



# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

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

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

2:00 pm ..... STAY Cool (DC)

7:00 pm ..... STAY (OLRH)

Monday, April 18: Monday of Holy Week

7:00 pm ..... Sp. Catechist Mtg. (PC)

7:30 pm ..... RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, April 19: Tuesday of Holy Week; Passover begins

6:30 pm ..... Sedar Dinner (OLRH)

7:30 pm ..... Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, April 20: Wednesday of Holy Week

12:00 pm ..... STAY Advisory (PC)

7:30 pm ..... STA Remodeling (SAGH)

Thursday, April 21: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins

7:00 pm ..... Comm. Board (PC)

Friday, April 22: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence; Earth Day;

**Pastoral Center Closed**

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

Saturday, April 23: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

10:30 am ..... Baptism Class (PC)

## NEW PIANO NEEDED

The piano at St. Thomas Aquinas Church is in need of replacement. The instrument is no longer suitable for the many funerals and weddings celebrated at that church. Its tone and tuneability are no longer sufficient for liturgical celebrations (but it might do quite well in the renovated Thomas House!).

We would like to obtain a new piano for the church. Anyone interested in donating monies towards the purchase of a new piano should contact Nora Lundin (parish Liturgy, Wedding and Funeral Coordinator) at [liturgy@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:liturgy@paloaltocatholic.org) or Chuck Tully in the Pastoral Center ([business@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:business@paloaltocatholic.org)).

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH HOLY WEEK 2011

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION April 16 and 17

The Spanish Mass at OLR begins at 8:30 am

*All other Masses and Church sites are the same as regular weekends*

Procession with Palms – Dry weather, starts outside; wet weather, starts in vestibules

PARISH COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Monday April 18

7:00 pm Our Lady of the Rosary (Bi-lingual)

CELEBRATION OF THE SEDER MEAL Tuesday April 19

6:30 pm Our Lady of the Rosary Hall (reservations required)

TENEBRAE SERVICE Wednesday April 20,

8:00 pm St. Anne's Chapel, with the Gregorian Choir, 541 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto

HOLY THURSDAY April 21

Morning Prayer 7:15 am St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am Our Lady of the Rosary

All Parish Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 pm Our Lady of the Rosary (Multi-lingual)

Chapel stays open until 10:00 pm for quiet personal prayer

Also 8:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Church (Gregorian)

GOOD FRIDAY April 22

Morning Prayer 7:15 am St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am Our Lady of the Rosary

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Liturgy of the Word,

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

12:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas

5:30 pm St. Thomas Aquinas (Gregorian)

7:30 pm Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish)

7:30 pm St. Albert the Great

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm Our Lady of the Rosary

HOLY SATURDAY April 23, Morning Prayer 8:30 am Our Lady of the Rosary

THE EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY April 23

8:30 pm St. Albert the Great (Multi-lingual)

*Reception follows in St. Albert Hospitality Center*

The Easter Vigil continues at St. Thomas Aquinas Church 11:00 pm (Gregorian)

EASTER SUNDAY April 24, *Regular Sunday schedule*

## LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Holy Wednesday, April 20th, at St. Albert's church, the Byzantine Catholic community of St. Basil will be offering the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified (Vespers with Holy Communion) and the Anointing of the Sick. The Liturgy begins at 7:30pm and concludes with the Anointing of the Sick. For more information: [www.stbasil.org](http://www.stbasil.org)

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## A CALL TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop – Saturday morning. April 30 at Dermody Center near OLR 9am-12pm. Come and learn about the History of Centering Prayer and experience This kind of silent meditation which facilitates The state of contemplation --a gift of the Holy Spirit. Reserve a place by Contacting Jean at pajeanr@yahoo.com. Or 494-2496 ext 34.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY



*St. Albert the Great - Events*  
*50th Anniversary*  
*June 25, 2011*  
*Corpus Christi*  
*August 13, 2011*  
*Women's Leadership Tea*  
*October 1 & 2, 2011*  
*Artists of STA Exhibition*  
*1961 - -2011*

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## DURING EASTER

Parish Office Hours during Easter Triduum:

Good Friday – Closed

Easter Monday – Closed

Holy Thursday Collection – St. Vincent de Paul

Please be generous in helping those who are in need of emergency housing, food, medicine, transportation, and other basic needs.

Good Friday Collection For The Holy Land

Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus walked and taught— lived and died. Your generosity can help keep alive those Holy Places and the Franciscan Missioners who serve the people there.

Morning Prayer during the Easter Triduum

Because there are no morning Masses on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, we will celebrate Morning Prayer, the official prayer of the Church as found in the Divine Office at 7:15am at St. Thomas Aquinas church (Thu & Fri) and at Our Lady of the Rosary at 8:30am (all 3 days) . .

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. On this day, one meatless meal may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may also be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Fasting is required for all those between the ages of 18 and 59. If health or ability to work are affected, the law of fasting does not apply.