WELCOME TO THE NSA MONTEREY CHAPEL
St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Community

4 March 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

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Weekday: 37
Offering: $660.10

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SUNDAY MASS: 0900

WEEKDAY MASS (MON – THURS): 1205

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 1205 & 1715

SACRAMENT OF PENCENACE
CONFESSION/RECONCILEMENT

Available by Appointment & the
First and Third Sunday of each month 0830-0900
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:**
Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14 so does our 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion. How about uniting your Lenten prayers and sacrifice with the work of 40 Days? We pray, fast, and stand vigil at Seaside’s Planned Parenthood. Together we can save lives.

Please join us! [www.40DaysforLife.com/Seaside](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/Seaside) for more details or call Liz at 831-620-5540.

Special Candlelight Vigil led by Bishop Garcia on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm at Planned Parenthood, 625 Hilby, Seaside. All are invited. Campaign ends on Palm Sunday, March 23.

**Are you suffering from an abortion? There is healing!** Go to [www.abortionchangesyou.com](http://www.abortionchangesyou.com) to start on the journey...

**SERVERS NEEDED:**
For weekday Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. Weekday Mass occurs at 1205 Mon-Thurs and each volunteer’s commitment would be one Mass every two weeks. If interested, please contact John Gats at jvgats@nps.edu

**MONTEREY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**
The Monterey Knights of Columbus council 1465 meets at 462 Webster Street on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**
**Mon 5:** 2 KGS 5:1-15AB; PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; SEE PS 130:5, 7; LK 4:24-30
**Tue 6:** DN 3:25, 34-43; PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9; JL 2:12-13; MT 18:21-35
**Wed 7:** DT 4:1, 5-9; PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; SEE JN 6:63C, 68C; MT 5:17-19
**Thu 8:** JER 7:23-28; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; JL 2:12-13; LK 11:14-23
**Fri 9:** HOS 14:2-10; PS 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 AND 17; MT 4:17; MK 12:28-34
**Sat 10:** HOS 6:1-6; PS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB; PS 95:8; LK 18:9-14

**LENT:**
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have completed their 14th year of age (c. 1252). If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare to share more fully and celebrate more readily his Resurrection (see Sacrosanctum Concilium, 109). Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year. As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.

Archbishop Broglio has dispensed anyone in combat from the obligation of fast and abstinence. Because no one, however, can be dispensed from Lenten penance, all those in combat are encouraged to use their hardships as penance. All Catholic priests are urged to ensure that every Catholic has the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of penance during Lent. In the past, installations have obtained good results from a modification of the “light is on for you” program. Instead of organizing a single penance service, the priest lets people know that he would be available each week or a couple of fixed times, e.g., every other Wednesday from 1800 to 1900.

“Through fasting and praying, we allow him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depth of our being: the hunger and thirst for God.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER:**
During the Friday’s of Lent, we will hold stations of the cross in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel starting at 1715 each Friday afternoon starting Friday, February 23rd and going through Friday, March 23rd. Immediately after Stations of the Cross we will gather in the activity center for fellowship and a Lenten soup supper. There will be a sign up list in the back of the church for those who would like to bring soup or bread for one or more of the Friday soup suppers.

**JUST FOR MASS – THE LENTEN INVITATION:**
In Father Dominic’s homily last Sunday, he encouraged each of us during this Lenten season to either bring one person back to the Catholic Church or to invite them to become a member of our Church. Well, here’s an easy way to do it: Find a likely person, say a prayer for guidance and ask them to attend mass with you one time. No obligation, just come to mass. Then let God do the rest. Try it. You’ll be glad you did; and your friend may be blessed with a new and better life as a result of that simple invitation.