

Fifth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S MESSAGE

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you." Mt 26:26-28

This Sunday (and last Sunday) many of our children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. They have learned that this is their second sacrament toward full initiation into our Church. They have grown in their understanding that a sacrament is a visible sign of our faith in Jesus Christ— instituted by Jesus as a channel of God's grace. They have also learned the importance of being pure of heart when receiving the Eucharist by celebrating their First Reconciliation.

However, the greatest gift I have received during this time of year is to see the look of awe on their faces as they receive the Body & Blood of Christ for the first time and truly welcome Him into their mind, body, and soul. Even though transubstantiation is a word many have to think about before even pronouncing, their hearts still glow with the anticipation of Christ physically becoming one with them. There are no words to describe the innocence of their heart and the purity of their desire. As we keep these precious children in our prayers, let us all remember that moment when we experienced Christ in the Eucharist for the first time and recall that cherished moment each and every time we come to the table to re-commit ourselves to Christ and His Body, the Church.

Sue Clingingsmith, Faith Formation Director

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC...

Do you have an interest in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized as a child but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Our adult inquiry sessions continue all year long. For more information about the process, please call Jean Ramocciotti (650) 494-2496 ext. 34 or jramocciotti@dsj.org

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Easter is a season of joyful giving. We deeply appreciate the joyful giving of so many of our parishioners who share with us in abundance their time, talent, and treasure. Help us keep this Easter joy alive at St. Thomas Aquinas all year long by practicing good stewardship. 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.

Stewards know themselves to be both recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 6:

8:45 am STA... Vince Giovannotto †
9:00 am SAG ... Verna Ogren †
10:30 am OLR .. Ramon J. Espiritu †
6:00 pm OLR ... Odette Aclimandos †
Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24;
Jn 15:1-8

Monday, May 7:

Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 8:

8:30 am OLR ... Yue Kwok Mei †
Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 9:

12:15 pm STA .. Dulce Aranha †
Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 10: St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

8:30 am OLR ... Ronald Short †
Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 11:

8:30 am OLR ... Rita Palomo (sp. int.)
Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 12: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

5:00 pm SAG ... Clothilda Cesano †
Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 12 & 13, 2012

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Msgr. Cilia
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. Marini
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley
Sun 12 noon TBA

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



Our Weekly Offering

Apr 29 Actual \$9,250 • Goal \$11,000
Catholic Home Missions \$2,500



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Sr. Jeannette Donnelly, Norman Swope, 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, Mary Lee Hagen, Hong Lee

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Frank Ventura, Maryhelen Macpherson, Dominador Navarro, Robert Purcell, Judith Ann Canales, Msgr. William Lenane, Arminda Schembri, Frank M. Briggs

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 6: Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:15 am STAKids (SESS)
10:30 am OLR 1st Communion and
Reception in hall (OLRH)
10:30 am Confirmation Class (DC)
3:30 pm STAYouth (DC/OLRH)

Monday, May 7:

Tuesday, May 8:

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (OLRH)

Wednesday, May 9:

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

6:00 pm RCIC (PC)

Thursday, May 10:

10:00 am Faith Sharing (DC)
12:00 pm Seton School (SAGH)
5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm Hisp. First Communion
Catechesis (PC)
7:00 pm TMC (STAH)

Friday, May 11:

5:00 pm Goretta Group (STAH)
7:00 pm Hisp. Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, May 12:

8:30 am Liturgy Board (SAGH)
12:00 pm Deaconate Ordination
Reception (SAGH)
6:30 pm Confirmation Recep. (SAGH)

CONFIRMATION

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Middle School Youth is next Saturday at the 5pm Mass, May 12th (St. Albert the Great Church) Msgr. Francis Cilia, Vicar General will be our main celebrant.

CLERGY STUDY WEEK

Beginning this Monday, May 10th and continuing through Friday, May 15th, many of the priests of the Diocese of San Jose including Fr. Matt & Fr. Peter will spend some time at San Juan Bautista for our annual week of study, prayer, and reflection. We will have Daily Mass each day with Fr. Bob at 7:30am. Please keep all of us in your prayers.

INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

The Institute for Leadership in Ministry is a 3 year course of study for lay persons. The ILM provides training and faith formation for lay leaders in the Church. The theological base for this program is found in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Responding to their baptismal call, graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, as well as many others. We plan to continue sending lay persons to the Institute for Leadership in Ministry. If you feel called to explore this possibility, we are looking for a few qualified candidates for the new ILM academic year which begins in the fall. Please contact Fr. Matt (mstanley@dsj.org) for more information.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Join other silent meditators on every Thursday evening at 7:00pm now at Dermody Center (in the former chapel) Two 20 minute prayer periods are separated by a short Zen-type walk. Sharing and discussion follow. Contact person is Jean Ramacciotti: pajeanr@yahoo.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has already provided 44 shawls to men and women in great need of God's comfort and healing love.

Come join this mission to knit, crochet or weave a simple shawl at your leisure with love and prayers for the future recipient. Your investment of time and yarn costing about \$15 will bring joy to all. For further information, please call Terry Atkinson 650-714-2131.

MUSICIAN NEEDED

Musician needed for monthly mass on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm at Lytton Gardens. The mass is well attended by the seniors who live there. We need a regular/alternate piano player or someone who plays guitar or any small musical instrument to help with the music. If you are able to help please contact Mary Fong at 650-494-1660.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL NEXT WEEK

Our diocesan Catholic Charities social service agency invites all Catholics to invest in the work of ending poverty and creating hope for thousands of our neighbors. One in four households has difficulty each month making ends meet. Together, as good stewards, we can reverse this trend. Our staff and volunteers provide the training and support for those we serve to hold on, stabilize their lives, fully participate in society, and live with dignity.

May 6, 2012

GREEN CORNER

In the last 2 years (2010 & 2011) we have reduced the carbon emissions of our parish buildings by 90,405 pounds! This is the result of a number of measures being taken including keeping doors and windows closed when the heaters are on, monitoring thermostats, replacing light fixtures with more energy efficient ones, turning off lights when not needed, etc. A big THANK YOU! to everyone who has helped. This year we continue to look for ways for further reductions.

The Green Committee

UPDATE ON ROOTED IN FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

St. Thomas Aquinas' RIF totals as of March 30, 2012:

Active Pledge Balance: \$402,559

Behind & Dormant Pledges: \$396,889

Amount of Collections to Date: \$1,496,785

Parish Share Disbursement to St. Thomas Aquinas: \$215,863

Our most recent Parish Share Disbursement totaled \$5,670.

Please keep making your regular payments. As your pledges are paid, St. Thomas Aquinas will continue to receive disbursements to build up our capital projects reserve fund. Thank you for your support of Bishop McGrath and our local Church.

STAYOUTH ASSISTANT YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

St. Thomas Aquinas' Youth (STAY) Ministry is committed to love, nurture, inspire, and motivate all middle and high school youth to be faithful, lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ who serve their community. STAY offers weekly youth group sessions of faith-sharing with peers, youth masses, social events, social justice and outreach projects, and leadership opportunities.

The Assistant Youth Minister articulates and executes the vision of the STAY program to youth in grades 6 – 12th. The position details can be found on the parish website under EDGE ministry. If you or someone you know may be interested in this position please email your resume to Alley White at awhite@dsj.org

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL NEWS

Fore! Registration forms for the annual charity golf tournament event benefiting St. Elizabeth Seton School are in the back of the churches. We are looking for more players and tournament sponsors to participate in the 17th Seton Scramble for Students on Monday, May 21 at Stanford Golf Course. This event is a fun-filled day for a good cause. All tournament proceeds are designated for tuition assistance so that St. Elizabeth Seton School may continue its mission of offering a Catholic education to children from under-resourced communities. For more information, please contact the Seton School Development Office 650-326-1258 or email SESSdevelopment@gmail.com.