

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

My sisters and brothers, the glory of the Lord Jesus has been made manifest and will continue to be revealed in our midst until he comes again. In the rhythms and alternations of time, let us recall and live the mysteries of our salvation.



Central to the entire liturgical year is our celebration of the TRIDUUM OF THE LORD, crucified, buried and risen, which culminates on EASTER SUNDAY, the 24th of April. Every SUNDAY, when we recall this paschal mystery, holy Church makes present this great event in which Christ has conquered sin and death.

From Easter derive all our other celebrations: ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of the season of Lent, the 9th of March; the ASCENSION OF THE LORD, the 4th of June, PENTECOST, the 11th of June; and the FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, the 27th of November.

Likewise, in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, of the apostles and saints, and in the commemoration of all the faithful departed, the Church, in her pilgrimage here on earth, proclaims the paschal mystery of the Lord.

To Christ who is, who was, and who is to come, the Lord of all time and history: be endless praise now and forever! Amen

## PARISH CLERGY UPDATE

As some of you know, I had mentioned the possibility of Fr. Franklin Epie coming back to serve our parish as a parochial vicar. Unfortunately, that deal has fallen through. Fr. Franklin's Archbishop has decided that it is best that he remain in his home Diocese. Therefore, we probably may not get a full-time parochial vicar assigned to us (to replace Fr. Thierry who is on medical leave) until July, 2011. However, with the help of so many priests to cover our daily and Sunday Masses, we will be able to hang in there, without any disruption of pastoral services. We will be fine, as long as I take one day at a time, and remember that I can only be in one place at a time. The good Lord will provide. — Fr. Matt

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2:

7:30 am STA... John Pilling †  
 8:45 am STA... Thomas Jaworowski †  
 9:00 am SAG ... Deceased members of  
 Fernando & Mendez  
 Families †

Readings: *Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;*  
*Mt 2:1-12*

Monday, January 3:

12:15 am STA... Lucienne Woods (special  
 intention)

Readings: *1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

Tuesday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 am OLR ... James Kozy †

Readings: *1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44*

Wednesday, January 5: St. John Neumann

8:30 am OLR ... Joseph Binh Nguyen †

Readings: *1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52*

Thursday, January 6: Blessed André Bessette

8:30 am OLR ... All Souls

12:15 am STA... Emil Trojak (birthday)

Readings: *1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a*

Friday, January 7: St. Raymond of Peñafort

12:15 am STA... Aureila Barachi †

Readings: *1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16*

Saturday, January 8:

Readings: *1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Jan 8 & 9, 2010

St. Albert the Great  
 Sat 5:00 pm ..... Fr. Stanley  
 Sun 9:00 am ..... Fr. Allen  
 Sun 11:00 am ..... Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas  
 Sun 7:30 am ..... Fr. Hester  
 Sun 8:45 am ..... Fr. Marini  
 Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Allen  
 Sun 12 noon ..... TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary  
 Sun 9:00 am ..... Fr. Poncini  
 Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Stanley  
 Sun 6:00 pm Youth ..... Fr. Stanley



### Please Pray



**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Carson Enghardt, Frankie Briggs, Alice McCarty, Marie Carelli-Partney, Damian Dykema, Jacqueline DeGraas, Bob Snyder, Msgr. Eugene Boyle, Mark Harmon, Betty Hofsetter, Msgr. William Lenane, Fr. Thierry Geris, Frank Briggs Sr., Susan Gerlach, Tom Halderman, Diane Zscheile, Kelly Vitorino, Betty Schauer, Quirico Japlip, Mary Agnes Early

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — William P. Yarak Sr., John Nasr, John Pilling, Karen Lemoine, Maria Maraschin, George Scharf, James Laster, Bobby Kerrigan, James Abler, Renato Gregorio, Bob McNulty, Reid Scott, Lina Dirlik, Barbara Smith, Peter Bisacca

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or [fongmt@hotmail.com](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

Please note our email address:  
[bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org)

BULLETIN ..... ARTICLE DUE  
 Jan 16 .... **Thu** Jan 6 noon  
 Jan 23 ... **Thu** Jan 13 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

December 12 ..... \$ 9,218.24  
 Religious Retirement ... \$ 6,071.00  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 234,645.44  
 Budget YTD .. \$ 239,935.37  
 Variance ..... - 2.20%

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week  
11:30 am ..... Byzantines (SAGH)

Monday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; *Parish Office Closed*

Tuesday, January 4:  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Prayer Group (OLRH)

Wednesday, January 5:  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, January 6:  
3:30 pm ..... Godspell Tryouts (SAGH)

Friday, January 7: First Friday;  
Julian Calendar Christmas  
3:30 pm ..... Godspell Tryouts (SAGH)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... STAYouth (SAGH)

Saturday, January 8:  
8:30 am ..... Centering Prayer (SAG)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Office will close for the New Year Holiday on December 30th at 5pm, and all day on the 31st – January 3rd. We will be open again on Tuesday, January 4th.

## THANK YOU

Thank you very much! Enough volunteers came forward so that this free Tax Preparation for Low-Income Families program will be nicely supported this year. Thank you for your generous offering of time!

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Parish Volunteer Event will be on Saturday, February 12 at 2 pm. at St. Albert the Great. All volunteers in any capacity are invited to attend. Be on the look out for additional information in mid-January.

## GODSPELL TRYOUTS

Parents, take this opportunity for your children to get on-stage theatre experience! Invite them to come to try-outs for "GODSPELL," the hit Broadway musical, which will be a highlight of the 50th Anniversary of Saint Albert the Great Celebration.

Try-outs are open to all youth in the parish and Saint Elizabeth Seton School, from 5th grade through High School to be held January 6 and 7, at 3:30pm and 7pm, and January 9 at 3pm, at Saint Albert's.

For information call Pat Briggs, Director, 650 856-0460 or email [maryjerry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryjerry@sbcglobal.net).

## BLESSING OF MINISTERS

Next week, January 8 & 9th, we will be blessing and commissioning Liturgical Ministers at all Masses. We appreciate all the time and effort our volunteers give to make our liturgies meaningful and prayerful.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

THE CATECHUMENATE Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (How to Become a Catholic and Be a Catholic) — Are you interested in the Catholic church? Do you want to join the Catholic church? Are you already baptized, and now as an adult you want to be confirmed? Are you baptized in another tradition and curious about the Catholic church? Are you a returning Catholic and would like an update of the Catholic tradition?

IF you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, we welcome you to one of our parish on-going Inquiry sessions. The trained RCIA team meets throughout the year with seekers to answer any questions about the Catholic tradition and the Sacraments of Initiation. The gatherings are casual and without pressure or judgments.

The Catechumenate is a school of discipleship of Jesus Christ, and involves our whole parish. Call Jean Ramacciotti 650-494-2496 ext. 34 to make an appointment, or for more information.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS CONTINUED, REGULAR SUPPORT

These tough economic times are really affecting a lot of people. Every day that our parish St. Vincent de Paul group is open for business at the Pastoral Center, it gets multiple clients in need of assistance. Please consider how you can help.

Food Closet: The St. Vincent de Paul Food Closet is in need of: bottled water, pop top hearty soups, tuna, fruit cups, powdered milk and commercial jams and jellies (home prepared items cannot be used). If you can pick up a few of these items next time you're out shopping, and drop them by one of the church vestibules, it would be much appreciated.

Auto Donation: If you are considering the purchase of another car, and wish to dispose of your old car, please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Auto Donation Program. The telephone number is 800-937-7837. Please remember to give our Conference name, St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul Conference, to insure the money goes to our parish Conference.

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# January 2, 2011

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## SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE AVAILABLE

Workers and employers: Interested? The Santa Clara Health Plan is for businesses with 2-50 employees who don't now offer health care. Employees who live in the county and who earn less than \$18.23/hour are eligible. Plan includes preventative and specialty care, hospitalization (Santa Clara Valley Medical Center), emergency coverage, and prescriptions. Benefits: Total cost per month - \$75 employee; \$150 employer. Doctor visit \$10; hospital stay \$200, maximum out-of-pocket annually \$750, drugs (90-day supply): generic \$5; brand name \$15. Pre-existing conditions covered. What to do? Workers: Spread the word and talk it up. Employers: Look it up. Call 408 874 1400 and see if you qualify. — *Human Concerns Committee*

## GREEN CORNER

The average US washing machine is used more than 400 times a year. As much as 90% of the energy consumed by washing machines goes into heating the water. Save energy with the right soap as detergents suitable for cold-water washing are available.

Source: 30 Simple Energy Things You Can Do to Save the Earth; The Earth Works Group — *The Green Committee*

## YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

Dinner at Gordon Biersch, Tues. Jan. 18th at 7:30PM, 640 Emerson Street, Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook group or contact Scott Harrison at [scott.a.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:scott.a.harrison@gmail.com).

Young Adult Mass, Tues. Jan. 25th at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. We will be holding the Mass in the Small Chapel at St. Simon Church in Los Altos. Celebrate the Eucharist with young adults (20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow. If you have questions or would like more information on the mass, please contact Andie, [anutt@dsj.org](mailto:anutt@dsj.org)

For more info, see our website, [www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://www.YoungAdultCircle.org), check the Facebook group "Young Adult Circle", or contact Scott at [scott.a.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:scott.a.harrison@gmail.com).

Young Adult Bible Study, Tues. Jan. 4th and Tues. Jan. 11th at 7:30PM, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets to study "The Bible and the Mass". This is a new topic for the new year. It would be an excellent time to come and join us!