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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will additionally be heard on **Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm** each week. Unlike Saturdays, however, confessions will end promptly at 7:00pm due to parish meetings that Fr. Oakland must attend.

AQUINAS GUILD MEETING

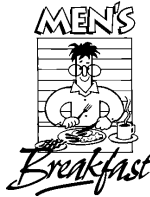
The Aquinas Guild will meet next Wed., Feb. 1, in the Fireside Room at 9:30am. We'll discuss our latest coffee hour (we have the fourth Sunday of every month), and our upcoming hosting of the first Soup Supper during Lent, on Fri., Feb. 24. Also, ladies, please be aware that the K of C is still collecting items for apartments for homeless vets in this area. If possible, bring to our meeting items such as socks, underwear, toiletries or toilet paper to donate to this project. Come join us

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Adults will continue THE CATHOLICISM PROJECT Wednesdays at Adult Faith Formation at 6:00pm beginning in the church and then moving into the parish hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, NEW DAY AND LOCATION!

Ed Allyn, the owner of Smitty's Restaurant and has agreed to open a half hour early, at 6:30am, to accommodate us. There were a few men who have not been able to join us because of their working situations. In order to solve this problem we are going to move the day to the first Thu. of the month. We are looking forward to seeing all you at our next breakfast on Thursday the second of February (Feb. 2) at 6:30am.



HOLY HOUR

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour to pray for our parish, priests and vocations is on Thu., Feb. 2 in the church from 6:30-7:30pm. Please join us for this special and sacred hour of prayer and hymns.

UPCOMING FEASTS AND BLESSINGS

On Thur, Feb. 2 at the 8 AM there will be a blessing of candles for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Bring any candles from home you wish to have blessed.

On Fri., Feb. 3 at the 12:00pm Mass there will be blessing of throats.

FIRST FRIDAY

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus begins at 11:45am. Communion is taken to those that are homebound, both in the morning and afternoon. If you are ever ill or know someone who can't make it to Mass, please contact the parish office so that you don't miss an opportunity to receive the Eucharist.



SECOND ANNUAL KC SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST!

Get ready for the Big Game with the Knights on Feb. 5! This was a lot of fun last year with tons of prizes. The Knights will be geared out with their NFL jerseys and serving up your choice of regular or blueberry pancakes, link sausage, our famous scrambled eggs and fruit. Come enjoy the fun on Super Bowl Sunday!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

(Contact: Kim Steinke, 834-2126, ext. 207 or kim@st-thomascamas.org)

EVENING FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday from 6:00-7:15pm, beginning in the church. Please bring your books with you. (*Good Shepherd, meets in Room 11.*)

Parents: Please join your children in praying a decade of the rosary before leaving.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On Wednesdays, 3:45-5:15pm, levels I, II & III meet in Room 11 & the Fireside Room.

SACRAMENTAL PREP. & RCIC

This Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm, in the Fireside Room. Please bring your books with you. **Parents: Please join us in the church to pray a decade of the rosary after you bring your child to class.**

BL. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

Faith formation classes designed for children with special needs. If you feel your child would benefit from this class please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393.

FIRST GRADERS THROUGH EIGHTH GRADERS!!!!

The deadline for submissions for the Knights of Columbus Poster & Essay Contests is Feb. 1! We will be displaying all the entries! Show us what you've got! Complete contest rules in the latest Summa and at <http://www.stthomascamas.org/>. Questions call Ed or Debbie Wilmott 828-1076 or eydwilmott@yahoo.com

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The next CCP class is Sun., Feb. 12 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church from 1:00-5:00pm. The topic is "God and the Human Person." Explore how the Holy Scriptures shape our images of God and our understanding of the dignity of the human person. CCP classes are open to any adult who wants to deepen their own faith. Bring your Bible and a copy of the Catechism to use in class. For more information and to register for the class, go to <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/CFF/CCP> or contact Lynn Schedler at 695-1366 ext. 304.

YOUTH MINISTRY

(Contact: Drew Swanson, 834-2126, ext. 215 or drew@stthomascamas.org)

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Join us on Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm in the Youth Room for prayer, games, food and a great time as we grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with our lord. If you've never been to a class, consider this your personal invitation, it's never too late. If it's been awhile since you've made it consider coming back this week, we've missed you!

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

At 1:30-3:00pm Sundays, in the Fireside Room join for prayer, social and great time as we look into the truths of our Faith. This week we will explore the great blessing of the Eucharist.

TEEN ADORATION AND A MOVIE

First Fridays- Feb 3, 7:00-10:30pm

Join us for an hour of adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and then come with us to the Fireside for a movie, food and fun.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship calls us to live out the beatitudes! Show mercy, console, be peacemakers, rejoice!

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

THANK YOU!

The Serra Club of Columbia River wishes to extend our sincere thank you for the overwhelming support at the Vocations Awareness Celebration with the Archbishop. Thanks to your generosity, the event was a huge success and will benefit not only the 2012 Quo Vadis Days camp, but all of us, as we continue to build up our Church through our support for vocations. Thank you for your ongoing support of Serra and for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life!

OLD HYMNALS—UPDATED HYMNALS

If you donated a hymnal when the last edition was purchased in 2004, you are more than welcome to take that hymnal home with you as a keepsake. We will have them available for pick-up in the office. Our updated hymnals with the new translation could use some donations. A donation of \$20 will put your name and the name of your loved one on a beautiful bookplate in the front of a hymnal. You can view the bookplate on the parish website. Please pick up a special preprinted envelope in the church or office, fill it out and return it in the collection basket or to the office. You will be added to a permanent list of names that will be in the choir loft and our musicians will pray for you weekly! Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREATS

There is hope and healing after abortion no matter how long ago or how many. Forgiveness and mercy await you at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Upcoming retreats are in: Medford, March 23-25, 2012; Bend, April 27-29; and Portland, June 1-3. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact Project Aurora for the Medford retreat: 541 942-2861 or ProjectAurora@aol.com. For Portland and Bend call Project Rachel at 1 800 249-8074 or ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org. The cost is \$175 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Don't let financial constraints stop you, there is generous financial assistance! For more information visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org

LOST AND FOUND

There's a container in the parish office a jacket, umbrellas, a black diaper bag and gloves. Contents of this container are donated to the St. Vincent de Paul regularly, so please be sure to check for missing items in a timely manner.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We have the following openings to our schedule; your help is needed!

Sunday, 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am

Monday, 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm

Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am, 10:00-11:00pm, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am

Friday, 3:00-4:00am, 11:00pm-Midnight

Saturday, 1:00-2:00am, Noon-1:00pm

Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill an hour or be added to the substitute list contact

jeanne@stthomascamas.org or 834-2126 ext. 0. or Schedules

to take home are in the adoration chapel.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for our annual women's retreat, as we meet at St. Thomas with Mother Mary beginning at 9:00am Mass on Sat., Feb. 11. Our retreat theme is "Angels – our guardians and companions". Cost for the day retreat is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration is required by Feb. 3; forms are located in the office and vestibule of the church. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Simms, 834-0523.



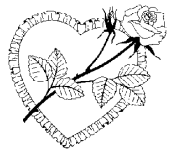
BAPTISM PREP FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

On Sun., Feb. 12 is the next preparation course for parents and those who plan to be Godparents at this sacrament. It will be at 1:00pm in the parish offices. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN DATE. If you are pregnant or have a **child under 7 years old** to be Baptized this class is necessary; contact the parish office to register 834-2126 ext. 0.

MARRIAGE APPRECIATION RECEPTION

SAT., FEB. 18, SAVE THE DATE!

Come join us for the annual Marriage Appreciation Reception that will be held in the Hall on Feb. 18 after the 5:00pm vigil Mass. If you have only been married for a few months or 70 years, you are encouraged to join us for a fun filled evening! One of the highlights is the sharing of wedding photos so please bring a framed photo. If you are new to the parish this is a great opportunity to meet other couples. Come join us after the 5:00pm Mass. Prepaid child care reservations only (\$5 per child, \$10 family maximum). Questions or to make child care reservations, contact Shawn, 834-6314 or Kelly, 834-3096.



GIVE YOUR SPOUSE THE PERFECT VALENTINES GIFT - A RENEWED MARRIAGE!

Sign up for the Dynamic Marriage course offered at St Joseph's parish, 6600 Highland Dr. Vancouver. Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm, Feb. 21-Apr. 17. Join the more than 55,000 couples nationwide who have taken their relationship to new levels of respect and understanding with this dynamic, interactive course. Sign up today and get ready to fall in love all over again! Registration deadline is Feb 13. Open to all married couples. Engaged couples welcome if wedding date is set. Contact Diane Boggs at the St. Joseph parish office to sign up, 696-4407, dianeb@stjoevan.org.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS AND BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2011 THROUGH 6/30/2012

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| Actual Collection 1/22/12 | \$8,476 |
| Planned Collection 1/22/12 | \$11,820.50 |
| Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) week 30 of the fiscal year | \$5,050 |
| It is easy, convenient, safe, and secure to give to the church electronically from our website, just look for this link in the Stewardship file → | Make Your Donations Online |



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

Get a complete education

Catholic schools in the United States had a rough start. Partly in response to the religious bias (not to mention anti-Catholicism) in the public schools, the first Plenary Council of Baltimore (1852) mandated that every Catholic parish establish a school. The campaign was so successful that riots ensued, incited by groups such as the Know-Nothing Society, which was committed to eliminating “foreign influence, popery, Jesuitism, and Catholicism” in all aspects of American life. We have come a long way. This year’s theme for Catholic Schools Week, “Faith, Academics, Service,” highlights the three pillars of Catholic education. How can you promote these values?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 (71)*

“A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you.”

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Bring hurts to heal

The expression “inner demons” captures something of the helplessness that those in the grip of negative behaviors feel. The ancients took that phrase literally, believing that illness was due to divine punishment for sin or demons taking up temporary residence in a person. The remedy was to seek forgiveness or a healer who could rid you of the bad spirits. While most people nowadays don’t believe that sicknesses and personality problems come from evil spirits or God’s wrath, there is still the need for reaching out to others for help when you cannot help yourself. Medical and other professionals, counselors, family, friends, and especially Jesus the Healer in prayer provide that assistance.

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20 (323)*

“Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.”

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

FEAST OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

Love and support your local child

Saint John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815 into a family of farm workers. He became a priest and a teacher, devoting his life to the care and education of abandoned and neglected children. His approach was considered novel at the time: He used love instead of the threat of punishment to shape the behavior of his students. John embraced the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales and dedicated his work to him when he founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (also known as the Salesians of Don Bosco). How can you support teachers and those who care for children? What are some ways you, in the spirit of John Bosco, can extend love, compassion, and respect to children, especially those most in need?

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43 (324)*

“Jesus took the child by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha koum,’ which means, ‘Little girl, I say to you, arise!’”

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Drop everything

Would you ever consider stopping all you are doing and going in an entirely different direction? With obligations to family and jobs it’s unlikely you would suddenly turn your back on your responsibilities to pursue something else, but in a way that’s what the first apostles did. Their recognition of Jesus to be the savior was immediate and their decision to

literally drop everything was just as abrupt. They saw something so compelling and necessary for their lives that they had no hesitation in following him on the spot. You might not imitate their footloose example to the letter, but their actions do show how quick disciples of Jesus should be, whatever their situation, to respond without hesitation!

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6 (325)*

“They left everything and followed him.”

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD; WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Vow to live in service to others

In announcing the first World Day of Consecrated Life in 1997, Pope John Paul II remarked that February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, was selected because it is “an eloquent icon of the total offering of one’s life for all those who are called to show forth in the church and in the world . . . ‘the characteristic features of Jesus—the chaste, poor, and obedient one.’” Today we honor and cherish those who have taken vows to religious life, and we can also reflect on how all of us are called to consecrate our lives in service to God and humanity. How will you serve?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4 or Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524)*

“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FEAST OF BLASE, BISHOP, MARTYR

Full-throated blessing

One of the most popular traditional devotions in the church is the blessing of throats on this day, invoking the intercession of Saint Blase, whose feast we celebrate. Blase was arrested in 316 A.D. during a persecution of Christians, and on the way to prison tradition has it that he miraculously healed a young child who was choking. After his death the story of the cure spread throughout the region of present-day Armenia, and through the centuries the devotion grew. Blase was also a physician, and today is a good day to give thanks for the many miracles that modern medicine also makes possible. Thanks to modern medicine, many are alive and well today (perhaps including you or a loved one) who would not have been so in centuries past.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 (327)*

“Mighty powers are at work in him.”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solitude is not always confining

The monk and author Thomas Merton wrote: “There is no true solitude except interior solitude.” Solitude does not have to be a physical place, though it can be, nor does it have to involve silence, though it might. Rather, as Merton said, solitude is an inner space where you can rest quietly and alone in God’s presence—with no expectations and perhaps no words either—and experience the grace of God for what it is: a freely given gift you do not have to earn. Today, a Saturday and the traditional day for remembering Mary, join her in solitude to keep “all these things in your heart.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 (328)*

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Jan. 28 SATURDAY—Solemnity of St. Thomas Aquinas (transferred to Sunday Masses)

- 5:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*
6:00pm Aquinas Feast Day, Crab and Prime Rib Dinner, Hall

Jan. 29 SUNDAY - Solemnity of St. Thomas Aquinas

Coffee Hour sponsored by PCA Parent Club
Liturgy of the Hours for week 4

- 8:00am Mass (Fr. Cooper)
9:30am Mass (Fr. Cooper)
11:30am Mass (Fr. Cooper)
1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Fireside Room

Jan. 30 MONDAY

- 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Jan. 31 TUESDAY

- 8:30am Mass for soul of Kenneth & Rene St. Germain (Sentesy)
6:00pm Confessions, Church
7:00pm Pastoral Council, Room 17
7:00pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
7:30pm KC leadership, The Belisle Library

Feb. 1 WEDNESDAY

- 8:30am Mass
9:30am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room
3:45pm Good Shepherd program, Room 11 & Fireside Room
6:00pm Faith Formation, all facilities
7:00pm Schola, Church
7:30pm DTS (Dead Theologians Society), Youth Room

Feb. 2 THURSDAY

- 6:30am Men's Breakfast, Smitty's
8:30am Mass for the soul of Dwight Gange (Donnelly)
followed by "Coffee Hour"
5:30pm Vox Clara, Church
6:30pm Hispanic Bible Study, Room 16
6:30pm Holy Hour for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Church
7:00pm R.C.I.A., Fireside Room
7:00pm Choir practice, Church

Feb. 3 FIRST FRIDAY St. Blasé (Blessing of Throats)

(Communion to homebound)

- 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
11:45am Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Church
12:00pm Mass
7:00pm Teen Adoration, Church

Feb. 4 SATURDAY

- 9:00am Mass for the soul of Maria Murphy (CDA)
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*



Feb. 5 SUNDAY

Super Bowl Breakfast sponsored by KCs
Liturgy of the Hours for week 1

- 8:00am Mass for soul Maria Murphy (Sentesy)
9:30am Mass for the intentions of Al Tangen (Holmes)
11:30am Mass
1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Fireside Room

Feb. 6 MONDAY

- 6:00pm Scouts, Hall
6:30pm CDA, Fireside Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 7 Taize Prayer Service, 7:00pm
Feb. 11 Women's Retreat, 9:00-3:30pm
Feb. 12 Baptism Preparation for Parents and Witnesses
Feb. 18 Marriage Appreciation Event
Feb. 20 Red Cross Blood Drive
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Masses with distribution of ashes at 8:30am, 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm
Feb. 24 Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00pm

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

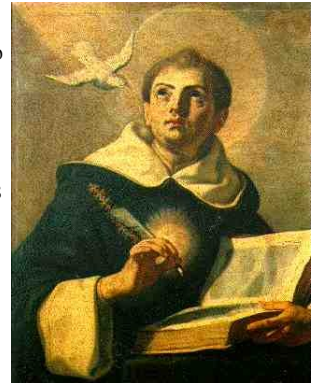
Today we celebrate our patron, St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and Doctor of the Church. He is one of the greatest theologians in Church history and his works are still heavily relied upon today. *The Summa Theologiae* is one of the most comprehensive explanations and defenses of the breadth of the Catholic faith. He is the patron of all those attached to learning: schools, students, teachers, universities and theologians. He is also one of the patrons of chastity. Let us continue to call upon him for assistance, and follow his example in the search of wisdom.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

O MERCIFUL GOD, grant that I may eagerly desire, carefully search out, truthfully acknowledge, and ever perfectly fulfill all things which are pleasing to Thee, to the praise and glory of thy Name. Amen.

INVOCATION OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS TO THE CROSS

THE Cross is my sure salvation.
The Cross I ever adore.
The Cross of my LORD is with me.
The Cross is my refuge.



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