



Mission Statement:

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, through our cultural diversity, united in our expressions of faith, lives the Gospel message in our neighborhood through worship, education, service, and advocacy.



**St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Community**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – APRIL 13, 2025



Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:00PM (English)

6:00PM (Spanish)

Sunday:

8:00AM (Vietnamese)

10:00AM (English)

12:00PM (Indonesian)

5:00 PM Spanish

Holidays: 8:30AM (Church)

Weekdays: 8:30AM (Chapel)

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
Palm Sunday of The Passion of the
Lord 2025**

Saturday April 12

4:00 PM Joseph Anzideo Jr. by his
parents

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

SUNDAY APRIL 13

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

Monday April 14

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday April 15

8:30 AM For migrants and their
advocates and caregivers

Wednesday April 16

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday April 17

HOLY THURSDAY

- **7:00 PM** The Lord's Supper
Multicultural Mass
- **8:00 PM to 9:00 PM** - Silent Adoration

Friday April 18

GOOD FRIDAY

- **8:30 AM** Morning Prayers
- **3:00** Liturgy of the Passion of the
Lord (English)

Saturday April 19

HOLY SATURDAY - April 19

8:30 AM Morning Prayers (Church)

7:00 PM Multicultural Mass

Sunday April 20

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

Services Available For Our Parishioners

Mass Intentions: If you wish to schedule a Mass for your loved ones, please contact our rectory, and we will try to accommodate your request in the best possible way.

Yearly Memorial Candle: Remember your beloved deceased by keeping a memorial candle lit for them all year.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund: Donations are assigned a week and posted in the weekly bulletin. Families will receive a memorial card with the week and donation received. Forms can be picked up at the Rectory.

Prayer request for the sick: If you would like us to include the name of your intention in the bulletin for prayer, please contact the rectory.

Leaving a Legacy: Please remember St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1719 Morris St. (our legal title) in your will. Your legacy will help support our mission and allow us to serve future needs generations.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers
Those Who Are Sick**

Sr. Ellen Convey, Ivonne Gaskins, Sybil William
Giovanna Ventura -Leon De Fulgentis - Deborah Brady,
Joseph Hanlon, Henry McCallister, April DeMatto,
Mike Tatersley, Dolores Smith, Linda Nowlin, Daria
Ward, Lacey Terreri, Karen Scott Precise -Diane
Barsuglia- Shondell Ayala-Copeland, Timothy Joseph
McCloskey, Timothy Michael McCloskey, Isaac Davis,
Maria Figueroa, Daniel Lorenzo Fernandez, Dwight
Alexander - Phillis Alexander, Theresa Giosa, Concetta
Parker, Ulises Lopes, Ana Colon, -Theresa
Giosa ,Stephan Todd- Ryan, Catherine Todd, Gwen
Munson, April DeMatto, Adeline Ostobile, John Daniel,
Virginia Tinkler- Moore, Robert Salvadore, Margaret
Coleman, Ada Roebuck, Lilian Offord, David
Anderson, Helen Zungolo, Bryan DeSanto.
Frank Diodato .

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

By Fr. Dominic Tran Minh Duc

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of a holy week unlike any other. Who is meant to follow the Master, who will leave Him and go into hiding? Enemies like Herod and Pilate will become friends. A kiss and a warm embrace, signs of affection will become signs of death. The innocent is found guilty while murderers like Barabas go free. Simple bread and wine will become the Body and Blood of the Savior. And when all seems lost, who appears to be a tragic failure crucified for blasphemy and treason, becomes the triumphant Lord of lords, King of kings, and conqueror of death—for himself and for us all.

Jesus had symbolically walked the long way of the Cross ever since he became flesh and dwelled among us. In becoming a man, except for sin, Jesus chose to share everything that makes us human. In emptying himself on the Cross, Jesus asks us to share everything that makes him divine, including pain and suffering. Jesus wants us to keep watch with him like the Apostles at Gethsemane, he

wants us to be with him in the Upper Room, in the high priest's jail before Herod, at his scourging and on the path to Calvary. We are to stay by his side when many of those he loved refused to be with him in his hour of need.

Jesus had known the hour would come ever since he was baptized. For almost three years, Jesus knew there was a target painted on his back, but He kept on teaching, preaching, working miracles, and changing lives, knowing that time was short and the need was great. When he came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, he knew that the same people calling him a king would soon be calling for his death. He loved them anyway. He knew his closest followers were going to betray, deny and abandon him. He loved them anyway. In much the same way, Jesus knows the times when we have betrayed, denied and abandoned him by our sins and selfishness, and he loves us anyway.

Who is this king who rides on a beast of burden? How

do people who celebrate Him so quickly move to condemn him? Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week raise many questions, but more importantly, they raise our hopes of new life after death, light from darkness, and sorrow and pain giving way to joy and hope. Today and every day of this holiest week of the year, we share the suffering of Jesus and his blood-soaked tears. In the Body and Blood that we are about to receive, we taste of a life that never ends, one that was born of suffering and of love. The true Christian, like our Lord, must accept the sour with the sweet and trust in the Lord all the while.

There are many characters in the Passion play that begins to unfold for us today: some heroic, some despised. What role are you going to play? Perhaps we can all best relate to the so-called good thief who cries out to Jesus: Remember me when you come into your Kingdom! We hope that we, too, might hear our dying Savior say: Today you will be with me in paradise!

May God bless you all

Fr. Dominic

Your brother in Christ

Parish Organizations

- **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality : First Sunday of the Month (10:00 Am Mass.)**
- **Concerned Black Catholics: Third Sunday of the Month (10:00 AM Mass). Please call Daria Ward regarding the new breakfast service after their 10 AM monthly Mass.**

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dominic Tran Minh Duc

Pastor

Rev. Wilmer Chirino-Gonzalez

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Markus Hermawan

Indonesian Ministry

Deacon Cristobal Chavac

Hispanic Ministry

Ms. Karina Fernandez

Parish Business Manager

Ms. Joanne Gledhill

Director of Religious Ed.

Mrs. Ruth Maldonado

Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the Rectory for arrangements

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Confessions

Before every Mass or call the rectory for an appointment.

OCIA "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults"

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic is invited to participate in this process.

Contact the rectory for details.

Parish Registration

New residents of our neighborhood are invited to join the parish by calling the rectory. Those that are moving out of the parish are asked to please inform the parish secretary.

Weekly Announcements- April 13, 2025

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE **St. Thomas Aquinas Parish 1719 Morris St.** **Philadelphia, PA 19145**

- **April 13- Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord**
- 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil English
- 6:00 PM Saturday Vigil Spanish
- 8:00 AM Vietnamese Sunday English
- 10:00 AM Sunday English
- 12:00 PM Sunday -Indonesian
- 5:00 PM Sunday Spanish
- **April 17 - Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper**
- 7:00 PM The lord's Supper- Multicultural Mass
- 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Silent Adoration
- **April 18 - Holy Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
- 8:30 AM- Morning Prayer - All Welcome - Church
- 10:00 AM Indonesian Stations of the Cross- (Church)
- 2:00 PM Seven Last words, Spanish (Chapel)
- 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (English)
- 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord Indonesian
- 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord Vietnamese
- **April 19 - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**
- 8:30 AM - Morning Prayers - English -All are Welcome
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil - Multicultural Mass
- **April 20 -Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord**
- 8:00AM Vietnamese
- 10:00 AM English
- 12:00 PM Indonesian
- 5:00 PM Spanish

- **Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**
Saturdays and Sundays before every Mass:
- **Stations of the Cross** Spanish -Friday 8pm (church) / Indonesian Friday 7:00 pm (Church)
Vietnamese 7:00 pm (Every Wednesday in the Chapel)

Lent = Give + Fast + Pray
Abstinence every Friday during Lent
Fasting on Good Friday & abstinence
ages 14 + 59

"In this Holy Week of Christ's Passion, remembering His unjust death, I remember in a special way all the victims of war crimes. As I call for prayers for them, let us raise a supplication to God that the hearts of all may be converted,"
-Pope Francis

St. Thomas Aquinas welcomes and congratulates the following new Catholics through the Christian Initiation of Adults at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 19, 2025.
Kevin Cassar and Ivan Dominguez Atriano as Catechumens who are been called to show good example of the Christian life as they progress in their Baptismal life in the Trinity!

Join us in making our neighborhood safer! Please
Attend a Town Hall meeting with a police representative from the **17th District of South Philadelphia on April 16 at 6 PM held at the Aquinas Center . Everyone is welcome!!**

Mental Health Minute

Did you Know that 17 of U.S. youth ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year. you are not alone for Catholic mental help support visit

- <https://www.nami.org/about-mental-illness/mental-health-by-the-number>
- www.archphila.org/support

Save the Dates St. Vincent de Paul Society Presents : Charlie Zahm in Concert. May 4, 2025 @ 2PM. St. Richards Church 1810 Pollock St. Philadelphia, PA 19145. <https://charliezahm.com/> Purchased at the door on May 4th will be \$ 20 for adults .All proceeds go to benefit our Neighbors in need. Thank you in advance for your support!!

SAVE THE DATE -Shredding Event: Saturday, **May 10th 11 am - 1pm** - South Philadelphia High School - 2101 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA . State Sen. Nikil Saval is co-hosting the event, and there is a two bag limit per person.



Help communities around the world affected by hunger and poverty. For more information on CRS Rice Bowl, visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> The Rice Bowl boxes will be placed in the back of the church. Thank you for your Generosity!

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor -Abril 13, 2025

*Reflexión del Domingo de Ramos.
¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor,
¡el Rey de Israel! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!*

El Domingo de Ramos abre la Semana Santa de la pasión del Señor. Hoy contemplamos a Jesús que se acerca al término de su vida y se presenta como el Mesías esperado por el pueblo, que fue enviado por Dios y vino en su nombre a traer la paz y la salvación.

Nuestra celebración comienza con un «¡Hosanna!» y concluye con un «¡Crucifícale!». La palma del triunfo y la cruz de la Pasión: no es un contrasentido; es, más bien, el centro del misterio que queremos proclamar. Jesús se entregó voluntariamente a la Pasión, no fue oprimido por fuerzas mayores que él. Afrontó libremente la muerte en la cruz, y en la muerte triunfó.

Así pues, hermanas y hermanos que en esta celebración expresemos nuestra gratitud y nuestro amor a Aquel que se sacrificó por nosotros, al Siervo de Dios que, como había dicho el profeta, no se rebeló ni se echó atrás, ofreció la espalda a los que lo golpeaban, y no ocultó su rostro a insultos y salvazos.

Pidamos la intercesión de nuestra madre la Virgen María. Ella nos enseña el gozo del encuentro con Cristo, el amor con el que debemos mirarlo al pie de la cruz, el entusiasmo del corazón joven con el que hemos de seguirlo en esta Semana Santa y durante toda nuestra vida. Amén.

MENSAJE DE LA SEMANA SANTA

Después de la entrada triunfal en Jerusalén, ahora nos toca asistir a la institución de la Eucaristía, orar junto al Señor en el Huerto de los Olivos y acompañarle por el doloroso camino que termina en la Cruz. Por eso, la Iglesia invita a todos los fieles a reflexionar sobre las celebraciones del Triduo Santo, que comenzarán con la Misa Crismal y terminarán con la Gran Vigilia de Pascua.

La Resurrección del Señor nos abre las puertas a la vida eterna, su triunfo sobre la muerte es la victoria definitiva sobre el pecado. Este hecho hace del domingo de Resurrección la celebración más importante de todo el año litúrgico y para todos Católicos Cristianos Romano.

*Horario para la Celebración de la
Semana Santa en Santo Tomas de
Aquino 1719 Morris St. Philadelphia,
PA 19145*



• **Sabado Abril 12 y Domingo 13** **Domingo de Ramos - La Pasión de** **Nuestro Señor Jesucristo**

- Sabado 4:00 PM Misa de vigilia en Ingles
- Sabado 6:00 PM Misa de Vigilia en Español
- Domingo 10:00 AM Misa en Ingles
- Domingo 5:00 PM Misa en Español
- **Abril 17 Jueves Santo- La Cena Del Señor**
- **7:00 PM Santa Misa Lavatorio de los Pies**
- 8:00 - 9:00 PM / Adoration al Santisimo
- **Abril 18 - Viernes Santo - Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo**
- 8:30 AM Oracion de la mañana. (Iglesia)
- **2:00 PM Las Siete Palabras en español /Capilla**
- **3:00 PM Las Siete Palabras en Ingles / Iglesia**
- **Abril 19 - Sabado Santo - Vigilia Pascual -**
- 8:30 AM de la mañana (Iglesia)
- 7:00 PM Misa de Pascua - Multicultural
- **Abril 20 - Domingo de Resurrección del Señor**
- 10 AM Misa en Ingles
- 5:00 PM Misa en Español /Todos son Bienvenidos

Nota de Agradecimiento: En nombre de la Familia hispana de Santo Tomas de Aquino damos las gracias a Ms. Tamara Contreras del Consulado de Mejico por su gran aporte informativo para toda nuestra comunidad el pasado Domingo Abril 7 . Aca esta su informacion por preguntas y prestacion de servicios.

Tamara Contreras y Gonzaga Rodríguez
Coordinadora del Departamento de Asuntos
Comunitarios
Community Affairs Coordinator

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Confesiones antes de las
Misas los Sabados a las
6pm y los Domingos 5pm.

Para ver el bulletin de Santo
Tómas en línea vaya a [https://
www.church-bulletin.org/?i](https://www.church-bulletin.org/?i)

Charlas con el Distrito 17th de la Policia
Miercoles Abril 16 en el Aquinas Center a
las 6PM. Todos son bienvenidos



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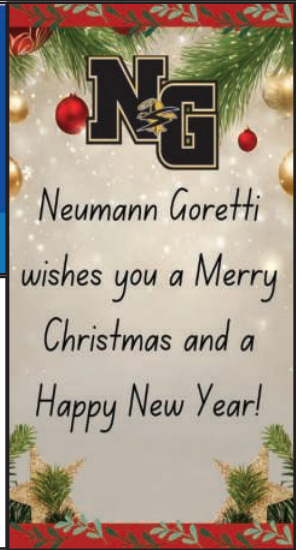
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