

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to be a welcoming community of believers continually growing in our faith and in our love of Jesus Christ through worship, education, evangelization and service within our local and broader community.

WELCOME

Welcome to visitors of our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those who are comfortable and nourished here - Welcome. Regardless of your status in the Church, marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background, or sexual orientation, we hope that you will continue to worship with us each week.

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SUNDAY MASS

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
 103 Center St., Bridgewater

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.

Sunday | 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
 12:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

St. Basil Chapel
 122 Park Ave., Bridgewater

Sunday | 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Church
 Monday - Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSON

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Saturday: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Lower
 Church or by appointment



Afterwards, plenty of food for everyone!

MISSION TRIP YOUTH GROUP AT LA SALETTE





CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Masses
 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
 4:00 PM
 ST. BASIL CHAPEL
 4:00 PM
 PARISH CENTER
 4:00 PM

DECEMBER 25

Midnight Mass
 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
 12:00 AM
Christmas Day Masses
 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
 9:00 AM
 ST. BASIL CHAPEL
 10:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE: For the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas on Christmas Eve, THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN UNTIL 3:00 PM.
 We ask that you do not save seats.
 Overflow will be directed to the parish center.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S BIRTH!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

NEW MASS TIME!!!!

To enable parents with small children to attend the evening Mass on Holy Days of Obligation, we have revised our Mass times.

Our new Holy Day Mass schedule at St. Thomas Aquinas is:

7:00 AM | 9:00 AM | 6:00 PM

THERE IS NO LONGER A 7:00 PM MASS ON HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.

FAITH FORMATION - NIGHT OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

We were blessed to welcome seven visiting priests who joined our parish priests to hear the confessions of our Confirmation students. We reached out to many parishes to ensure we had enough priests, and we are grateful to those who answered the call.

In addition to Confession, students participated in activity stations exploring the Bible stories of the Prodigal Son and the Woman Caught in Adultery, reflecting on Christ's love and mercy. They also learned how God speaks personally through Scripture, wrote verses on a Graffiti Wall, and posted prayers on the cross. Though many arrived anxious about the different class format, they left with joyful memories and clean souls. Bonus!

Along with our regular Sunday night youth ministers, we had parishioners who supported our students by sitting with them and reading an Examination of Conscience. Their presence, especially on a snowy Sunday night, was a powerful sign of our parish's love. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to provide Bibles for every student, helping the evening run smoothly. May God bless you for your continued support.

- Debbie Hill, Director

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This past Saturday, we held our parish's Annual Christmas Pageant. 48 children from the parish participated in various roles, from our tiny little sheep to our 5th and 6th graders taking on the bigger roles. The children were amazing. Audience members complimented the cast and volunteers, saying the pageant helped them to focus on Jesus and gave them a chance to relax. A longtime volunteer praised the students, saying this was the best, most polite group she has worked with. Our parish is blessed to have volunteers who value the worth of a simple pageant. Their giving of time during this busy season speaks volumes to what they prioritize. We thank them!



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24,
THURSDAY, DEC. 25 AND FRIDAY, DEC. 26 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.



SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS
THIS CHRISTMAS

At all of our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you for your generosity. For more information, visit www.clergytrust.org. Clergy Trust is an independently managed trust that provides care and support for the health, well-being, and retirement needs of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing across the Archdiocese of Boston.



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ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

The year is winding down but our Annual Appeal is still in full swing! Thank you to all those who have donated. If you have not yet donated but would like to, you may do so in the following ways:

- Send your donation in to the parish office (letters and pledge cards are available at church/chapel entrances),
- Visit our website to use WeShare, OR...



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\$ 130,000

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\$ 90,000

\$ 80,000

\$ 70,000

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\$ 50,000

\$ 40,000

\$ 30,000

\$ 20,000

\$ 10,000

STATISTICS AS OF MONDAY, DEC. 15

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| Total registered families: | 2772 |
| Total \$ received to date: | \$ 151,439 |
| # of families that have donated: | 380 |
| % of families that have donated: | 13.7 % |
| # of families that have increased their donation over last year: | 193 |
| # of New Donors this year: | 36 |
| # of WeShare Donors: | 71 |
| Average \$ Per Donor: | \$409 |

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

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| NO SECOND COLLECTION | DEC. 20 - 21 |
| CLERGY TRUST | DEC. 24 - 25 |
| NO SECOND COLLECTION | DEC. 27 - 28 |

Due to early bulletin deadlines, last week's offertory will be in our next bulletin.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR NOV. = \$16,154

Great news! Our weekly bulletins are available on our website on Fridays!



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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. David Gaudreau
4:00 p.m. Manuel Melo and Maria dos Anjos

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m. Jeffrey Albanese - 1st Anniversary
9:00 a.m. Antonio and Tony Lima
12:00 p.m. Ralph Scopa
5:00 p.m. Ignacio and Maria Rodriguez-Venegas

St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Everett and Marcelle Bresciani

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. Fr. Tom Kelly

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. David McCormack

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Geraldine Resmini
4:00 p.m. St. Thomas, St. Basil's and Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

St. Thomas 12:00 a.m. *Midnight Mass at St. Thomas*
9:00 a.m. *Christ our Savior is born!*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 a.m. Dean Marcotullio

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 a.m. Anthony and Lourdes DeSerpa
(living - 50th Wedding Anniversary)
4:00 p.m. Joao, Rosa and Michael Pimentel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m. Tommie O'Leary - 4th Anniversary
9:00 a.m. Eric Rodriguez - 4th Anniversary
12:00 p.m. Claude Dubord, Jr.
5:00 p.m.

St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Carolyn M. Lucy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. Antonio and Libania Sousa

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. Fr. Robert Milling

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 a.m. Janet Madigan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation
7:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 a.m. Sadie Frizado

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. Judith Moylan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Joseph Sprunk
12:00 p.m. Janice DelTufo
5:00 p.m.
St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Adrian Morales

PRAYER LIST

A Time to be Born...

Emma Louro Ezekial Prisco

A Time to Die...

Thomas Belloli Paul Novak

A Time to Heal...

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Carolyn Allen | Stephen Knight |
| Kevin Balf | Julie Landry |
| Kathy Bennett | Marissa Lopez |
| Carole Brunke | Lucie Lovell |
| Pamela Bumpus | Juliet Magargal |
| Sandra Cable | Mary |
| The Calderola Family | Riley McHardy |
| Thomas Chiappini | Charles Micalizzi |
| George Cowan | JoAnn Micalizzi |
| Anthony DeSerpa | Elisabeth Mikush |
| Marcus DiSalvo | Kathy Monahan |
| Stephanie DiSalvo | James Moran |
| Matteo Disalvo | Maureen Mosher |
| Dave Dorrer | Chris O'Leary |
| Kash Doughty | Ellen O'Leary |
| Claire Easter | Peter O'Leary |
| Donald Fredenburg | Thomas O'Leary |
| Joan Ward Fusco | John Pelfre |
| Brenda Gentili | Maria Presti |
| Patricia Giovanniello | Joseph Sarro |
| Barbara Gothage | Tony Scalfaro |
| Joanne Hamer | James Schneider |
| Caroline Hayes | Steven |
| Peter Hayes | Sarah Silvia |
| Tom Joyce | Deana Spingel |
| Jeanne Keane | Emily Stone |
| Regina Keane | Claire Sullivan |
| Carol Kelley | James "Leo" Tuite, Jr. |
| Judy Knight | Jason Zutaut |
| | Nicole Zutaut |

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