

# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Next weekend, our parish is celebrating a communal Anointing of the Sick. What is the Anointing of the Sick? It is one of the seven sacraments, which are visible channels of grace flowing from Jesus Christ. The Anointing of the Sick is one of two healing sacraments (the other being confession), and it is administered to members of the parish community who have fallen ill or are suffering from physical, emotional or other types of distress. During this sacrament, the priest anoints the recipient's head with the oil of the sick, which has been blessed by our Bishop at the annual Chrism Mass prior to Holy Week. The benefits of this sacrament include an outpouring of grace, alleviation of pain, and peace of mind and body.

The Anointing of the Sick has been practiced by the Catholic Church since the beginning. St. James encourages all Christians to observe this sacrament, which is recorded in the New Testament: "Is anyone sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has any sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14-15).

Michael Gray - Seminarian

## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We finished the 1st Quarter on a strong note. Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the past month. Our average weekly collection for September was \$10,593 (\$10,088 in 2010). Online Giving is starting to catch on. We saw a 200% increase from August (\$333 week vs. \$696 week). Now, the scary news: for the 1st Quarter our collection goal was \$143,000. Our actual collection was: \$125,000— \$18,000 in the hole! \$18,000 is 3 months of health insurance and retirement benefits for our 3 priests. We

encourage everyone to consider using the 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!**



### Our Weekly Offering

Goal .....	\$ 11,000.00
October 9th .....	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

**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 16:

8:45 am STA. . . . Vince Giovannotto †

10:30 am OLR. . . Fe Wernimont †

10:30 am STA. . . Clare W. Mynderse †

Readings: *Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21*

Monday, October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Readings: *Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21*

Tuesday, October 18: St. Luke

Readings: *2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9*

Wednesday, October 19: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Their Companions

Readings: *Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48*

Thursday, October 20: St. Paul of the Cross

Readings: *Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53*

Friday, October 21:

Readings: *Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59*

Saturday, October 22:

5:00 pm SAG . . . Clotilda Cesano †

Readings: *Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9*

## RECURRING 6PM OLR MASS

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

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Oct 22 & 23, 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. Stanley

Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Allen

Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Seimas

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 16: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ..... TMC Book Club (TH)  
11:30 am ..... Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)  
3:30 pm ..... STAY (OLRH)

Monday, October 17: National Boss Day

7:00 pm ..... RCIA (PC)  
7:30 pm ..... TMC (TH)

Tuesday, October 18:

7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)  
7:30 pm ..... Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, October 19:

10:00 am ..... Adult Spirituality (PC)  
6:00 pm ..... RCIC (DC)  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)  
7:30 pm ..... Latin Class (TH)

Thursday, October 20:

10:00 am ..... Faith Sharing (SAGH)  
5:30 pm ..... STAYouth (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Catechist Meeting (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Comm. Board (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... First Comm. Catechesis (PC)

Friday, October 21:

7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, October 22: Blessed Virgin Mary

all day ..... Edge Retreat (SESA)  
8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)  
9:30 am ..... Eucharistic Ministers (OLR)  
10:30 am ..... Baptism Class (PC)

## MASS IN FRENCH!

(Or, as they say in Paris: Dimanche, Octobre 30: Messe en Français!)

Mark your calendars! Father Thierry will celebrate a Mass in French on Sunday, October 30 at 5:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our parish has many members who speak French, and it is a blessing to have Fr. Thierry be able to share the mass in this language.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

October 18: "Say What?" Some of the most controversial Gospel verses explained. Speaker: Deacon Daniel — Have you ever been puzzled by a verse or phrase in the Gospels? What was the Gospel writer trying to tell us by choosing the words in Luke 22:36?...But now, if you have a purse take it and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one." Wasn't Jesus the Prince of Peace? Why do we address our priests respectfully as "Father" when Mathew 23:9 states: "And call no one on earth father; for One is your father, who is in heaven." Deacon Daniel will explain these verses, plus other sometimes confusing phrases. This promises to be a very interesting and revealing evening!

## PARISH ART EXHIBIT

The October 1 and 2 exhibit of The Artists of St. Thomas Aquinas was impressive! Many thanks are warranted - to the planning committee who organized it, to the parish and school staffs for their backing, to all who helped in setup or contributed their efforts in any way, to the twenty-five wonderful, gifted artists, and to the over 200 visitors who supported the event with their presence. Much gratitude to you all!

## 2ND COLLECTION — WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 23RD

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's World Mission Sunday! As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Special envelopes are provided in the pews. Thank you for your generosity on World Mission Sunday!

## SALE OF KENYA TREASURES

Kenya Help will again be selling Kenyan goods for the benefit of St Francis Xavier Secondary School for Girls and Archbishop Ndingi Secondary School for Boys in Naivasha, Kenya. The sale will be held in the Memorial Garden next to St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 9:45 am till about 11:30 (i.e., after the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses).

Bring your checkbook. Margo McAuliffe has scoured the Masaai market in Nairobi as well as workshops in Naivasha that benefit mostly women and children. There are bags, purses, Christmas creche sets, jewelry, and scarves that make great gifts. As always, 100% of the proceeds go to Fr Daniel Kiriti's Naivasha parish, mostly to fund scholarships for needy kids with strong potential. The need is particularly great now, as Kenya, like the rest of the world, has been hit with inflation and increased unemployment. This, coupled with crop failures due to drought has left many families unable to pay school fees. For more information, contact Margo McAuliffe, at 650-322-0821, margo@kenyahelp.us.

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## EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

When: Saturday October 22- Sunday October 23rd

Drop Off is at 10am on Saturday

Pick up is at Noon on Sunday

Where: Elizabeth Ann Seton School Gym

Cost: \$25/teen which includes: lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast Sunday, snacks and an AWESOME T-SHIRT

\*\*\*\*if you have not received the permission form via email please contact Alley at [awhite@dsj.org](mailto:awhite@dsj.org)\*\*\*\*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Friday October 28th 6-11pm — This is an event you don't want to miss! A youth rally geared for middle school teens (6th-8th) to celebrate our faith in community. Complete with music, mass, keynote, and breakout sessions, this should be an awesome night! Cost: \$20/teen

RSVP to Alley ASAP [awhite@dsj.org](mailto:awhite@dsj.org)

## 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)

## MEET THE NEW SESS PRINCIPAL AND MORE

Got Coffee? Make St. Elizabeth Seton School your morning java stop on October 12, November 9, or December 7. Join us from 8:30-9:30am on one of these Wednesday mornings to meet new Seton School Principal Evelyn Rosa, learn more about the proposed Pre-K building plans, meet our students and see Seton's educational model in action.

Pick up a Got Coffee? postcard in the back of the church. Please RSVP by calling 650-326-1258 or email [SESSdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:SESSdevelopment@gmail.com).

## CALLING IN ALL VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORMS

Please return your green Volunteer Registration Form by dropping it into the collection basket, mailing it to the Parish Office, or turning it over to a Site Committee volunteer as you leave church today. Thank you for stepping up and stepping in to our parish life as a volunteer!