

A reflection from the Pastor

"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel," Jesus in today's gospel. These words, meant for the people of Jesus' day are also meant for our day and time. In these first weeks of ordinary time, we are called to (1) repent of our sins – turn away from them, something we will be heading toward on Ash Wednesday in a few weeks and (2) believe in the gospel – the other part of the phrase when ashes are imposed on our foreheads. These two essentials prepare us for God's kingdom, now, here, as we pray in the Our Father. The call of Simon and Andrew and James and John is an example of what it means to turn from ones former life – for them fishing to fishing for men to follow Jesus and hear the gospel and believe in it. Let us not be surprised that the Lord is calling us to respond to his invitation. Let us pray in this week that we might have the courage and strength and humility to respond.

Thank you for your prayers during the priest retreat. It was a restful, prayerful time.

Please remember in your prayers and pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Ed Kelly, a priest formerly of the diocese, a brother priest of our home parish Our Lady of Victory, and a friend, who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

Mav vou and vour families have a blessed week. +

UPDATING THE PARISH CENSUS

In order to update the census for the celebration of the 50th anniversary this next year, please take time to fill out the form that will be included in the bulletin for the next few weeks. Take one for other family members that are not able to attend Mass. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and return them to the baskets located at the church entrances. Thank you.

Palms for Burning

Beginning next week, please bring last years palms to the church and deposit them in the baskets at the entrances. As we walk with the Lord from ashes to the living font of Easter and Resurrection, we will make the ashes from these palms that have been with us throughout the year, through our ups and downs. As we receive them on our forehead as ashes, we remember how we are called to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

January 27 – February 1

Tuesday, 27th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Special Intention*

Wednesday, 28th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Maria Soto + S. Thomas Aquinas*
by *Catholic Daughters*

Thursday, 29th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Alvino Guajardo + Navarro*
by *Fernando & Christina*

Friday, 30th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *David Escalante Sr.*
by *Janie Reyes*

Saturday, 31st 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: *Lupe Olguin*
6:00 (vigil) Mass – *Judy Beck +*
by *Fernando & Christina Navarro*

Sunday, 1st 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*
4th Sunday OT
2nd Collection: 10:00 a.m. Mass – *Gracie & Ismael Perez*
Building Fund 39th Wedding Anniversary

Readings – Sunday February 1

First Reading – Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday January 31st, 6 p.m.

Lectors Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers Carol Sutton, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers Lawrence and Pauline Kelly
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner, A. Reyes, Sr.

Sunday February 1st, 8 a.m.

Lectors Marianela Chapa
Cup Ministers Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers Emilio and Veronica Ledezma and family
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers A. Posada, H. Cardona, T. Cabral, A. Escalante

Sunday February 1st, 10 a.m.

Lectors Lupe Olguin
Cup Ministers Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers Danny and Frances Garcia
Altar Servers Jerry Adkins, Albert Adkins, Katie Williams
Ushers A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria

January Calendar

31 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10 Heritage

To baptize, you must be a registered parishioner for at least four months and attending Mass. If from another parish (immediate family [i.e., parents or grandparents] are active parishioners) you must provide a letter from your pastor stating you are active and you must attend your parish's baptismal class. Baptisms are held the first Sunday of each month except during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 2168.95

Around the Diocese

February 8 St. Mary's Festival – Victoria
Community Center – Brisket/Sausage
Plates \$7 adult, \$4 child

Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

Sunday February 1, 2009
St. Patrick's Memorial Hall
Plates \$7 each
(1/2 chicken, potato salad, beans, cake)
Or Whole BBQ chicken - \$6
Serving begins at 9:00 a.m.

Financial Statement – December

Beginning Balance	(12/01/2008)	\$31,122.81
Income		
Building Fund		603.87
Sunday Collections		7373.08
Holy Days		2343.25
Candles		221.80
Designated Funds		647.44
Religious Education		20.00
Flowers		120.00
Interest Income		2.53
Total Income		\$11,331.97
Expenses		
Salaries		1500.00
Pension		194.00
Gas & Electric		1479.88
Garbage		75.67
Water		67.25
Health Insurance		524.00
Satellite TV		71.21
Telephone		100.62
Repair and Maintenance		625.09
Rectory Expense		287.24
Church Expenses		1845.63
Collections to Diocese		1959.14
Subscriptions		588.15
Postage		8.62
Auto		983.30
R.E. Expenses		165.73
Misc. Expenses		8.00
Bank Charges		30.00
Bishop's Capital Campaign		2723.84
DSA		7271.32
Total Expenses		\$ 20,508.69
Bank Balance	(12/31/2008)	\$21,966.93
Money Market CD		\$20,000.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wed. : Regular Classes

Grades K-6 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

**PARENTS/FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS
MEETING WITH FR.TY, FEBRUARY 1,
9 – 9:45 Heritage Room**

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The first miracle of Jesus was:

c. changing water into wine at wedding in Cana

At the wedding feast, Mary asked Jesus to help the bride and groom who had run out of wine for the guests. He changed water into wine so delicious that some guests said the couple saved the best wine for last. See John 2:1-11.

This week's question:

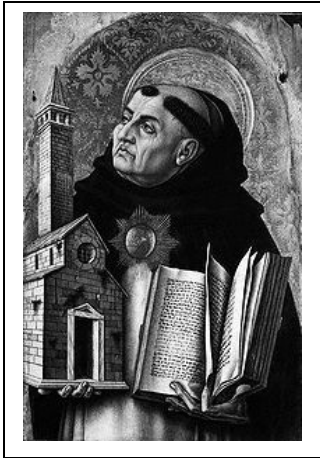
Before the Second Vatican Council, 1962-1965,
Mass all around the world was celebrated in:

a. German b. French c. Latin d. English

(Answer coming next week)

Saint of the Week

Thomas Aquinas



Saint Thomas T. Aquinas, O.P. (also Thomas of Aquin or Aquino; born ca. 1225; died 7 March, 1274) was an Italian Catholic priest in the Dominican Order, and an immensely influential philosopher and theologian in the scholastic tradition,

known as Doctor Angelicus, Doctor Universalis and Doctor Communis. He is frequently referred to as Thomas because "Aquinas" refers to his residence rather than his surname. He was the foremost classical proponent of natural theology, and the father of the Thomistic school of philosophy and theology. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern philosophy was conceived as a reaction against, or as an agreement with, his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law and political theory.

Aquinas is held in the Catholic Church to be the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood. The works for which he is best-known are the *Summa Theologica* and the *Summa Contra Gentiles*. One of the 33 Doctors of the Church, he is considered by many Catholics to be the Catholic Church's greatest theologian and philosopher. Consequently, many institutions of learning have been named after him.

St. Thomas,
pray for us.

End of the Year Contribution Statements

Thank you again for all of your support this year ending. If you would like a list of your donations to St. Patrick's, please contact the parish office or sign the list in the church. I will then get you a list.

*Pray for the sick
of the parish.*

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones.
And for all your love's sake. Amen.

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Parish Census Form

Personal Information (Please print)

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Religion _____ Occupation _____

Spouse's Full Name (maiden) _____ Date of Birth _____

Religion _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Street/Post Office Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Alternate Phone _____

Sacramental Information

You

Spouse

Check all that apply Baptism _____

Penance _____

Confirmation _____

Eucharist _____

Marriage* _____

* according to the laws of the Catholic Church

Anniversary Date _____

Children in the Home

First Names :

Date of Birth

Baptism

Penance

Eucharist

Confirmation

Last if different

check if Sacrament has been received

If more space is need, attach another census form

Do you use church envelopes to tithe ? Yes / No If yes, what is your number ? _____

If no, would you like to receive them ? Yes / No

After completing this form, please return it to the parish office, via the mail, collection basket on any Sunday, or in person.

Office Use Only

Date turned in _____

Entered in PDS _____

Envelope process begun _____ *if applicable*

Registrar _____