



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,



**St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Community**

The Transfiguration of Jesus

March 1st , 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b



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 the
Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday - March 1st.**

Saturday February 28

8:30 am People of the Parish

4:00 PM Dolores Diodato
by Frank Diodato

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday March 1st.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:00 AM Sodality members of St.
Thomas Aquinas

12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

5:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday March 2nd

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday March 3rd

8:30 AM People of the parish

Wednesday March 4th

8:30 AM People of the parish

Thursday March 5th

8:30 am Healing Mass for
Fr. Daniel Dinardo

Friday March 6

Abstinence day

8:30 am Healing Mass for
Sr. Josephina Mendez

Saturday March 7

8:30 am People of the Parish

4:00 PM Paul Litecky by

Ms. Barbara Inforzato

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:00 AM Ms. Clorinda Guarino by
Mr. Paul & Karen Della Porta

12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

5:00 pm Spanish Mass

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus".

1 Thessalonians 5:18



***Thank you for your continued
Generosity and Support!***

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.

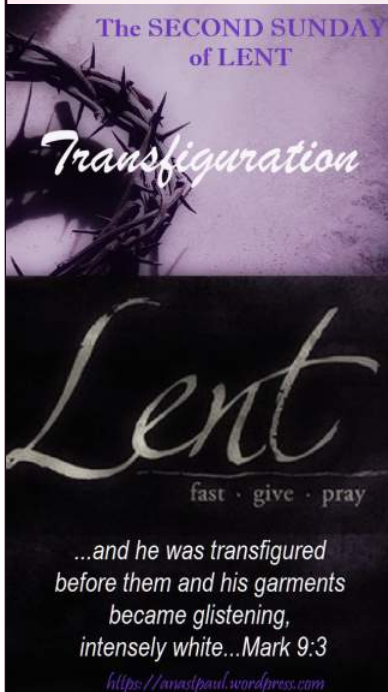
**Please Remember In Your Prayers
Those Who Are Sick**

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**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

PASTOR'S CORNER



Second Sunday of Lent March 1st, 2026

Is it possible to fully share in the life of other people without listening to them? We may know them and admire them, but to fully share in their lives we must listen to what they have to say. The revelations of one's thoughts and ideas, beliefs and values, come to us through listening.

Even those who cannot speak draw us into their lives by other ways as they communicate their thoughts to us.

Jesus knew the importance of listening and taught this to his disciples. He wanted to fully share his life, his knowledge, and his glory with them. In a particular way, our Heavenly Father confirms the importance of listening to the words of Jesus. The beautiful scene of the Transfiguration is crowned with the voice of God saying: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." These words of our Heavenly Father reaffirmed the identity of Jesus as God's son and put the seal of authenticity and authority on the words of Jesus. Thus, the Father commands that the disciples listen to his son in order to understand the revelation of his life and love, the mysteries of the kingdom, and the means by which to share in his glory.

Listening to the Lord opens the life of a disciple to know the Lord and his ways and moves one to desire a greater unity with him. Listening means more than hearing. If a disciple wants to be one with Christ, the words must be put into action. A share in the

resurrection and glory of Christ and in eternal life awaits the disciple who receives the word of God and puts it into practice. Unity with Christ begins in this life and is carried into eternity.

In the account of the Transfiguration, we get a glimpse of the glory of Christ. We are given this blessing so as to encounter and strengthen us as we embrace the life of Christ which always leads us to the Cross. Physical pain or suffering, the daily demands of family life and work, the struggle to reject temptation and to do good face every one of us. We want to be one with our Savior. We want to do what He asks us to do. So we come to this vision of glory and draw strength from its revelation and promise for our lives.

For us the main purpose of Lent is to be drawn ever more deeply into the life of God. If we listen closely to God, we hear his command to listen to his beloved Son. To share in Christ's glory, we listen and follow. This is our hope, our blessing, and our salvation in Christ.

**Fr. Dominic
May God Bless you all!**

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 contact Daria Ward regarding the new breakfast service for CBS of St.. Thomas Aquinas .*

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.

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

Save the date: Triduum Schedule 2026

Holy Thursday - April 2nd

7:00 pm Multi-languages Mass

Good Friday - April 3rd. Passion of the Cross

Spanish 12:00 pm (Chapel)
English 3:00 pm (Church)
Indonesian 5:00 Pm
Vietnamese 7 :00 Pm

Holy Saturday April 4th Easter vigil

7:00 pm Multi- languages Mass

Easter Sunday April 5th

8:00 am Vietnamese
10:00 am English
12:00 pm Indonesian
5:00 pm Spanish

*Confessions before each Mass
or make an appointment at 215.334.2312*

CRS's Rice Bowl . As we enter the second week of Lent with the CRS Rice Bowl,

reflect on the Transfiguration, where Jesus reveals His glory, guiding us through dark moments toward hope. This week, focus on solidarity by turning fasting into compassion, recognizing that our sacrifices help communities access nutritious food and foster a global family.

St. Thomas Aquinas is supporting Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. Please pick up a rice bowl at the church entrances. We will collect the rice bowls in the church after Lent. Click on the title for more information. t <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>



*Consecration of the United States of America to Sacred Heart of Jesus
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*and National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
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The year 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. In honor of this occasion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops(USCCB) are planning two national initiatives.

- The first is a solemn act of consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026.
- The second is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in which the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession through the east coast of the USA, culminating in Philadelphia on July 2-5,2026
- For more information go to Archphila.org/underGod

*St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Announcements*

- **Tax Letters** : If you would like to receive a tax letter 2025, please contact the rectory by phone 215 334 2312 or email rmaldonado@staquinas.com
- Kindly include your envelope number, full name, and mailing address so the letter can be sent to you.Thank you for your assistance.
- **The 2026 Mass Intentions is OPEN.** Please call the Parish Office at 215.334.2312 or email
- **Citizenship** : If you have had your Green Card for at least 3 years and speak English, you are eligible for an interview with Sister Fran. Please contact the rectory for more information at 215.334.2312

Online Giving is available

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Readings for Mass for this Week.Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops usccb.org/bible/readings

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma - Marzo 1, 2026

Reflexión del Segundo Domingo del Tiempo de Cuaresma **«El camino de la cruz es inseparable del camino hacia la gloria»**

La liturgia, después de habernos presentado el domingo pasado el evangelio de las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto, hoy nos invita a reflexionar sobre el acontecimiento extraordinario de la Transfiguración en el monte. La montaña en la Biblia representa el lugar de la cercanía con Dios y del encuentro íntimo con Él; el sitio de la oración, para estar en presencia del Señor. Estos dos domingos son como dos pilares sobre los que se apoya todo el edificio de la Cuaresma hasta la Pascua, más aún, toda la estructura de la vida cristiana, que consiste esencialmente en la actividad pascual, de la muerte a la vida. La Transfiguración es un acontecimiento de oración: orando, Jesús se sumerge en Dios, se une

íntimamente a él, se adhiere con su voluntad humana a la voluntad de amor del Padre, y así la luz lo invade y aparece visiblemente la verdad de su ser: él es Dios, Luz de Luz.

La experiencia de la transfiguración de Jesús preparo a los Apóstoles para afrontar los dramáticos acontecimientos del Calvario, presentándoles anticipadamente lo que será la plena y definitiva revelación de la gloria del Maestro en el misterio pascual. Al meditar en esta página evangélica, nos preparamos para revivir también nosotros los acontecimientos decisivos de la muerte y resurrección del Señor, siguiéndolo por el camino de la cruz, para llegar a la luz y a la gloria. Dirigiéndonos ahora con la oración a María, reconozcamos en ella a la criatura humana transfigurada interiormente por la gracia de Cristo, y encomendémonos a su guía para recorrer con fe y generosidad el itinerario de la Cuaresma. Amén.



Operacion Plato de Arroz. Al entrar en la segunda semana de Cuaresma con el programa Rice Bowl de CRS, reflexionemos sobre la Transfiguración, donde Jesús revela su gloria y nos guía a través de los momentos oscuros hacia la

esperanza. Esta semana, centrémonos en la solidaridad convirtiendo el ayuno en compasión, reconociendo que nuestros sacrificios ayudan a las comunidades a acceder a alimentos nutritivos para muchas familias en el mundo.

Santo Tomás de Aquino apoya la Operación Plato de arroz durante la Cuaresma. Por favor, recojan la alcancia de arroz en la entrada de la iglesia, para ser colectadas después de la Cuaresma. Gracias por su generosidad.

Consulta gratuita sobre Inmigración y Asesoramiento jurídico - Domingo Marzo 15 | 1:30 a 5:00pm

El Domingo Marzo 15 tendremos consultas y preguntas legales de inmigración gratuitas en Español para toda nuestra comunidad en el **Aquinas Center de 1:30 pm a 5pm, con la participación de Clara Jerez .**
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Santo Tomas de Aquino se complace en ofrecer una manera segura de hacer sus donaciones a través del Internet via Parish Giving. Este metodo le permite tener un control de sus ofrendas como parroquiano que usted hace cada vez que deposita un sobre con donaciones. Visite www.staquinas.com and click en el logo para la registracion. Para mas informacion puede hacer click en el codigo de barras.
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