

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME FR. RANDY TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

Fr. Randy Suarez Valenton was born in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija in the Philippines. He is the youngest among the six children of the late Ruben Gelacio Valenton Sr. and Paula Valdez Suarez. He has two brothers and three sisters. His eldest sister is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de La Salette (SNDS), a religious congregation founded in France. He is also the nephew of the late Msgr. Jose Suarez.

Fr. Randy finished his Bachelor of Science in Psychology at St. Joseph's College in Quezon City, Philippines and received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana in Rome.

In the Philippines, he worked as a field researcher for the NSO (National Statistics Office) and as a Customer Care Specialist for MERALCO (Manila Electric Company). In the year 2000, Fr. Randy came to the United States and joined the Diocese of San Jose.

While at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, He earned a Bachelor degree in Sacred Theology, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Divinity and Clinical Pastoral Education in St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada. Afterward, Fr. Randy received his Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries/ Spirituality at Santa Clara University.

On the 3rd of June 2006, Fr. Randy was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Patrick McGrath for service in the Diocese of San Jose. Prior to his diaconate ordination, he served for a year at St. Julie Billiart Parish and was in charge of the hospital ministry at Santa Teresa Kaiser. After the presbyteral ordination in 2006, Fr. Randy was assigned as parochial vicar of St. Maria Goretti Parish for three years. He became very much involved in youth ministry, pastoral care, outreach program, liturgy and faith formation. In July 2009, Fr. Randy moved to St. Simon Parish and served there until January 2011.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

The Byzantine Rite with Father Anthony Hernandez: Tuesday, March 1st, at 7 pm, at Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room. Father Anthony and the parishioners of Saint Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church share the worship space at Saint Albert the Great with our community. Come and learn about this form of Catholic worship. How is it the same; how is it different? Do they follow the Pope? What are their roots? What about Eastern Orthodox forms? What and who is a Patriarch? Why are we separate? Please join us for a very informative evening.



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, Sr. Jeannette Donnelly

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 27:
9:00 am SAG ... Vince Giovannotto †
10:30 am STA... Patricia Carrera †
Readings: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Monday, February 28:
Readings: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 1:
8:30 am OLR ... Hal Meyn †
Readings: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 2:
Readings: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday, March 3: St. Katharine Drexel
Readings: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

Friday, March 4: St. Casimir
Readings: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday, March 5:
12:15 pm STA .. Andrew Kott †
Readings: Sir 51:12c-20; Mk 11:27-33

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Schedule March 9, 2011

- 7:15 am — STA
- 8:30 am — OLR
- 10:00 am — SAG (*SESS - Parishioners welcome*)
- 12:15 pm — STA
- 6:00 pm — STA
- 7:00 pm — OLR (*Spanish*)
- 7:00 pm — SAG
- 8:00 pm — STA (*Gregorian*)

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Mar 5 & 6, 2011

- St. Albert the Great
- Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
 - Sun 9:00 am Fr. Valenton
 - 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. Stanley
 - Sun 12 noon TBA

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

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Mar 13 ...**Thu** Mar 3 noon
Mar 20 ..**Thu** Mar 10 noon



Our Weekly Offering

January 30 \$

Year To Date

Actual YTD..... \$
Budget YTD \$
Variance..... - %

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 27: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15, 10:15 am ... Rel. Ed. (ISP/SESS)

8:30 am Hospitality Sundays (OLRH)

11:30 am Byzantines (SAGH)

5:00 pm STAY (OLRH)

Monday, February 28:

9:30 am Bldg & Maintenance (PC)

7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, March 1:

7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

7:00 pm Sp. Prayer Group (OLRH)

Wednesday, March 2:

6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, March 3:

Friday, March 4: First Friday; World Day of Prayer

7:00 pm Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, March 5: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

RCIA

Welcome and hold our three adult RCIA candidates in your prayers.

Three RCIA adults celebrated The Rite of Welcoming in January at St. Thomas Aquinas 10:30am Mass. Fr. Matt Stanley presided over the Rite which included The Signing of the Senses by their sponsors. The gathered Faithful affirmed the sincerity of the already-baptized three to go forward and celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for Judy Decker and Victoria Liu who are seeking Reception into the Catholic tradition, and for Alex Nguyen who is seeking Confirmation. We are grateful to their sponsors who are walking with them: Gita Dedek, Jean Ramacciotti, Dir. of RCIA 494-2496 X34 Teresa Sun, and Hal Fletcher.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB DINNER



Father Randy, joins with a couple KofC prior to prayer; Roberta Uebbing with daughter and 2 granddaughters; Smiling and ready for the crab entree coming; The two who have made it happened for all these years, Paul and Laurie Vavuris

WIDOW AND WIDOWER DINNER AND MEETING

The March meeting and dinner will be held on Thursday, March 3 at Mario's Italiano Restaurant at 861 Leong Drive, Mountain View. The gathering will start at 5:30 p.m. The complete dinner will cost \$25. Please RSVP to Virginia Mensing at 493-8220 or Erv Heckler at 493-0499. Anyone who is widowed is encouraged to consider joining this fun, busy group.

AFTERNOON OF SONG AND FUN

On Sunday afternoon, March 13, 2011, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in St. Albert the Great Church, as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration of St. Albert the Great Church, we are planning a parish afternoon of music and fun, at which time talented parish music groups and individuals will perform.

We look forward to an afternoon of group and individual performances, some sing-alongs, and perhaps even some topical, parish humor. Our well-voiced clergy might even be cajoled into an aria (or ditty)! Our organizing committee is reaching out now to our parish talent, and looking forward to March 13. We hope you will join us! If you have questions, please contact Chris Lundin, clundin@stanford.edu

CELEBRATE OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Bishop McGrath invites you to celebrate our Diocese's 30th anniversary with him on Saturday, March 19, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, at a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph, 10:00am. Did you know? Saint Joseph (Cathedral) was the first parish in California, established in 1803. California's first city, the Pueblo of San Jose de Guadalupe, was formed in 1777. So our Diocese is home to the oldest parish in the oldest city in California!

February 27, 2011

GREEN CORNER

The Endangered Species Coalition (conservation, sporting and community groups) issued a dire warning: Unless we change the way we manage water and fuel our cars and heat our homes, the Sierra Nevada and Delta will become hostile to already-dwindling wildlife and fish. Also the Hawaiian Islands, Southwest desert, Arctic sea ice and shallow-water coral reefs. The No. 1 threat is to the Arctic (polar bears, seals, walrus and sea ducks). Then coral reefs, followed by Hawaii, the deserts, the Delta, the Sierra Nevada, the Snake River basin, greater Yellowstone, the Gulf Coast flatlands and wetlands and the Everglades. Source: SF Chronicle 1/6/11

The Green Committee

LIVE THE PARISH ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRADITION

Only a week to go before ticket sales begin for the annual event to celebrate the decades of Irish traditions of the parish -- Saturday, March 19th. The evening is ideal for seniors and young families: welcoming, fun, safe, inexpensive. The program includes live Irish music and dance, a generous dinner complete with corned beef, cabbage, and soda bread, singing, and good cheer -- all for \$15 - adults; \$5 - children under 12. Sit as a group to enjoy the night of spirit and song: an experience to remember for a lifetime. Volunteers always welcome. Contact Joe Kinsella: 650-364-3705.

YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

Diocese of San Jose Young Adult Fat Tuesday Celebration, March 8th at 7pm, Poor House Bistro, 91 South Autumn Street, San Jose. Join us in this diocesan wide function for young adults at Poor House Bistro in downtown San Jose and enjoy good food and fellowship with Mardi Gras festivities.

For more info, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, Facebook group "Young Adult Circle", or Scott at scott.a.harrison@gmail.com.

Young Adult Bible Study, Tues. Mar. 1st, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets to continue its study "The Bible and the Mass".

The Young Adult Group is seeking to renew its leadership ranks. If you would like to help in this effort, please attend an event and express interest or contact Scott (email above).

HELP WITH TAX PREPARATION

Catholic Charities Tax EZ program helps low-income residents receive refunds and tax credits. If you earned \$49,000 or less in 2010, TaxEZ volunteers can help you. On Saturday mornings in Mountain View. Mar 5 at St. Athanasius, 160 N. Rengstorff and all following Saturdays through April 16 at St. Joseph School 1120 Miramonte. Come between 9 and noon.