

Second Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was officially declared by Blessed Pope John Paul II as a feast for the whole Church, a feast for the Third Millennium, focusing on God's Merciful love for you and me.

As Jesus told St. Faustina Kowalska: "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. It is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy."

The Lord offers us an invitation and he stands at the door of our hearts. Let us entrust ourselves to the Lord to heal our weakness, to conquer all evil, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may experience God's loving mercy.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Deacon Daniel Hernandez

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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone for practicing good stewardship in support of the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of March. Our average weekly collection for March was \$10,328; this was the first time in 2 years when we have averaged over \$10,000 a month. Our Offertory goal for Jul – Mar was \$420,000. Our actual collection for Jul – Mar was \$395,000. This \$25,000 shortfall is equal to what we pay for health insurance for our 3 priests for one year. Remember, we need an average of \$11,000 a week in order to meet all of our financial responsibilities—

including the blessing a 3rd priest. 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" we 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 15:

8:45 am STA... Dulce Aranha †
10:30 am STA... Clothilda Rita Wait †
10:30 am OLR... Nora Murphy †
6:00 pm OLR... Lavern Mугan †
Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 16:

8:30 am OLR... Pope Benedict XVI (sp. int.)
Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 17:

8:30 am OLR... Teresa Cummins (sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA... Msgr. William Lenane †
Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 18:

8:30 am OLR... Virginia McCosker †
12:15 pm STA... Dulce Aranha †
Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 19:

8:30 am OLR... Staff of Milford Nursing Home (sp. int.)
Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 20:

8:30 am OLR... Fitzgerald Family (sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA... Max Stanley (sp. int.)
Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 21: St. Anselm

5:00 pm SAG... Anne Jewell †
Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday April 21 & 22, 2012

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

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 15: Second Sunday of Easter
9:00, 10:30 am STAKids & Parent Catechesis (OLRH/SESS)
3:30, 5:00 pm STAYouth (DC/OLRH)
3:00 pm TMC (TH)

Monday, April 16:
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)
7:30 pm TMC (TH)

Tuesday, April 17:
7:00 pm Hisp. Board Meeting (PC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, April 18:
10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
6:00 pm RCIC (PC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, April 19: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
10:00 am Faith Sharing (SAGH)
12:00 pm Seton School (SAGH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Comm. Board (PC)
7:00 pm Hisp. First Communion Catechesis (PC)

Friday, April 20:
7:00 pm Hisp. Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, April 21:
9:00 am Oneight Confirm. Mtg. (DC)
2:00 pm Pastoral Home Ministry (PC)

PASTORAL HOME MINISTRY

There will be a Pastoral Home Ministry Meeting on Saturday, April 21st at 2:00-4:00 pm at the Pastoral Center, on Middlefield Rd. This is the time for ministers to touch base with each other, meet new members and share their experiences. The coordinators will update everyone on recent issues. Fr. Randy will be there to share his ideas and insights concerning the ministry. All ministers are asked to attend. For more information contact Pat/Mary at 494-2496 X22

2012 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

“Our Parish – Our Diocese – Together in Christ” ADA Goal: \$120,000 • Pledged: \$133,749 • Pledges: 313 Average Pledge: \$428 • % of Goal: 112%

As we close the very successful public phase of this year’s ADA Campaign, we would like to express our gratitude for all those who made pledges and gifts in support of Bishop McGrath and the many ministries your generosity will fund to continue the good work of the Catholic Church in Santa Clara County. As we enter the quiet phase, remember: every dollar pledged and paid over our \$120,000 goal will be directly returned to our parish. We thank the 313 families who have made pledges and gifts toward this year’s Appeal. Thank you for helping St. Thomas Aquinas Parish do “our fair share” in support of the many ministries supported by our gifts to the ADA.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following individuals who shared in the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Those Celebrating Full Christian Initiation: *Cody Brunner, Kynon Brunner, Megan Cooper, Alison Gibbons, Jack Hsu, Kimberly Wright*

Christians Celebrating Full Communion with the Catholic Church: *Diana St. Mane*
Previously Baptized Catholics Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist: *Elina Avelar, Edgar Banos, Cullen Brunner, Michael Calcagno, Justin Cooper, Jack Lawrence, Tara Lawrence, Ricardo Luna, Cleia Muggler, Alyssa See-Tho, Ben See-Tho*

We wish to acknowledge and thank their sponsors, catechists, parents, and indeed, the entire parish community who have supported these, our brothers and sisters, through prayer and witness. May we truly welcome them to our Church and our parish.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

April 17th – The Holy Spirit in our hearts and in our lives with Father Randy and Michael Gray, seminarian.

God is present to the world, through the Holy Spirit. Learn about the ways the Holy Spirit changes our lives and makes us better people; with Fr. Randy and Michael. Ever since the Church first began, people have had trouble understanding the Holy Spirit. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit: What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the human soul?

What are the gifts, and the fruits, of the Holy Spirit? Find the answers April 17th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Palo Alto Council of the Knights of Columbus recently presented Saint Elizabeth Seton School with checks for \$1405. This represents the proceeds from the silent auction held at their recent Crab Dinner Dance.

K of C Financial Secretary, John Uebbing, presents checks to Evelyn Rosa, Principal of St. Elizabeth Seton School.



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GREEN CORNER

Trinity Church in Menlo Park, in co-sponsorship with Interfaith Power & Light, has been selected to offer a special pre-release screening of a new feature-length documentary, *Last Call at the Oasis*, coming to theatres nationwide in May. Following the ground-breaking documentaries *An Inconvenient Truth*, *Food, Inc.* and *Waiting for Superman*, production company Participant Media now turns its attention to the water crisis. Convening a consortium of leading non-profit organizations, experts and corporations already tackling the critical issue of water, *Last Call at the Oasis* is a rallying call to ignite a national conversation about the water crisis.

Trinity Church, located at 330 Ravenswood Ave. in Menlo Park, will offer the screening free of charge on Saturday, April 21, at 7 PM. A discussion with noted pesticide researcher Dr. Tyrone Hayes will follow the film.

FINDING ITS PLACE

Finding its Place: The Catholic Community at Stanford
Presented by the Stanford Historical Society
April 17, 4:30, the Sanctuary, Old Union

Nancy Greenfield, long term chaplain and program organizer, will introduce and moderate a program with fellow Catholic Community leaders, each highlighting a different aspect of a common history, followed by further discussion with the audience.

Fr. Nathan Castle, Pastor will comment on early decades when Catholic students formed clubs at St. Thomas Aquinas church and University-Church relations developed in a relative harmony that was to be undermined as Catholics and other denominations faced strict limits on their campus activities. The slow resolution of those difficulties and the establishment of St. Ann's/Newman Center in Palo Alto coincide with Prof. Barbara Gelpi's arrival at Stanford, where she and her family found St. Ann's to be a flourishing center of spirituality, service, and social conscience. It gradually became clear that a move to the central campus would allow greater numbers of students to participate. Because liturgy and music have always been at the core of the Community no matter which place served as home, no historical reflections would be complete without Teresa Pleins, Chaplain and Choir Director, who will focus on the development of creative liturgies, choral programs, and her corresponding work as a chaplain since 1995. Peter Salazar will end with comments on how the past meets the present in the life of an undergraduate member of the Catholic Community. Discussion will follow, and light refreshments will be served after the program.