

The Epiphany of the Lord

TODAY'S MESSAGE

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

My sisters and brothers, the glory of the Lord Jesus has been made manifest and will continue to be revealed in our midst until he comes again. In the rhythms and alternations of time, let us recall and live the mysteries of our salvation.

Central to the entire liturgical year is our celebration of the TRIDUUM OF THE LORD, crucified, buried and risen, which culminates on EASTER SUNDAY, the 8th of April.

Every SUNDAY, when we recall this paschal mystery, holy Church makes present this great event in which Christ has conquered sin and death.

From Easter derive all our other celebrations: ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of the season of Lent, the 22nd of February; the ASCENSION OF THE LORD, the 20th of May, PENTECOST, the 27th of May; and the FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, the 2nd of December.

Likewise, in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, of the apostles and saints, and in the commemoration of all the faithful departed, the Church, in her pilgrimage here on earth, proclaims the paschal mystery of the Lord. *To Christ who is, who was, and who is to come, the Lord of all time and history: be endless praise now and forever! Amen*

SECOND COLLECTION — CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Support for various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean is made possible through the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Projects are at the continental, regional, diocesan and local levels, and include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your generosity in this year's Christmas collection. We assure you that the love which these gifts represent will enable us to continue the work which we must undertake here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. As you can see, we are still quite short of our Christmas goal.

If you were not prepared for our Christmas collection or perhaps you were out of town, we encourage you still to make your gift. Your generosity will help us more than you can imagine. Thank you for sharing God's gifts!



Our Weekly Offering

Goal	\$65,000.00
Christmas	\$50,000.00
January 1st	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, Des Fitzgerald, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Lorraine Dabney, Frank Briggs Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Charles Horngren, Ramona Thille, Paul Vavuris, Donna Rehder, Venerando Baltazar, Maria Marszal, Patricia Tighe, Fr. Raymond Maher, Vera Leung, Lawrence Barrett Jr., Clothilda Rita Wait, Verna Ogren

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, January 8:

8:45 am STA... Tom Jaworowski †

10:30 am OLR .. Odette Henein †

10:30 am STA... Patricia Meldrum †

Readings: *Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;*

Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 9:

8:30 am OLR ... Joseph Binh Nguyen †

Readings: *Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts*

10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 10:

8:30 am OLR ... Dec. Members of

Magdalenas Family †

Readings: *1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1*

Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk

1:21-28

Wednesday, January 11:

Readings: *1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39*

Thursday, January 12:

8:30 am OLR ... Chao-Kai Chang †

Readings: *1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45*

Friday, January 13: St. Hilary

Readings: *1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12*

Saturday, January 14:

5:00 pm SAG ... Michael Demers †

Readings: *1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Jan 14 & 15, 2012

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. White

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. Rubio

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. White

Sun 6:00 pm Fr. Stanley

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

9:00 am Parent Catechesis (SESS/OLRH)
10:00 am . . . SAG Site Comm. (SAGH)
11:30 am . . . Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)
3:30 pm STAYouth (OLRH/DC)

Monday, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord; National Vocation Awareness Week

7:00 pm Sp. Catechist (PC)
7:00 pm TMC (STAH)
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, January 10: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (OLRH)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, January 11:

9:00 am STAYouth (DC)
6:00 pm RCIC (PC)
3:00 pm Teachers Meeting (OLRH)

Thursday, January 12:

10:00 am . . . Faith Sharing (SAGH)
12:00 pm . . . Ignatian Spirituality (STAH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (OLR)
7:00 pm First Comm. Catechesis (PC)
7:00 pm TMC (STAH)

Friday, January 13:

5:00 pm Goretta Group (STA/B)
7:00 pm Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, January 14: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

CENTERING PRAYER MOVES

The Centering Prayer group will now be meditating in the sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary. Come and pray with others 7:00pm- 8:00pm every Thursday. For information or instruction Email Jean jramacciotti@dsj.org

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

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.

January 10th: THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES and the CHURCH. Moving right along: The monastic period gets into full swing; we learn about St. Basil the Great and St. Benedict, among others. How did monasteries contribute to orthodox faith? Outside pressures contribute to the fall of Rome and the Empire is shattered. The Early Middle Ages: Viking attacks, the rise of Islam and the Church perseveres. Join Father Matt for another fascinating episode of Catholic History.

7:00 – 8:30 pm St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. Concludes with refreshments.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Food for the Poor is the largest international relief and development charity in the United States, feeding 2 million poor every day. Our Christian relief programs and projects are helping children and the poorest of the poor by providing food, housing, health care, education, water projects, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance in the Caribbean and Latin America. Next weekend, Fr. Robert White will be visiting our parish to tell the story of Food for the Poor and how we can share in the mission of caring for the "least of our brothers and sisters."

RCIA

DO YOU KNOW ANYBODY INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
DO YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS WANT TO BE CONFIRMED?

If the answer to either of these questions is "Yes" then please encourage them to call and make an appointment with Jean at 650-494-2496 X34. Adults already-baptized in other Christian traditions who are interested in Catholicism are also candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Help bring people to the Way of Jesus. With our own baptism comes the grace of the Holy Spirit that gives us the courage to be evangelists and help lead others to Christ. Often it only takes asking: "Have you thought about becoming Catholic?" or, "Have you ever considered completing your Initiation Sacraments?" Do not be shy. Be bold in the vineyard of the Lord.

PARKING NOTICE

Please do not park in any area that is designated NO PARKING ZONE. Please be considerate and park only in a legal space. Over the last few weekends, the Palo Alto Police Department has advised us that parishioners are parking in red zones on both Waverly St. & Homer Ave. This is illegal and cars will be ticketed.

January 8, 2012

SUPPORT THE "TRUST ACT"

A social justice action to stop the separation of our families
Save the date. On Saturday, Jan 28, join San Francisco
Archbishop Niederaur and other bishops, clergy and lay
people from all over the Bay Area to call on Governor Brown
and Attorney General Kamala to end the separation of our
families due to deportations.

This action is in support of the "Trust Act" in the State Senate.
This act will end the excessive deportations due to the
"Secure Communities Act". The Action will be at St. Mary's
Cathedral at 2 pm. Busses will be available. For information
call George Chippendale 856 6350

PRAYER CIRCLE AND PRAY FOR LISTS

As a parish community we should pray for each other in our
special needs. You can join our Parish Prayer Circle and be
updated weekly by e-mail or biweekly by regular mail if there
are any changes to our published and confidential lists. We also try
to give current information on friends on the lists when available.

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manageable we should follow these guidelines:

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SOUP IS ON

A new year and SOUP is being served at OLR Hall on
January 4th and 18th. 6 pm, bring a friend, a bowl, a spoon,
something to pass around, and a desire to enjoy both good
soup and good friends. - *Jim and Joyce McLaughlin*

SIGN-UP FOR "NEW" ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM

Now at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish you can automate your
weekly donation. You can sign-up online by visiting www.paloaltocatholic.org and click the Online Giving icon on the
homepage. Your Sunday Offertory donations, as well as gifts
to our Second Collections, will be automatically transferred
from either your checking or savings account. Or use your
credit card! A one-time enrollment will allow you to regularly
contribute to St. Thomas Aquinas without remembering the
extra step of writing a check and finding your envelopes.
Online Giving is safe, easy and convenient for you and it
helps us! Questions, call Cathy Miller (650) 494-2496 ext. 24.