

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

"WHAT CAN I BRING?"

Eucharist comes from Greek by way of Latin, and it means "thanksgiving". Think of the last Thanksgiving Day dinner you celebrated with friends or family. If you were a guest, did you ask "What can I bring?" or "What can I do to help?" At the end of the meal, do you say, "Can I help with the dishes?" Our liturgies are very much like a Thanksgiving dinner every Sunday. Many of the same, cooperative functions that we think to offer when attending a special meal are important functions at each liturgy our parish celebrates. And Christ is the most important guest at our Sunday feasts. Your fellow parishioners are also guests celebrating together.

Human hands and human effort make our daily and Sunday liturgies work. Without all of the effort put in by parishioners, much of it unseen, our liturgies would just not happen. Think the church unlocks itself? Or the flowers jump into the vases and artfully arrange themselves? Think the altar linens magically whiten and straighten themselves after darkness falls?

Let's remember why we come together to the Lord's Table and ask ourselves, "How can I contribute to the Supper with the Lord, to share in the work, and to share the feast? Do I make an effort to make sure our guests feel welcome?" Please consider the talents that you have to offer to your parish community and to Christ. Time and Talent (Volunteer) Sunday is coming up October 9th and your parish can use your help.

*Nora Lundin, Liturgy Coordinator*

## THANK YOU

What a wonderful Parish Picnic! We worked, played, and celebrated as a faith community rejoicing and celebrating God's many blessings. As your Pastor, I am so very grateful to each and every one of you who made this a terrific day!

On behalf of the entire parish, I extend our deepest appreciation to our Community Life & Picnic Committee for the sharing of their time and talent.

*Fr. Matt*

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT



### Our Weekly Offering

Goal ..... \$ 11,000.00  
September 18th ..... \$ 9,250.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. The ability to make our weekly goal is only possible when each parishioner takes responsibility for being a good steward.



### 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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 25:

9:00 am SAG ... Virginia Tunberg

10:30 am OLR .. Rita Botti †

Readings: *Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];*

*Mt 21:28-32*

Monday, September 26: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

8:30 am OLR ... Hwei-Hwa Chang †

12:15 pm STA .. Madam Ah Ee Yam †

Readings: *Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50*

Tuesday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 am OLR ... St. Vincent de Paul

(birthday)

Readings: *Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56*

Wednesday, September 28: St. Wenceslaus;

St. Lawrence Ruiz and His Companions

8:30 am OLR ... Julius Backes †

Readings: *Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62*

Thursday, September 29: Ss. Michael,

Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

12:15 pm STA .. Eileen Butler †

Readings: *Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;*

*Jn 1:47-51*

Friday, September 30: St. Jerome

7:15 am STA.... Paul Vavuris †

12:15 pm STA .. Winnie Menezes †

Readings: *Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16*

Saturday, October 1: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

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

5:00 pm SAG ... Phil Gilligan †

Readings: *Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Oct 1 & 2, 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..... Msgr. Sandersfeld

Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Valenton

Sun 12 noon ..... TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am..... Fr. Gammad

Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Stanley

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 25: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:30 am ..... Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)  
3:30 pm ..... STAY (DC)

Monday, September 26:  
7:00 pm ..... TMC (TH)  
7:30 pm ..... RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, September 27:  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)  
7:30 pm ..... Green Comm. (PC)

Wednesday, September 28:  
9:30 am ..... Bldg & Maintenance (PC)  
6:00 pm ..... RCIC (DC)

Thursday, September 29: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5772) begins at sunset  
10:00 am ..... Faith Sharing (SAGH)  
4:00 pm ..... Pinyin Workshop (OLRH)  
5:30 pm ..... STAYouth (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, September 30:  
2:00 pm ..... 50th SAG Anniversary (SESA)  
9:00 pm ..... STAYouth (OLRH)

Saturday, October 1: First Saturday  
all day ..... 50th SAG Anniversary (SESA)  
8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)  
8:00 am ..... Liturgy Board (SAGH)  
10:00 am ..... Memorial Recept. (OLRH)

## RECURRING 6PM OLR MASS

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

## 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.

## 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.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 2nd at 1pm, we will celebrate our traditional blessing of animals. Bring your pets, in a cage, on a leash, or in a bowl to St. Albert the Great. This is a great time to reinforce to our children the gifts which are their pets and the responsibility we all have in caring for God's creatures.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:nlundin@dsj.org).

## A CHANCE TO 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 7:30 pm. 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.

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# September 25, 2011

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## 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](mailto: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.

## SOUTH PALO ALTO FOOD CLOSET



The South Palo Alto Food Closet located at the Covenant Presbyterian Church is in need of food or money to purchase food. Open MWF 10-2, 650 494-9310. Several of our parishioners volunteer there, serving families in need. Please consider bringing cans of food, tuna, which is especially needed or fresh garden veggies from your gardens to the food closet. Or send your check to: South Palo Alto Food Closet, 670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

## REALITY TV WORTH WATCHING



"Refugee Resettlement: Faith Communities Making A Difference," a CBS Television religion special about refugees who resettle in the United States, will be broadcast Sunday, Sept. 25 on the CBS Television Network.

This special program is produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches – including the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – and a consortium of Roman Catholic organizations, The Islamic Society of North America, The Union of Reform Judaism and the New York Board of Rabbis.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that in 2010 more than 43 million people were forcibly displaced by conflicts. Many seek sanctuary in neighboring countries, living in cities or refugee camps until it is safe to return home.

Those fleeing persecution can apply to live elsewhere in the world, but must undergo an extensive screening process and prove they are living with a well-founded fear of persecution. Only one-half of one percent of those who apply will be resettled in a new country. The United States currently admits 70,000 refugees annually. Many of these are assisted by national faith-based humanitarian agencies.