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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters will hold their March meeting on Mon., Mar. 1 in the Fireside Room. We'll begin with a rosary at 7:00pm., with the meeting following at 7:15pm. We'll be electing a Nominating Committee at this meeting, and wrapping up the plans and preparations for the St. Patrick's Dinner. Any women in the parish interested in Catholic Daughters are invited to attend this meeting. If you have questions, call Anne, 835-8220.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Wed., Mar. 3, 6:30am all men are invited to meet for good breakfast and outstanding conversation at the Lakeside Chalet.

### AQUINAS GUILD

Come join us, St. Thomas ladies, at our meeting next Wed., Mar. 3, 9:30am in the Fireside Room. Following a short business meeting we are planning a bit of tom-foolery: Ever wondered what to do with that weird thingamajig you were given for your birthday or Christmas? Wrap it up pretty and bring it to our Re-Gift Exchange. You'll even get to take home someone else's castoff. Finally, we have an interesting speaker lined up -- our St. Thomas parishioner and artist, Helen Bourcier will display her artwork, tell us about her paintings and some of the history of this area. Refreshments will follow. Hope you can join us.

*Fran Hewitt, President*

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On Wed., Mar. 3, 6:00pm following a decade of the rosary come downstairs to the parish hall for: Carol McCaulley - Elder care/life issues.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Our second Adult Confirmation class is in the Aquinas Center, Room 17 at 7:00pm on Wed. Mar. 3 For a variety of reasons many Catholics have missed the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, thus missing out on the graces that God deeply desires to give them. The Catholic author Peter Kreeft sums up the need for this sacrament: *"The Sacrament of Confirmation's need and purpose is to make the same difference to the individual Catholic that the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost made to the Church. The effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the Apostles at the day of Pentecost."* For more info and the schedule of topics please see Confirmation brochure located at church entrances. If you have any questions or would like to assist as a sponsor please call Drew at the parish, ext. 212.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

On Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be in the Church beginning at 6:00pm; following in the Hall, various parish groups will be providing a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread. Donations collected at these meals are given to Operation Rice Bowl. This week, the families of children in grades 5, 6 and RCIC families are hosting the supper.



### NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The feast day of St. Joseph is Mar. 19. Our parish novena, which will be prayed before each Mass, will begin on Mar. 10 and conclude on Mar. 18. The novena can be found on page 126 of the St. Thomas Book of Prayers. The intention is for all men, especially husbands and fathers, that they will have the courage and guidance to model themselves after our beloved St. Joseph.

## SECOND WEEK OF LENT – THE TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

(Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:15pm)

Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24; Apr. 7, 14, 21 & 28

### "PENNIES FOR HAITI CHILDREN" DRIVE RESULTS

\$197.00 was collected!

Thank you to all children who helped with this effort!

### VBS PLANNING SESSION

Mon., Mar. 8, 7:00pm in Room 17.

VBS scheduled for Aug. 2-6, 10:00-12:00 (noon) each day.

### SOUP SUPPER

ALL PARISH 5th & 6th graders & RCIC families will be our host for tomato soup & clam chowder for this Fri., Mar. 5 following the recitation of the Station of the Cross. Please bring a loaf of bread & plan to arrive in the parish hall at 5:00pm to set up and then serving and cleanup after the soup supper.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Parents & children meet this Thu., Mar. 4, 6:30pm in the parish hall. Childcare will be provided ONLY if requested.

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

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### ROSARIES, MEDALS, JEWELRY

St. Thomas Youth Ministry will be selling hand-made rosaries and religious jewelry Sun., Mar. 13 and 21 to help fund the Spring Ropes Course Retreat and the Summer Youth Conferences.



### GOING DEEPER

The blog that answers teen questions for deeper Catholic understanding. At [goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com](http://goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com)

## STEWARDSHIP—TAKING THE NEXT STEP

STEWARDSHIP ISN'T ALL THAT COMPLICATED.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME: LOOK AT NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE, THEN BUILD IN SOME TIME THAT YOU WILL GIVE IN GRATITUDE AS A RETURN TO GOD. IT MAY BE ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT.

DO IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### PCA OPEN HOUSE

Pacific Crest Academy at St. Thomas Aquinas parish is holding an Open House on Tue., Mar. 2. Classrooms will be open from 9:00-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm. Please come to the meeting room in the main office from 9:00-7:00pm. For more details, [www.pacificcrestacademy.org](http://www.pacificcrestacademy.org) or 834-9913.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring your compassion for pregnant women in need to BIRTHRIGHT. Caring makes the difference. Don't hesitate. We'll train you and work with your schedule. Shifts can be shared. The need to support the choice for life is great. CALL 694-8156.

### RACHEL'S CORNER

If you are hurting from a past abortion experience, the Church is calling you home to heal. Healing a hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Feb. 19-21. Contact: 800 450-7814.

### BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

Classes are on Sunday mornings before and during 9:30am Mass. This is a faith formation class designed for children who need a non-traditional classroom setting. Contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393 or [pathwaystolearning@live.com](mailto:pathwaystolearning@live.com).

### LENTE OPPORTUNITY

Catholics throughout the Vancouver area are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from Feb. 17 through Mar. 28. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside the Orchards Planned Parenthood facility located at 5500 NE 109th Ct., that is west of Gher Rd. and just north of SR 500. During the 40 days, get involved and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information, or to volunteer for prayer at the Orchards Planned Parenthood, please contact Mark Buczkowski—see the bulletin insert for more information.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION



We now have the following openings so your help is needed:

Monday, 2:00-3:00am

Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am, 3:00-4:00am & 4:00-5:00am

Friday, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am

Saturday, midnight-1:00am

Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill an hour 834-2126 ext. 0 or [jeanne@st-thomascamas.org](mailto:jeanne@st-thomascamas.org) Schedules are in the adoration chapel and you are welcome to take one home as we have many times with only one person in the chapel as well as the above space which no one is covering.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

For parents who would like their child (under age 7) or newborn baptized and for those invited to be a witness at a Baptism a preparation session will be offered next Sun., Mar. 7. Contact the parish office to register for these classes, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents and those who are to be sponsors are most welcome.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

The Catholic Daughters/Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held Sat., Mar. 13 – you won't want to miss this chance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and see the Molly Malone Dancers from the Yeates Academy of Dance strut their stuff. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for 11-and-under), and include the entertainment and a luscious dinner. Seating is limited, and this event is popular – so be sure to purchase your tickets early. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** You can call Anne at 835-8220 for tickets and more information. Tickets will be sold after all Masses.



### TAIZE PRAYER

The next Taize prayer night in the Fireside Room will be on Tue., Mar. 16 with gathering at 6:50pm and prayer beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

## SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Parish Appeal – **Thank you!** ... for your support during our recent appeal in the parishes of the Southern Deanery. To date we have raised over \$25,000 to support Seton Catholic High School in its inaugural year. This money will go to help pay operating costs as we build to full enrollment over the next two years. If you are still interested in contributing or making a pledge, please feel free to mail your contribution to us in the envelope provided or contact us at 360 258-1932. You can also donate at [www.SetonHigh.org](http://www.SetonHigh.org).

Enrolling Now! - Seton Catholic High School currently hosts 41 freshmen and sophomore students. We are now accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year. If you are interested, please contact the Andy Nichols, Vice Principal to learn more about the process and to set up a student visit and family tour.

Programs – In addition to small class sizes and an academically rigorous curriculum, Seton Catholic High School also features a variety of student programs. We offer active campus ministry, community, service and athletic programs along with club activities that enjoy the participation of all students. *Our students are making a difference!*

### OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS & BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)  
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Actual Collection 2/21	\$8,689
Planned Collection 2/21	\$10,600
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 34 weeks	-\$9,357 -2.14%
Last weekend's special 2nd collection for Black & Indian Missions	\$1,679 Thank You!



*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### See beyond the surface

Peter gets the Transfiguration wrong, as he does so many things at first. Upon seeing a glimpse of Jesus' glory, his impulse is to mark the spot, to memorialize it with a shrine. We can understand that, though today we take digital photos and videos, vainly trying to capture a place, a person, or a moment that can never be held—except in the heart. In Lent we remember that our faith is not only a matter of medals, holy cards, a rosary hung from the car's rearview mirror or worn as a necklace. These do not sum up our faith any more than children are their photographs. Tokens remind us of someone or something important; at their best, they move us to an act of love. Those in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process are not supported only by browsing through photos in our parish directory but by seeing faith in action: on the street, at work, in the homes of believers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36*

*"Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us."*

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Tell it like it is

The biggest saints were often some of the biggest sinners. The difference between them and us may be that they sought liberation through confessing their wrongdoing. Holding onto sin means letting it hold onto us, or as Saint Alphonsus Liguori said, "After we have offended God, the devil labors to keep the mouth closed." The sixth-century monk John Climacus was even more picturesque about it: "Eggs warmed in dung hatch out. Unconfessed evil thoughts hatch evil actions." Don't let the spirit of jealousy, resentment, or dishonesty hatch out! Run, don't walk, to the sacrament that liberates!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38*

*"Ah, Lord, great and awesome God . . . we have sinned and done wrong."*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Understanding God

Although the Pledge of Allegiance has been around since 1892, the words "under God" were not officially added by Congress until 1954. While some have criticized the move as breaching the church-state divide, the notion that we are all under a Supreme Being in fact encourages the egalitarian spirit the United States is known for. The idea that no one is above God reinforces the American belief that no one is above the law either. The sense that we are a people living under God can help us see each other as brothers and sisters and motivate us to work for greater equality and justice for all.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12*

*"You have one teacher, and you are all students."*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

### FEAST OF KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

#### The best of both worlds

Katherine Drexel (1858-1955) went beyond herself in many ways. Beyond her economic class—she gave away millions of dollars of her inheritance to charities. Beyond her race—she founded a religious order of women to help African Americans and Native Americans.

When she was 77, however, her life of service changed to one of quiet and prayer after she suffered a heart attack. Katherine's story shows the importance of both prayer and service, contemplation and action. Find that balance in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28*

*"Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant."*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Be a good steward of yourself

In the season of Lent, tradition calls on Christians to fast. Fasting has a long history, going all the way back to biblical times. Jesus fasted in the wilderness before embarking on his ministry. As a spiritual discipline fasting points to a period of preparation—in Lent, preparation to celebrate the Easter mysteries. It reminds you to clear away distractions and look more closely at yourself and where things come from and where they go. Think of all the "resources" in your life: time, money, food, possessions, even love. Are you using them well? Now's the time to find out.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31*

*"I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all . . . according to the fruit of their doings."*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### No regrets?

You may be tempted to believe you have "failed" Lent; you might have relaxed your resolutions or Lenten practices. But you should not think that your Lent is over the instant you stumble. The third- and fourth-century church father Saint John Chrysostom reminds us that our task is rather simple: "Have you sinned? Mourn and annul the sin. How toilsome is this? . . . I am not telling you to cleave the oceans, or to navigate slowly into port from the high seas, or to march, or to depart on an endless journey . . . Then what? Mourn the sin." Always be willing to reevaluate your goals for this Lent, keeping in mind that repentance is all that is asked of you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*

*"Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?'"*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Restrain a prodigious appetite

The gospel story of the "prodigal son" provides a vivid illustration of the limits of acquisitiveness and self-indulgence. The son first demands his inheritance from his father while his father is still alive (ouch!). If that weren't enough, he then quickly runs through it in the biblical equivalent of a Las Vegas weekend splurge. Only when he hungers to fill his empty stomach does he come to his senses. In a similar way, feeling a bit of hunger—the effect of the traditional Lenten discipline of fasting—might help us reflect on our own shortcomings and make adjustments and amends as necessary. Consider skipping a meal today for the sake of your spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

*"He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating."*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### Feb. 27 SATURDAY

- 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Horatio Wilmott (Wilmott)
- 6:00pm Squires Adoration, Hall & Fireside Room
- 7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

### Feb. 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Prayer Group

Liturgy of the Hours for week 2

Old Testament: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

New Testament: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

- 8:00am Fr. Gordon Mass
- 9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory
- 9:30am Fr. Gordon Mass *Pro Populo*
- 11:30am Fr. Gordon Mass
- 5:30pm Confirmation, Youth Room
- 7:00pm H S Faith Formation, Youth Room

### Mar. 1 MONDAY

- 8:30am Mass for the soul of Vicky Augon (Lounsbury)
- 9:10am Rosary
- 6:00pm Scouts, Hall
- 7:00pm Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Fireside Room

### Mar. 2 TUESDAY

- 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ray Winders (Winders)
- 4:30pm Study & Pray Small Group, Fireside Room
- 6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
- 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall

### Mar. 3 WEDNESDAY

- 6:30am Men's Breakfast, Lakeside Chalet
- 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Maria Murphy (Doyle)
- 9:10am Rosary
- 9:30am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room
- 6:00pm Faith Formation for children; adults to attend Mass
- 7:00pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17
- 7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
- 7:30pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

### Mar. 4 THURSDAY

- 8:10am Rosary
- 8:30am Mass for the soul of Jack Gardina (Bernat) followed by "Coffee" in the old rectory
- 5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15
- 6:30pm RCIC, Hall
- 6:30pm First Communion prep, Hall
- 7:00pm Choir practice, Church
- 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

### Mar. 5 FIRST FRIDAY (Abstain)

- 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
- 9:30am Familia, Fireside Room
- 12:00pm Mass
- 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper, Hall

### Mar. 6 FIRST SATURDAY

- 9:00am Mass with anointings
- 9:40am Rosary, Church
- 10:00am Confessions
- 3:30pm Confessions

- 5:00pm Vigil Mass
- 7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

### Mar. 7 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours for week 3

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

- 8:00am Mass
- 9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory
- 9:30am Mass for the soul of Victor Petrucci (Petrucci)
- 11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
- 1:00pm Baptism Preparation, Fireside Room
- 5:30pm Confirmation, Youth Room
- 7:00pm H S Faith Formation, Youth Room

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 13 St. Patrick's Dinner
- Mar. 15 SUMMA articles due date
- Apr. 10 First Communion Retreat
- Apr. 17 Ecumenical Tea
- May 1 First Communion Mass, 5:00pm
- May 8 Father-Daughter Dance
- May 14 Couples Night Out
- May 15 Boys'/Young Men's Vocation Dinner
- May 23 Confirmation Mass, 11:30am
- June 6 Corpus Christi Procession



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## CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2010



To celebrate the Year of the Priest during Lent: Each Friday (the day of Our Lord's Blessed Passion) pray the Stations of the Cross for priests and/or pray the *Litany of the Precious Blood* or the *Litany of the Sacred Heart* for them.

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