Michael & Colette Murray
214-887-4919



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Mass Intentions for this Week

SUNDAY	10:00am	People of the Parish
	12:00 noon	Rosie & Anthony Interrante, Sr. †
MONDAY	8:00am	Paul Gibson †
	6:00pm	Frances Chamberlain †
TUESDAY	9:00am	Rosie & Anthony Interrante, Sr. †
WEDNESDAY	8:00am	Mark Anthony Marino †
THURSDAY	8:00am	Communion Service
FRIDAY	8:00am	Tony A. Menstesana †
SUNDAY	12:00pm	Patricia Pauken †

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE NEEDY

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend, December 29/30, for the needy in our area. All money will go to help with rent, utilities, prescriptions, and other emergencies. The STA St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continued support.



FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, January 1 is the Feast of Mary Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be offered on Monday, December 31 at 6:00 pm, and on Tuesday at 9:00 am.

OFFICE CLOSINGS

The parish office will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Monday and Tuesday, and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.

NO CCD, NO SUNDAY NURSERY

There is no CCD, no Preschool CCD, no Sunday Nursery on December 30. These will resume on January 6.

GIFT SHOP

The Religious Book and Gift Shop is closed until January 6.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 30, 2001 The Holy Family
3:00 pm Family Eucharistic Adoration - Church

Monday, December 31
School, Parish and School offices closed

Tuesday, January 1, 2001 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
School, Parish and School offices closed

Wednesday, January 2
No School - Teacher Inservice - Parish office open
12:00 noon Bulletin notice deadline
1:00 pm St. Catherine of Sienna Circle Meeting - St. Matthew
7:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting - St. Margaret Room
7:30 pm Book of the Month Club - St. Matthew Room

Thursday, January 3
Classes resume St. Thomas Aquinas School
6:45 am Men's Prayer Group - St. Joseph Room
1:00 pm Notre Dame Circle Meeting - St. Matthew Room
4:00 pm Pages of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Group - St. Joseph Room
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus - St. Maron Room
7:30 pm R.C.I.A. Class - Drama Room
7:30 pm E.S.L. Class - St. Therese Room

Friday, January 4
9:30 am Mothers' Rosary - Church
2:00 pm Apostleship of Prayer - St. Matthew Room

Saturday, January 5

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are ill: Tim Quesada, Tim Jones, Matt Locke, Mary J. Marek, Joe Mehan, Jim Burns, Lillian Hooker, Emil Mancell, Angela Harris, Mary Cirrincione, Sydonia Stanislaw, Betty Keller.

THANK YOU

A special thank you is extended to all of the musicians who made Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so beautiful. We appreciate your extra hours of practice and your dedication.

CLASSES FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

A series of classes will be held in January for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish girls and boys in grades 5, 6, 7 or 8 who would like to become Altar Servers. The classes will be held in the Church from 4:00 until 5:00 pm on three wednesdays, January 10, 17, and 24. It is required that all classes be attended in order to become an Altar Server.



NEWEST CATHOLICS

We welcome into the Church the following infants who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 23, 2001:

John Roe Frederiksen son of John and Michell
Andrew Ricardo Paredes son of Samuel and Christine

BISHOP'S BREAKFAST JANUARY 13

The Holy Name Society is pleased to announce Bishop Grahmann will be celebrating 8:00 am Mass, and attending the annual Holy Name Society Bishop's Breakfast afterward on January 13, 2002. We encourage all parishioners to attend this annual event in honor of Bishop Grahmann. The Past presidents of the Holy Name Society whip-up a fantastic breakfast to be enjoyed by all beginning at 9:00 am in the cafeteria, with Bishop Grahmann speaking afterward.



THE ANNUAL STA AUCTION 2002

An American in Paris - February 9, 2002 at the Infomart. Make plans now to attend. Call Annette DiCarlo (214.821.8608) for information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

The Parish Council is accepting applications for board members. If interested in serving on the Parish Council, please contact the parish office or Terry O'Brien (214.361.9883) for application.

THE STA COOKBOOK

The beautiful, brand new cookbook, *Savory Samplings of STA*, featuring almost 1,000 recipes is now available. The cost is \$20.00. For information on purchasing cookbooks, please call Sandy Stansbury (214.824.1998), Gina Hansen (214.987.4591) or Stephanie Todora (214.691.8350).

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS

All men of our parish are invited to join Deacon Ken each Thursday morning at 6:45 am in the St. Joseph Room. We will talk about "guy things" as they relate to our spiritual journey. There is no registration, no dues, and no book (except your Bible.) So, if you miss a week, or two, or three...you won't be lost when you come back the next time.

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2002

The apostleship of Prayer Group has provided pamphlets entitled "Pope John Paul II's Monthly Intentions - 2002" in the pamphlet rack in the rear of the church. Please take one for your use throughout the New Year.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

General Intention: "A Strengthening of united Christian efforts to announce Jesus Christ." Mission Intention: "Renewed commitment to evangelize in very aspect of work and life."

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Members of the Apostleship of Prayer will meet thing Friday, January 4, at 2:00 pm in the St. Matthew Room. Members of the apostleship of Prayer will pray for the special intentions of parishioners. These prayers are intended for a sick relative or friend, someone who will undergo an operation, someone with a special need, etc. Please call Salem or Lu McLean (214.692.5105) and leave the name of the person to be prayed for or the special intention requested.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements for 2001 church contributions will be mailed in January upon written request to the parish business office.

Sunday 10:00 am Nursery
No Nursery
Christmas & New Year's Holiday



TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday, December 29:			
4:00 pm	Richard Joseph Louis Adams	Jane Baldwin Sheila Dohm Cindy Haynes	Elizabeth Peacock Kenneth Peacock Mary Gengel
Sunday, December 30:			
8:00 am	Dick Gunst Jerry McCoy	Jim Parkerson Richard McCoy Ann Gunst	Lauren Cordova Collette Cochran Joseph Phillpott
10:00 am	Greg Hultgren Cindy Moses Gamer	Maureen Sorrells Rose Hultgren Cecina Koeijmans	Mary Buechler Maggie Schwab Alex Wentz
12:00 noon	Annette Hunt Kerry Fitzgerald	Julie Bozarth Mary Pat Riggins Kim Campise	Sarah Dickson Natalie Flores Star Fraga
5:00 pm	Karen McCormick Julie Kroll	Skip McGuire Raymond McDaniel Therese McDaniel	Andrew Collins Briar Carter John Castro

DID YOU KNOW

that modern Natural Family Planning is 99% effective? NFP classes for married couples start Sunday, January 6 at 3:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. For more information or to register, contact Colleen Hammond (940.612.1999 or chammond@starband.net).



JANUARY 1, A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

In response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, the U. S. bishops have designated January 1, 2002 (a Holy Day of Obligation), as a National Day of Prayer for Peace and have invited all Catholics to pray the rosary to seek the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace. Bishop Grahmann will celebrate a Midnight Mass for Peace at the Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe on New Years Eve, and encourages all parished to promote the message of peace.

URSULINE ACADEMY'S ANNUAL MARDI GRAS BALL

will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Adams Mark Hotel. Come celebrate an evening with dinner, live and silent auction, entertainment, and a chance to win a 2002 SAAB Convertible or a 2002 GMC Yukon XL. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Reservations and car raffle tickets are available; please call 469.232.3964.

URSULINE ENTRANCE EXAM

Ursuline Academy entrance testing will take place on January 12 and 19, 2002. All students who would like to take the test must be pre-registered. Please call 469-232-1839 for registration information.

PERFORMANCE OF MESSIAH POSTPONED

The local chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians has postponed indefinitely their performance of Handel's Messiah, which was scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2002 at Our Lady of the Lake in Rockwall. This concert will be rescheduled at a later date.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Catholic Diocese of Dallas Black Catholic Network will sponsor a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Remembrance *Living the Legacy: Giving Back to the Community* on January 12, 2002, 2-5 pm. This will be a community outreach day with story telling, healthy living sessions, a blood drive, health screenings, and will end with an ecumenical prayer service at 4:15 pm. The event will be held at Holy Cross Church Thea Bowman Hall and Cross Family Center, 4906 and 4910 Bonnie View Road at Ledbetter (behind Wells Fargo Bank). Call 214.528.2360, ext. 330 for more information. Call Rita Rivera (214.528.2360, ext. 330) for more information or to schedule your blood donation.

MASS ATTENDANCE last Sunday: 2,808
MASS ATTENDANCE Christmas: 5,056

I am the New Year,

And I come to you pure and unstained,
Fresh from the hand of God.

Each day, a precious pearl, to you is given
That you may string upon the silver thread of life.
Once strung it can never be unthreaded,
But stays, an undying record of your faith and skill.

Each golden minute-link,
You then must weld into the chain of hours
That is no stronger than its weakest link.

Into your hands is given all the wealth and power
To make your life just what you will.

I give to you, free and unstinted,
Twelve glorious months
Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;
The days of work and rest,
The nights for peaceful slumber.

All that I have I give with love unspoken.
All that I ask — you keep the faith unbroken.

— from *Catholic Quote*

