

# Second Sunday of Lent

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

WHAT ARE THE SCRUTINIES?? A "Scrutiny" consists of The Word, the homily, intercessions and prayers for those seeking baptism. They take place on the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent and are intended to inspire in "the Elect" (those chosen by our community and our bishop to celebrate the Easter sacraments) a desire for purification and redemption by Christ. The readings and rituals examine a theology of prayer for healing and deliverance from evil that is rooted in our ancient baptismal tradition.

These rites for self-searching and repentance have a spiritual purpose—to uncover, and then heal all that is weak in the hearts of the Elect, and to give them strength in Christ.

In walking with the four children in our parish community who are seeking Baptism at the Easter Vigil, we take this opportunity to search our own souls as well. We, the Church, examine our own conscience, in order to be delivered from sin and saved from its consequences. Towards that goal, we who are already baptized Christians, share in this communal reconciliation and together celebrate repentance, so that our souls will be flooded with the Easter grace of Christ our Redeemer.

*Jean Ramacciotti, Director-The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

## ADA UPDATE

ADA Goal: \$120,000; Pledged: \$108,000 \* Pledges: 269; 90% of Goal

Thanks to the 23 pledges we received last week. So far 117 people have made pledges that were equal to their 2010 pledge. 66 people have increased their 2010 pledge, while 36 pledges were less than 2010. The best news is 50 people have pledged in 2011 that were unable to pledge in 2010. There are still over 120 families who pledged in 2010, but have yet to pledge this year. There are 7 weeks remaining in this year's campaign. We only need 30 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!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 20:

10:30 am STA. . . Rosa Ameilia †

Readings: *Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9*

Monday, March 21:

7:15 am STA. . . . . Mary Lee Hagen (health)  
12:15 pm STA. . . Fr. Thierry Geris (special intention)

Readings: *Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38*

Tuesday, March 22:

Readings: *Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12*

Wednesday, March 23: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

8:30 am OLR . . . Mary Peters †

Readings: *Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28*

Thursday, March 24:

7:15 am STA. . . . . Alma Iacono †

Readings: *Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31*

Friday, March 25:

12:15 pm STA. . . Adalbrto Viggiano †

Readings: *Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38*

Saturday, March 26:

5:00 pm SAG . . . Bertha Gretz †

Readings: *Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Mar 26 & 27, 2011

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Valenton

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. 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, Sr. Jeannette Donnelly

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Betty Schauer, Edna Kansora, Betty Hofstetter, Patricia Jacobsen, Gerald Kosmala, Sybil Ann Pfluke, Jerry Martin, Ursula Esteotto, Margaret Grace Shea, Peter Koperski, Rita Perko

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  
Apr 3 . . . **Thu** Mar 24 noon  
Apr 10 . . . **Thu** Mar 31 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

February 13 . . . . . \$ 9,651.62  
Eastern Europe . . . . . \$ 2,564.68  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 324,415.83  
Budget YTD . . . \$ 332,106.25  
Variance . . . . . - 2.32%

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 20: Second Sunday of Lent; Spring begins Purim (the Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset; Scrutiny Rite for Already Baptized Adult RCIA Candidates

9:15, 10:15 am .. Rel. Ed. (ISP/SESS)  
8:30 am ..... Hospitality Sundays (OLRH)  
11:30 am ..... Byzantines (SAGH)  
2:00 pm ..... Confirmation (DC)  
5:00 pm ..... STAY (OLRH)

Monday, March 21:

9:30 am ..... Bldg & Maintenance (PC)  
6:00 pm ..... Hospital Training (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Catechist Mtg. (PC)  
7:30 pm ..... RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, March 22:

7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Prayer Group (OLRH)

Wednesday, March 23:

6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, March 24:

6:30 pm ..... Taize Prayer (OLR)

Friday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence

6:00 pm ..... STAY (SAGH)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, March 26:

## LENTEN SOUP!

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 6 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall instead of the regular first and third Wednesdays.

March 23 and 30

April 6 and 13 (Lenten SOUP ends)

May 3 and 18 (final SOUP of the year)

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.

## RCIA RITE AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Today the three adult RCIA candidates celebrate the Penitential Rite (Scrutiny) for those who are already baptized Christians. The three—Alex Nguyen, Judy Decker, Victoria Liu—seek forgiveness of their sins and healing of their human weaknesses so they may be ready to be sealed with the gift of The Father at the Easter Vigil. May those present at the 10:30am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas join with them in prayer and open their hearts also to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

## SAN JOSE SEMINARIANS

Last Saturday at the 5pm Mass, St. Albert the Great hosted the monthly Mass for Seminarians. Fr. John Poncini, Vocations Director presided. Deacon Steve Kim, a graduate of Palo Alto High School, preached the homily. Bishop McGrath will ordain 3 men to the priesthood for our Diocese on June 4th.



## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

March 22nd — “Understanding Islam: Is the God of Mohammad the Father of Jesus?” Our guest speaker will be Father Jose Rubio. Father Rubio is well known in the Diocese for his work toward interfaith harmony. He has spent many years in dialogue with Islamic communities promoting greater understanding between our faiths. Bring your questions. Father Rubio is extremely knowledgeable. SAG Hospitality Room; 7 pm.

Adult Spirituality is looking for input on our fall Spirituality Tuesday Assembly series. Please send your ideas to Father Matt: [mstanley@dsj.org](mailto:mstanley@dsj.org)

## LIFEBLOOM'S CATHERINE WANJOHI TO GUEST SPEAK

Come Sunday, March 27, at 4:00 pm to the St. Albert Hospitality Center, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto to hear Catherine Wanjohi, founder and director of Life Bloom Services International in Naivasha, Kenya. In her warm and articulate way, Catherine will describe the successes and challenges of Life Bloom, a non-profit organization that carries out interventions among vulnerable women and children.

Catherine is a member of the Kenya Counseling Association and holds a Masters of Counseling Psychology from the University of Durham-U.K. Her goal in founding Life Bloom has been to use her peer-mentor model to free vulnerable women and adolescent girls from the traps set by poverty and the culture. Catherine is a close friend of Fr. Daniel Kiriti, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Naivasha, who studied at Santa Clara University and lived in our parish in the late 90s. She serves on the board of Archbishop Ndingi Secondary School for Boys in Naivasha, a school under Fr. Kiriti's jurisdiction.

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# March 20, 2011

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## THE STORY OF A SOLDIER

...Who Became A Conscientious Objector

This Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Road. Come to hear Camio Mejia, a veteran of the Iraq War, who publicly refused further service on grounds of conscience. What was his thinking? What was his fate? Discussion follows. Sponsored by Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice and eight co-sponsoring groups.

*Human Concerns Committee*

## FROM A CULTURE OF DEATH

... To A Journey of Life —The Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland, will speak about Catholic teaching on a consistent life ethic . . . from womb to tomb. How are we Catholics to respond?

When? Thursday, March 24. Where: Queen of Apostles Church. 4911 Moorpark, San Jose. Time: 7:30 p.m. Reception in the parish hall follows.

This event is sponsored by California People of Faith. Donations to support their work will be gratefully accepted. For more information call Terry McCaffrey (408) 515-0341 or email [terrymc@igc.org](mailto:terrymc@igc.org)

*Human Concerns Committee (Please carpool to reduce pollution)*

## MILLE FAILTE: A THOUSAND IRISH WELCOMES

Many thanks to all who made the March 19th annual St. Patrick's Day Event another sell-out success! The organizers do it for the craigh (fun) and this year was no disappointment. Kudos to "Dance Around Molly" for the music, the Rosemary Turco Dancers for the entertainment, Ted Baer and kitchen crew for the delicious and plentiful corned beef & cabbage, Carol Pulliam for the genuine soda bread, the bar crew for the full measures of hospitality, Ernie's Liquors and Wine for the service, and the many other volunteers who made this all possible. Most of all, thanks to the parishioners young and old who want to live this important tradition. See you next year!

## WIDOW & WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers will not totally forget the Irish Green.... They will be going to the Green Elephant on April 7th for dinner at 5:30 in the Charleston Center. All widow and widowers are welcome. Please call Mia (650-856-2954) or email ([mrandjfr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrandjfr@sbcglobal.net)) her for reservations. If you would like a ride let her know. Respond by April 1st . If you need directions, let Mia know.