

Steeple Talk

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News from the STA Mass communities:

PLEASE NOTE: Mass changes during reconstruction of church stairs.

7:15 Daily Mass: This Mass will be held in the Thomas House living room from April 29—July 5.

7:30 Sunday Mass: Starting May 5, this Mass will be held at St. Albert the Great Church.

8:45 Sunday Mass: Starting May 5, this Mass will be held at Seton School Auditorium.

10:30 Sunday Mass: Starting May 5, this Mass will be held at Seton School Auditorium.

12:00 Sunday Mass: Starting May 5, this Mass will be held at St. Albert the Great Church at 12:00 p.m.

12:15 Daily Mass: This Mass will be held in the Thomas House living room from April 29—July 5.

Masses to move to St. Albert the Great during stairs rebuild:

The reconstruction of the church front steps is scheduled to start up immediately on Monday, April 29th.

Contrary to our original information, we now have been told that the entrance to the church will be off limits during the construction.

Plans are in place to move the Sunday Masses to St. Albert the Great Church and Seton School Auditorium, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto, effective April 29 to July 5.

Please see page 2 for a full listing of changes for Masses and Confessions. After-Mass hospitality will move to SAG Hospitality Center.

See the sidebar to the left for Mass times for all Masses usually held at STA.

New altar furniture is in!

You will notice immediately this morning that the STA altar looks different. As of Thursday, April 25, our new altar furniture has been placed in the church.

The altar, ambo (podium from which the Liturgy of the Word is read) and the presider's chair have been handcrafted by parishioner and master woodworker Jan Dedek. The old altar, ambo and presider's chair will be given to the Diocese of San Jose for use when another church needs an altar.

Jan Dedek has been building furniture for our church and the Thomas House for the past 6 or 7 years. His dedication, superior craftsmanship, patience in dealing with guidance by various STA committees, and knowledge of tradi-



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tional sacred architecture have benefitted all of us who worship in St. Thomas Aquinas church. We cannot thank him enough—but we will try!

Get STA E-bulletin via email:

To receive timely notice about the STA Masses schedule during the reconstruction of the stairs, send a request to: Chris Lundin, clundin@stanford.edu. Or call Parish at 650-494-2496.

STA Site Committee plans:

Monthly Meeting:
1st Wednesday of the month

Next regular Site meeting:
Wednesday, May 1, 2019,
7:30 pm, Thomas House Library

Agenda (tentative):

- ◆ New altar report
- ◆ Front stairs reconstruction and Mass plans
- ◆ Event planning: May Fete
- ◆ Garden updates

Monthly newsletter:
Sunday before Wednesday meeting

Editor: Kay Williams, 650-270-4188, kaywill@pacbell.net

STA site activities:

Newcomers:

On the first Sunday of the month, a parish volunteer welcomes newcomers at each Mass and invites them to sign up as a parishioner. On April 7, we welcomed:

7:30 Mass:
Ernesto & Heidi Santa Gadea, Palo Alto

8:45 Mass:
Rosano & Jose Mangligot, Roseville

10:30 Mass:
Lily Loh, Palo Alto

Friday Fish Fest, May 17, 6:00 pm:



Fish Fest! Tasty breaded fish filets and tangy Asian cole slaw served at the Thomas House on Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m. Many thanks to people who generously bring snacks and desserts to share as well. All this for only \$5 per person, plus \$2 for a beer or generous glass of wine. Enjoy this satisfying meal, chat and laugh together.

MUST RSVP: Helen Baumann, 650-327-9236, hbbbaumann@aol.com, or Kay Williams, 650-270-4188, kaywill@pacbell.net.

Fourth Friday Sing-A-Long on May 24:

All are invited to join in the Friday night Sing-A-Long with guitarist Paul Prochaska at the Thomas House on April 26 from 7:00 till 8:30 p.m. Lyrics are projected so you can throw yourself into the music, rediscovering familiar melodies from the great American songbook. There are refreshments and fellowship to sweeten the evening—and singing improves breathing and brings good cheer!

**NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS CHURCH SITE COMMITTEE**

751 Waverley Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

St. Thomas Aquinas Site Committee:

Ted Baer **Helen Baumann** **Lorraine Dabney**
Jan Dedek **Judy Foley** **Anna Jaklitsch**
Nora Lundin **Bill Mahrt** **Bob March**
Vicki Sullivan **Kay Williams** and occasional others

Mission Statement: The Site Committee for St. Thomas Aquinas Church works to build community across the site's six Mass communities and within the larger parish: 1) by facilitating communication among Mass communities, the Thomas House tenants and other users, and the larger parish; 2) by sponsoring and organizing site-specific community building activities; and 3) by exercising responsible stewardship of our historic downtown facilities.

Site committee meetings are (usually) held the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Library of the Thomas House. All are welcome, but if you cannot attend, send questions or suggestions to Kay Williams, (650) 270-4188, kaywill@pacbell.net.

Parish pathways:

Garden groomers are the best!

Did you notice that the weeds are gone around St. Thomas Aquinas church? Thanks to Judi Swope, Anna Jaklitsch, Helen Baumann, Akuru Honda, Bill Voorhees, Judy Foley, Terry Atkinson, Larry and Vicki Sullivan--all hearty Garden Groomers who fluffed up the grounds around the church on Saturday, April 14. We dead-headed the azaleas, planted a few new azaleas, weeded, and added a bit of mulch to the soil. Sorry we missed you! We will repeat our efforts in May, so join in next time.

Have a Heart update:

This winter your contributions provided rain ponchos, umbrellas, flashlights and men's boxers for people in need at the Opportunity Center. Your funds will be used throughout the year as particular needs arise. You are making a difference!
--The Human Concerns Committee

Wednesday, May 15: Seton School Thank You:

It's A High Tea - And You're All Invited!

Seton School's Student Council members will be hosting an afternoon Tea Party - and ALL ARE WELCOME!!

"We'd like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and supporters who have helped us throughout the school year!"..... *Maria (7th Grade).*

Wed. May 15th at 3:30PM at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto

Please RSVP by May 8 to:
emaguire@setonpaloalto.org
or (650) 326-9004.

Clergy assignments announced by Diocese of San Jose—as of July 1:

- Fr. Michael Gazzingan to St. Joseph in Mountain View.
- Fr. Sev Kuupuo, in residence at SAG while in chaplaincy program at Stanford Health Care, to our parish.
- Fr. Maurice Igboerika, lately of St. Simon's in Los Altos. to our parish.

From the church steps:

Centering Prayer continues!

Lent was a good time for a group of us to meet every Saturday and practice Lectio Divina and the "prayer of silence." We have decided to continue. It has become a time for sharing sacred scripture readings, deepening our sense of community, and finding peace in our hearts throughout the week. Please consider joining us whenever you can and bring a friend. Regular attendance is not necessary.

Place: Thomas House on Waverley St. next door to St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 on Saturday (except May 4, when the May Fete Parade restricts street access to the church campus.)

If you have any questions, please email or call me: Pat Clough, 650-269-4181, pathclough@gmail.com

During STA closure April 29-July 5:

Weekday & Saturday Masses & Confessions:

- 7:15 am and 12:15 pm Masses:** in Thomas House Living Room
- Saturday Confessions:** Thomas House library or office, 11:30 am—12:00 pm
- Saturday 12:15 Mass:** Thomas House Living Room.

Church during business hours:

STA will be closed, SAG will be open. Adoration on Wednesdays at 5 pm at SAG.

Sunday Masses:

- 7:30 am:** moves to SAG.
- 8:45 am:** moves to Seton Auditorium
- 9:00 am:** SAG stays in SAG.
- 10:30 am:** STA moves to Seton Auditorium.
- 10:30 am:** Byzantine Mass changes to this time at SAG.
- 12:00 pm:** moves to SAG

Please look for latest updates in Parish E-bulletin. Sign up with Chris Lundin at clundin@stanford.edu.

May 4 May Fete Parade lemonade stand needs helpers:

The STA Site Committee hosts a lemonade stand in front of the church during the annual Palo Alto May Fete Parade.



On Saturday, May 4, from 10 till 11:30 am, volunteers (hopefully, some of you!) set up tables with cups, help mix up the powdered lemonade, and serve it with smiles to the families who line the sidewalk watching for their children's Scout troop, or dance class, or school marching band to parade down Waverley Street to Heritage Park.

We answer questions about our historic church building, encourage folks to stop by the open church any time (except when the front stairs are under construction!), and welcome this diverse crowd to our Catholic corner.