

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

WHAT TYPE OF PRAYER IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Have you reached a plateau in your prayer life? Do you feel stuck? Disappointed that your prayer life is not bringing you closer to God? Are you losing interest in praying? Perhaps you need to change the FORM of prayer you have been using for years? Maybe you need the support of a prayer group?

Prayer comes in many forms: liturgical, devotional/verbal, spontaneous, contemplative (active & infused), charismatic, lectio divina, and praying the psalms. Of course singing and dancing can be a form of prayer. Some Saints made every action and thought of their lives into a prayer.

Jesus invites us to turn our hearts and our minds to God, and he shows us how to do that many times in the Scriptures. He taught us how to pray by praying. He prayed by himself; he prayed with friends; he prayed in the synagogues; the Temple precincts; he prayed when in agony. Jesus prayed before every turning point in his ministry and before every important event of his life. If Jesus prayed so often, shouldn't we?

Our parish has many opportunities to experience each of the styles and forms of prayers, and you are welcome to join any of the many prayer groups listed in the bulletin and/or on the parish website.

Prayer is the way we nurture our relationship with God. Commit to a daily prayer life! Just do it! Prayer will keep you on the path toward union with the Divine.

Jean Ramacciotti, R.C.I.A. Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 23:
10:30 am OLR .. Mary Fong (health)
10:30 am STA .. Charlotte Gross (birthday)
Readings: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5C-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday, October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret
7:15 am STA. ... Mary Baracchi †
8:30 am OLR ... Irene Butler (sp. int.)
12:15 am STA. ... Eileen Butler †
Readings: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 25:
7:15 am STA. ... Mary Baracchi †
8:30 am OLR ... Michael Cummins (sp. int.)
12:15 am STA. ... Irene Butler (sp. int.)
Readings: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 26:
7:15 am STA. ... Mary Baracchi †
12:15 am STA. ... Dotty D'Souza †
Readings: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, October 27:
7:15 am STA. ... Mary Baracchi †
12:15 am STA. ... Stella Moss †
Readings: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35

Friday, October 28: Ss. Simon and Jude
7:15 am STA. ... Mary Baracchi †
8:30 am OLR ... Dec. Members of Kocikowski Family †
12:15 am STA. ... Rev. Raymond Maher †
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday, October 29:
12:15 am STA. ... Eileen Butler †
5:00 pm SAG ... All SAG community members who have died
Readings: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Oct 29 & 30, 2011
St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
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 TBA
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Allen
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. Valenton

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

It seems that many people were away this past weekend? We saw our lowest weekly collection since May 30th of last year. The word "stewardship" refers to the Catholic approach to the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered 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	\$9,500.00
October 16th	\$7,650.00



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, Robert Kerrigan Sr.

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Rita Botti, George Hoberg, Robert O'Connor, Pat Prausa,
Mary Louise Canfield, Nicholas Humy, Rose Siegmund, Paul Vavuris, Donna Rehder, Venerando Baltazar

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, October 23: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday; World Youth Day
11:30 am Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)
through 12pm . Edge Retreat (SESA)

Monday, October 24:
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)
7:30 pm Green Comm. (PC)
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)
7:30 pm TMC (TH)

Tuesday, October 25:
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (OLRH)
7:30 pm Green Comm. (PC)

Wednesday, October 26:
9:30 am Bldg. & Main. (PC)
6:00 pm RCIC (DC)

Thursday, October 27:
10:00 am Faith Sharing (SAGH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm First Comm. Cat. (PC)

Friday, October 28:
7:00 pm Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, October 29: Blessed Virgin Mary all day 50th St. Albert the Great Anniversary (SESS)
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

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 25: A Journey of Faith; from diagnosis; through illness and beyond.
Speaker: Father Thierry Geris

A year has passed since our Parish friend, and former Vicar, Father Thierry, lost his voice while away at a retreat. As the weeks passed without improvement, more tests were done. The diagnosis of lung cancer was unexpected. Father Thierry will share his ongoing faith journey through diagnosis, illness, treatment, recovery and his trip to Lourdes with us all. Please join us for this very special evening.

2ND COLLECTION – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 23RD

This 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!

THANK YOU

The members of Palo Alto Council #2677 of the Knights of Columbus wish to thank the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for their recent generosity to the American Wheelchair Mission drive. A total of \$21,567 was raised. This will provide for 143 wheelchairs for needy people in poor countries.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Homeless and living in poverty is a miserable situation for anyone to endure. If, in addition one has poor health the misery is compounded. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference encounters these situations regularly:

Henry came to us in pain and walking with a great deal of difficulty. He had been in a motorcycle accident. He is scheduled to have a spinal fusion and two hip replacements. He is homeless and has been sleeping outside. We gave him a motel voucher so he could sleep in a bed & obtain some relieve for his pain.

Martha is suffering from the pain of severe rheumatoid arthritis. She needed help purchasing her prescriptions for percocet & clonopin. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference provided her with the funds.

Consider how you would feel if you were in the excruciating pain these people experience under such difficult conditions. The St. Vincent de Paul collection will be October 30. Please think of people like Henry and Martha and contribute generously to the collections basket when it comes around. It will be the second collection that Sunday.

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HELP NEEDED

Can You Help With Gleaning For The South Palo Alto Food Closet? Pick-ups at Midtown Safeway are currently Tuesdays 1:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00 a.m., and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.. Time Needed: About an hour or so. The Result: The hungry fed; one more Good Deed tallied. Can you help? Call Laurie 494-3572.

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

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

WIDOW & WIDOWERS

Widow and Widowers will Dine on November 3 about 5:15-30 p.m. at Mario's Italian Restaurant, 861 Leong Dr. Mountain View, Ca, 94013. Seating time is 5:45. Cost \$26.00 inclusive tax, tip, glass of wine and dessert. All Widow and Widowers are invited to join us. We recently have had several new members, and welcomed them. Please R.S.V.P. to Winnie (650-493-6823) or email jwinnie@pacbell.net no later than Oct/31 to attend. Also say if you need a ride. Leave a message if no answer, with your name and phone number.

DON'T FORGET: PARISH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

If you have not yet received your Parish Directory, you may stop by the Pastoral Center at 3290 Middlefield Road to pick it up. 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. You may wish to call ahead (494-2496) before you stop by.