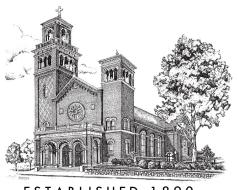
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astoral Thoughts

Back on January 28th the Church celebrated the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor. Being a theology teacher, I often reference Aquinas in the classroom. He was a master at using faith and reason to understand the rich dogmas of our faith. His most famous work, the "Summa Theologica" is unsurpassed as a work defending and explaining the Christian faith.

But with that being said, it is not because of his great mind that he is a canonized saint in the Church. He is a saint, because of his great love for our Lord, Jesus Christ. Especially his love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Aquinas would rise early in the morning, say his own private Mass, and then serve at another Mass before starting his daily work and writing.

There is a famous story that after finishing his great writing on the Blessed Sacrament, Aguinas laid the work at the foot of a crucifix and prayed. The body of Jesus on the crucifix came to life and told him, "Thomas you have written well of my Real Presence, what would you have for your reward?" Thomas answered, "only you Lord!"

Why does the Church celebrate liturgically the lives of the saints? First, to ask for their intercession since they are in heaven enjoying the Beatific Vision of the Trinity. Secondly, to give us, the faithful here on earth, role models to pattern our Christian life after.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift Jesus has given to his Church. At every Mass, the oblation of Calvary is represented to us, and we are fed with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God. We must never take this great gift for granted.

Let us pray to St. Thomas to help us to have a love and yearning to be united to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Every time we attend holy Mass and approach the altar to receive our Lord, let us do so joyfully and full of faith that we are truly coming into personal contact with him who loves us beyond all human understanding. May we never become complacent and continue to grow in our awe, and love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

Blessings, Deacon Mike

Regardless of where you are from, your occupation, your family, your marital status, your personal history, your age, your background, your race, your ethnicity, your political affiliation, your religion, your gender, or your gender identification, we are happy you are here with us today to worship! We invite you to learn more about our parish and its activities by contacting our office, website or simply by mingling with our parishioners after mass.

Parish Office Hours

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Weekend Schedule Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 & 11:00 am Masses

Weekdays

Confession 11:30 am 12 Noon Mass **Eucharistic Adoration** Fridays 11:00 am

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 15-6th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm † Brian Waldbillig
OLOS Parishioners

SUNDAY, February 16—6th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am † Jacob Armstrong

11:00 am † Healy, Hoedl & Hiller Families

MONDAY, February 17—Weekday

Noon † Eric Hiller

TUESDAY, February 18—Weekday

Noon † Paula Rios

WEDNESDAY, February 19-Weekday

Noon † JoAnn Holden

THURSDAY, February 20—Weekday

Noon † Fr. Evan Harkins

FRIDAY, February 21—Weekday

Noon † Frank Altman

SATURDAY, February 22—7th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm Preservation of Sacred Holyland Sites

SUNDAY, February 23-7th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am †

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available for daily and weekend Masses. Please call the office if you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased. 816.421.2112.

Baptism and Marriage ~ Call for appointment

Volunteers

| 2/15 & 16 | 4:00pm | 8:00am | 11:00am |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| Reader | John Pileggi | Madison Mettman | Tim Healy Rick Grindel |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Lynette Wheeler G. Weatherford | Nancy Lowdon Elizabeth Bulley | Kathryn Hogan Kathy Randolph |
| Servers | John Pileggi | David Mettman | Tom Papreck |
| Ushers | Ed Stevens Judy Stevens G. Weatherford Volunteer | Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer | Mel Hogan Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer |

| 2/22 & 23 | 4:00pm | 8:00am | 11:00am |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|
| Reader | Pat Tangen | Stephen Bulley | Allan Schaff Tess Robbins |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Nancy Lowdon John Pileggi | Elizabet Bulley Rita Witt | Pat Battaglia Sylvia Gutierrez |
| Servers | John Pileggi | Tonnye Armstrong | Tom Papreck |
| Ushers | Ed Stevens Judy Stevens Debbie Tangen Volunteer | Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer | Rick Grindel Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer |

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/

1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119/Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94/Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15/Mk 8:22-26 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas2:14-24, 26/Ps 112/Mk 8:34-9:1 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/ 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Parish Calendar of Events

- February 15 & 16—Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal—All Masses
- February 15—Wedding at 6:00pm
- February 16—Catholic Hope Group 2-4pm in Hall
- February 18—Water Garden Society—5-9pm in Hall
- February 24—Knights of Columbus—6:00-8:00pm
 Chapter Meeting in the Hall
- February 24—TeDeum Concert Rehearsal 6-9:30pm in Church.
- February 28—TeDeum Concert Rehearsal 7-9:30pm in Church
- February 29—TeDeum Concert Rehearsal 9:30am-Noon in the Church
- February 29—Wedding at 1:30pm
- March 1—Knights of Columbus—12:00-3:00 Hall

- March 1—TeDeum Lenten Concert at 7:00pm Lamentations of Jeremiah. See bulletin for more information and a discount code for tickets.
- March 4—Knights of Columbus—6:30pm in the Hall.
- March 6—POMC support group—6-9pm in the Hall
- March 7—Church Cleaning—9-10am Refreshments with WOOL in the parish Hall following
- March 8—Coffee & Donuts—after the 8am & 11am Masses in the Hall.
- March 14—Wedding at 2:00pm
- March 15—Catholic Hope Group—2-4pm in the Hall
- March 15—Baptism 11am Mass
- March 15—Catholic Hope Group—2-4pm in the Hall

Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!

Weekly Activities & Events

CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

PLEASE HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF KCSJ AS WE STRIVE TO SERVE AND LIFT OUR CLIENTS. There will be a second collection today, **February 15-16** for the annual **Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund**. Thanks to your support of the CCEAF, we're able to help at-risk families meet their immediate needs and ultimately regain a sense of stability. Once the immediate crisis is resolved, Catholic Charities works with families on their personal pathway out of poverty – helping sustain them until they are self-sufficient and thriving. You'll find a special collection envelope in your packet for the weekend of February 15-16. Please be generous.

Volunteer Coordinator

We are currently looking for a volunteer to fill the roll of Volunteer coordinator here at OLOS.

This coordinator will assist the pastor and staff with planning events and scheduling both liturgically and socially. Expected time commitment is about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours a week. A basic knowledge of Microsoft office would be helpful.

Please contact Dcn Tyrone or Stephanie in the office to inquire more and apply for this position. 816.421.2112

Praying for our Military Service Members:

Isaac Eyph, Cruz Ibarra, Brian Jansen, Christopher Lamkey, Kyler Brotherton and all military members serving our great nation.

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If you or a loved one or friend are serving in the military, please call the office to have their names added to our military prayer list. We would like to honor those serving by having them listed on our bulletin. We ask our parishioners to remember them, and all who are on our prayer list in their prayers. 816.421.2112

Last Weekends Collection

From February 19, 2020

| Plate | \$391.26 |
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| Envelopes | \$1,475.00 |

Te Deum Concert

The Lamentations of Jeremiah

On Sunday, March 1st at 7:00pm, Te Deum will present "A Spanish Lament" as it ushers in the solemn season of Lent at Our Lady of Sorrows. The Lamentations of Jeremiah, somber lessons delivered in the final days of Holy Week, have been set to music by numerous composers over the past centuries, but few resonate with the intensity of the 16th-century Spaniard, Thomás Luis de Victoria. Each lesson gains further poignancy when paired with the prescribed plainchant response. On the first Sunday in Lent, *March 1st at 7:00pm*, Te Deum will present Victoria's Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Lamentations in the church's beautiful acoustics and serene atmosphere.

Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows can receive an additional 20% off the already-discounted advanced ticket price by using promo code OLOS20 during checkout (Discounts not available at the door). www.te-deum.org

Prayers Requested

Pray for Earl Jones, Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Sue Remkus, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, Judy Dale, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Barbara Darling, Leigh Ann Zeller, Michael David, Susan Walsh, Blake Mathews, Ken Blundell, Linda Turner, Michael Dana and Shirley Briscoe.

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500,or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information

Weekly Activities & Events

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS

THE CRISIS OF HAPPINESS: Hurting, Addicting, & Healing Jim Owens, MA, LPC

When you hear the word "addiction", what typically comes to mind? Needles? Alcohol? Pills? As Jim Owens, MA, LPC explains, addiction is much simpler, including everything from substances to technology, screen time, work, shopping, and even sugar. Addictions and distractions are used to manage pain—but in the process, end up damaging our brains, our relationships, and our ability to find lasting happiness. Jim gives scientific evidence and practical advice for overcoming wounds, to help hurt people become healed people.

"An excellent talk... engaging, and made me examine my life on a meaningful level. I think this will really help those who are struggling to understand themselves better and seek the healing they need, for them and their loved ones."

Visit the Lighthouse displays at the main and side entrances of the church to find more.

Lay Minister Sign-Up Sheets

Calling all Lay Ministers! Please stop by the Sacristy to help with one of our Lenten Mass times. The sign-up sheets are located on the back Sacristy counter for Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday is approaching very quickly and we will need many hands to distribute ashes and give communion.

If you are a Weekday Mass attender, and are able to help with one of these many opportunities, please sign-up. Everyone should check in with Deacon Tyrone before the Mass you are signed up for so we know you are here and can give any last minute instructions.

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New Parishioner Information

Please print your name and address below to receive registration information.

| Name | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Address | |
| City/State | _Zip Code |
| Home Phone | |
| Email address | |

Please drop in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. Or call the Parish Office 816.421.2112

FROM CONCEPTION ABBEY GUEST CENTER

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Retreats:

RETREAT: ARE YOU GROUNDED? THE BENEDICTINE VALUE OF HUMILITY

February 21-23

Reflections on the Benedictine value of humility as a way to understand what humility and meekness really are. Humility opens the doors to the hearts of others and to the heart of God. Led by Brother Cyprian Langlois, OSB.

"Coping with Life Alone" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

"Coping with Life Alone ®" is a Beginning Experience ® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks.

The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Upcoming program dates and location: Saturdays, February 22nd through April 4th, from 1:30 to 3:30pm Location: St. Bernadette Church, Parish Hall51st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64133

Contact Donna at 816-305-3760, for more information and registration.

Lenten Happenings at Our Lady of Sorrows

Ash Wednesday Services ~ Wednesday, February 26, 2020

- ♦ 12 Noon-Full Mass
- ♦ 5:30pm Communion Service

Te Deum Concert ~ Sunday, March 1, 2020

♦ 7:00pm ~ The Lamentations of Jeremiah

Penance Service ~ Friday, March 6, 2020

♦ 6:30pm ~ Special Speakers in attendance

Harvesters Service Day ~ Saturday, March 14, 2020

◆ Meet in the Parish Hall at 8:00am to carpool. Finished at 10:30am.

Stations of the Cross ~ Fridays, March 20 & 27, 2020

♦ 7:00pm ~ Stations lead in the Church

Lenten Topics by Dcn Mike Elsey ~ Sundays, March 22 & 29

- March 22, 9:30-10:30am ~"Discipleship, answering the call"
- March 29, 9:30-10:30am ~"Eucharisti, Exodus, Passover and Last Supper"

Please feel free to pick up a lavender colored sheet from the pews, which contains a full list of activities for your home of to share with friends and family.