

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



It is on Sunday that we all assemble, because Sunday is the first day: the day on which God transformed darkness and matter and created the world, and the day on which Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He was crucified on the eve of Saturn's day, and on the day after, that is, on the day of the sun, he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them what we have now offered for your examination.

Our entire Parish Staff joins together in extending to you our best wishes and all of the joy of Easter. Since Easter is fifty days long, we will have many opportunities to greet you personally and to thank you for the life you bring to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

We extend a word of appreciation to all who made donations of, or offerings toward our Easter flowers and plants, to all those involved in our Triduum Liturgies, as well as those who decorated our churches. Thanks to all who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable, and inviting as it has been.

We also extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors to our Parish. We are happy you chose to celebrate Easter with us. We extend an invitation to you to become a regular part of our Parish Life. The bulletin cover lists our Mass times and phone numbers. Please visit our parish website and call us, if we can help. Welcome, again, and a Blessed Easter to you.

Fr. Matt

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your generosity toward the work and mission of our parish. As you know, we are totally dependent upon all of our parishioners for our livelihood.

We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of our parish may continue to impact the lives of so many. 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" you have received.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!



Our Weekly Offering

Mar 25 Actual \$10,500 Goal \$11,000.00
 Apr 1 Actual \$9,000.. Goal \$11,000.00
 St. Vincent de Paul \$4,700.00



Please Pray



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Fr. Thierry Geris, Sr. Jeannette Donnelly, Norman Swope, Mary Feng, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Fr. Tony Medina, Linda Staelgraeve, Erika Staelgraeve, William McNerny, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Joan Sterling, Kimberly Bishop, John Braun

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, Msgr. William Lenane, Arminda Schembri, Frank Briggs Sr.

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, April 8:

10:30 am OLR . . Dulce Aranha †

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4
 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday, April 9:

8:30 am OLR . . . Bill Jussen †

12:15 pm STA . . Dulce Aranha †

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 10:

8:30 am OLR . . . Eileen Fitzgerald †

12:15 pm STA . . Msgr. William Lenane †

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 11:

8:30 am OLR . . . Jack Griffin †

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 12:

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

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 13:

8:30 am OLR . . . Lucy & Gerard Reeves
 (sp. int.)

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 14:

5:00 pm SAG . . . Robert Gaspich †

Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday April 14 & 15, 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. Miller

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley

Sun 12 noon TBD

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Gammad

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas

Sun 6:00 pm Youth Fr. Valenton

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 8: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 am SAG Site Meeting (SAGH)

11:30 am Byzantine Liturgy (SAGH)

3:30 pm STAYouth (DC)

Monday, April 9: Monday within the Octave of Easter; *Holiday – Pastoral Center Closed, Regular Daily Mass Schedule*

7:00 pm Hisp. Catecheses (PC)

7:00 pm TMC (TH)

7:30 pm PADDT (SESA)

Tuesday, April 10: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:00 pm Anniv. Prayer Group (OLRH)

6:00 pm Spanish Baptismal Class (PC)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (OLRH)

7:30 pm PADDT (SESA)

Wednesday, April 11: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:15 am Fr. Allen's Church History (OLRH)

3:00 pm Teachers Meeting (OLRH)

6:00 pm RCIC (PC)

7:30 pm PADDT (SESA)

Thursday, April 12: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

10:00 am Faith Sharing (SAGH)

5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)

7:00 pm Hisp. First Communion Catechesis (PC)

7:00 pm TMC (STAH)

Friday, April 13: Friday within the Octave of Easter

5:00 pm Goretti Group (STAB)

7:00 pm Hisp. Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, April 14: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

8:30 am Liturgy Board (SAGH)

9:00 am 2nd Grade Retreat (OLRH)

EASTER FLOWERS

Remembering a loved one during Easter is always foremost in our minds. So why not express that love by making a donation toward the Easter flowers as special intention or in memory of a deceased family member or friend? Special Easter Flower envelopes can be found in the pews.

2012 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



"Our Parish – Our Diocese – Together in Christ" ADA

Goal: \$120,000 • Pledged: \$123,712 • Pledges: 282

Average Pledge: \$440 • % of Goal: 103%

We did it! We have surpassed our goal. Remember: every dollar pledged and paid over our \$120,000 goal will be directly returned to our parish. I am so deeply grateful to the 282 families who have made pledges and gifts toward this year's Appeal. 130

people have made pledges that were equal to their 2011

pledge. An amazing 72 people increased their 2011 pledge, while only 36 pledges were less than 2011. 43 new households have pledged in 2012 that were unable to pledge in 2011. Nearly 100 families made pledges last year and not yet in 2012. Please consider making your gift for 2012. On behalf of Bishop McGrath, I thank all of you for helping us do "our fair share" in support of the many ministries supported by our gifts to the ADA.

HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC...

If you, or anyone who know, is interested in becoming Catholic or completing your initiation sacraments by being confirmed, please contact Jean at the Pastoral Center 650-494-2496 x34 and make an appointment. Informal inquiry sessions are held year round. You are welcome any time. Our RCIA Team will do their best to answer any questions about Catholicism or the Rite of Christian Initiation process.

CREATION STORIES OF GENESIS

Sunday, April 15 — Genealogy and Seasonal Time: An Anthropologist Looks at the Creation Stories of Genesis.

A conversation with Peter C. Reynolds, Ph.D. Thomas House, 745 Waverley Street, Palo Alto. 4:00 p.m. Peter's talk; 4:45 p.m.: Q&A, with wine and cheese available.

Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center's Spiritual Education Committee, this presentation is open to all. Donations welcome. Information: Kay Williams, 650-328-2781, kaywill@pacbell.net.

IN THE KNOW: PARISH eBULLETIN AND WEBSITE

Although the Sunday Bulletin remains an important source of our parish communications, we also provide two other excellent sources of timely information: our parish website at www.paloaltocatholic.org (available 24 hours a day!), and our weekly Friday morning eBulletin. The eBulletin is an initiative of our parish Communications Board, whose ministry it is to improve communications in our parish. It is sent to 320 parish families each Friday. Not just a copy of the Sunday paper bulletin, it includes reminders and more articles and notices than can fit in our Sunday bulletin. If you are interested in receiving the eBulletin on a weekly basis, send an email request to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org. You will be added to "PaloAltoCatholic-EBulletin@googlegroups.com" which is used to send out the eBulletin each Friday morning.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

THE EASTER TRIDUUM **Holy Thursday** – April 5

7:30 pm - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

at Our Lady of the Rosary (Bilingual)

9:00 pm - *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall

(concluding with Night Prayer at 10:00pm)

Good Friday – April 6

Good Friday Morning Prayer

7:15 am at St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am at Our Lady of the Rosary

Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Liturgy of the Word - Veneration of the Cross -

Holy Communion

12:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas

5:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas (Gregorian)

7:30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish)

7:30 pm at St. Albert the Great

Holy Saturday – April 7

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am – Our Lady of the Rosary

No morning or afternoon liturgies

Easter Vigil – April 7

8:30 pm (Gather between school and rectory)

Service of Light, Liturgies of the Word, Initiation,
and Eucharist

Easter Sunday – April 8

9:00 am at St. Albert the Great

7:30 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am & Noon at St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 am (Spanish) & 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Rosary

No 6:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary

READY FOR EARTH DAY?

In recognition of Earth Day (Apr 22), our city is encouraging us to find ways to celebrate our planet! One of them is to attend the EcoHome Ribbon Cutting on Sat Apr 21 at 2pm next to the Girl Scout House, located at the Lucie Stern Community Center. Check out this unique demo home filled with the latest efficient, sustainable and conserving technologies. You may also want to attend the Green Light Film Festival which starts at 7pm on April 19 at the Cubberley Center. Be inspired by film projects that explore environmental citizenship and show how individual actions can reduce environmental impacts. For more information on these and other activities, please visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=30470

The Green Committee