## Saint Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church

1720 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, OR 97756

Very Rev. Todd Unger, Pastor

Rev. Alexandar Kalappurakkal Poulose, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Chuck Amsberry

Former Pastors: Fr. Stan Strzyz

Please pray for the soul of:

Fr. John O'Donovan Fr. Michael Ahearne Fr. Francis McCormack Msgr. William Stone Fr. Thomas Moore Msgr. Bernard Keating

Fr. Leo Weckerle Deacon Joseph Pickens



## MAY 6 and 7, 2023 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 13 and 14, 2023 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Phone: 541-923-3390 - Fax: 541-548-6630 - Rectory: 541-548-3548

**St. Thomas Academy:** 541-548-3785

Religious Education: 541-923-0597 - Noél Roy, Director and Coordinator Grades K-12

Hispanic Ministry: 541-350-2922 Angie Ornelas; 541-410-1526 Faviola Soto

Coordinator of Liturgical Music: 541-815-3424 Nick Wavers; musicministry@stthomasredmond.com

Web page: www.stthomasredmond.com & e-mail: djensen@stthomasredmond.com

Pastor: fathertodd@stthomasredmond.com

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE - HOLY MASSES:

Weekdays 8 AM

Wednesday 8AM and 6PM – 10AM Academy Mass Saturday 5:00PM Vigil ~ First Saturday 8:00AM 8AM, 10AM & 12Noon (Spanish)

#### **CONFESSION:**

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:45pm and Saturdays at 3:00 to 4:30pm, or by appointment.

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Daily, from 8am-8pm Friday, from 12Noon (24hrs) - closes at 12Noon on Saturday.

#### ROSARY:

Daily – At 7:25 am, Before 8:00am Daily Holy Mass First Saturday – Before 8:00am Holy Mass; on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of the month for Respect for Life at 7:25 am

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS**

+Fred Zagurski – Sacred Heart ~ 5/7 – 5/20 +Gonzalo Mora - Sacred Heart ~ 5/7 – 5/20 Becky Larkin – Immaculate Mary ~ 5/7 – 5/20 Kitty Tenille-Goicoa – Immaculate Mary ~ 5/7 – 5/20 William Cramer – St. Joseph ~ 5/7 – 5/13 +Casey Milne – St. Joseph ~ 5/13 – 5/20 Familia de Garcia – St. Joseph ~ 5/7 – 5/20 <u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u>: Call the office to register between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Friday @ 541-923-3390.

BAPTISMS: Parents of children to be baptized <u>must be registered members of our parish</u>. A Baptism preparation class is <u>mandatory</u> for both parents and godparents. For more information call the parish office at 541-923-3390. Baptismal paperwork must be completed and turned in at least 2 weeks prior to the date of Baptism. To schedule a Baptismal Class in English or Spanish, please call the office 541.923.3390.

QUINCEAÑERAS: Should make an appointment with Fr. Todd, six months before the proposed date. Preparation class is <u>mandatory</u>.

<u>MARRIAGES</u>: Couples planning to marry in this parish should call the office to make an appointment with the Pastor, Fr. Todd Unger, at least six months before the proposed date. Marriage Preparation course is <u>mandatory</u>.

<u>CANDLE INTENTION OPPORTUNITIES</u>: Parishioners may request that candles be lit in front of the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Mary and St. Joseph statues.

Call the office for more details.

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS:</u> For those who have lost their lives in the Russian/Ukrainian war; Gonzalo Mora (Viewing and rosary on Thursday, May 4; funeral Mass on Friday, May 5); Emily Ott, mother of Maria Lucero; Denise McCoy, sister of Diane McCoy; Mary Barth, daughter of Betty Barth (funeral Mass 1:00pm on May 15); Miguel Garcia, son of Ramon & Luisa Garcia; Stanley Zdon, brother-in-law of Connie Busse; Casey Milne, son of John and Susan Milne, Fred Zagurski and Sister Helen Cheeney, sister of Ed Cheeney.

CHANTED VESPERS: Sundays, May 7, and June 4, at 6PM

BENEDICTION: Saturday, June 24, after the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, June 25, after the 8:00AM, 10:00AM and Noon Masses.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION: Sunday, May 21, at 5:00PM

<u>Parish Pastoral Council</u> meets 2nd Wednesdays at 6:45pm (September-May) – Parish Center - Conference Room. (Parish Council Members: Fr. Todd Unger, Angie Ornelas, Faviola Soto, Anne Maloney, John Turlak, Patti Hanken, and Patricia Schulte). <u>Except Next Meeting is May 17, due to Confirmation on May 10.</u>

Finance Council meets last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, Parish Office Conference Room

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, May 8, 7:00 pm in the Knights Room. Grand Knight: John Turlak

Altar Society will meet Monday, May 8, in the at noon in the Side Vestibule for lunch – for more info see inside President: Patti Hanken

St. Thomas Academy - SAC; 1st Monday at 6pm. Principal: Patricia Schulte

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK MAY 6 - MAY 14, 2023

MAY 6, FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM+OLGA JENSEN (RON AND DONNA JENSEN) 5:00PM+MERRITT WILLIAMS (SHERRY GULLINGS)

MAY 7. SUNDAY

8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS

10:00AM+TED AND +TOM BOHN (DOROTHY BOHN)

NOON+ARTURO CAMPOS PATINO (JOSE & ERIKA ROBLES)

MAY 8, MONDAY 8:00AM+DENISE MCCOY (ALTAR SOCIETY) 8:00AM+MARY BARTH (ALTAR SOCIETY)

MAY 9. TUESDAY 8:00AM+BILL BURGE (THE BAILEY FAMILY) 8:00AM+STEVE KREMER (RYAN AND CINDY SALE)

MAY 10, WEDNESDAY

8:00AM+CHAD ELLIOTT (SHIRLEY CARPENTER)

10:00AM+REV. A.J. FISHER (FATHER TODD UNGER)

6:00PM+ELSIE SIMMONS (A FRIEND)

MAY 11. THURSDAY 8:00AM+STAN & +MIKE STURZA (PHYLLIS STURZA) 8:00AM+BRUCE RUEDIG (RYAN & CINDY SALE)

MAY 12, FRIDAY
8:00AM RICHARD ATWELL JONES (CATHY FREY)
8:00AM+CHARLES SCHWANKL (JOAN STIBAL & LEWIS NOVASIO)

MAY 13. SATURDAY 5:00PM ISAIAH & SAMUEL MAINARD (BARRY & PENNY GREIG)

MAY 14, SUNDAY
8:00AM+JOSEPHINE VOGT (DEAN & MARILYN McNULTY)
10:00AM+FRED DOLLOWITCH (KEVIN & SUZANNE STICH)
NOON ALL PARISHIONERS

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK MAY 13 - MAY 21, 2023

MAY 13. SATURDAY 5:00PM ISAIAH & SAMUEL MAINARD (BARRY & PENNY GREIG)

MAY 14. SUNDAY
8:00AM+JOSEPHINE VOGT (DEAN & MARILYN McNULTY)
10:00AM+FRED DOLLOWITCH (KEVIN & SUZANNE STICH)
NOON ALL PARISHIONERS

MAY 15, MONDAY 8:00AM SVDP VOLUNTEERS 8:00AM+FRANK KOWALCZYK (ED & PAM CHEENEY)

MAY 16, TUESDAY
8:00AM+JOSEPHINE VOGT (DEAN & MARILYN McNULTY)
8:00AM BECKY LARKIN (4th DEGREE KNIGHTS)

MAY 17. WEDNESDAY
8:00AM LORRAINE ESPINOSA (INEZ BACA)
10:00AM AVAILABLE
6:00PM+PAT CARPENTER (SHIRLEY CARPENTER)

MAY 18. THURSDAY 8:00AM+RAY HOUGHTON (CAROLYN HOUGHTON) 8:00AM+REV. A.J. FISHER (FATHER TODD UNGER)

MAY 19, FRIDAY 8:00AM+NANCY DAEGES (CARL & JULIE CACHO) 8:00AM MIKE DAEGES (CARL & JULIE CACHO)

MAY 20. SATURDAY 5:00PM+DONACIANA CASTILLO (MANUEL CHAVEZ)

MAY 21. SUNDAY
8:00AM BEATRICE ROSE DE LEONE (CHUCK MEYER FAMILY)
10:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK (RAY HAVELOCKK
NOON ALL PARISHIONERS



## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!!



Did you know that our Giving Closet provides baby & toddler supplies and much needed children's clothing? We also provide food, clothing, and household items to hundreds of people each month. This has been, and will continue to be, achievable with your help. Your donations of food, household items, and financial assistance make it possible. Your purchases from our thrift store make it possible. Your precious time in volunteering makes it possible. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul ~ 651 SW Veterans Way, Redmond, OR 97756 Social Services and Food Bank: 541.923.5264

Thrift Store: M-SAT 9am-6pm = Donations: M-SAT 9am-4:30pm = Food Bank: W-TH 10am-1:45pm



DIOCESE OF BAKER PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Child Abuse Prevention month reminds us to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. Report all allegations or incidents of sexual abuse by anyone against a minor immediately to the civil authorities to 1-855-503-SAFE (7233) Keep Oregon's Children Safe. After reporting abuse involving a minor to civil authorities please contact: Leah Bickett, Diocese of Baker, Safe Environment Coordinator, Email: <a href="leah@dioceseofbaker.org">leah@dioceseofbaker.org</a>, Phone 541-388-4004. Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults: Very Rev. Saji Kumbungal Thomas, CMI, VG, Email: <a href="yg@dioceseofbaker.org">yg@dioceseofbaker.org</a>, Phone: 541-962-5574. Reporting allegations against a priest, deacon or seminarian, please contact: Angelina Montoya, MD, Victim's Assistance Coordinator, Phone: 541-678-5652. Reporting Sexual Misconduct involving a Bishop please contact: Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS), Phone: 800-276-1562.

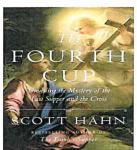
Report child abuse 1-855-503-SAFE (7233) Keep Oregon's children safe Bishop's Annual Appeal

Coincides with the national Eucharistic Revival. The theme for this year's Appeal captures the connection between the two. Participation in the Appeal helps us hand onto others what was handed on to us: *The Mystery of Faith*, the Eucharist.

This year, the diocesan-wide Appeal participation goal is 16%, and the supporting financial target is \$675,000. For our Parish the participation goal is 221 families (returned pledge cards) of the parish 1,157 families with a supporting target of \$63,379.

Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by <u>YOUR GENEROSITY</u>. Parishioners in every parish are asked to contribute directly to diocesan ministries that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

Registered parishioners are already receiving Appeal information from Bishop Cary. For more information, visit https://dioceseofbaker.org/bishops-annual-appeal



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## THE FOURTH CUP: UNVEILING THE MYSTERY OF THE LAST SUPPER AND THE CROSS

By: Scott Hahn

Questions: Contact Leah Bickett at 541.884.4031

<u>Discussion Date:</u> Tuesday, May 30, 2023

<u>Location:</u> Brides Room St. Thomas Church

<u>Time:</u> 6:30 pm – 8:00pm



ST. THOMAS GIFT SHOP can serve many if

not all your gift needs for that special First Holy Communicant or Confirmandi in your life. <u>It is open before and after</u> weekend Masses.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS: Sundays, May 28, and June 11, after the 8 and 10 am Masses.



MAY FLOWERS: Penny Greig

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meet on Monday, May 8, at 7:00 pm in their meeting room located in the parish hall building. Election of officers for the new year will be held.

THE KNICHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their Monthly Breakfast on Sunday, May 21. It will be a Mother's Day Breakfast. All Mom's eat free. Bacon, eggs, pancakes, juice, and coffee will be served.



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DEADLINE

#### **REGISTER NOW FOR DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS**

<u>Youth Camp: July 9-13</u>, current 4th-12thgr. Come discover JOY at Catholic Youth Camp and \* meet new friends, \* have adventures, \* campfires, \* time with Jesus, and \* just being Catholic! Registration Fee: \$150.

<u>Youth Camp Leaders</u>: 10th-12thgrs are invited to apply. Zoom training begins in late May! Registration fee: \$75.

<u>Two Family Camps: July 27-30 & Aug 3-6:</u> Catholic families coming together, having fun, & celebrating what it means to be families fully alive in Christ! Family outing adventures, prayer, learning, games, crafts, men's & women's sessions, campfire & s'more!

Registration is open for all camps through the Diocese website: <u>DioceseofBaker.org</u>

#### **SUMMER CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP ADULT VOLUNTEERS OPENINGS:**

10-15 Adult Chaperones (camp is free!)
1-2 Camp Nurses / EMTs (stipend available)
1-2 Camp Musicians (stipend available)
For Info, email: Marie@DioceseofBaker.org

#### AMAZING, P/T CATHOLIC SUMMER OPPORTUNITY:

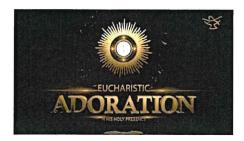
The Diocesan Evangelization and Catechesis Team is seeking a P/T Summer Event Assistant, ~6/19-8/11. Position details on DioceseofBaker.org, or email Marie@DioceseofBaker.org.

ALTAR SOCIETY MAY MEETING AND POTLUCK: Our May meeting and Potluck will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the side vestibule. All women of the Parish are invited. Please bring a dish to share. Officers will provide desserts. Altar Society will provide fried chicken.

ALTAR SOCIETY MINISTRIES: All women 18 and older are members of Altar Society. We invite all of you to learn more about our ministries and how you can help. During the month of May, we will have information and sign-up sheets available. Also visit our table in the gym during the Cookie Sale on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

GROUP CALLING ALL MOTHERS OF ST. THOMAS PARISH! If you are interested in joining a mom's group here at our church please contact Willow Slater (661-479-9727), or the church office. The group will meet Tuesday mornings at 9am here at the parish for support, fellowship and fun. Children are welcome."

MAY 21 and 28 BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Due 5:00pm on Tuesday, May 16.



#### **TO RENEW EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT:**

Bishop Cary has asked that each parish print the following prayer in the parish bulletin:

O Sacrament most Holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!

This prayer will be recited after Holy Communion.

Please commit it to memory or cut it out of this
bulletin and carry it with you to Mass.

On the last weekend of each month, there will be Benediction in every parish. After the closing prayer at Mass, the priest will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the altar for a brief time of adoration and then conclude with a solemn blessing of the people. The prayers and hymns can be found on the inside back cover of the "Breaking Bread" missalettes in your pews. \*\*The next weekend there will be Benediction at St. Thomas Parish is on May 27 and 28.\*\*

Also, parishes across the Diocese will unite in prayer for a special <u>HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION</u> on May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19 at 5:00PM PT/6:00PM MT\*\*<u>SO</u>, at 5:00 pm on Sunday, May 21, St. Thomas will have a Holy Hour of Adoration.\*\*

## YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

June 19, 2022 - June 11, 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through eucharistic congresses and events.

#### YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 - July 17, 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

God's timing at this juncture of the National Eucharistic Revival and the Ordination of Caleb Joshua Cunningham to the Holy Priesthood is remarkably providential. HOW BLESSED IS THE BAKER DIOCESE In this time of Eucharistic Revival to celebrate the priestly ordination of Deacon Caleb Cunningham on June 15th at 11 am. All are cordially invited for this special event of the Diocese at St. Francis Cathedral, Baker City. Bishop Cary wants the following prayer added to prayers of the faithful every weekend until June 15th.

" For all who will be ordained to the priesthood this summer, especially Deacon Caleb Cunningham, that they may share their joy with the people they are sent to serve," We pray to the Lord.



REGISTER AT FORMED.ORG: Click

on **St. Thomas, Redmond. S**ign up to receive daily emails at <u>daily.formed.org</u>. Access studies and movies galore. Great resource!

Additional resources for parishes with FORMED.org subscriptions:

<a href="https://watch.formed.org/search?q=euc">https://watch.formed.org/search?q=euc</a>
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Society: https://eucharisticeducation.org/resources/

#### SPIRITUAL RESOURCES:

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ST. THOMAS LENDING LIBRARY: Along with participating in the sacraments and DAILY prayer, practicing regular SPIRITUAL READING is a VERY important way of developing a saintly Catholic life. Reading about the lives and writings of the saints can really soften our hearts. It is often in our spiritual reading that we find God speaking to us.

WHERE DO WE FIND THESE WONDERFUL SPIRITUAL READING MATERIALS? The bookshelves in the church hallway, (across from the flower room), are stocked full of tremendous holy books. Please come and take a look. Feel free to TAKE ANY BOOK HOME and keep it as long as you want....you can bring it back or pass it on to someone else. Don't miss this opportunity to rub elbows with the Saints. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from great theologians. Don't miss this opportunity to let your children and grandchildren see you trying to get closer to the Lord as you share with them some of the great things you are reading.

(Submitted by Marti Meyer)

BIBLE STUDIES: St Thomas has many LIFE CHANGING bible studies in the Fireside Room Library in the corner of the Church. There is a file box with an easy self-checkout system with directions next to it. Enjoy! "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Saint Jerome

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL ARTICLES & PARISH RESOURCES (which can be found on the Baker Diocese website): USCCB EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL RESOURCES:

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/lead Overview. Bulletin insert. Good overview of the Eucharistic Revival for parish leaders.

https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/liturgical-videos.html - Short videos that explain the objects and vessels used during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Liturgical seasons, and the parts of the Mass.

Could be a good resource for small faith groups, home formation, and short clips to include in faith formation or parish websites.

https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/eucharist.html - This 4-minute video is very good.

https://learn.eucharisticrevival.org/browse - From Formed.org, Free to anyone even if you do not have a Formed subscription. All-Ages. Spanish & English.

https://learn.eucharisticrevival.org/lectioeucharist/season:1 - Individual or small group study series

https://learn.eucharisticrevival.org/presence - Individual or small group study series

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/leaders-playbook - Easy-to-read overview.

https://learn.eucharisticrevival.org/for-kids - Kid Videos explaining the Mass & the Eucharist (English) ALIANZA DE AMOR is planning a Latino Cultural Food Event on Sunday, May 21, from 1 to 5. The food event will be outdoors in front of the St. Thomas gymnasium, "al fresco" or para comer al aire libre - One of Redmond's least known but best food events!! We are funding an upcoming conference on July 14 and 15 to be held at the Cascade View Retreat Center.



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www.RachelsVineyard.org/pdf/vb/april23.pdf

Rachel's Vineyard Monthly Newsletter

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

<u>Happy Mother's Day!</u> Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 23-25 In Salem, Oregon or August 25-27 in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply

for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to <u>rediscoverthespark.org</u>. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email

at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

PRO LIFE FACT OF THE WEEK: Over 1.3 million surgical abortions occur each year. Less than 4% are for reasons of rape Incest or serious medical concerns.

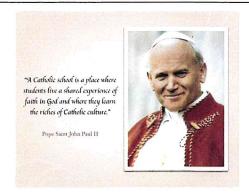
<u>VESPERS:</u> Come join us for chanted Vespers on <u>Sunday, May 7</u>, and <u>Sunday, June 4</u>, at 6 PM! After that, we will try to have it every other week. <u>Read your bulletin!!</u>

This evening prayer of the Church provides for a peaceful and recollected end to the weekend.

Come enjoy the beauty of Gregorian chant and time spent praising God in the Easter Season!

Thomas has a ministry that will bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to come to Mass either temporarily or long term? We call it the Ministry to the Homebound. If you know of anyone who could benefit or if you are interested in the ministry, please contact the office.

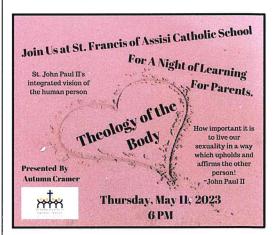
want to the home page at www.stthomasredmond.com and click on the brown box labelled "Giving Portal." (It is located right after the Mass times.)



#### SUPPORT ST THOMAS ACADEMY

casino night: Thank you to everyone who donated or attended our first annual casino night. The event was a fun success due to the casino games, fabulous food and great attendance. Proceeds are still being calculated and will go towards the St Thomas Building Fund and St. Thomas Academy scholarships.

You can now support STA by buying scrip by downloading the <u>RAISERIGHT</u> mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet. <u>Grab a flyer for instructions.</u>



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**Gift Shop Open** The Gift Shop is once again open before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses. If you prefer to make an appointment, call Laurel (English) at 541-788-9702 and leave a message. For Angelica (Spanish), call 541-480-8104.

Changes (	r Additions to Parish Records
<ul> <li>( ) I am a new parishioner and would like to register</li> <li>( ) I've moved ~ My new address, phone and email are shown below</li> <li>( ) I'm Moving. Please remove me from St. Thomas Parish</li> <li>( ) Please contact me regarding envelopes, online giving or parish directory</li> <li>Name:</li> </ul>	
Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	



#### Annette Vardanega Financial Advisor

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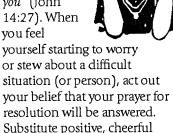
St. Thomas Church Rev. Todd Unger, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

#### Act in confidence

Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns.

"My peace I give you" (John 14:27). When vou feel



thoughts for negative ones. God is in control.

Your Lenten change

Lent is a time when we make changes that bring us closer to God. During Lent, many of us fast from our favorite food or drink, and approach Easter a little lighter in spirit and in body. Don't forget that a Lenten change can continue beyond Easter. Consider continuing your Lenten fast on Fridays throughout the year, or for a week each month, for example. Find ways to make your Lenten change permanent.

#### Rest and relax

God expects us to be sure to rest. "Come to me. all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).



## Welcome all God's children

God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow Him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

Celebrate diversity. Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus

was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality He received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

Practice patience. It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that

person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face

before you.

Counsel the ignorant. Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

Speak up. Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice,

and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

Act with love. The God of love gave of Himself so we could be reunited with Him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.

## Why Do Catholics Do That

## Why do Catholics celebrate the Ascension?

Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesus, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24). Secondly, from his throne in heaven.

Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist. Lastly, since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members of His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.

## Take good care of yourself. You belong to God.

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up His kingdom.

Body: What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Take steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid drugs or excessive alcohol. Doctors urge daily exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.

Mind: Become picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to influences the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you. Surround yourself with people who do the same.



## John 20:19-23, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

This Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of how the apostles spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in a locked room.

They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. To their surprise and great relief, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His glorious wounds as "living proof" of His Resurrection.

Then Jesus gave them a mission: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" establishing the Sacrament of Penance (John 20:23). He gave them the Holy Spirit, anticipating the feast of

Pentecost. Now, having authority to forgive sins, the apostles and their successors could continue

Jesus' work after He returned to heaven.

Jesus' appearance to His apostles reveals the fullness of God's mercy. He also sent the Holy Spirit to them. He descended powerfully on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. That same

Spirit is gifted to us in Baptism and dwells in our souls. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's love to you and help you become more like Christ each day.



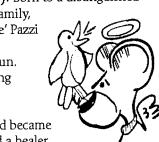
May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (1st Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 10 - St. John of Ávila (1569). Born to wealthy, pious parents, St. John left a budding career as a lawyer to become a priest. At the request of his bishop, he worked and preached to renew the faith of Catholics in Andalusia.

May 18 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 25 – St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (1607). Born to a distinguished Florentine family,

Catherine de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun. Upon making vows, she experienced ecstasies, and became a mystic and a healer.





## What is the meaning of the Miraculous Medal?

The Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, was designed by the Blessed Mother to teach us three things:

Mary prays for us: The medal's front reads: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. We don't



pray to her; she prays for us! Of course, we can go directly to Jesus anytime. In fact, Mary's role is to bring us to Jesus as swiftly and safely as possible.

Evil can be defeated: Mary is

shown crushing Satan's head, recalling the prophecy of his defeat (Genesis 3:15). Mary's humble "yes" to God paved the way for Christ's victory over death, sin, and evil. When we give God our "yes," then Christ's victory bears fruit in our lives.

Grace is always available: St.
Catherine asked why only some of the gemstones in Mary's rings radiated light.
Her answer? The dim gems symbolize "the graces for which souls forget to ask." God's grace is always available to us. All we have to do is ask.

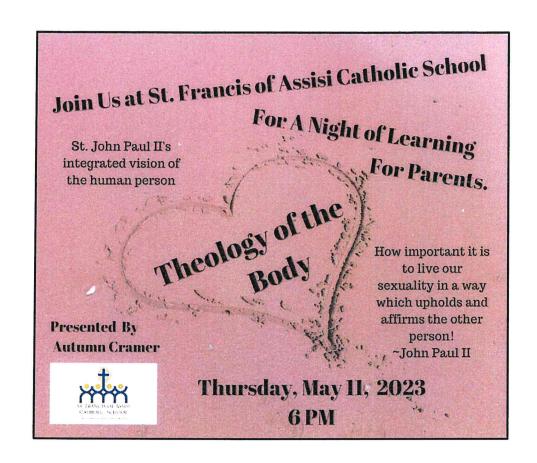
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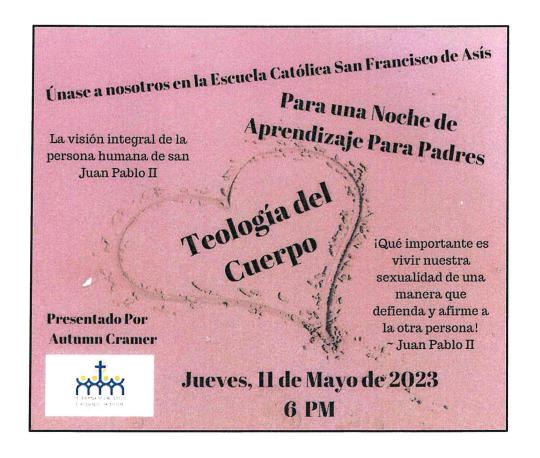
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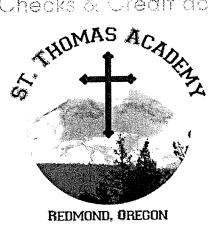
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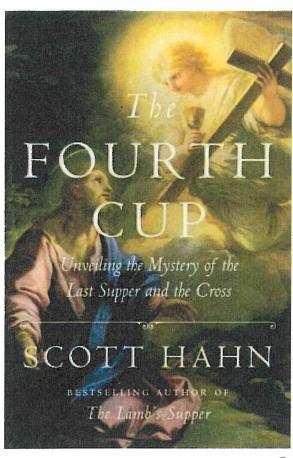
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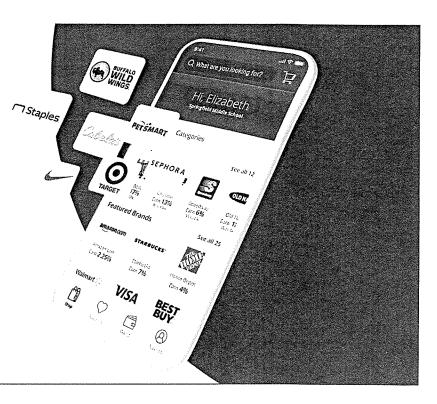
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