

Second Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S MESSAGE

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18: MASS IN FRENCH

Father Thierry has kindly offered to celebrate another mass in French again. All parishioners are welcome to attend!

Tous sont les bienvenus!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Sun March 18 at 5:00 p.m.
(or "La messe en français aura lieu le dimanche 18 Mars 2012")

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We encourage every family and household to practice good stewardship. Remember sacrificial giving is planned, thoughtful, and proportional and it symbolizes your commitment to Christ and the Church. We encourage you



Our Weekly Offering

Feb 26th Actual TBA Goal \$11,000

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.



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Msgr. William Lenane, Fr. Thierry Geris, Sr. Jeannette Donnelly, Norman Swope, Mary Fong, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Frank Briggs Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Fr. Tony Medina, Arminda Schembri, Linda Staelgraeve, Erika Staelgraeve, William McNerny, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr.

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Maria Marszal, Fr. Raymond Maher, Vera Leung, Lawrence Barrett Jr., Clothilda Rita Wait, Verna Ogren, Irene Butler, Frank Ventura, Maryhelen Macpherson, Dominador Navarro, Robert Purcell, Judith Ann Canales

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, March 4:

10:30 am STA . . Pauline Sokolow †

Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday, March 5:

12:15 am STA . . Benjamin Cittadino †

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 6:

8:30 am OLR . . . Frank Ventura †

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 7: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

12:15 am STA . . Catherine McCosker †

Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 8: St. John of God

12:15 am STA . . Fr. Matthew D. Stanley
(sp. int.)

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 9: St. Frances of Rome

8:30 am OLR . . . Fitzgerald Family (sp. int.)

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt
21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 10:

12:15 pm STA . . Fatin Bulos †

5:00 pm SAG . . . Perfecto Fernando & Ben
Fernando †

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Mar 10 & 11, 2012

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Valenton

Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Fr. Brown

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Valenton

Sun 12 noon Fr. Ramalow

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Gammad

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley

Sun 6:00 pm Youth Fr. Seimas

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 4: Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full
Communion

9:15, 10:15 am Parent Catechesis (ISP/SESS)
11:30 am Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)
3:30 pm STAYouth (DC)

Monday, March 5:
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, March 6:
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, March 7:
10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
6:00 pm RCIC (DC)
7:00 pm Community Life (PC)
7:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, March 8:
10:00 am Faith Sharing (SAGH)
12:00 pm Ignatian Spirituality (STAH)
12:00 pm Seton School (SAGH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (OLR)
7:00 pm Taize Prayer (SAG)
7:00 pm TMC (STAH)

Friday, March 9: Abstinence
5:00 pm Goretti Group (STAB)
7:00 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, March 10:
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
8:30 am Hisp. Confirm. Retreat
(OLRH)
8:30 am Liturgy Board (SAGH)
9:00 am Confirmation Mtg (DC)

CELEBRATE!

It's the big Five-oh for Father Matt!
Join the celebration for Father Matt
and enjoy some birthday cake after the
10:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary -
about 11:30 on Sunday, March 11th.

2012 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

"Our Parish – Our Diocese – Together in Christ" ADA Goal: \$120,000
Pledged: \$85,982 • Pledges: 175 • Average Pledge: \$491 • % of Goal: 71%

There are 4 weeks remaining in this year's campaign. With everyone's participation, we can meet and surpass our ADA goal; however, this will only be possible if every parish household participates according to their means. Remember, payments can be made over the next 10 months. Use your Visa or MasterCard, make an Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking account, or donate online at dsj.org. Anything raised above our ADA goal will directly benefit St. Thomas Aquinas!

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

March 6th CRUSADES AND SCHOLARS — Fr. Matt hosts the Epic History of the Catholic Church. Learn the TRUE story of the Crusades. What was the motivation? This evening we learn about El Sid and the Moors in Spain, the formation of the Order of Knight's Templar and the Crusades to Jerusalem. Against this backdrop we see the rise of the Mendicant Orders: St. Francis, St. Clare and St. Dominic and the scholastic period of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Albert the Great. An Exciting period; learn more with Fr. Matt.

TAIZE PRAYER DURING LENT

The 3 pillars of Lent are prayer; fasting and almsgiving. Time given to prayer during Lent will draw us closer to the Lord.

Taize Prayer is a time for connecting in joy and gratitude, nurturing the PRESENCE within. Echoes of shared prayer..."your prayer is my prayer too" sustains and supports you. Candles shine in remembrance of Your LIGHT and the LIGHT in the world. Melodic chants and inspirational readings call you deeper to the SPIRIT within and the beauty of GOD'S presence.

Every Thursday evening during Lent: March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

RITE OF ELECTION

Bishop Daley signing the
Book of the Elect

Rite of Election. 2-26-12

At Cathedral

Left to Right: the Elect - Jack Hsu,
Alison Gibbons, Kimberly Wright.
RCIA team member James Harris.



March 4, 2012

WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING LENT?

For information on many of our Parish Lenten activities, we included in last week's Bulletin a purple handout. Extra copies are available in the vestibule. You can also find it on our parish webpage. There is one correction: Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. We ask that you keep this sheet in a handy place for future reference throughout these six weeks.

GREEN CORNER

Go vegetarian two or three days a week. The livestock industry is a huge greenhouse emitter, and you will be healthier for it. (<http://allrecipes.com/Recipes/everyday-cooking/vegetarian/Main/asp?etarian/Main/asp>)

Source: DSJ Catholic Green Initiate

The STA Green Committee

ABSTINENCE

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. All who 14 years of age and above are bound by this law, and there is no upper age limit. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fast. This law binds those who are 18 to 59 years of age. Please refer to the purple Lenten handout which gives more details.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY – TICKETS ON SALE AT LAST!

Join the parish faithful to share in our Irish traditions on Saturday, Mar 17th! You will marvel at the evening of hospitality and fun, featuring live Irish music, dancing, and song and also enjoy the kitchen bounty of the best corned beef and authentic soda bread on the Peninsula. Hospitality starts at 6:00 at St. Elizabeth Seton School auditorium. This event always draws a sell-out attendance, oriented to seniors and families with young children -- a safe and welcoming respite to remember for years, priced to encourage participation: \$15 - adults, \$5 - children under 12. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend and during the week at the Pastoral Center. Don't wait till next weekend! Contact Joe Kinsella if you'd like to participate as a volunteer: 650-364-3705