

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Today, we the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. We will commission all our catechists at many of our Sunday Masses. Our Catechists will focus on this year's theme: "Do This in Memory of Me."

Catechetical Sunday began in 1935 when the Vatican published On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education. This document asked every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists.

The word catechist comes from the root word, "catechesis," which is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church.

Susan Clingingsmith, DRE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 18:
 9:00 am SAG . . . Patricia Stanley (sp. int.)
 10:30 am OLR . . . David Jones, Jr. †
 10:30 am STA . . . Mary Thomas (birthday)
Readings: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday, September 19: St. Januarius
 8:30 am OLR . . . Ronald Short †
 12:15 pm STA . . . Irene Butler (sp. int.)
Readings: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 20: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and Their Companions
 8:30 am OLR . . . Thanksgiving for Blessings
Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 21: St. Matthew
 8:30 am OLR . . . Zell Cooper †
 12:15 pm STA . . . Eileen Butler †
Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday, September 22:
 8:30 am OLR . . . Holy Souls in Purgatory
Readings: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 23: St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
 7:15 am STA . . . Sr. Jeanette Donnelly (health)
Readings: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 24:
 5:00 pm SAG . . . Christopher Rowe †
Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Sept 24 & 25, 2011
 St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
 Sun 9:00 am Fr. Seimas
 Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas
 Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
 Sun 8:45 am Fr. Brown
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley
 Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary
 Sun 9:00 am Fr. Valenton
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Valenton
 Sun 6:00 pm Youth Fr. Seimas

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

New 6pm Life Teen Mass every Sunday at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. All parishioners of any age are welcome!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of St. Thomas Aquinas during the past month. Our average weekly collection for August, the 2nd month of this new fiscal year, was \$9,439 (\$9,491 in 2010). We are already \$15,000 behind our budgeted goal of \$99,000. \$15,000 equals the insurance payments we made for STA & SAG for July & August! Remember, our parish needs \$11,000 a week in order for us to meet all of our financial responsibilities. This puts us into an early financial crunch. 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
September 4th	\$ 9,700.00
September 11th	\$ 10,300.00
Catholic Education Appeal	\$ 2,350.00

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 Prausa, Mary Louise Canfield, Nicholas Humy, Rose Siegmund, Paul Vavuris

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 18: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
10:00 am TMC Book Club (TH)
11:30 am Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)
3:30 pm STAY (DC)
all day Parish Picnic BBQ (OLR)

Monday, September 19:
6:30 pm RCIA Alumni and New Candidates BBQ (PC Patio)
7:30 pm TMC (STAH)

Tuesday, September 20:
9:00 am New Parents (OLRH)
3:15 pm ISTP (OLRH)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)
7:30 pm Latin Class (TH)

Wednesday, September 21:
10:00 am Adult Spirituality Brd. (PC)
6:00 pm RCIC (DC)

Thursday, September 22:
10:00 am Faith Sharing (SAGH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, September 23: Autumn begins

Saturday, September 24: Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
9:30 am Morning of Reflection (OLRH)
10:30 am Baptism Class (PC)
6:00 pm Deanery Dinner (OLRH)

DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

At long last, our Parish Directories have arrived. We will begin to distribute them the weekend of September 17-18 after all the Masses and at the Parish Picnic— and the following weekend as well. Everyone who had their picture taken for the Directory is entitled to a free copy. Other interested parishioners may purchase a Directory for \$5.00.

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 encouraged to attend. All Liturgical Ministers will be commissioned and blessed at most of our Sunday Masses next weekend.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY RETURNS

Be One Body - One Spirit - In Christ — September 27, 7pm to 8:30pm, St. Albert the Great Hall — An exploration of the depth, richness and layers of meaning of the new liturgical text of the Roman Missal begins The Spirituality Tuesday Assembly events this fall. Father Matt will be our guide as we view an interactive DVD. Five foundational video essays by experts in sacramental theology and liturgy provide the themes and pathways. It uses video, text, graphics and music to enrich our understanding and to deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist. Filmed in churches and cathedrals around the world; this is a presentation that should not be missed.

REFUGEE HOUSING FUNDS UPDATE

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, a total of over \$5,700 was collected over the past two weekends. Aside from the \$4,000 needed as the security deposit for their new rented home in San Jose, we now have extra funds for any additional needs they have, such as an infant car seat, a computer for Chantal, the 8th grader, etc. We may even start a reserve fund for other refugees we will be helping in the future. Thank you again for being that 2nd miracle the family needed!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Please mark your calendar for the weekends of Oct 2 (SAG & OLR) and Oct 9 (STA), as the Palo Alto Council of the Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with the Global Wheelchair Mission, hosts a very special event: WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY. This event is dedicated to the memory of the late Paul Vavuris, whose idea it was to bring this Wheelchair Mission to our parish.

AN UPDATE FROM FR. THIERRY

I received good news from the doctor on Friday. My recent PET CT scan showed that the cancer tumors are significantly less active than they were three months ago. They also have shrunk in size somewhat. Apparently, it can take that long for the chemo and radiation therapy to take effect. My next scan will be in three months from now. Let us hope and pray that things will stay in check! My voice is holding up and my spirits are good. I am getting physical therapy on my neck and left shoulder. I continue serving in part-time ministry as my energy allows.

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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.

PARISH WEBSITE

Although the Friday eBulletin and Sunday Bulletin remain two keys source of our parish communications, we have for you an additional 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 Nora Lundin at nlundin@dsj.org.

HEAR YE, ALL PARISH ARTISANS!

On Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2, the community at St. Albert the Great site is presenting an exhibition of artwork produced by members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. The event is a part of that community's celebration of its 50th year Jubilee and will be held in the St. Elizabeth Seton Gymnasium. We invite all artisans to be part of this exhibit. To express your interest in showing your work and obtaining more information, contact Sandra Dhuey, (650) 326-6915 or sdhuey@sbcglobal.net. All exhibitors must be present or past members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Submitted works will be subject to review for appropriateness. There will be no sales at the exhibit.

YA... OCTOBERFEST IS HERE

Members and Guests are invited to the Widow and Widowers Oktoberfest on Thursday October 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Roland's "Biergarten", Palo Alto. All Widows or Widowers ARE welcome to come and get acquainted. Highlights will include all German foods; Sausages, Hot Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Rotekohl, , and probably Apple Strudel, etc. German country and Oompa-pah music will surround us and German beer and wine will be served by some of WW's "German barmaids." Dress, if possible, in something German / Bavarian and bring your favorite beerstein if you have it. Please bring \$10 cash to cover costs. A gemutlich afternoon with fun and games for all.

Call Vic 650-328-3936 or Joan 650-494-3467 for reservations and/or rides before October 1 deadline.