



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. John Libone, *Administrator*
 Msgr. John T. Gulczynski, *Pastor Emeritus*
 Rev. Mr. Kenneth Reisor, *Deacon*
 Rev. Mr. Rick Harrington, *Deacon*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Parish: 8:00 a.m. - Monday-Friday (English)

Mater Dei Latin Mass Community: 6:30 a.m., Monday-Friday; 8:00 a.m., Saturday

Confessions: Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon, in writing

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon & 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Religious Book & Gift Shop

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Jude Library: 214-821-3360, x 284

Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Saturday 3:00-6:00 p.m.

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, x 236

Mr. Travis Powell, *Associate Director*

214-821-3450

School Offices

3741 Abrams Road • 214-826-0566

Mrs. Marty Frauenheim, *Principal*

Preschool, 214-823-8493

Youth Ministry

Mr. Tim Koscheski, *Director*

214-821-3360, x 251

Family Life Ministry

Rev. Mr. Ken Reisor, *Director*

214-821-3360, x 321

Parish Organizations

Altar Society	Olivia Forgey	214-823-8810
Apostleship of Prayer	Salem McLean	214-692-5105
Book Club	Rose Elsom	214-739-8887
Grief Ministry	Message Center	214-821-3360, x 241
Holy Name Society	Brad Peters	214-827-2297
Knights of Columbus	Joe Davis	214-320-9165
Legion of Mary	Mary Wilson	214-660-8268
Little Flower Missionary Society	Mary Ann Lopresto	214-826-1076
Mothers' Association	Tish Yoxall	214-823-4124
Parish Council	Terry O'Brien	214-341-3907
Pro-Life Organization	Kassi Marks	972-675-3896
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Center	214-823-4645
School Advisory Council	Tony Campise	214-827-0619
School Parents' Assoc.	Sandy Stansbury	214-824-1998
Boy Scouts	Jim Krieger	214-827-1546
Cub Scouts	Kellie Blakely	214-887-6511
Girl Scouts	Joan Kimber	214-828-1175
Scripture Study	Louis Freitas	214-340-5692
Senior Club	Angela Rust	214-691-7247
STA Booster Club	Drew Watson	214-821-5173
STACS (Singles)	Meg Galligan	214-392-1505
Ushers	David Dozier	214-324-3562
Funeral Ushers	Mike Piacquadio	972-495-5490
Young Marrieds	Gino & Rita Rossini	214-515-9519
	Michael & Christine Kobeck	214-321-1585

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.

BAPTISM: 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 Suzi McKinney, 214-346-9698.

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.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:00 pm	Thomas La Russa †
MONDAY	8:00 am	Tony A. Mentesana †
TUESDAY	8:00 am	Rosalie Ventura †
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	Leone Chamberlain †
THURSDAY	8:00 am	Special Intention
FRIDAY	8:00 am	Anna Pace †
SUNDAY	12:00 pm	Rose Hrubetz †

Visits to the Sick

Please let us know when a member is ill or elderly, or in the hospital or facing surgery. If possible please do not wait until it becomes an emergency, when a visit and prayer and perhaps the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick may be appropriate and helpful, so that we can do our best to attend to the people in need.

In Memoriam

In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Myrne Drouet, Neddie Meachem (mother of Mary Meachem), and Kathleen Muir (mother of Regina Muir).

Pray for the sick

Please pray for those who are ill: Hank Sadecky, Ted Cantu, Jr., Regina Smith, Yvonne McLaren.

C. C. D. Classes Resume Today

Classes for our parish Confraternity of Christian Doctrine students resume today, Sunday, January 12.

Classes for New Eucharistic Ministers

Would you like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister here at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church? If you are a confirmed, practicing Catholic and would like to serve, please plan to attend **one** of the training sessions **either** on Wednesday night, Jan. 15th **or** on Tuesday night, Jan. 21. Both sessions are scheduled in the church at 7 pm.

Classes for New Lectors

Do you have the gift to be able to stand before a large group of people and read God's Word? Have you felt called to volunteer as a reader at Mass? Well, now's your opportunity. If you are a confirmed, practicing Catholic and would like to serve, plan to attend the Training Sessions for new Readers, on Wednesday night, January 22nd, in the Church at 7 pm.

Ushers are Urgently Needed

Ushers are urgently needed for the 5 pm Sunday Mass. Men and women who would like to serve the parish as an Usher, are encouraged to please call David Dozier (214.324.3562) as soon as possible.

The Spirit Parish Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the February/March issue of *The Spirit* is this week, Wednesday, January 15, at 5 pm. Articles of your STA school or parish organization's recent and coming events, meetings, achievements, trips, and photographs are welcome. Photos may be originals, digital, on a disk, or e-mailed. Please call 214.821.3360 if you have any questions.

Newest Catholics

We welcome into the Church the following infants who were baptized on January 5, 2003:

Dominic Gibson	son of John and Alyssa
Summer Paige Keller	daughter of Jeffrey and Robyn
Hanna Nicole Pena	daughter of Venancio and Amy
Matthew Lawrence Romack	son of Mark and Leigh

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 12, 2003 The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:45 am CCD Classes grades 1-12—School
- 10:00 am Preschool CCD & Sunday Nursery—Preschool
- 11:00 am STACS—St. Maron Room
- 1:30 pm SALEA—St. Matthew Room
- 3:00 pm Family Eucharistic Adoration—Church
- 4:15 pm St. Cecilia Choir—Music Room
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir—Music Room
- 6:00 pm High School Youth Night—Drama Room, Church
- 6:00 pm Catholic Scouting Board of Review—Cafeteria
- 6:00 pm Men's CRHP Meeting—St. Maron Room
- 6:00 pm Women's CRHP Meeting—St. Joseph Room

Monday, January 13

- 4:00 pm Altar Server Training—Church
- 6:30 pm St. Mary-St. Joseph Choir—Music Room
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society—St. Matthew Room
- 6:30 pm Alhambra—Cafeteria
- 7:00 pm Parish Council—St. Maron Room
- 7:30 pm St. Francis de Sales Choir—Music Room

Tuesday, January 14

- 4:00 pm Altar Server Training—Church
- 6:30 pm High School Youth Scripture Study—St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm Evening Rosary—Church
- 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Circle—St. Matthew Room

Wednesday, January 15

- 5:00 pm *The Spirit* Newsletter Deadline
- 6:00 pm High School Youth Group goes to XLT; back at 9 pm
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Gr K-3 Father-Daughter Dinner—Cafeteria
- 7:00 pm Training Meeting for new Eucharistic Ministers - Church
- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary—St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Choir—Music Room
- 8:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Leaders Meeting—St. Joseph Room

Thursday, January 16

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group—St. Maron Room
- 4:00 pm Pages of the Blessed Sacrament Youth—St. Joseph Room
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Gr. 4-8 Father-Daughter Dinner—Cafeteria
- 7:00 pm Grade 8A Play—Drama Room
- 7:30 pm R. C. I. A. Class—Church, St. Anne Hall

Friday, January 17

- 9:30 am Mothers' Rosary—Church
- 6:00 pm Jr. High School Youth Night—Drama Room
- 6:15 pm Parents' Night Out—Preschool

Young Marrieds

Game Night will be Saturday, January 18th at 7:30 pm at the Kobeck's. Come and bring your favorite game! Snacks and sweets will be served. RSVP to Michael and Christine 214.321.1585 by Friday, January 17th. All are welcome! *Catholic and Christian* is the book that we will be discussing in February. Make plans to attend our meetings on Wednesday, February 5th and 19th at 7:30 pm in the St. Therese Room. Deacon Ken Reisor will be leading the discussions of the book by Alan Schreck. *Catholic and Christian* explores Catholic beliefs with the aim of helping Catholics better understand their faith, and its similarities and differences with other Christian traditions. Please get your copy now to give yourself the opportunity to read this worthwhile book before the meetings. For more information, including help locating the book for purchase, call Rita and Gino 214.515.9519.

Grief Recovery Program

The Grief Recovery Spring Session will begin on Monday, January 20, in the Rectory. Daytime and evening sessions available. The 9-week, 2-hour meetings, planned to alleviate grief from the death of a loved one are facilitated by an experienced, certified grief counselor. Groups are limited to 7 members and reservations are required. For more information and to make a reservation call Mary Gilhooly (214.363.8398).—**NEW!** In addition to the program described above, Cathy Grimes will lead an ongoing group in grief recovery on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the rectory at 7 pm. These meetings are for people who have completed the 9-week program or who feel the need to have some grief support on a continuing basis. Call Cathy for a reservation (214.328.5112).

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Singles (STACS)

Join STACS for fun and fellowship. Today, Sunday the 12th, meet in the St. Maron Room after 10:00 am Mass for **Faith Sharing** as we discuss today's Gospel. Tuesday the 14th, it's **Dinner with Friends at Lalibela**; please RSVP to Meg 214.392.1505. Wednesday the 15th, join us for **Jesus 'N'Java at Legal Grounds**, 2015 Abrams; call Karin 214.287.0284 for info. Saturday the 18th, meet in the church parking lot at 10:45 am for **Feed the Hungry**; call Mark 214.522.9412 for details. Also the 18th, join us for **Stump the Deacon** with Deacon Ken at 1 pm in the St. Maron Room; call Karin 214.827.0284 for more information. For membership information, please call Elizabeth 214.826.1022.

Pro-Life Group Meeting

Please join the STA Pro-Life Group for its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 pm in the St. Matthew Room. Included in the discussion will be the 30th Anniversary of Row v. Wade Memorial Mass and Rosary Procession, which will take place on Saturday, January 18. We will also discuss events being held the remainder of the year. Any questions, please call David Davidson, Pro-Life Coordinator, 214.750.9197. Please make plans to attend and meet some wonderful people dedicated to the "Gospel of Life." We hope to see you there!

Youth Matters...

High School Youth Don't Miss XLT! Join teens from all over the diocese for a night of prayer, praise, and worship at All Saints Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 15th! All 9th thru 12th Grade students are invited to join us for this awesome experience. We will meet at 6 pm in the STA Youth Office and be back by 9 pm. Please call Tim if you having any questions 214.794.4110.

Hey! 3rd thru 5th Graders! What are ya doing on Thursday afternoons? Sitting around? Watching TV? Playing on PS2? Doing homework?!! Why not join other kids for fun activities, snacks, singing, and learn about your Catholic faith in the meantime?!! Come to PBS on Thursdays from 4-5:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room! We look forward to seeing you there!

Shhhhh!!! It's the best kept secret at STA!! If you're in 6th-8th Grade, come to the next Junior High Youth Night on Friday, January 17th from 7-10 pm in the Drama Room! You'll have a fantastic time playing games, talking to friends, and yes...learning about your faith too! Bring \$2 for Mexican Food Night! Call the hotline for the latest info 214-794-4110.

Something for the Parents too! All parents are invited to attend lunch and a seminar on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 11 am-1 pm. Join Mary Lee Becker as she presents **Living and Working with Young Adolescents: Fun or Frustrating?** Find out how to respond effectively to their changing and expanding needs. Discover ways to enjoy and engage them in learning and life at church, school and home. the seminar is free, but we ask that you bring \$5 for lunch. Please call Tim for more info 214.794.4110.

St. Thomas Mothers' Association

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, Jan. 22 STA's very own Sheila Blonien presents *Birth Party Planning*. Come learn how to plan the perfect party for your child; **10:00 am** in the **St. Maron Room**. Childcare drop-off and **pre-speaker social** begin at **9:30 am**. Please call Cathy Ranspot 214.696.0478 from Jan. 13th through Jan. 20th to make your childcare reservation.—**JANUARY CHARITY** **St. Vincent de Paul Society is having a food drive** to restock their shelves after the holidays. Please donate canned fruits, vegetables, meats (tuna, chicken, chili, vienna sausages); soups, dried beans, rice, pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned tomato products, peanut butter, jelly. Please no giant cans of food or perishable items. Items may be placed in the collection boxes in the vestibule. Cash donations are also always welcome. Thank you for your kindness.

Today's Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday, January 11:			
4:00 pm	Robert Contreras Richard Joseph	Deacon Reisor Frank LaBarba Jo LaBara	Andrea Graham Katherine Gresback Millerann Jockel
Sunday, January 12:			
8:00 am	Karen Purvis Mary E. Parra	Jim Parkerson Ann Gunst Dick Gunst	Victor Flores Anthony Marhanka Loren Hayes
10:00 am	Cindy M. Garner Joanne Smith	Deacon Reisor Julia Murad Dottie Lucas	Ava Garner Alexandra Infanzon Benjamin Monk
12:00 pm	Patrick Hickman Jim Kreiger	Deacon Harrington Ann Lerner Jerry Lerner	Cole Joiner Brain Caviness Matthew Hansen
5:00 pm	Julia Kroll Barbara Pittman	Donna Lestage Jim Rossman David Pittman	Elisa Bennett Kate Bost Collette Cochran

Holy Name Society's Annual Mass with Bishop

The annual Holy Name Society's annual Mass with the Bishop will be held next weekend, on Sunday, January 19, at 8 am Mass. Bishop Galante will celebrate Mass and give the homily, and be the guest speaker at the breakfast following Mass. All parishioners are invited.

Parish Men's Superbowl Social

On Sunday, January 26th, the Holy Name Society is hosting a meeting in St. Anne's Hall to discuss the pros and cons of NFL professional football. Big Screen TV's for analysis will be provided along with cold drinks and refreshments. The meeting will start at gametime and conclude with the last whistle. All parish men are invited,

Check out the Parish Website

To check the website go to www.stthomasaquinas.org for information, updates, the bulletin, *The Spirit* newsletter, and much more.

Contribution Statements

Contributions for 2002 Church contributions will be mailed in January upon written request to the parish business office.

Volunteers needed !!

The Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, whose purpose is to serve the poor, is much in need of people to work in our emergency assistance office in East Dallas. The work consists of taking calls from social agencies who are requesting some type of financial aid for their clients. You would work one day a week; no background in social work is necessary. Training will be given. If you are interested, we would be happy to talk with you. Please call Helen Sindermann 214.368.7785.

Respite Training

Respite is a volunteer program designed to give temporary relief to the caregivers of the sick and elderly. A training session is scheduled for January 18, at Prince of Peace Church in Plano. The hours are 8:30 am to 12 noon. Both men and women are invited to attend and learn more about this valuable work. For information and reservations, call Ellen Musantry, Respite Coordinator, 214.629.0529 or Dorothy O'Brien, 214.824.8922.

Last Week Jan. 4/5, 2003

Attendance: 3,253

Collection: \$28,667

Debt Reduction: \$2,042

End of the Year donations: \$17,584.

January 1, 2003

Feast of Mary,

Mother of God:

Attendance: 1,103