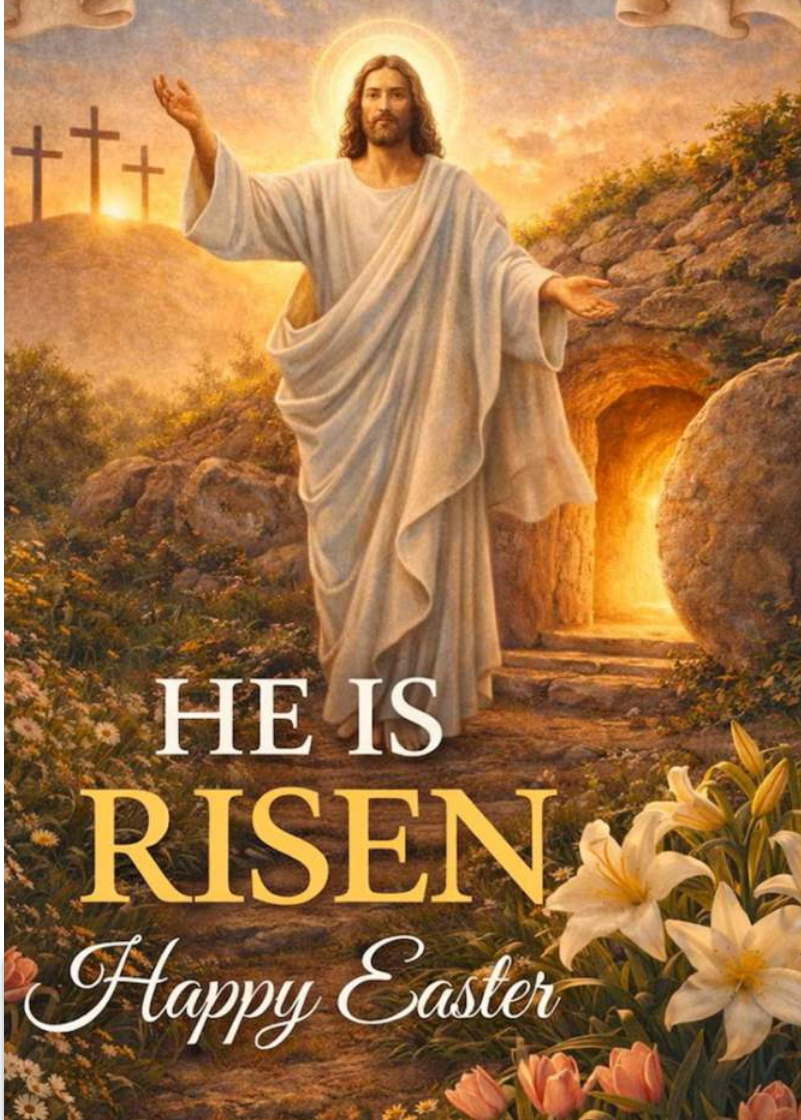


Sunday April 5, 2026

*Beautiful Easter Blessings*



HE IS  
RISEN

*Happy Easter*

**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  
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**215-334-2312**

**Mass Intentions for the week  
of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Sunday- April 5, 2026**

**HOLY - Saturday - APRIL 4th**

(No 8:30 Morning Mass )

8:30 am Morning Prayers (All are welcome)

(No 4:00 pm Mass )

700 pm EASTER VIGIL

Multi-cultural : (English, Vietnamese Indonesian  
& Spanish)

**EASTER SUNDAY - April 5th  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

- 8:00 AM (Vietnamese)
- 10:00 AM (English )
- 12:00 Noon (Indonesian)
- 5:00 PM (Spanish)

**Monday April 6**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday April 7**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday April 8**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday April 9**

8:30 am People of the parish

**Friday April 10**

First Friday School Mass at  
church

**Saturday April 11**

8:30 am People of the parish

4:00 pm Joseph Anzideo Jr. by  
his parents

**Sunday April 12**

Second Sunday of Easter

or SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8:00 am Vietnamese Mass

10:00 am Julius & Bianca Guarino by  
their daughters

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**

Louise Gloria, Davita Saxon, Carol Devon,  
Irene Ceron Ventura, Hazelan Koroma, Raquel Barrios, Steven Johnson, Dianne Dematto, Father Daniel Dinardo, Ivonne Gaskins, Sybil William 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, Adeline Ostobile, John Daniel, Virginia Tinkler- Moore, Robert Salvadore, Margaret Coleman, Ada Roebuck, Lilian Offord, David Anderson, Helen Zungolo , Bryan DeSanto, Frank Diodato.

**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

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

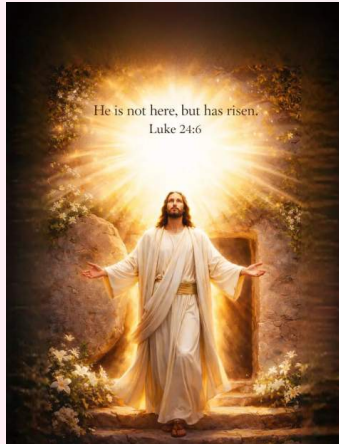
1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Thank you for your  
continued Generosity!**



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Sunday April 5, 2026



Our faith began in a cemetery, not in a stable, not at the River Jordan, not in an Upper Room. The first Resurrection appearances happened in a cemetery garden. Maybe that is why many cemeteries look like beautiful parks and are such quiet and peaceful places to visit. For believers, cemeteries are places of memories and reminders of resurrected life. People love to visit their loved ones' graves, to sit on the grass, say some prayers, and remember the happy times and faces. We

do not need anyone to tell us that our loved one is not there. We know that. We believe that they are Risen. That is what Easter tells us: Jesus is Risen and someday, so will we.

Cemeteries are holy ground - Easter places - and Easter tells us that the tomb of Jesus is empty. He is not there. He had gone ahead of us. Easter tells us that the graves of our dearly departed are also empty. Our loved ones are alive and are with God, and we will see them again. Finally, Easter tells us that our graves will also be empty. When death comes it will be only for an instant. We will continue to live with our Risen Lord, with our loved ones, and with all the saints of the ages. Easter tells us that we were born to live forever. The stone is rolled away.

All the same, there is precious little humor to be found in cemeteries. Too much pain and sadness rest beneath the sod. Laying the body of a loved one to rest is an occasion for tears, not for laughter. Only an empty tomb can evoke laughter - an abandoned tomb where a few

stains and wrinkled clothes are all that remain. They show that death once reigned in that place. Only those who peer into an empty tomb and find no corpse can smile and laugh. The abandoned tomb into which we peer today is not only the Lord's, but our own as well. By the power of His Resurrection, we, too, will be raised to new and everlasting life. Because the grave of Jesus is empty. Our graves will be empty. The power of sin and death has been broken, and it is up to us now to laugh, dance, sing, smile, rejoice, and go forward to carry this good news to all our brothers and sisters. Jesus is alive, and we will see him. Our loved ones are alive, and we will see them again. Because of His Resurrection, we, too, will live forever.

***Happy Easter to all of you!!!!  
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 meet on the third Sunday of each month at the 10:00 AM Mass.*
- *For information about the new breakfast service for CBS of St. Thomas Aquinas, please contact Daria Ward.*

### 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 Sunday April 5th, 2026

### *A Heartfelt Thank You!*

On behalf of Fr. Dominic, Fr. Wilmer, Fr. Markus and the staff of St. Thomas Aquinas, we sincerely thank all who helped prepare and celebrate Holy Week.

We are grateful to our lectors, volunteers, ushers, altar servers, musicians, flower donors, decorators, and to those who helped clean the church. Your dedication made these celebrations beautiful and meaningful.

*We also thank all parishioners and visitors* for your continued support during these challenging times. Your presence is a true blessing to the Parish. *Happy Easter to all of you!*



**Congratulations to our candidates who received the sacraments this past Saturday at St. Thomas Aquinas, and to those who faithfully teach the Catholic faith.** May the Lord bless them

with abundant grace and guide them in their ongoing conversion, so they may live a lifelong and faithful journey to God.

- ***Join us in making our neighborhood safer!***
- ***Wednesday, April 15 at 6pm.*** Town hall meeting with a police representative from the 17th District of South Philadelphia. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Aquinas Center .
- ***Save the Date***
- First Communion celebration will take place at St. Thomas Aquinas on Sunday, May 3 at 10:00 am
- Preparation practices will be held on Friday May 1st. at 5:00 pm in church.
- All are welcome to attend and support the candidates.
- ***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](mailto:rmaldonado@staquinas.com)

Readings for Mass for this Week. Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)



Thank you for your generosity this Lent. Your donations are helping to spread hope and make a significant difference in the lives of those suffering from hunger worldwide. **We will collect the rice bowls for Catholic Relieved Services in the church after Lent. Click on the title for more information.** <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>



Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**Be Encouraged:**  
Catholic Support for Mental Health

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers, and ministries that can assist with recovery and filing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools, and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of, and responsive ness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the "be encouraged" website at [www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support)



**Online Giving is available.** St. Thomas Aquinas is pleased to offer a convenient and secure way to support our parish through online giving via Parish Giving. Click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the simple registration steps. [www.Staquinas.com](http://www.Staquinas.com). **Thank you for your continued support!**



"We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world."

- Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi message, 3/31/13

## *Domingo de Resurrección Abril 5, 2026*

### *Reflexión del Domingo de Resurrección «La resurrección de Cristo es la gran obra de Dios, la maravilla por excelencia»*

En la Vigilia Pascual hemos vivido el gran acontecimiento de nuestra Pascua: Cristo Resucitado. Celebramos el Misterio de Cristo-Luz que ha vencido el poder de las tinieblas y de la muerte. A todos se nos proclamó el Misterio de Vida nueva y renovamos gozosas nuestras esperanzas bautismales y la alegría de ser de Cristo. Esta gran realidad no se agota en una celebración. La Iglesia le dedica el cincuentenario pascual, para saturarnos de Cristo, muerto y resucitado con un Aleluya perenne.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, acojamos la invitación del Apóstol; abramos el corazón a Cristo muerto y resucitado para que nos renueve, para que nos limpie del veneno del pecado y de la muerte y nos infunda la savia vital del Espíritu Santo: la vida divina y eterna. Sí, éste es precisamente el núcleo fundamental de nuestra profesión de fe; éste es hoy el grito de victoria que nos une a todos. Y si Jesús ha resucitado, y por tanto está vivo, ¿quién podrá jamás separarnos de Él? ¿Quién podrá privarnos de su amor que ha vencido al odio y ha derrotado la muerte? Que el anuncio de la Pascua se propague por el mundo con el jubiloso canto del aleluya.

Cantemos con la boca, con el corazón y con la vida, con un estilo de vida «ázimo», simple, humilde, y fecundo de buenas obras. «Surrexit Christus spes mea: / precedet vos in Galileam» — ¡Resucitó de veras mi esperanza! Venid a Galilea, el Señor allí aguarda. El Resucitado nos precede y nos acompaña por las vías del mundo. Él es nuestra esperanza, Él es la verdadera paz del mundo. Amén.

Pidamos a la Virgen santísima, testigo silenciosa de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo, que nos introduzca a fondo en el gozo pascual, para que nos convirtamos en personas pascuales de la luz y de su resurrección y llenos del fuego de tu amor podamos decir a todo el mundo que Verdaderamente ha Resucitado y estamos Alegres, Aleluya, Aleluya, Aleluya.

### *Muchísimas gracias!*

En nombre del P. Dominic, el P. Wilmer y el P. Markus, así como del personal de San Tomás de Aquino, queremos expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que han colaborado en la preparación y celebración de la Semana Santa. Estamos muy agradecidos a nuestros lectores, voluntarios, monaguillos, músicos, donantes de flores y decoradores, así como a quienes ayudaron a limpiar la iglesia. Su valiosa ayuda y dedicación hizo que estas celebraciones fueran hermosas y significativas. También agradecemos a todos los feligreses y visitantes su continuo apoyo durante estos tiempos difíciles. Su presencia y lealtad es una verdadera bendición para la parroquia.

**Feliz día de Resurrección!**

**Felicitaciones a todos nuestros candidatos adultos** quienes hicieron los sacramentos y se convirtieron al catolicismo el Sábado de Gloria en la iglesia de Santo Thomas a través del programa OCIA, como también para sus catequistas. Que Dios los siga iluminando a con mucha luz en su nuevo peregrinar de fe y espiritualidad.

### **Recuerde esta fecha:**

- Domingo Mayo 3 a las 10 am Primeras comuniones en Santo Tomas
- Practicas : Viernes Mayo 1 a las 5 de la tarde
- Para mas informacion llamar al 215.334.2312

**CRS Plato de Arroz:** Por favor devolver las cajas alcancias que promociona la arquidiócesis de Philadelphia para los más necesitados de varias

**Fondo de becas en español**" Para niños que estén interesados en recibir la educación católica. Por favor llenar el formulario que está disponible en la parte de atrás de la iglesia y enviarlo al Padre Vicente 1436 Avenida Lansdowne Darby, Pensilvania 19203



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[www.staquinas.com](http://www.staquinas.com). Haga clic en el logotipo de Parish Giving y siga los sencillos pasos de registro. Gracias por su continuo apoyo a la parroquia!

**Noticias Arquidiocesanas :** El Domingo Abril 19 a las 3 pm la Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo celebrará la Eucaristía en honor a los dones de las personas con discapacidades y de la comunidad sorda con el Rev. Bishop Efrén Esmilla. Los esperamos



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