

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

FOOD JUSTICE – LABOR IN THE PULPIT – 2011

This Sunday, with the blessing of Bishop McGrath, we will participate in this year's "Labor in the Pulpit" in order to emphasize the commitment of people of faith to stand for food justice. We will have several speakers share their stories and insights during the time normally reserved for the homily. All of us want healthy workers and healthy bodies in Santa Clara County. As a faith community, we want to advocate for justice in the lives of all people impacted by food— from the moment it is planted, to when it is sold, to when it is consumed. You may be interested in this video related to this year's theme: <http://rootsofchange.org/campaign/food-movement-rising>.

Fr. Matt, Pastor

## THANK YOU FR. EPIE

We say farewell to Fr. Franklin Epie as he returns to his home Diocese in Cameroon. He has been a great help to the parish, especially in light of Fr. Randy's month-long studies in Peru. We wish him a safe journey home, and God willing, another stay with us in the near future.

## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Our Faith Formation Ministry programs still needs: Catechists' Aides; Team Members for Sacramental Preparation; Adult and Children's Catechumenate; Sponsors for Catechumenate and Confirmation; EDGE & LIFETEEN; and Leaders for Liturgy of the Word for Children. If you can help, or want more information, please call us. Faith Formation 494-2496 ext. 25; R.C.I.A. ext. 34; LifeTeen/EDGE ext. 21.

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As you know, we are totally dependent upon you all of our parishioners for our livelihood. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish may continue to impact the lives of so many. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of returning to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.

Our Weekly Offering	
Goal .....	\$ 11,000.00
Actual August 28th .....	\$ 9,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul .....	\$ 5,332.00



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Msgr. William Lenane,  
Fr. Thierry Geris, Diane Zscheile, Sr. Jeannette Donnelly, Norman Swope, Mary Fong,  
Devin Wakefield, Maria Marszal, Des Fitzgerald, Donna Rehder

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Julie Crozier, Bill de Mers, Quirico & Luz Japlit, Rev. John Butcher,  
Genevieve Bernwald, Mary Baracchi, Rita Botti, George Hoberg, Robert O'Connor,  
Pat Prousa, Mary Louise Canfield, Nicholas Humy, Rose Siegmund

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)



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 4:

8:45 am STA . . . Karen Robinette (sp. int.)

9:00 am SAG . . . Mary & Sandro Sandri  
(50th Anniversary)

10:30 am OLR . . Samantha & Veronica  
Howard, Robert Howard & Ana-Maria Dias

Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt  
18:15-20

Monday, September 5:

8:30 am OLR . . . Eileen Butler †

Readings: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6:

8:30 am OLR . . . Jose & Julia Martinez †

12:15 pm STA . . Catherine Howley †

Readings: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7:

8:30 am OLR . . . Michael Cummins (sp. int.)

12:15 pm STA . . Peping Ramos †

Readings: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8:

12:15 pm STA . . Irene Butler (sp. int.)

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-  
16, 18-23 [18-23]

Friday, September 9: St. Peter Claver

Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10:

Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Sept 10 & 11, 2011

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Seimas

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 . . . . . TBA

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 4: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 am ..... Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)  
1:00 pm ..... Sp. Catechists Reunion (OLRH)

Monday, September 5: Labor Day, *Pastoral Center Closed*

Tuesday, September 6:  
7:30 pm ..... Latin Class (STAH)

Wednesday, September 7:  
10:00 am ..... Adult Spirituality (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Comm. Life (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Missal Workshop (OLRH)

Thursday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
10:00 am ..... Faith Sharing (SAGH)  
5:30 pm ..... STAYouth (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... TMC (STAH)

Friday, September 9:  
10:00 am ..... RE Board (PC)

Saturday, September 10: Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)

## NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Diana Macalintal, DSJ Liturgist, presents "Preparing the Assemblies for the New Translation" and why the new translation is important on Wednesday, September 7th from 7-9 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

## PARISH WEBSITE

Although the Sunday Bulletin remains the principal source of our communication, we have for you an instant source of information whenever you visit the parish website [www.paloaltocatholic.org](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org). If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our websites, please email our webmaster at [nlundin@dsj.org](mailto:nlundin@dsj.org) or [nlundin@mac.com](mailto:nlundin@mac.com).

## PASTORAL YEAR SEMINARIAN ASSIGNED TO OUR PARISH



Mr. Michael Gray comes from Queen of Apostles parish in San Jose. He has lived in the Bay Area all his life. He is a graduate of Bellarmine College Prep, and he graduated from Santa Clara University in 2008, with a degree in Greek and Latin. He has spent the past two years studying for the priesthood at Saint Patrick's Seminary.

In his spare time, Michael enjoys reading, writing and playing videogames. He does volunteer work with preserving old manuscripts and turning them into eBooks. His favorite sports include ice hockey and basketball, and he plays on the seminarian basketball team. For the next nine months, Michael will be given many opportunities for some "real parish life" experiences as an important component of his formation for the priesthood.

## LABOR DAY CLOSURE

The Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, September 5th in honor of Labor Day. Our normal weekday Mass schedule. v

## CALLING ALL CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION!

Formal catechetical gatherings are starting on Monday September 12 at 7:00pm at the Pastoral Center for those seeking to receive Initiation Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in 2012. Please call Jean at 494-2496 X34 to arrange for an interview to begin the process of The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - also referred to as the catechumenate.

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Finally, the extended Congolese family with eight adults and eight children has secured a place where they can all stay under one roof. This ideal four-bedroom house in San Jose has a fenced in back yard so the children (seven of them aged 5 and under) will no longer be in danger of falling down the concrete staircases or drowning in the swimming pool at the apartment complex. The beautiful landlady was a Vietnam refugee herself and is generous enough to take the challenge of renting her house to these families. This is almost a miracle. While the three families would be able to manage the monthly rent of \$2900, they need a second miracle to raise the \$4,000 deposit.

Can our parish be that second miracle? If 100 people from each of our eight masses each donates \$5, the full amount will be raised. We will have volunteers accepting donations at the masses on the weekend of September 10-11. Please be as generous as you can. Also, we are looking for an infant car seat that fits the current vehicle code. Little three-month-old Nadiya has been riding in a car seat that cannot be strapped with the seat belt - a situation that needs to be corrected ASAP. Questions? Laura Chiu 650-283-6343, [lauraleechiu@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleechiu@gmail.com).

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## ANNUAL EDUCATION APPEAL

The Annual Education Appeal, which will be taken in all parishes the weekend of September 10-11, 2011 in our Diocese, provides financial assistance to many of our Catholic students who want to receive a Catholic education. This special collection is for the scholarship fund that supports the tuition financial aid program for both elementary and high school students in our schools.

Did you know that the Diocese of San Jose educates over 16,500 students in 29 elementary and six high schools across Santa Clara County? Our average tuition for one elementary student last year was \$6,500, while high school tuition is close to \$15,000. Many of our students are there because of the generosity and support of your parish community.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 18: PARISH PICNIC AT OLR

Hold the date! Plan for it! Food! Fun! Games for the kids! A chance to relax and enjoy each other's company!

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.”

## LEARN LATIN

A chance to learn some Latin (or refresh your Latin skills) and read through the texts of our liturgy in Latin will be available, beginning in September, through a series of evening lessons to be held twice a month in the Thomas House. Some members of the choir from the 12:00 Mass have been meeting to do this for several years, but would like to invite all interested members of the community to join our Latin circle.

Beginners are welcome. The current plan is to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30pm. Since the revised English translations of the liturgy will be introduced during the coming Advent season, the lessons will also provide an opportunity to look at the new translation and its reflection of the Latin text. This is, above all, a chance to renew and enhance our understanding of the Mass. Please contact Kevin Rossiter by e-mailing him at [respondeo@hotmail.com](mailto:respondeo@hotmail.com) if you would like to participate.