

# Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

MY EXPERIENCE IN PERU – A city which once the proud capital of the Inca Empire

It was a graceful experience for me to go to Peru and study Spanish. With both excitement and a positive attitude, I brought with me a strong conviction to finish the entire program within four weeks. I knew it would not be easy to have eight hours of classes a day in a one-on-one class program, but with my limited time and strong motivation, I was determined to pursue it. I believe that "Querer es poder" or "Where there is a will, there is a way."

During my first week, I had to make a big adjustment to the high elevation and wintry weather. I was running out of breath and I easily got tired. In spite of that, I was fascinated by the richness of Peruvian culture, spirituality and religiosity.

For a month, I enjoyed so much my daily walk on my way to school; it made me feel physically fit and healthy. Other than grammar, I learned a little bit about salsa. I ate food that I had not eaten before like alpaca and guinea pig. I learned how to make pisco sour and I tasted several local beverages like Inca Cola and Mate de Coca tea. On top of that, I was able to pray and sing in one of the Seven Wonders of the World: the spectacular and marvelous Machu Picchu.

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

That our President, members of Congress, and all political leaders throughout the world may recognize the sacredness of life, and defend the fundamental right of every human being to live, from the moment of conception until natural death; we pray to the Lord.

## RECURRING 6PM OLR MASS

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

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

For the first time all year, we have been able to reach our weekly goal! This 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

Our Weekly Offering	
Goal .....	\$ 11,000.00
October 2nd .....	\$ 11,000.00

Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" we have received. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!



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



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 9:

7:30 am STA. . . . James & Edith Dubbs †  
10:30 am OLR . . Gearailt Cummins (sp. int.)  
6:00 pm OLR . . . Christine Cesano †  
*Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]*

Monday, October 10:

8:30 am OLR . . . Bill Demers †  
12:15 pm STA . . Irene Butler (sp. int.)  
*Readings: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32*

Tuesday, October 11:

8:30 am OLR . . . Dolores Palomo (sp. int.)  
12:15 pm STA . . Eileen Butler †  
*Readings: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41*

Wednesday, October 12:

12:15 pm STA . . Patsy Britto †  
*Readings: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46*

Thursday, October 13:

12:15 pm STA . . Percy Aranha †  
*Readings: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54*

Friday, October 14: St. Callistus I

7:15 am STA. . . . Mary P. Gaffney †  
12:15 pm STA . . Mary Baracchi †  
*Readings: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7*

Saturday, October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus

*Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Oct 15 & 16, 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 . . . . . Fr. Brown  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Seimas  
Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 9: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Children's Day  
10:00 am ..... Site Meetings (SAGH)  
11:30 am ..... Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)  
3:30 pm ..... STAY (OLRH)

Monday, October 10: Canadian Thanksgiving Day; Columbus Day;

### Pastoral Center Closed

7:00 pm ..... Sp. Catechist Mtg. (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... RCIA (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... TMC (TH)

Tuesday, October 11:

9:00 am ..... ISTP (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 12:

9:00 am ..... Teachers Mtg. (OLRH)  
6:00 pm ..... RCIC (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... PSC (SAGH)

Thursday, October 13: Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

9:00 am ..... English Program (SAGH)  
10:00 am ..... Faith Sharing (SAGH)  
12:00 pm ..... Seton School (SAGH)  
5:30 pm ..... STAYouth (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... TMC (TH)

Friday, October 14:

10:00 am ..... Rel. Ed. Board (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, October 15:

8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)

## MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

There will be no confessions at 11:30am at St. Thomas Aquinas on Saturday, October 15th due to the Rosary Crusade. Mass will be at 11am instead of 12:15pm that day.

## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Fr. Matt will be away next weekend serving as spiritual director for an Engaged Encounter Weekend. Let us keep the team and engaged couples in our prayers.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

October 11th People of God: The Laity in the Church, Speaker: Anne Grycz

One of the enduring contributions of the Second Vatican Council is the description of the Church as the people of God. This image has many dimensions: one that has developed since the Council is the role of the laity in the life of the Church. Baptism is the sacrament which gives all of us our mission to bring Christ to the world.

Our October 11th Spirituality Tuesday Assembly will look at our baptismal call and mission. How are we able to respond to this call? How are we able to use the gifts and charisms given us by the Holy Spirit to build the reign of God? How are we Christ to the world? Anne Grycz will help us explore the possibilities.

Our speaker is Anne Grycz, long time parishioner of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish and founder of the Diocesan Institute for Leadership in Ministry. Anne is currently Associate Director of the Pastoral Year program at St. Patrick's Seminary and is a graduate of the three year Pierre Favre program which trains individuals to direct the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. She is also co-leader of the Zacchaeus program which began in our Parish last fall.

## VOLUNTEER WEEK IS OCTOBER 9-16

Our parish thrives because of the volunteers who "step up" and "step in" to the world of parish community life. Many thanks to those who have walked through this volunteer portal already. There is room and need for more!

We know everyone feels he or she is "too busy" to add another appointment or commitment or duty in any one month. But where else can you be guaranteed a warm and grateful welcome, a task suited to your talents, or a chance to develop a hidden talent?

Please check the Volunteer sign-up sheet inserted in today's parish bulletin listing the many opportunities for each of us to share our time and talents. You are invited to fill out the form and return it today or next week by putting it into the collection basket, or mailing it to the parish office, or handing it to a member of the Site Committee here as you leave church. New volunteers, or those wishing to change to a new area of volunteering, are especially invited to return the form.

The parish's Annual Report is also available on the parish website for your review and information. A few printed copies are in the vestibule of the church. The Annual Report includes summaries of the many activities, projects, celebrations, and needs that reflect the many facets of St. Thomas Aquinas parish over the last year, and may also help you decide how you can "step up" and "step in" to answer this call.

## BIBLE STUDY

English language Bible Study group, every Wednesday, 2-3pm at Thomas House(next to STA). Join us in reading and discussing Holy Scripture thus enhancing our Faith. Questions? Please call Charlotte Gross (650) 321-3129 or email katzfuzz@gmail.com.

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## BIKE PALO ALTO!

Join in for an afternoon of fun and learn how easy it is to bike in Palo Alto! Bike Palo Alto! 2011 will be on Sunday October 9, 1-4 pm. Start at El Carmelo School (Bryant & Loma Verde) for bike safety info, helmet fitting, bike registration and bike safety checks and maintenance. Then choose one of our highlighted routes and take a fun ride with free treats along the way including ice cream at Baskin Robbins and fruit at Mollie Stone's & Whole Foods.

Bike Palo Alto! is a free, family friendly event, no pre-registration necessary. Just bring your bike & helmet and be ready to lower your carbon footprint and have some fun!

For more info go to: [www.pagreenteams.org](http://www.pagreenteams.org) or find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=208437172508446>

*The Green Committee*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

One of the promises all of our liturgical ministers made when they were commissioned a couple of Sundays ago was to commit themselves to a continued spiritual formation, so as to deepen their knowledge of the mysteries of Christ. We will host 2 sessions for all Eucharistic Ministers: Oct 22nd at OLR & Oct 29th at SAG from 9:30am until Noon. Please R.S.V.P. to Nora at [nlundin@dsj.org](mailto:nlundin@dsj.org)

## SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity?

If you're:

- a compassionate listener
- sensitive to the needs of others
- a selfless giver (hopefully 2 hours of your time each week)
- empathetic and encouraging
- open-minded
- well grounded within your own faith practice
- teachable

you may be just the person to join the volunteers in Spiritual Care Service at Stanford Hospital. Interviews are being conducted between October 3-14, 2011

The next annual volunteer training starts Monday, October 24, 2011, at 7 PM (training consists of five weekly sessions in Palo Alto followed by three mentoring sessions)

Call 650.723.5101 to get an application packet and to set up an interview appointment.