

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

2011 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Our Parish – Our Diocese – Together in Christ  
 ADA Goal: \$120,000; Pledged: \$63,567; Pledges: 158; 52% of Goal

Our thanks to the 39 pledges received during the 2nd week of our 10-week campaign. So far 73 people have made pledges that were equal to their 2010 pledge. 40 people have increased their 2010 pledge, while 22 pledges were less than 2010. The best news is 23 people have pledged in 2011 that were unable to pledge in 2010. There are still over 200 families who pledged in 2010, but have yet to pledge this year. There are 8 weeks remaining in this year's campaign. We need 142 more pledges of \$400 to reach our goal. With everyone's participation, we can meet and surpass our ADA goal; however, this will only be possible if every parish household participates according to their means. Remember, payments can be made over the next 10 months. A pledge of \$400 is just \$40 a month. Use your Visa or MasterCard, make an Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking account, or donate online at dsj.org. Anything raised above our ADA goal will directly benefit St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and our always plentiful un-budgeted repairs to our buildings and grounds!

## UPDATE FROM FR. THIERRY

Dear friends, A week ago, I received my last chemotherapy for the foreseeable future. A side effect is delayed fatigue, and the peak for that will happen this week.

A blood clot was found in my right leg last week. Apparently, that's not unusual for cancer patients. I am taking a blood thinner and I am able to walk around freely again. I'd like to thank the volunteers who drove me to the hospital last week.

A side-effect of my radiation therapy is that it irritates the esophagus. As a result, I am having difficulties swallowing solid foods. I am getting pain medication and eating liquid or soft foods instead.



I am dealing with challenges as they present themselves, keeping my eyes set on the goal of getting healed. I include a picture of me with my new haircut.

God bless,  
 Fr. Thierry

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 20:  
 10:30 am OLR . . Azucena Maganito †  
*Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103;*  
*1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48*

Monday, February 21: St. Peter Damian  
*Readings: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29*

Tuesday, February 22:  
*Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19*

Wednesday, February 23: St. Polycarp  
*Readings: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40*

Thursday, February 24:  
*Readings: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50*

Friday, February 25:  
*Readings: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12*

Saturday, February 26:  
 5:00 pm SAG . . . William Gretz Sr. †  
*Readings: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16*

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

Tues, Feb. 22nd. Emotions and Spirituality with psychologist, and fellow Catholic, Veronica Schneider. Can our faith be impacted by our emotions? What can we do with strong feelings of guilt, sadness and fear? How do we offer God-pleasing support to loved ones going through difficult times? 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. Please join us!

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Feb 26 & 27, 2011

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 . . . . . Fr. Schenk

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



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Nicholas Humy, Msgr. William Lenane, Fr. Thierry Geris, Frank Briggs Sr., Tom Halderman, Diane Zscheile, Kelly Vitorino, Quirico Japlit, Rev. John Butcher, Juliana Crozier, Bishop McGrath, Mary Lee Hagen

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Reid Scott, Lina Dirltik, Barbara Smith, Peter Bisacca, Susan Gerlach, Betty Schauer, Edna Kansora, Betty Hofstetter, Patricia Jacobsen, Gerald Kosmala, Sybil Ann Pfluke

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  
 Mar 6 . . . . . **Thu** Feb 24 noon  
 Mar 13 . . . . . **Thu** Mar 3 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

January 23 . . . . . \$ 8,610.31  
 St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 3,329.00  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 295,214.52  
 Budget YTD . . . \$ 291,120.09  
 Variance . . . . . - 2.04%

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 20: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am ..... Hospitality Sundays (OLRH)

11:30 am ..... Byzantines (SAGH)

Monday, February 21: Presidents' Day;  
*Pastoral Center Closed*

Tuesday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter;  
Washington's Birthday

7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

7:00 pm ..... Sp. Prayer Group (OLRH)

Wednesday, February 23:

7:00 pm ..... Lector Workshop (OLRH)

Thursday, February 24:

Friday, February 25:

7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, February 26: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am ..... Hispanic Volunteer Retreat (OLRH)

### LEARNED AT HOME

*The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family.  
Strength of character may be acquired at work,  
but beauty of character is learned at home.*

—Henry Drummond

## CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph, Bishop Patrick J. McGrath presided at a bilingual Mass in thanksgiving for married couples and their families celebrating 25th, 40th or 50th (or more) wedding anniversaries. The following parishioners from St. Thomas Aquinas were honored at this event.

Jim & Chona Amores (25th)

Ignacio & Maricela Gonzalez (25th)

Dennis & Sondra Dingmann (35 years)

Fred & Patricia Dietrich (50th)

Paul & Laurie Vavuris (60th)

## VOLUNTEER PARTY

*Dedicated Staff perform at our Volunteer Appreciation Party.*



## LECTOR WORKSHOP

By request there is a second workshop for those lectors who missed the one in the Fall. All are welcome though. Please bring 5-10 verses to proclaim. Hospitality at 7:00pm Wednesday February 23 in OLRH. At 7:15 we will move into the Church for the presentations by Fr. Randy and Deacon Daniel, followed by practice by each lector. Please let Jean R. know if you are attending at 494-2496 X34 or pajeanr@yahoo.com.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY!

Be part of a 50 year tradition by participating in the parish St. Patrick's Day event, slated for Saturday, March 19th -- 2 days after St. Patrick's Day, but exactly on St. Joseph's Day! Ticket sales will start during the weekend of Mar 5 - 6 at inflation-resistant prices: \$15 - adults, \$5 - children 12 and under. This is a legacy of welcoming Irish traditions: companionship, music, dancing, food, and hospitality -- perfect for family entertainment and lifetime memories. Several of the founders of the party a half a century ago will attend. Plan to be there! Volunteers are always needed for a variety of timely tasks. Pls give Joe Kinsella a call: 650-364-3705.

## FIFTY YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MINISTRY

On October 15, 2010, the church of St. Albert the Great began its 50th year as a dedicated catholic church for the Catholic Community of Palo Alto. The St. Albert Site Committee designated that this 50th anniversary year be one of special celebrations and special focuses on traditional events. A committee chaired by Jerry Martinson has been planning ongoing events, the first of which was December's second annual Creche Exhibit. The next anniversary year event will occur on March 13th when parish musicians and performing groups will present an afternoon of music and family sing-a-long fun. The year will culminate on November 25, 2011, with a mass commemorating the church's dedication. Bishop Patrick McGrath will be celebrant. Watch for other events as they are posted in the bulletin.

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## GREEN CORNER FREE FILM SERIES

February 25 - A Convenient Truth In this inspirational film, you'll learn why cities around the world look to Curitiba, Brazil as the model for creative and enlightened urban planning. The city of Curitiba has demonstrated for the past 40 years how to transform problems into cost effective solutions that can be applied in most cities around the world.

World Centric, 2121 Staunton Ct., Palo Alto (behind JJ&F Market) Fridays 7:00 - 9:30 PM (7 PM cookies, 7:30 PM film)

Sponsored by Acterra, Common Ground, Silicon Valley Action Network, Transition Silicon Valley, Transition Palo Alto, World Centric, and more. – *The Green Committee*

## MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

In the spirit of Vatican II and Thomas Merton, we are looking for people interested in participating in a BOOK CLUB - focused on commentary from Vatican II and many of its contemporary writers like Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, and John XXIII. The time, frequency, and location have yet to be set but some ideas are: begin during Lent, meet monthly, and with the Thomas House completion that may be a possible location. If interested in the Club, please call Bob Foley 650-322-8650 or email bob.foley@gmail.com.

## CRUISE TOUR OPPORTUNITY JUNE 2011

Fr. George dropped us the following note: "I hope the New Year has started off well for you. I am enjoying St. Clare Parish and continue to miss all of you. If case you are interested, I wanted to remind you again of a Cruise Tour planned for June 2011. It's a 13-day trip to Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden on the NCL Norwegian Sun, from June 11 to 23, 2011.

"A brochure with the itinerary, cost and registration details can be found at the Pastoral Center. If you need more information, you can also call Fr. George at 408-248-7786, Extension 15. Blessings and Peace! Fr. George"

## FREE TAX SERVICE

Did you make \$49,000 or less in 2010? Come to the free tax service provided by trained Catholic Charities volunteers on Saturday mornings at St. Joseph School 1120 Miramonte, MV between 9 and noon. March 5 will be at St. Athanasius, 160 N. Rengstorff instead. BRING: Photo ID, All W-2 s and 1099s (if any), Bank Account & Routing # if you would like Direct Deposit, Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) letter for all family members, Copy of 2009 tax return (if available).