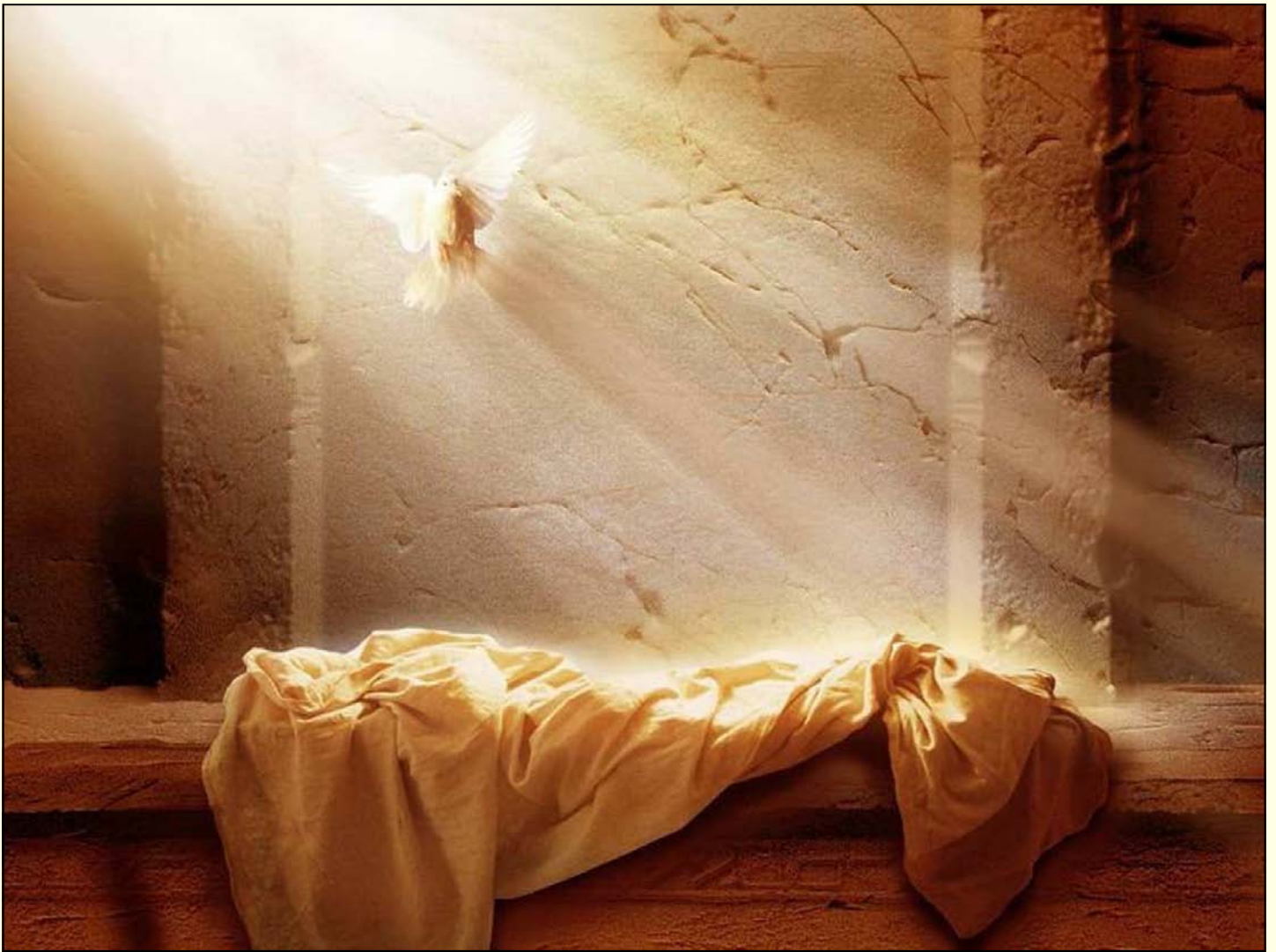


*Welcome to Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish  
Easter Sunday*



*“Why do you seek the living among the dead?  
He is not here, but has risen.”*

*Luke 24:5-6*

# "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever com

Any parishioners unable to attend Sunday Mass because of age or illness are encouraged to contact the parish office to have the Eucharist brought to them. We also encourage parishioners to avail themselves of the graces, strength, and healing that comes from the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. May you feel the love and support of our parish this Easter and throughout the year.

## Parish Ministries

Altar Guild

Altar Servers

Bazaar

Bereavement

Campus Ministry / Bridgewater State Univ.

Candlelight Rosary Procession

Catholic Financial Life

Choir / Cantor

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
(Homebound and at Mass)

Feeding the Fathers

Giving Tree

Greeters & Ushers

Hospitality Ministry

Knights of Columbus

Lectors

Offertory Counters

Parish Outreach

Religious Education

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Social Committee

Troops & Veterans Support

Vacation Bible School

Women's Club

To learn more about how to obtain services or to participate in a ministry, please visit our website @ [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com)

## Happy Easter

The staff and I would like to welcome you to St. Thomas ever, just saying "Happy Easter" seems to fall short of Celebration.

For Jesus' early disciples, the joy of Easter came from that his resurrection saved them from sin. They felt and experienced His love for them. They were ready to give Good News (Gospel) and His love with others. For Jesus changed for the better. They lived no longer for themselves but for the good of others, putting their lives into their life.

The more we develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, the more our hearts and change our lives like it did theirs. We build a relationship with God and what God asks of us. That relationship is built through prayer, asking others to share their faith, coming together in forgiveness, and trusting that God will honor our efforts and presence.

We are proud of the many parish ministries that reach out to the Bridgewater community. They are but one expression of serving and loving others. Another expression of that are experiencing the grace of the Sacraments, and the number of people who celebrate Sunday Mass each week has increased as people are humbled by the generosity of time, talents and treasures given to our parish's mission.

To all who support our parish and mission by their presence, THANK YOU! To those who do not come to church regularly, your presence enhances our worship, strengthens our relationship with the Lord. May our shared worship strengthen your relationship with God.  
Fr. Bill



## Join us in welc

Every Easter Vigil program, which attracts new Catholics who are starting with Baptism. Brian Moore, who was confirmed at St. Je... to this point have... tion team since Oct... others who are seek

May you have a blessed, hol



*to you without leaving happier." -Blessed Mother Teresa*

*as Aquinas Parish. We wish you a Happy Easter, how-  
f acknowledging the full significance of this Christian*

*a conviction that He was, indeed, the Son of God, and  
passion and love for the Lord because they had truly  
e their lives (often literally) to follow Him, to share the  
us' disciples following the Lord meant that their lives  
elves but for Him. Their faith brought a joy and mean-*

*Christ, the more Jesus' resurrection can bring that joy to  
egin to understand the meaning of who we are in rela-  
tionship begins by making a commitment to regular  
her every week at the Eucharist, helping others, asking  
rts and help us to become more aware of his love and*

*ch out in service to our parishioners and the greater  
of our desire to live out that relationship with Jesus by  
love is found in the celebration of the Mass. As people  
support of our community, the number of persons who  
ople continue to return to the Church. I continue to be  
re that so many give so that we can strive to live out*

*esence, volunteerism, and financial support each week,  
gularly, know that we welcome you and your families.  
community and helps us to celebrate our faith in the  
nship with Christ and bring joy to your heart.*

### ***Welcoming the Newest Members of Our Parish Family***

*the Church welcomes new members through the RCIA  
llows adults and older children to learn more about  
eive the sacraments. This year we are welcoming two  
are going to receive all the sacraments of initiation,  
ism; Joshua Reynolds (center) and Shannon Wu (right).  
will receive Communion and Confirmation at the same  
e and Michael Sharpe, who are also in the RCIA pro-  
e already received their first Holy Communion, will be  
rome in Weymouth on April 19th. Their faith journeys  
been supported by the parish's Rite of Christian Initia-  
tober. Please continue to pray for them, and for all the  
gning to grow closer to our Lord.*

### ***Divine Mercy Sunday***

*Every year, the Sunday  
after Easter is celebrated  
as Divine Mercy Sunday.*

*We remember that every-  
thing we celebrated over  
Holy Week, and the Lord's  
resurrection at Easter, is  
all based on one thing:  
God's merciful love for us,*



*which would not allow us to remain under the  
power of sin and death. To celebrate Divine Mer-  
cy Sunday we will have a special Holy Hour on  
April 12 at 3pm, the hour of mercy, in St. Thomas  
Aquinas' upper church. This holy hour will in-  
clude exposition of the Eucharist, praying the  
Divine Mercy Chaplet, and a brief reflection on  
the diary of St. Faustina by Senior Deacon Jerry  
Ryan. I hope you can join me for this very spe-  
cial devotion.*

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Adrian*

### ***Thank you***

*We would like to acknowledge all who helped dec-  
orate our worship spaces as well as those who  
planned and were involved in our Lenten, Holy  
Week, and Easter celebrations. We also want to  
thank those who contributed to the beauty of our  
worship spaces through the Easter flower dona-  
tions. Many volunteers worked together to make  
our chapel and church services meaningful and  
beautiful.*

### ***Easter Collection***

*Today's collection is a special way for us to re-  
member all the priests who have blessed our lives  
through their faithful service spanning decades.  
The entire Easter Collection in the Archdiocese of  
Boston is dedicated to the long-term support and  
care of our elder priests who have retired from  
active ministry.*

*Thank you for helping to provide comfort and  
dignity to these beloved servants of Christ.*

*ly, and happy Easter Season*



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To be a community of believers who are 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**

To visitors of our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—**Welcome to All**. Regardless of your status in the Church, your 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 at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**

9:00 am St. Thomas Lower Church

4:00 pm St. Thomas Upper Church

**SUNDAY**

7:45 am St. Thomas Upper Church

10:00 am St. Thomas Upper Church

10:00 am St. Basil Chapel

12:00 pm St. Thomas Upper Church

5:00 pm St. Basil Chapel

**WEEKDAYS**

7:00 am St. Thomas Lower Church

9:00 am St. Thomas Lower Church

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 or by appointment.

St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Church

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LOWER CHURCH**

**ADORATION**

Saturdays 9:30am to 1pm.

We encourage all parishioners to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

Thursdays 3pm.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY**

Thursday 8 to 10am

(508) 697-6084

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Wednesday & Friday 9am