

# Third Sunday of Lent

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

You might notice our TEENS have been wearing a bracelet around their wrists. These bracelets symbolize “the call to holiness.” The first bracelet is a brilliant, sharp looking, white band that says two simple things on it. On one side: “Live Pure” and on the other “1 Timothy 4:12”. I am sure you’ve all memorized this passage but, just in case you cannot recall the words know that our teens are proudly wearing a band which cites the following passage: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” I sure hope this brought a smile to your face— as it does to mine each week when I see one of our teens wearing it.

*Alley White, EDGE Middle School Coordinator*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 27:

8:45 am STA . . . Vince Giovannotto †

9:00 am SAG . . . Thanksgiving

Mendez Lee Family †

*Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;*

*Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*

Monday, March 28:

7:15 am STA . . . Miriam Delaney †

12:15 pm STA . . Ann Masik

*Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30*

Tuesday, March 29:

8:30 am OLR . . . Pete Koperski †

*Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35*

Wednesday, March 30:

8:30 am OLR . . . Hal Meyn †

*Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19*

Thursday, March 31:

*Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23*

Friday, April 1:

*Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34*

Saturday, April 2: St. Francis of Paola

12:15 pm STA . . John Paul II †

*Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14*

*In Thanksgiving for all your prayers.*

*— Mary Agnes Early*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Apr 2 & 3, 2011

St. Albert the Great

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

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. Sandersfeld

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

Sun 6:00 pm Youth . . . . . Fr. Stanley

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

“OUR PARISH – OUR DIOCESE – TOGETHER IN CHRIST” Report #7

ADA Goal: \$120,000; Pledged: \$115,000 \* Pledges: 273; 95% of Goal.

We give thanks to the 14 pledges we received last week. So far 121 people have made pledges that were equal to their 2010 pledge. 71 people have increased their 2010 pledge, while 39 pledges were less than 2010. The best news is 52 people have pledged in 2011 that were unable to pledge in 2010. There are still over 115 families who pledged in 2010, but have yet to pledge this year. There are 3 weeks remaining in this year’s campaign. We only need 12 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 9 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!



### Please Pray

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

**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, Hal Partelov

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 10 . . . **Thu** Mar 31 noon  
Apr 17 . . . **Wed** Apr 6 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

February 20 . . . . . \$ 8,513.26  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 332,929.09  
Budget YTD . . . \$ 342,352.79  
Variance . . . . . - 2.75%

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 27: Third Sunday of Lent  
9:15, 10:15 am .. Rel. Ed. (ISP/SESS)  
8:30 am ..... Hospitality Sundays (OLRH)  
11:30 am ..... Byzantines (SAGH)  
4:00 pm ..... Thomas Merton (SAGH)  
5:00 pm ..... STAY (OLRH)

Monday, March 28:

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

Tuesday, March 29:

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

Wednesday, March 30:

3:00 pm ..... Seton Dev Board (SAGH)  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, March 31: *Pastoral Center Closed, Cesar Chavez Holiday*

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

Friday, April 1: First Friday; Abstinence

6:00 pm ..... STAY (SAGH)  
8:00 pm ..... STAY (SESS)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, April 2: First Saturday

8:00 am ..... STAY (SESS)  
2:00 pm ..... Pastoral Home Ministry (SAGH)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Father Randy will lead the "Stations of the Cross" following the usual 8:30 morning Mass at OLR on Friday's during Lent. It will begin next Friday morning March 25 and continue on Friday's through Lent.

## THANK YOU

The SAG 4th grade Sunday class made a bake sale for Japan on Sun March 20th. Thank you to all who brought and/or bought some goodies, \$400 were collected.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Grand Knight, Paul Vavuris gives a check for \$1534 to Marcy Black, Director of Development at St. Elizabeth Seton School. This is the proceeds from the silent auction at the recent Knights of Columbus Crab Dinner Dance. John Uebbing looks on.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

March 29th — "IS YOUR DINNER CHOICE A MORAL DILEMMA?" – Spirituality Tuesday, March 29, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., SAG Hospitality Center, presented by the parish Green Committee. What's the topic? How what we eat can affect our health, our economy and the earth's fruitfulness. An illuminating evening about the partnership that produces our food: the Lord, the land, the labor.

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, 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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"You will find that charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the bowl of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give bread and soup . . . This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor. . . They are your masters, and the more difficult they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them."

These words, written by St. Vincent de Paul in the seventeenth century, are equally applicable today as they were during the life of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul workers serve many people with diverse problems; people who are jobless, and homeless, people who are addicts, and /or mentally ill, or people who are functioning well but have fallen behind in their rent or utility payments because of illness, family problems or other difficulties.

Interacting with Jeff is less than pleasant. He is convinced that he is a very sick man who needs specific food and specific lodging. St. Vincent de Paul workers treat him respectfully & serve him following the Vincentian guidelines. In this recession, those who are afflicted with severe personality problems will, most likely, be the first to be laid off from their jobs. This Sunday is St. Vincent de Paul Sunday. Perhaps you have someone in your family, or someone you know who has severe difficulties with interpersonal relations & is unable to work. Please remember them when the collection basket comes your way.

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# March 27, 2011

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## ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH: 50 YEARS

As part of our St. Albert the Great anniversary celebration, a history of its 50 years is being produced. While many parishioners who have been interviewed over the past year have provided excellent information, there may be items of interest still missing. What can you contribute?

If you have any memories and/or photos that you think would add to the project, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please send them to Rich Scholz at richs4@att.net or mail them to 145 Lois Lane, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

## YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

Young Adult Mass, Tues. March 29th at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. The Young Adult Circle will be gathering for 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

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. April 5th and April 12th, 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets to continue its study "The Bible and the Mass".

## SETON SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

The Seton Spring Social & Pre-K Fundraiser is Wednesday, March 30, featuring renowned author Mark Salzman. Please join us from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in the school auditorium to hear Seton alumni speak and learn about the capitol campaign to build an early learning center to provide a Pre-K and full-day Kindergarten. The evening will conclude with Mark Salzman's heart-warming and entertaining presentation. Invitations are in the back of the churches and attached to the ebulletin. Contact the Seton School Development Office to R.S.V.P. 650-326-1258 or email [development@stelizabethseton.com](mailto:development@stelizabethseton.com)

## 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.