

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

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MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday/Sábado

Vigil/Vigilia

4:00pm, English

Sunday/Domingo

8:30am, English

10:00am, Español

12:00pm, English

Weekdays/Diaria

5:30pm

Mon. & Wed. English

Martes y Viernes Español

Thursday/Jueves

Liturgy of the Word &
Adoration

Liturgia de la Palabra y
Adoración



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - Jn 11:43

5° DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Luego gritó con voz potente:
"¡Lázaro, sal de ahí!" - Jn 11, 43

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RECONCILIATION

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Wednesday/Miércoles

6:00 - 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am-1:00pm

Member of the
El Paso Inter-religious
Sponsoring Organization
(EPISO).

Working to end poverty
and injustice
in the Borderland.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Program for children and
adults to receive
Sacraments of Christian
Initiation.

Programa de preparación
para recibir sacramentos de
iniciación cristiana.
Disponible para niños y
adultos.

WEDDINGS/BODAS

Parishioners, registered or living within Parish boundaries, please contact pastor six months before planned wedding date.

Parroquianos, registrados o residentes de nuestra área parroquial, comunicarse con el párroco al menos seis meses antes de la fecha en que planean casarse.

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

Celebrated the second Saturday of the month. Please call the office for additional information.

Se celebran el segundo sábado de cada mes. Favor de llamar a la oficina para información adicional.

QUINCEAÑERAS/OS

All boys and girls enrolled in our Religious Formation program are welcome to celebrate their 15th birthday at the parish.

Todos los niños y niñas inscritos en nuestro programa de Formación Religiosa son bienvenidos a celebrar su cumpleaños número 15 en la parroquia.



Welcome to the community of Saint Thomas Aquinas! We are Blessed to have you with us. We want to be living proof to you of the Love and Peace of Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray your time with us is a blessing for you as well! Welcome and God Bless!

¡Bienvenido a la comunidad de Santo Tomás de Aquino! Ya sea usted un vecino o un visitante que está de paso, sepa que es una bendición tenerlo con nosotros.

Queremos ser para usted una prueba viva del amor y la paz de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. ¡Oramos que su tiempo con nosotros sea una bendición para usted también! ¡Bienvenidos y Bendiciones!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44). That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now. **Father John Muir**...©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

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MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Juan 11:1-45

Está por terminar la Cuaresma; un domingo más y estaremos celebrando el Domingo de Ramos. Cuarenta días de preparación para la Pascua están por concluir. Hemos acompañado a Jesús que pasó por las tentaciones en el desierto; luego subimos con Él al monte de la Transfiguración; fuimos al pozo de Jacob con la mujer samaritana y encontramos el Agua Viva; llegamos a la piscina de Siloé y fuimos curados de nuestras cegueras. Y hoy, celebramos el domingo en el que resucitaremos junto con Lázaro. La resurrección de Lázaro es un triunfo sobre la muerte. Pero antes de este milagro, Marta, la hermana de Lázaro, sale al encuentro de Jesús y, en su diálogo, Él le dice: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá" (Juan 11:26). Jesús nos hace hoy la misma pregunta que le hizo a Marta: "¿Crees esto?" ¿Qué le respondes tú? ¿Has experimentado algún cambio en tu corazón durante esta Cuaresma?

Si nuestra fe es madura, viviremos como resucitados desde ahora, no solo al final de nuestra vida. Demos, pues, a Jesús una respuesta profunda y comprometida con nosotros mismos y con quienes nos rodean. Respondamos como Marta y como Pedro: "Sí, Señor, creo". Señor, ayúdanos a ser parte de tu proyecto de vida, a construir un mundo mejor donde reine la paz. Queremos ser testigos de esperanza, donde tu amor exista a través de nuestra vida y nuestro caminar hacia Ti. Jesús nos dice hoy a cada uno de nosotros: "¡Lázaro, sal fuera!" (Juan 11:43). ©LPI

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

"¡Lázaro, sal!" Jesús llama a la tumba. Estas mismas palabras las clama en lo más profundo de nuestros corazones. "¡Sal!" Dios te está llamando. Sal del sueño de tu indiferencia. La Pascua está cerca. Ahora es el momento. ¡Sal! ©LPI

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

What Lazarus Wanted

"It must be so crazy, being God," one of my friends said in high school. "Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?"

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God's omnipotence. It's understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. "Oh God, thy sea is so great," goes the old fisherman's prayer. "And my boat is so small."

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency. Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. "This illness is not to end in death," he tells his companions. "But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus? I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn't know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — "Lord, let your will be done" — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

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PRACTICANDO CATHOLICISMO

Lo que Lázaro Quería

"Debe ser una locura, ser Dios", dijo uno de mis amigos en la escuela preparatoria. "¿Se siente como jugar a Los Sims todo el día? ¿Simplemente hacer que la gente haga cosas porque quieres ver qué pasa?"

Creo que todos a veces caemos en esta forma retorcida de pensar sobre la omnipotencia de Dios. Es comprensible, hasta cierto punto. La fragilidad de nuestra propia agencia en este mundo, nuestra capacidad real para impactar o cambiar cualquier cosa ... bueno, todo se siente especialmente insignificante cuando lo pones al lado del poder del Creador. "Oh Dios, tu mar es tan grande", dice la oración del viejo pescador. "Y mi bote es tan pequeño".

Pero hoy, al resucitar a Lázaro de entre los muertos, se nos recuerda que Dios quiere darnos albedrío.

Jesús podría haber resucitado a cualquier persona al azar de entre los muertos en este, el quinto domingo de Cuaresma. Su intención era clara: prefigurar su propia pasión, muerte y resurrección, y exhibir la cercanía de Dios a los que lloran. "Esta enfermedad no va a terminar en la muerte",

les dice a sus compañeros. "sino para la gloria de Dios, para que el Hijo de Dios sea glorificado por ella". (Juan 11:4)

Entonces, si pudiese haber sido cualquiera, ¿por qué fue Lázaro?

Creo que la respuesta tiene que ser que esto fue algo con lo que Lázaro estuvo de acuerdo. Quizás no de una manera explícita, porque no conocía la mente ni los planes de Dios. Pero en su amistad con Jesús, en la fuerza de su fe y la profundidad de su devoción a Dios, en cada oración que pronunciaba — "Señor,

hágase tu voluntad" — estaba de acuerdo. Una y otra vez, en lo que decía y lo que hacía, Lázaro, amado amigo de Cristo, dijo: "Señor, te amo. Señor, úsame". En esta última semana completa de Cuaresma, digámoslo con él: "Señor, te amo. Señor, úsame". ©LP

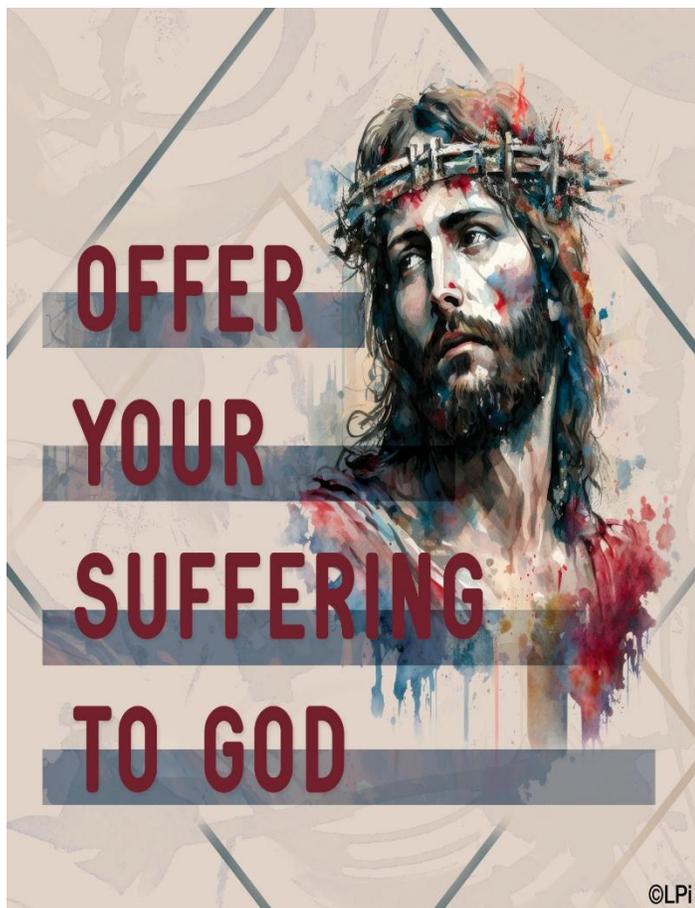
WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Holy See

Why is the Vatican sometimes called the “Holy See?”

A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is “sedes.” So each diocese can be referred to as a “see.” Most people think that St. Peter’s is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope’s seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope’s Chair.



¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Santa Sede

¿Por qué al Vaticano a veces se le llama la "Santa Sede"?

Un poco de historia en ecclesiología ayudará a explicar por qué llamamos al Vaticano la Santa Sede. La Iglesia es muy estructurada y organizada en su jerarquía. Una diócesis es un área geográfica gobernada por un obispo nombrado por el Papa. Cada diócesis se divide a su vez en parroquias, que tienen párrocos que representan al obispo en su autoridad de enseñanza.

La diócesis de Roma tiene un papel particular en la Iglesia debido a su importancia y antigüedad. El Papa es cabeza de la Iglesia porque es el Obispo de Roma. Cada obispo tiene una sede o trono, que es el símbolo de su autoridad docente y se encuentra en la catedral de cada diócesis. La palabra latina para asiento es "sedes". Por lo tanto, cada diócesis puede ser referida como una "sede". La mayoría de la gente piensa que San Pedro es la catedral de Roma, pero la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán es en realidad la catedral de la Arquidiócesis de Roma. Aquí es donde se encuentra la sede o trono del Papa como Obispo de Roma. Así que, la Santa Sede es una referencia a la silla de Pedro, la silla del Papa. ©LP



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

Faith, Explained!

“Nobody reaches God’s presence until he has learned to believe that God exists, and that he rewards those who try to find him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

So how do we learn to believe? Through the theological virtue of faith — which is “man’s response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man.” (CCC 26). Faith, then, is embarking on the journey to find God. By faith “‘man freely commits his entire self to God.’ For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God's will.” (CCC 1814)

But it is not enough for faith to simply be within us, as a lit match burns in a dark room. We are compelled to fan those flames. We must encourage them with the complementary virtues of hope and love, and we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding so that our faith will grow and strengthen. ©LP

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
Where the ground feels dry,
break through with life anew.
Amen.

ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

Bendición para una Nueva Vida

Dios, en tu bondad, restaura nuestra esperanza.
Donde nos sentimos prisioneros, rompe nuestras cadenas.
Donde nos sentimos desanimados, tráenos luz.
Donde el suelo se siente seco,
Abre paso con vida nueva.
Amén. ©LP



VIRTUDES, ¡EXPLICADO!

La fe, ¡Explicada!

"Nadie llega a la presencia de Dios hasta que ha aprendido a creer que Dios existe, y que recompensa a quienes intentan encontrarlo". (Hebreos 11:6)

Entonces, ¿cómo aprendemos a creer? A través de la virtud teológica de la fe, que es "la respuesta del hombre a Dios, que se revela y se da al hombre". (CIC 26). La fe, entonces, es embarcarse en el viaje para encontrar a Dios. Por la fe "el hombre entrega libremente todo su ser a Dios'. Por esta razón, el creyente busca conocer y hacer la voluntad de Dios". (CIC 1814)

Pero no es suficiente que la fe simplemente esté dentro de nosotros, como un fósforo encendido arde en una habitación oscura. Nos vemos obligados a avivar esas llamas. Debemos alentarlos con las virtudes complementarias de la esperanza y el amor, y debemos pedir al Espíritu Santo el don de entendimiento para que nuestra fe crezca y se fortalezca. ©LP



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In the New Testament, how many times does Jesus tell us we need to forgive our enemies?

Answer: Seventy times seven times.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN

Pregunta: En el Nuevo Testamento, ¿cuántas veces Jesús nos dice que debemos perdonar a nuestros enemigos?

Respuesta: Setenta veces siete.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

10970 Bywood

Lenten Missions

March 23 – 25, 2026

Mass 5:30 pm

Presentation 6 – 7 pm

Refreshments 7 pm



Monday

Sister Margarita Armendariz
"Return to me with all your heart,
says the Lord."
(Joel 2:12)

Tuesday

Enas Ana María Ciraldo y Janeth Zuluaga
"Renueva en mi interior un espíritu firme". (Salmo 50, 13)

Wednesday (Youth)

Deacon Frank Segura
"A feast meant for everyone".

Children's Easter

Jesús said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mt 19, 14.

We invite all children to participate of the Children's Easter at St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church.

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Monday, March 30;
Tuesday, March 31;
and Wednesday,
April 1, from 6:00
PM to 7:30 PM.



Parents are invited to join us too.

In the Lord
there is
mercy and
fullness of
redemption.

PSALM 130

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE
VELA DEL SANTISIMO
SACRAMENTO**

This week the Blessed Sacrament perpetual candle is lit for the intentions of:



Esta semana la vela perpetua al Santísimo estará encendida Por las intenciones de:

**LA FAMILIA
FONSECA**

March Events

- Sunday: March 22**
10:30-11:45am Parent Classes
- Monday: March 23**
6:00-8:00pm Lenten Missions (English)
- Tuesday: March 24**
6:00-8:00pm Lenten Missions (Spanish)
- Wednesday: March 25**
6:00-8:00pm Lenten Missions (English)
No Confessions
- Friday: March 27**
6:00-7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Youth Stations of the Cross (Outside)

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (Ez 37:14)

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
 and I will settle you upon your land;
 thus you shall know that I am the LORD.
 Entonces les infundiré mi espíritu y vivirán, los
 estableceré en su tierra y ustedes sabrán que yo, el Señor,
 lo dije y lo cumplí.

Psalm: (Ps 130)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
 Perdonanos Señor y viviermos.

Second Reading (Rom 8:11)

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells
 in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead
 will give life to your mortal bodies also,
 through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Si el Espíritu del Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los
 muertos, habita en ustedes, entonces el Padre, que resucitó
 a Jesús de entre los muertos, también les dará vida a sus
 cuerpos mortales, por obra de su Espíritu, que habita en
 ustedes.

Gospel: (Jn 11:25-26)

"I am the resurrection and the life;
 whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
 "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí aunque
 haya muerto, vivirá; y todo aquel que está vivo y cree en
 mí, no morirá para siempre.

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 22, 2025 READINGS/ LECTURAS

- Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, March 22

8:30am +Arturo Hernandez by Gloria Narro
 +Ofelia Sosa (Aniv) by Patricia Rivera
 Inez Garrido (Health) by Family
 Loli Moteisou (Health) by Family
 Doris Pangelinan (Health) by Fam

10:00am Respect for life by Grace Martinez
 For the intentions of Salazar Family
 +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family
 +Pedro Ramirez by Lety Ramirez
 +Mary Sheldon by Edna Chavez

12:00pm +Larry Bujanda by Lupe Bujanda
 +Toni & Erich Hauck by Landry Family
 +Rita and Norbert Landry by Landry Family
 Raquel Perez (Healing) by Family
 Marco Robert Sinos (Healing) by Family

Monday; March 23

5:30pm Armando & Ana Fonseca
 Sergio Orozco Rodriguez (Health) by Wife & Children
 +Jerry Facio by Family

Tuesday; March 24

5:30pm Sergio Orozco Rodriguez (Health) by Wife & Children
 +Jerry Facio by Family

Wednesday; March 25

5:30pm +Jesus Nieto by Fam
 +Betty Jean Barter by Non Rivera
 +Carlos Mireles by Johnny Mireles

Thursday; March 26

5:30pm Liturgy of the Word w/ Deacon Ricardo Corella

Friday; March 27

5:30pm +Jesus Jose Castillo by Maria Costa
 +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family



THANK YOU COMMUNITY! THE SUPPORT FOR OUR FUNDRAISER TO RAISE MONEY TO MAKE EASTER BASKETS FOR OUR LOCAL NURSING HOME WAS A TRUE SUCCESS! MAY GOD BLESS YOU!!!

