

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I share with you today, on this 10th Anniversary of 9-11, what I wrote and preached on 9-11-2001:

We should do well to recall what the Pope said in a speech at the United Nations just two years ago: "As man approaches the end of the 20th century"...he stands at the brink of a new millennium..."fearful of himself... fearful of the future."

I believe that what happened today, makes so very clear, a sad truth, that some simply do not want to accept: We live today in a time and a place where human life is not held in high regard.

We live in a culture of death, whereby people kill other people because they make life uncomfortable for them. Killing becomes reckless, vengeful, and indiscriminate, because human life is no longer sacred.

What should confuse, sadden and trouble us is that there are some in the world today who were shouting in the streets that "God is good!" because of what has happened today. That is a lie! The God I know and believe in would not and could not rejoice in the senseless murders that have deprived so many children of their parents.

The simple truth is that violence begets more violence; hatred begets more hatred; and disrespect for human life leads us into the situation we live in today. None of us can change the world all by ourselves. Violence, hatred and terrorism will not go away simply because we ask it to. But as believers in the Risen One—the One who lives, we must re-commit ourselves to the "Gospel of Life."

Fr. Matt

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Over the first 2 months of our new fiscal year, we would like to update you on the average Sunday Collection at each of our 8 Masses: SAG (5pm) \$789; SAG (9am) \$1,231; OLR (9am) \$752; OLR (10:30am) \$2,103; STA (7:30am) \$1,166; STA (8:45am) \$587; STA (10:30am) \$597; STA (12pm) \$446; Mail \$666; Online Giving \$1,322

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 September 4th ... \$ TBA



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 Prausa, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 11:

8:45 am STA... Vince Giovannotto †

10:30 am OLR .. Miriam Garza †

Readings: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday, September 12:

12:15 pm STA .. Sara Gisa †

Readings: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13: St. John

Chrysostom

8:30 am OLR ... Jack Griffin †

Readings: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 14:

7:15 am STA... Irene Butler (sp. int.)

12:15 pm STA .. Eileen Butler †

Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 98; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15:

7:15 am STA... Therese Palmer †

12:15 pm STA .. Mary Baracchi †

Readings: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday, September 16: Ss. Cornelius and

Cyprian

8:30 am OLR ... James & Edith Dubbs †

Readings: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 17: St. Robert

Bellarmino

5:00 pm SAG ... Anthony Luis Palomo

(sp. int.)

Readings: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Sept 17 & 18, 2011

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas

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. Valenton

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley

Sun 6:00 pm Youth Fr. Valenton

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 11: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Day of Mourning and Remembrance; Patriot Day; Grandparents Day

9:00 am Parent Catechesis (OLRH/SESS)
10:00 am SAG Site Meeting (SAGH)
11:30 am Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)
3:30 pm STAY (DC)
5:00 pm STAYouth (OLRH)

Monday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 pm ISTP Back to School (OLRH)
7:00 pm Artists Meet (SAGH)
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)
7:00 pm TMC (STAH)

Tuesday, September 13:

3:15 pm ISTP (OLRH)

Wednesday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 pm PSC (SAGH)

Thursday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am Comm. Board (DC)
10:00 am Faith Sharing (SAGH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, September 16:

6:00 pm STAYouth (DC)

Saturday, September 17: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

NEXT SUNDAY PARISH PICNIC

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

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. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our websites, please email our webmaster at nlundin@dsj.org or nlundin@mac.com.

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR PARISH STAFF

Hi! I'm Katie Yankoski, and I will be joining the STAYouth staff this year. For those of you who I haven't gotten to meet yet, I was actually a volunteer with the program last year. I'm a full-time graduate student at Santa Clara University, and in the spring I will be graduating with a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry and Liturgical Music. Having the opportunity to volunteer with STAYouth this past year, and especially with our Edge teens and the youth band, was one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. This year, I will be taking on the role of Life Teen Music Minister and Assistant Coordinator of Youth Ministry. I can't wait to expand our youth band and help the teens learn to pray through music. I consider myself very lucky and blessed to get to work with our teens—as we try to lead them closer to Christ, I find that they actually lead me closer to His heart as well. I'm excited for what this new year in youth ministry will bring, and I hope your family is too!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION APPEAL — THIS SUNDAY!

The annual second collection for the assistance of Catholic students in the Catholic Elementary and Secondary schools in the Diocese of San Jose and for our regular donation to the Catholic University of America is this weekend. There are special envelopes provided in the pews for those who were not prepared to make their donation. Please give generously: your gift is an investment in the future of the Catholic Church in our own Diocese of San Jose.

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.

MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please join our parish clergy and all liturgical ministers on Saturday, September 24th, 9:30am - 12:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall for a morning of reflection.

Often liturgical ministers get so involved in the "doing" and the "details" that it's helpful to take time to reflect on their ministerial role; time away to contemplate and "sharpen the saw" and renew themselves. All liturgical ministers are encourage to attend.

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.

September 11, 2011

UPDATE ON 2011 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

St. Thomas Aquinas' ADA totals as of August 31, 2011 are:

Total pledged: \$132,801

Percentage of Goal: 112%

Number of Donors: 349

Total Cash Received: \$119,582

Please keep making your regular payments. When all our pledges have been paid, St. Thomas Aquinas will receive a much needed rebate to help us pay for some important improvements to our parish facilities. Thank you for your support of Bishop McGrath and our local Church.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS

Come and enjoy the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This program of spirituality is a way of deepening our awareness of the ways that God is working in and through us in our everyday lives. It will be offered in group or private weekly sessions over a period of 8 months beginning in October. Time and place to be determined. Please contact Nancy McGaraghan at 650-329-0428 or the parish office for more information.

WELCOME BACK, STA FAMILIES!

As August is coming to end and our teens are returning to school so too our Life Teen Program is gearing up and returning to an exciting year full of faith and fun for our teens. The summer has been filled with retreats, a youth leadership institute, bible studies and much much more. I, personally, am beyond excited about my new role as the Youth Ministry Coordinator for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Our typical Sunday schedule starting September 18, 2011 is:

Edge (Middle School 6-8 grade): 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Youth Focused Mass (We'll call it our "Life Teen Mass"): 6-7:00pm

Life Teen (High School 9-12 grade): 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Our ministry team has adjusted the Edge and Life Teen session times in order to have a full and comprehensive program due to the weekly Youth Mass. Along with this compact schedule we are happy to announce that we will be providing pizza dinners for the Life Teen (High School 9-12 grade) teens each week.

This year we will be having three (3) Family Dinner Sundays starting with mass at 6pm:

September 11, 2011 (Kick Off Family BBQ)

February 12, 2012 (Valentine's Family Dinner)

May 20, 2012 (Summer Kick Off Family BBQ)

Alley White, Youth Ministry Coordinator