

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

ORDINARY TIME: THE "SEASON OF THE CHURCH"

During this season of Ordinary Time, we reflect on whom we are supposed to be as members of the Church. The liturgical color is green, the color of hope and life. As God's people, we renew our hope and salvation in Christ. We are the Lord Jesus' servants whom he has called to show forth his glory. We are called to be a "light to the nations." In answer to the Lord's call, we respond, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will." We are called to be Christ's instruments, witnesses to the world, a holy and consecrated people. We have received the power to do this by the Holy Spirit who has come to us. So let us be faithful to our calling.

Deacon Daniel Hernandez

INTRODUCING FR. ENGEL GAMMAD, J.C.D.

Fr. Engel is one of the priests who will be assisting our parish by presiding at our liturgies while Fr. Thierry is on leave. Here's a little bit about Fr. Engel:

Fr. Engelberto Gammad was ordained in the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao (Philippines) in 1984. He served as a pastor in two parishes in the Province of Cagayan from 1985 to 1995. He was sent by his bishop to study at the University of Navarre in Spain where he earned his licentiate degree in Canon Law in 1997. Later on, he enrolled at the Faculty of Canon Law of the University of Salamanca in Spain where he obtained his degree Doctor of Canon Law in 2001.

With the permission of his local ordinary, he embarked for a pastoral ministry in the Diocese of San Jose in California (in via incardinationis) as a Parochial Vicar in the Parish of the Holy Family in San Jose, CA (2005-2007) and in the Parish of St. Clare in Santa Clara, CA (2007-2008). He was appointed as an Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of San Jose in April 2008.

At present, he works as a full-time judge of the Tribunal and sits as a member of the Priests' Council of the diocese. He is also the Presiding Judge of the Tribunal of Second Instance for matrimonial cases from the Diocese of Oakland, CA and the Diocese of Honolulu, HI. He speaks English, Spanish, Tagalog and Ilocano.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 16:
7:30 am STA... John Pilling †
10:30 am STA... Joel Guinto †
Readings: *Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34*

Monday, January 17: St. Anthony
7:15 am STA... Roy Parenti †
Readings: *Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22*

Tuesday, January 18:
Readings: *Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28*

Wednesday, January 19:
Readings: *Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6*

Thursday, January 20: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Readings: *Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12*

Friday, January 21: St. Agnes
Readings: *Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19*

Saturday, January 22: St. Vincent
Readings: *Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21*

CELEBRATION OF DEACON CARL

The parish will celebrate Deacon Carl Bunje's many years of service to the parish as Deacon at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday mass at St. Albert the Great on January 22. All parishioners are encouraged to attend to thank Deacon Carl for his years of ministry. Fr. Matt will preside at Mass that evening. There will be a reception afterwards in the Hospitality Center.

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Jan 22 & 23, 2010
St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Stanley
Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez
St. Thomas Aquinas
Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
Sun 8:45 am Fr. Rubio
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas
Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Gammad
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Nicholas Humy, 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, Rev. John Butcher

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Bobby Kerrigan, James Ablar, 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

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Jan 30 ... **Thu** Jan 20 noon
Feb 6 ... **Thu** Jan 27 noon



Our Weekly Offering

Christmas Weekend ... \$ 63,598.71
Christmas Budget \$ 75,000.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD \$
Budget YTD \$
Variance - %

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:30 am Byzantines (SAGH)

Monday, January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; *Pastoral Center Closed*
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)
7:00 pm Sp. Prayer Group (OLRH)

Wednesday, January 19: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Tu B'Shvat (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset
12:00 pm STAY Advisory Board (PC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, January 20:

Friday, January 21:
6:00 pm STAY Event (SAGH)
7:00 pm Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, January 22: Blessed Virgin Mary; Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person
6:00 pm Deacon Bunje Celebration (SAGH)

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

Put Saturday, February 12th at 2:00 pm on your calendar. It's the annual Volunteer party - An Afternoon in Paradise. You don't want to miss this exclusive (volunteers only), extravagant (ok, not so much), exciting (oh boy is it!) event put on by the St. Thomas Aquinas Staff to thank our wonderful parish volunteers. RSVPs to the Pastoral Center are very helpful for our planning: please call 494-2496 or send email to admin@paloaltocatholic.org to let us know you are planning to attend. We looking forward to seeing you!

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. Refreshments too! Please come join us!

Using Imagination in Prayer with Anne Grycz: As Catholic Christians we have a rich history and tradition of prayer. Through the ages holy men and women have shared their own methods and experiences of communicating with God. Our January 18 Spirituality Tuesday will focus on a way of prayer given to us by St. Ignatius of Loyola; namely using our imaginations in prayer. We will hear a bit about St. Ignatius, about this method of praying, and about his legacy to the spiritual tradition of the Church. In addition we will experience a prayer exercise using our imaginations.

SOUP CONTINUES IN 2011

The SOUP Program continues in the new year of 2011. Following are the scheduled dates, including the season of Lent, when we have SOUP each Wednesday instead of the regular first and third Wednesdays.

January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16, March 2 and 16; During Lent, SOUP convenes weekly: March 23 and 30, April 6 and 13 (and then Lenten SOUP ends), May 3 and 18 (final SOUP of the year) at 6pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall.

Please join us. Simply bring a bowl and spoon, perhaps something to share, and contribute what you might pay for an evening meal to the Charity Box. You and your family are welcome. —*Jim and Joyce McLaughlin*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

...In The Spiritual Care Program Stanford University Hospital. The Spiritual Care Service at Stanford Hospital is seeking Catholic volunteers to visit, pray and offer the Eucharist to patients and families. Volunteers must be willing to commit two hours a week for a year and attend 5 evenings of training.

A Training Program will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto on five Monday evenings March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 7 pm- 9 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering, please request an application by calling the Spiritual Care Service office at 650.723.5101 or email ghollingsworth@stanfordmed.org Remember to leave your name, phone number, church affiliation and email address. Interviews begin now through February 18, 2011.

UPDATE FROM FR. THIERRY

Dear friends, I had my first day of chemo and radiation therapy today, Jan. 3. I am excited that this time has finally arrived. It was a long day, spent at the hospital from 8am to 6pm. It went well, except that I felt a bit drowsy after the chemo. Since then, I have come to understand the meaning of the expression "chemo brain" (i.e., not thinking clearly). I will be going back for treatment every weekday, but the remaining treatments in this cycle will be shorter. The nurse said that I might experience some fatigue in 11 to 14 days from now, at the "nadir" of the chemo cycle.

I will let you know if I need anything. I need to go now, to review my notes from today and read the material I received concerning meds, diet, precautions, etc. God bless, Fr. Thierry

January 16, 2011

WALK FOR LIFE

The Walk for Life West Coast will take place on Saturday, January 22, beginning at 11:00 AM, at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco. Last year 40,000+ peaceful marchers gave loving witness to the Culture of Life. This year, TEN Catholic Bishops will lead the march. Come join us! For more information, please visit: www.walkforlifewc.com

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

25 and 50+ Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration, February 12, 2011, 2:00 pm, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph, 80 South Market Street, San José

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath of the Diocese of San Jose would like to invite all couples celebrating their 25th, 40th and 50th (or more) Wedding Anniversaries in 2011 to participate in the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in downtown San Jose.

The couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows and will receive a blessing from Bishop Patrick McGrath who will preside over the celebration. Each couple will also receive a certificate signed by the Bishop. The Mass will be on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 2pm. A short reception will follow after.

Please call Sylvia Blanch (blanch@dsj.org) at 408-983-0128, or visit www.dsj.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass for more information and to register. Pre-registration is required by February 2, 2011.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FR. BILL LENANE

Father John Hester visits Bill Lenane regularly. He often asks about members of the parish. We know he would appreciate hearing from parishioners who remember him:

Father William Lenane
Campbell Village, room 104
290 N. San Tomas Aquino Road
Campbell, CA 95008-1628

5TH ANNUAL REVS VS SEMS

Save the date! Back by popular demand, the 4th Annual REVS vs SEMS Basketball Challenge will take place at 7:00 PM on Friday, February 4, 2011 at the Leavey Center on the campus of Santa Clara University! All proceeds from the game will benefit seminarian formation in the Diocese of San Jose. Our very own pastor, Fr. Matt will be out there on the floor!