

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

ROSARY CRUSADE IN PALO ALTO

Do you wish that our national leaders would seek to honor God's law? That the Church would overcome the challenges it faces, and fulfill its historic mission for the conversion of America to the Catholic Faith? That the waves of trendy sacrilege and blasphemy against Our Lord and Our Lady would stop? Do you believe in the message of Our Lady of Fatima strongly enough to honor her in public? Do you believe in the message of Our Lady of Fatima strongly enough to honor her in public?

If you do, please come to Lytton Plaza in downtown Palo Alto at noon on Saturday, October 15, to pray the Rosary with other faithful Catholics from our parish. We'll start with a special Mass at 11:00 AM at Saint Thomas Aquinas and then walk the short distance to the plaza. You'll be joining your prayers with those of tens of thousands of Catholics all over our country who will thank Our Lady this way on the same day, the 94th anniversary of her apparition.

Please take this brief time from your busy schedule to pray with us for these intentions, and for peace in the world, the protection of traditional Catholic family values, the sanctity of all human life, and the sacredness of real marriage. For more details, please see the parish website.

Fr. Matt - Pastor

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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The ability to make our weekly goal is only possible when each parishioner takes responsibility for being a good steward, according to one's means. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes, Parish Pay, or Bill Pay as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" we have received. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!

Our Weekly Offering	
Goal	\$ 11,000.00
September 25th	\$10,000.00
St. Elizabeth Seton School ...	\$3,500.00

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

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, Donna Rehder

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, October 2:

8:45 am STA. . . . Vince Giovannotto †
10:30 am OLR . . . Rita Botti †

Readings: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday, October 3:

8:30 am OLR . . . Eileen Butler †
12:15 pm STA . . . Sidney Custodio (birthday)

Readings: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi

12:15 pm STA . . . Eileen Butler †

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 5:

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

Readings: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 6: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

8:30 am OLR . . . Paul Vavuris †
12:15 pm STA . . . Rose Menezes †

Readings: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

7:15 am STA. . . . John Gusman †
12:15 pm STA . . . Percy Aranha †

Readings: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 8:

5:00 pm SAG . . . Maria Paz Valdez (health)
Readings: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Oct 8 & 9, 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. Marini
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. Stanley

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 2: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
all day SAG 50th Anniversary (SESA)
10:00 am Exhibit Open (OLRH)
11:30 am Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)
3:30 pm STAY (DC)

Monday, October 3:
2:00 pm Gala Volunteer Mtg (OLRH)
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, October 4:
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 5:
9:00 am Photo Days ISTP (OLRH)
9:30 am Bldg & Maintenance (PC)
10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
6:00 pm RCIC (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm Comm. Life (PC)
7:30 pm Latin Class (TH)

Thursday, October 6:
9:00 am Photo Days ISTP (OLRH)
10:00 am Faith Sharing (SAGH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm First Comm. Catechesis (PC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, October 7: First Friday
9:00 am Admission Tour ISTP (OLRH)
6:00 pm STAYouth (OLRH)

Saturday, October 8: Yom Kippur (Jewish celebration); Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
9:00 am Liturgy Board (SAGH)

OCTOBER MASS COUNT

Every October, the Diocese of San Jose asks that each Parish make an accounting of the number of people who attend Sunday Eucharist. If you notice someone walking up and down the aisle during Mass with a pencil and paper in hand — that's what they're doing! We are grateful for their assistance.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

Key Moments in the History of the Catholic Church — 7pm to 8:30pm, St. Albert the Great Hall — Our host: Father Matt

IF YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT.....The Crusades, the Inquisition, the “Dark Ages”, the Galileo Affair, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. The history of our Faith is so much more than just a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. A story 2000 years in the making, one word best describes Catholic history: EPIC. On one Tuesday evening each month, Father Matt will lead us on an amazing journey to discover the roots our Catholic faith.

October 4th The Church Persecuted. This begins our first chapter of discovery. We know that Christian persecution began shortly after Pentecost. What was it about the Early Church which caused so strong a reaction from its foes? How did the followers of “The Way” respond to this persecution? Come and learn more about the early Church. There will time for questions and answers with Father Matt afterwards.

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.

SOUP

S.O.U.P. will be served on Wednesday, October 5th, at the O.L.R. Hall at 6 p.m. We had a very spirited group on September 21st, the first S.O.U.P of the year. We enjoyed great soups prepared for the occasion and visited with others in attendance. Come with your bowl, a spoon, and something to share. Enjoy good soups and great relationships.

ATTENTION FUTURE CATHOLICS!

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you want to prepare for Baptism?
...Were you baptized in another Christian tradition and now would like to become a Catholic christian?

(Or....are you an already-baptized Catholic and would like to complete your Initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation and/or First Communion.)
IF you answered “YES” to any of the above questions, please contact Jean Ramacciotti at the Pastoral Center to set up an appointment - 494-2496 X34.
(Perhaps you would like to join the Inquiry group.)

RECURRING 6PM OLR MASS

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

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PARISH ART EXHIBIT THIS WEEKEND

The SAG Arts and Crafts Exhibit is being held this weekend and features 25 artists from all three parish sites. You and your friends are cordially invited to feast your eyes on the wonderful art being shown and visit with the artists. The exhibit is being held at St. Elizabeth Seton Auditorium, 1095 Channing Avenue, on Saturday, October 1, 4 – 7 PM, and on Sunday, October 2, 10 AM – 4 PM. Admission is free.

BIKE-TO-MASS RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the campaign by biking, walking, car-pooling or taking the bus to go to Mass. Altogether, 124 entries were collected over the 6 weekends. Long-time parishioner Virginia Marovich, who walks to the 8:30am Mass at OLR every morning, is our greatest supporter, with 23 entries. The site that collected the most entries is OLR (67) while the most distance traveled is by the Wood and Carpenter family, with Russ, Kathryn and Rachel biking 12 miles round trip. A complete list of the winners and the prizes they won will be posted on our web page. We also want to thank the following prize donors: Veronica Duluk, Eleanor Hansen, Katia Reeves, Palo Alto Bicycles, Mike's Bikes and Cardinal Bicycle Shop.

Green Committee

VOLUNTEER WEEK BEGINS OCTOBER 9

Are you new to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and wondering how you can help out? Or have you been thinking that you'd like to change hats in the parish and contribute in a new way? Our Volunteer Week begins next Sunday, October 9, and you will be able to sign up for many different volunteer opportunities. Look for the Volunteer Registration Form inserted in this bulletin on October 9. In the meantime, check out the parish website (www.paloaltocatholic.org) for a view into the many facets of parish life, activities and opportunities at STA. Many talents are required to keep this enterprise thriving. Your time and talent will be most welcome.

PARISH WEBSITE

Although the Friday eBulletin and Sunday Bulletin remain two key sources 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.