

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – “FAITH, ACADEMICS, SERVICE”

This week St. Elizabeth Seton School is celebrating Catholic Schools Week, sponsored annually by the National Catholic Educational Association. Seton School is sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, whose mission is to provide a Catholic education to those families who may not otherwise afford it. Blessed to have pastoral support from St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes, we are also grateful to the parishioners and corporate and individual donors, whose generosity is creating miracles for our children.

The theme of Catholic Schools Week this year is: “Faith, Academics, Service” and offers us the opportunity to highlight the learning taking place at Seton. Our school staff is dedicated to creating a school environment that is centered on the Gospel teachings of Jesus and service to others. We teach self-discipline and foster academic excellence, assisting students to learn and grow, not only during the school day, but after school as well. Seton School offers a variety of after school activities that include: athletics; homework club; individual tutoring; Art in Action; robotics; and Science. Please join us on February 1st from 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. for our Science Fair & Open House, as we celebrate Catholic education in our parish community.

*Evelyn Rosa, Seton School Principal*

## 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 6th

## 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. 15th Actual \$10,250 Goal \$11,000  
Jan. 22nd Actual \$8,500 Goal \$11,000  
St. Elizabeth Seton School .... \$3,750



### 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, 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, Frank Ventura

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, January 29:

9:00 am SAG ... James & Edith Dubbs †  
10:30 am OLR ... Vera Leung †  
10:30 am STA ... Clothilda Rita Wait †  
*Readings: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28*

Monday, January 30:

8:30 am OLR ... Kathleen Briggs (health)  
12:15 pm STA .. Benjamin Cittadino †  
*Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20*

Tuesday, January 31: St. John Bosco

8:30 am OLR ... Palomo Family (sp. int.)  
12:15 pm STA .. James Chin †  
*Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43*

Wednesday, February 1:

8:30 am OLR ... Cummins Family (sp. int.)  
*Readings: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6*

Thursday, February 2:

8:30 am OLR ... Fr. Barry Freyne †  
*Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]*

Friday, February 3: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

8:30 am OLR ... Jose & Julia Martinez †  
12:15 pm STA .. Benjamin Cittadino †  
*Readings: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29*

Saturday, February 4:

5:00 pm SAG ... Maria Bui Thi Ty †  
*Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Feb 4 & 5, 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 ..... Msgr. Sandersfeld  
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. Stanley  
Sun 6:00 pm ..... Fr. Valenton

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
9:15, 10:15 am STAKids (ISP/SESS)  
11:30 am ... Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)  
5:00 pm .... Lifeteen Retreat Dinner (OLRH)

Monday, January 30:  
7:00 pm .... RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, January 31:  
7:00 pm .... Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, February 1:  
all day ..... Science Fair (SESS/SAGH)  
10:00 am ... Adult Spirituality Board (PC)  
6:00 pm .... RCIC (PC)  
6:00 pm .... SOUP (OLRH)  
7:00 pm .... Community Life (PC)

Thursday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day  
all day ..... Science Fair (SESS)  
10:00 am ... Faith Sharing (SAGH)  
12:00 pm ... Ignatian Spirituality (STAH)  
7:00 pm .... Catechist Meet. (OLRH)  
7:00 pm .... Centering Prayer (OLR)  
7:00 pm .... First Comm. Catechesis (PC)  
7:00 pm .... Safe Environment (OLRH)

Friday, February 3: Blessing of Throats; First Friday  
6:00 pm .... Friday Night Lights (DC)  
7:00 pm .... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, February 4: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday  
8:00 am .... Environment Team (OLR)  
8:00 am .... Liturgy Board (SAGH)

## BLESSING OF THROATS

In memory of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, there will be a special blessing of throats after each of our Daily Masses on Friday, Feb 3rd. We ask St. Blaise to protect us from all diseases of the throat.

## 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 31st VOCATION STORIES in the OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT Our guest speaker: Father Kselman

With such a vast topic, Father Kselman will only deal with a few of the most important stories in the Bible: the calls of Abraham and Moses, the vision of Isaiah, Jesus calling his disciples (Gospels of Mark and John), etc. He will prepare a handout for the talk, including the stories we will consider with some comments and a list of other vocation stories for personal meditation and prayer.

Many may remember Fr. Kselman from his talk last year: "Understanding and Praying the Psalms". He is a well known expert on that topic and we are fortunate to have him return to speak with us again. Father John is currently a professor at St. Patrick's Seminary. He was ordained in 1967 for the Society of Sulpice and completed graduate studies in the Old Testament and Near Eastern Studies at Harvard. He has had many teaching assignments over the years including St Mary's in Baltimore; Catholic University in Wash. DC and Weston Jesuit School of Theology. Please join us 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; Pledge Sunday – February 5th

The 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now 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.

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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](mailto:sessdevelopment@gmail.com)

## WIDOW & WIDOWER'S

The Widow/Widower's group will have dinner meeting at Sundance The Steakhouse, 1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, on Thursday, 2/2/12.

We will do cocktails at 5 PM and be seated at 5:30 sharp for dinner. Soup or Salad, Dinner and dessert for \$30.00 (Cash only), including tax and tip. Cocktails, wine, etc not included.

There will be a choice of 4 different entrees.

Please join us. Please RSVP to Jean G, 650 245 9471, no later than Monday, 1/30/12. She will give you more information.

## MARCH 17TH, CIRCLE THE DATE FOR ST. PATRICK'S

So many weekends ahead, so little time! Plan to attend one of the sustaining parish traditions on Sat, 03/17, at the Seton School Auditorium, 6:00 - 8:00, 1093 Channing Ave., PA. The evening is sure to please: live Irish ceili music, sing-along favorites, welcoming hospitality, and the best corned beef and cabbage dinner on the Peninsula, all priced to attract participation. A "sell-out" outreach evening of family entertainment, ideal for seniors and families with young children. Got time to volunteer? Contact Joe Kinsella: 650-364-3705.

## PARISH BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PHILIPPINE RELIEF

Sunday, February 12, St. Thomas Aquinas Church 3:30 pm.  
Songs of Praise, Songs of Giving, Songs To Help

Parish musical groups will be presenting a concert to benefit relief efforts towards the Philippines from the damage and destruction caused by the December 2011 floods from Tropical Storm Washi.