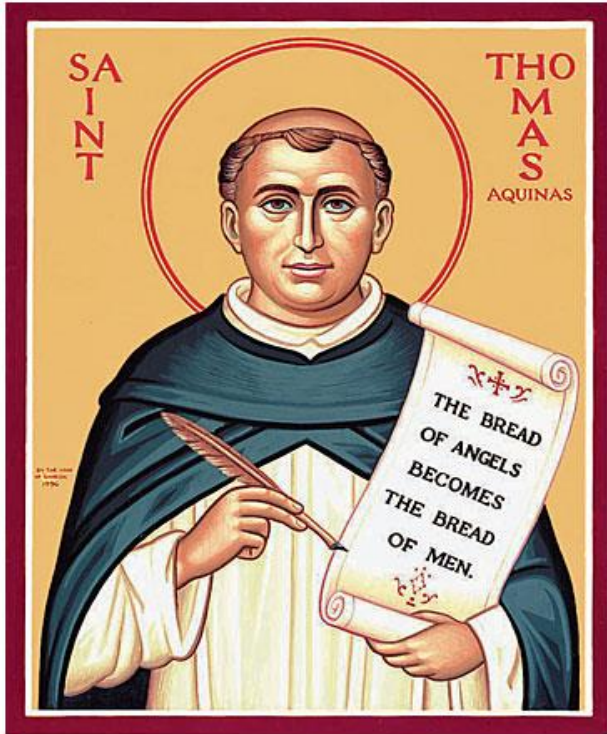


# St. Thomas Aquinas

## Catholic Church

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24th, 2014



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### **St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Mission Statement**

The mission of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our greater community.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish inspires, nurtures, and educates by following the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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### **Mass Schedule**

<i>Weekend</i>	Saturday	5:00 pm	(vigil)
	Sunday	8:00 am	
<i>Weekday</i>		11:00am	
		12:45pm	(español)
	Monday	8:30am	
	Tuesday	No Mass	
	Wednesday	6:30pm	
	Thursday	8:30am	
	Friday	8:30am	
<i>Holy Day</i>	Friday	10:00am	(Nursing Home)
	Morning	8:30am	
<i>Reconciliation</i>	Evening	7:00pm	
	Saturday	3:15-4:15pm	

### ***Sacramental Preparation/ Preparación Sacramental***

#### **Hispanic Ministry**

Contact Deacon Moises Camargo- (940) 395-0732

#### **Baptism/Bautismos**

Call the office to enroll in classes or to schedule a baptism/  
 Primer Sábado del mes. Los interesados deben registrarse con  
 anticipación. Isidro Muñoz, 903-209-7310

#### **Marriage/Casamientos**

Contact the parish office at least one year before the  
 wedding Deacon Dave Garza 515-988-9530  
 Registrarse con 12 meses de anticipación.  
 Diacono Moisés Camargo (940) 395-0732

#### **Ministry to the Sick/Ministerio al Enfermo**

Contact the parish office if you know of anyone who is sick/  
 Contacte la oficina de la iglesia si usted sabe  
 de cualquiera que está enfermo


#### **Quinceañeras**

Registrarse con 12 meses de anticipación. Llamar por favor a la oficina  
 de la iglesia para hacer una cita con Moisés Camargo, 940-395-0732.

**~ Parish Ministries, Services & Organizations Corner ~**

Altar Servers	Julie Holloway
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers	Chrystel Fritcher (940-367-0759)
Sacristan	Pat Boerner
Ushers	Everett Boerner
Funeral Coordinator	Nancy Dechaud
Grief/Loss Program	Mary Maurer
Ministry to the Sick	<b>Need Coordinator</b> please contact office
Marriage Coordinator	Deacon Dave
Baptism Coordinator	Yoli Arzate
Money Counter	Kathy Whitley
Ladies of St. Thomas	Tommie Barta & Nettie Garza
Men of St. Thomas	Bill Pietrosky
Sunday Funday	Mary Maurer
Knights of Columbus	Randy Barta

If you would like to be part of any of these great ministries, services, or organizations, please contact the office.



**~ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." - Mark 16:15 ~**

Mass Times	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Sacristan	Micky Nortman	Rosemary Schindler	Mary Peters
Ushers	J.R Boerner Edgar Evans Larry Looper Mark Harpool	James Pelzel Doug Braack Joe Gerrity Michael Fritcher	Robert David, Jr. John Gibas Riley Howard Greg Howard
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer	Zachary Pelzel Annie Braack	Payten Vidourek
Lectors	Tim Zboril	Sherri Durant John Corcoran	Kevin Ware
EM	Juane Surprise J.R. Boerner Pat Boerner	Nettie Garza Rickey Kemp Linda Kemp	Clay Cundiff Anna Raabe Theresa Raabe Georgia Burleson

**Mass Intentions & Readings: 8/23-8/31**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† George Burger † Ernest Pelzel
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Janeski † Pat Schon
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† Vera Duesman
	<b>12:45pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>For the People</b>
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20			
<b>Mon</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Special Intention:</b> <b>J.R &amp; Pat Boerner</b> <b>Robert &amp; Alice David</b> <b>(Anniversary Blessing)</b>
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22			
<b>Tues</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26			
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† Kevin Switzer
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32			
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† Bill & Gladys Mayer
1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51			
<b>Fri</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† Clara Jezek
1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 6:17-29			
<b>Sat</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† The Guenther Family <b>Special Int: Bob &amp; Lynda's 45th Wedding (Anniversary Blessing)</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† Kevin Switzer
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	† Vera Duesman
	<b>12:45pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>For the People</b>
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27			

**Adult Formation**

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**RCIA Introduction & Sign Up for Sessions**  
**Wed., Aug. 27, 7:00 pm** in the Religious Ed. Bldg.  
 If you are interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church or would like to know more about the RCIA process, please join us for an informative session.  
 Sessions will begin Wed., Sept. 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Call Kim at the Church Office for more information.

I am looking for volunteers interested in being on the RCIA team, especially in the Breaking Open The Word & Sponsors. Please call Kim at the Church office if you would like to help or for more information.

**Collection for Weekend of 8/16-8/17**  
**Needed Weekly Collections: \$9,000.00**  
 General Collection: \$12,902.25 (+\$3,902.25)  
**Y-T-D Needed: \$63,000**  
 Y-T-D Collections: \$67,828.04 (+\$4,828.04)

**Mass Attendance for Weekend of 8/16-8/17**

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM	Sunday 12:45 PM
	156	115	193	334
<b>HOLY DAY:</b>		240		

**Religious Education News**

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**We are in need Catechists, Aids, & Volunteers for the upcoming Faith Formation classes: 6th-12th grades.**  
 We are still in need of volunteers for the following grades: aids for both 7th and 8th grade in the morning, a catechist for the 6-7th grade class in the evening, 8th grade catechist in the evening, and subs for both morning and evening times and grades. While we have catechists for 6th-8th grade, we could use more catechists for 6th-8th grade in the morning. We also need 25-30 parents willing to help with food from time to time for the Sunday evening classes. Please contact Jason if you can help.  
 Finally, All High School parents. We are asking for parents to be an aid for their H.S. child's class for one class during the year. Please contact Jason to sign up for a Sunday that works best with your schedule.

**Youth Ministry News**

**"Pastor's Corner"**

**Youth Night** is Back! This Wednesday night starting at 7pm in the Youth Room. All High School youth are invited.

**Jr. High Youth Night!:** the next Jr. High youth night will be Tuesday, September 2nd at 7pm.

**Prayer at Abortion Clinic:** Saturday, September 6th at 7am. All are invited. Meet at the Church.

**Confirmation Meeting:** Sunday, August 24th 3:00pm. All youth and parents who will be going through the Confirmation program this upcoming year need to come to this meeting. Parents will get a letter in the mail this week to notify you if your child is eligible. Any questions please contact Jason.

Remember to pick up a September calendar in the back of the Church!

Pope Francis has captured the heart of the world, Catholic and Non-Catholic. His determination to allow the Church to be "poor and messy," as he would say, has resulted in millions applauding his reaching out to the marginalized of our society. His firm and decisive actions to remove those from ministry whose lives do not reflect the following of Christ has been a refreshing change from the old "close and eye and/or handle this quietly" that seemed to be the modus operandi of the Vatican. Millions flocked the streets of Rio last year to get a glimpse of this dynamic pope. But who is Pope Francis? He is Jorge Mario Bergoglio, an Argentine with a wonderful smile and a huge heart. But people did not line the streets to see Jorge Mario Bergoglio. No, they come to see Pope Francis. Why? Why are they so determined to see Pope Francis? Because he is the Pope. He is the successor of Peter. He is the one who is entrusted with the keys to the kingdom. He is our father on earth. The people who line the streets during Papal visits and who fill the Piazza San Pedro for the Sunday blessings and weekly audiences, all know that it is not just the man they are honoring; it is the office that the man holds they deeply respect. We have a concrete authority who guides us. He is rock-solid, to use the pun on the name Peter. Because of the Pope and the teaching authority of the Church, we know who we are when we say we are Catholic. We know the fundamental beliefs of our faith and the basic dictates of our morals. We are so firm in our faith, that even if those in authority should give us a poor example of living the faith, we still maintain our Christianity. When leaders are so caught up in their humanity that they don't recognize the result of their actions, we all hurt. Yet, the Church still flourishes. Why? Because the Church is far more than individuals, it is the Body of Christ. The Borgia popes and others from the past certainly gave us poor examples of living the faith, at least by twenty-first century standards, but God still used them to guide His Church. Perhaps the most notorious of the popes was Julius II. One would be hard pressed to justify most of his life. Yet, he was the pope that gave the Church the Angelus.

I remember the comment that the head of the Baptist convention made during one of Pope John Paul II's trips to the United States. The preacher meant it as high praise. He said, "This man knows how to pope." He meant that Pope John Paul II knew that He had to be firm yet loving not just for Catholics but for all the people of the world. He was truly a father, and the Holy Father at that. The same can be said for Pope Francis. He knows how to pope too. He is staunch in promoting the faith, but at the same time he is loving to all those who are seeking meaning to life, who are seeking the Lord. Still, it is the office not the men that we honor.

We pray today for our Holy Father, and for the one who hopefully a long time from now will succeed him, one, whom God has already picked, and for the pope after that and after that, all of whom are already chosen by God. And we thank God for literally devising a way to lead us on earth through the ministry of the man we call pope.

Fr. Tom Kennedy

**Calendar Events**

8/29-8/30	Spanish Adoration	8:00PM-8:00AM	Church
8/30	Perez Baptism	12:00 PM	Church
	Castillo Baptism	1:00 PM	
	Guerrero Baptism	1:20 PM	
8/30	Wedding Anniversary Blessing	5:00 PM	Church
8/31	Dobbs & Hall Baptism	11:00 AM	Church

**Parish Announcements**

**SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**  
Invite you to...

**A day with the sisters for young women!**  
Ages 14 and up are welcome

**September 6,**  
**8am-6pm!**

**Discernment Weekend,**  
**Sept. 5-7 for 18 and older**  
**September 6, 2014**

Good Shepherd Convent  
1814 Egyptian Way  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

**Need to pre-register to attend:**

Sr. Mary Paul Haase

[smpaul@icgrandprairie.org](mailto:smpaul@icgrandprairie.org)

972-641-4496

Many, many thanks to my parish family for the retirement party. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. It was a joy to teach your children and grandchildren.



Joyce Strittmatter



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