

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

WALK FOR LIFE 2012

In the first reading this Sunday, the prophet Jonah preaches to the people of Nineveh. Jonah was sent by God in order to get the Ninevites to turn from their evil ways. As a result of Jonah's preaching, all the people of the city come together and ask God for forgiveness. To show their sorrow for their sins, the people all pray together, publicly.

Following this example of public prayer, San Francisco is hosting the eighth annual Walk for Life this weekend. Catholics from all over the country are coming to San Francisco, as part of a peaceful protest against abortion. Last year, I was one of over 40,000 people attended this event, which includes a Mass with several bishops, a number of speeches, and a 2.5 mile march along Market Street. It is a moving experience to see tens of thousands of people united in prayer, and all are welcome to attend.

For full details about the Walk, please visit the official website, www.walkforlifewc.com/index.htm. For the first time, St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will be able to walk as an organized group under a parish banner. For more information about that, please contact Bob March at bob.march@gmail.com, or at 415-412-2132.

WONDERFUL WORLD OF MINISTRY

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Social SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 11, 2012 3pm - 5pm; Elizabeth Seton School Auditorium
RSVP to Sandra : 650-494-2496 by February 3rd

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone for practicing good stewardship in support of the mission and ministries of our parish. Reliable funding allows us to plan for expenses based upon an honest projection of our income. Sacrificial Giving is planned, thoughtful, and proportional and it symbolizes your commitment to Christ and the Church. We encourage you to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes

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



Our Weekly Offering

Jan. 8th .. Actual \$9,750 Goal \$11,000
Church in Latin America \$2,500



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., Frank Briggs Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Frank Ventura, Fr. Tony Medina

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

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 22:
10:30 am OLR .. Vera Leung †
10:30 am STA... Clothilda Rita Wait †
Readings: *Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20*

Monday, January 23: St. Vincent
8:30 am OLR ... Catherine McCosker †
12:15 pm STA .. Benjamin Cittadino
(health)
Readings: *2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30*

Tuesday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales
8:30 am OLR ... James Chin †
Readings: *2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35*

Wednesday, January 25:
8:30 am OLR ... Adeline Nilsen (health)
12:15 pm STA .. Wilton Moss &
Stella Moss †
Readings: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18*

Thursday, January 26: Ss. Timothy and Titus
8:30 am OLR ... Michael & Gearailt
Cummins (sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA .. Gerolomo Cesano †
Readings: *2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25*

Friday, January 27: St. Angela Merici
8:30 am OLR ... Eileen Fitzgerald
(birthday)
Readings: *2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34*

Saturday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas
12:15 pm STA .. Dec. Priests and Religious
of STAP
5:00 pm SAG ... Josefa & Matias Perez †
Readings: *2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Jan 28 & 29, 2012

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Valenton
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. Miller
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley
Sun 12 noon TBA

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 am ... Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)
3:30 pm ... STAYouth (OLRH/DC)

Monday, January 23: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; Chinese New Year 4710

9:30 am ... Bldg. & Main. (PC)
7:00 pm ... RCIA (PC)
7:00 pm ... TMC (STAH)
7:30 pm ... Green Comm. (PC)

Tuesday, January 24:

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

Wednesday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:30 am ... Bldg. & Main. (PC)
6:00 pm ... RCIC (PC)

Thursday, January 26:

10:00 am ... Faith Sharing (SAGH)
12:00 pm ... Ignatian Spirituality (STAH)
7:00 pm ... Catechist Meet. (OLRH)
7:00 pm ... First Comm. Catechesis (PC)

Friday, January 27:

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

Saturday, January 28:

8:00 am ... Environment Team (OLR)
10:00 am ... Gate of Heaven Workshop (OLRH)
10:30 am ... Baptism Class (PC)

SAVE THE NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus Crab Dinner Dance will be on Saturday, February 18. This Dinner Dance has acquired a very good reputation as a wonderful parish social affair. It is on the Saturday before Lent. Tickets will be on sale two weeks before the Dance.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

January 24th THE EXODUS EXPERIENCE: Now and Then: The Jewish Master Story
Our Special Guest speaker: Rabbi Shelly Waldenberg

We are Christian and Jews, not principally because we embrace different values or creeds but because we have gained an understanding of the world from two different "Master Stories". Master stories not only inform us, they form us, and answer some of the most fundamental questions human beings have: What is the nature of our relationship with God? Is human freedom possible? Why do the innocent suffer? What does God ask of us?

Rabbi Waldenberg is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Isaiah in Lafayette, California, where he served as Senior Rabbi for 19 years. After ordination as a rabbi from the Hebrew Union College, he served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army, and then taught at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Since retiring in Lafayette, he has been a senior lecturer in Religious Studies at Holy Names University and Principal Educator of the Catholic-Jewish Educational Enrichment Program of the American Jewish Committee, lecturing at Catholic High Schools throughout the Bay Area, seeking to build bridges of understanding and trust between our faith communities.

Rabbi Waldenberg is a warm and engaging guest speaker; a consummate story teller. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to share an interesting and educational evening with him! 7:00 – 8:30 pm St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. Concludes with refreshments

2012 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

OUR PARISH – OUR DIOCESE – TOGETHER IN CHRIST — The 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal will be soon underway. Our parish portion of the Annual Diocesan Appeal is \$120,000— 2% of the overall diocesan goal of \$5,489,484. We are so appreciative that you share with us a heartfelt belief in the work and ministry that is made possible by your pledge. Please consider joining other parishioners in making a gift to the ADA in 2012. Pledge Sunday is February 5th. Please pray over the size of the gift you will be able to make and bring your pledge envelope to Mass that weekend. Early pledges will also be gratefully accepted.

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 January 29. 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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A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS WITHIN REACH!

Please come to St. Elizabeth Seton School's Open House on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 7:00pm-8:30pm to understand the mission of this K-8 Catholic elementary school co-sponsored by the Daughters of Charity in Palo Alto. Parents, parishioners and volunteers are all welcome! Seton School's yearly Science Fair will also be held that same evening where you will have an opportunity to see the impact the new Science Center has had on students. Applications for all grades are being accepted at this time.

St. Elizabeth Seton School, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto
RSVP: 650-325-9004, Email: sessdevelopment@gmail.com

HELP STOP THE SEPARATION OF OUR FAMILIES!

S-COMM ("Secure" Communities) is separating families by deporting thousands of people each year in California. Join Archbishop Niederauer, other bishops and parishes from all over the Bay area and call on Gov. Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris to STOP the separation of our families and end SCOMM!

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 @ 2:00pm; St. Mary's Cathedral
(1111 Gough St. SF, CA). For information on the event and transportation call George Chippendale 856 6350.

PARISH UNITES AROUND ST. PATRICK'S DAY GREEN

The St. Patrick's Day celebration is one of the legacies of the parish -- for about 1/2 century in recent memory. This year's event is on St. Patrick's Day itself: Saturday, March 17th! There are three Calls to Action for parishioners: (1) Circle your calendar; (2) Plan to attend; (3) Volunteer to help out! The event features Irish music, food, libations, and hospitality -- an early evening festivity oriented to seniors and families with young children. More details to follow. Volunteers call Joe Kinsella: 650-364-3705. Slainte.

THANK YOU

Our first Annual Pasta Feed was a success thanks to our amazing parish. We raised enough money to send two additional teens on our upcoming retreat! A special thank you to the Napaa Family, Temple Family, Passarello Family along with our Edge and Life Teen Core Team Members: Adam Mansour, Clare Gill, Francesco Poggesi and Sarah Landers! Without the ongoing support of these families and core members our youth program wouldn't be what it is today!