

# Pentecost Sunday

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

As Pentecost Sunday brings the Season of Easter to its conclusion, I would like to share some thoughts written by Steve Kellmeyer in his blogspot for *The Fifth Column*.

"Despite all their learning, taught by God Himself, the apostles y aren't truly prepared until Pentecost. Pentecost turns the cowardly apostles into soldiers for Christ. It represents Confirmation, and is the classic Scriptural example of Confirmation. But, unless we look at the intimate connection Pentecost has with Easter, we would easily miss the fact that Confirmation is necessary.



Confirmation is not a choice to become Catholic, rather, it is nearly impossible to live out the graces of baptism without Confirmation. That's why the Church requires all her children be confirmed. Of course, Confirmation matures and perfects the graces of baptism. Once Confirmation has been attained, we now have the power to be perfected.

It is sometimes said that the Eucharist is the only sacrament we continue to enjoy in heaven. But, while this is true in one sense, it is false in another. Just as priests will forever enjoy the merits of the seal of Holy Orders, so every lay person will forever enjoy the merits of the seals of Baptism and Confirmation. We celebrate the divine sonship and the divine priesthood these seals impart to us for all eternity. Indeed, it is not wrong to say that those who have been given these seals are able to better enjoy heaven than those who do not have them."

For those adults who wish to consider preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Jean Ramocciotti at the Pastoral Center (ext. 34) or [jramacciotti@dsj.org](mailto:jramacciotti@dsj.org).

Fr. Matt

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 27:

7:30 am STA.... Marguerite Chang †  
9:00 am SAG ... Jacqueline Diouf (sp. int.)  
10:30 am OLR .. Justina Muoh †  
10:30 am STA... Clothilda Rita Wait †  
6:00 pm OLR ... Odette Aclimandos †  
Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Monday, May 28:

7:15 am STA.... Msgr. William Lenane †  
12:15 pm STA .. Clotilda Cesano †  
Readings: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 29:

8:30 am OLR ... Hong Lee †  
12:15 pm STA .. Fracois & Maria Cecilia  
Torregrosa †  
Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 30:

12:15 pm STA .. Dulce Aranha †  
Readings: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday, May 31:

8:30 am OLR ... Jeff Palomo (sp. int.)  
Readings: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;  
Lk 1:39-56

Friday, June 1: St. Justin

7:15 am STA.... Msgr. William Lenane †  
8:30 am OLR ... Frank M. Briggs †  
Readings: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday, June 2: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

5:00 pm SAG ... Michael & Gearailt  
Cummins (sp. int.)  
Readings: Jude 17, 2ob-25; Mk 11:27-33

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday June 2 & 3, 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 ..... Msgr. Sandersfeld  
Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Stanley  
Sun 12 noon ..... TBD  
  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
Sun 9:00 am ..... Fr. Engel  
Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Seimas  
Sun 6:00 pm Youth ..... Fr. Valenton

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

To those of you who faithfully and consistently share your gifts with all of us in the Sunday collection, our heartfelt gratitude. To those who have yet to make a commitment to financially supporting our parish, we ask for your prayerful consideration. 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.

 **Our Weekly Offering**  
May 20 Actual \$10,000 • Goal \$11,000  
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$3,000

 *Please Pray*   
**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Sr. Jeannette Donnelly, Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Linda Staelgraeve, Erika Staelgraeve, William McNerny, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Joani Sterling, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen  
**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Frank Ventura, Maryhelen Macpherson, Dominador Navarro, Robert Purcell, Judith Ann Canales, Msgr. William Lenane, Arminda Schembri, Frank M. Briggs, Hong Lee, Fr. Tony Medina, Irene Zupon, Marguerite Chang, Marianne Pelligrini, Michel Boudart  
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)

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 27: Pentecost Sunday  
after 10:30 am Mass Michael Gray's farewell luncheon (OLRH)  
4:00 pm . . . . STAYouth (DC/OLRH)

Monday, May 28: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time; Memorial Day  
9:30 am . . . . Bldg & Maint (PC)  
7:00 pm . . . . TMC (TH)  
7:30 pm . . . . Green Committee (PC)

Tuesday, May 29:

Wednesday, May 30:

Thursday, May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
10:00 am . . . . Faith Sharing (DC)  
5:30 pm . . . . STAYouth (DC)  
7:00 pm . . . . Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, June 1: First Friday  
7:00 pm . . . . Hisp. Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, June 2: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

*GUIDE US TODAY — Holy Spirit, you who pointed out the way for your disciples to announce the Gospel, we pray to you: As in the time of the apostles, guide today's messengers of the Good News.  
—From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss, CSSP*

## A FAREWELL MESSAGE

This Sunday, we hear about the Pentecost Event, when the apostles first go out on their mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus to all the nations. I, too, must go out on a new mission this Sunday, as my pastoral year at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish comes to a close. It has been a wonderful year, and I would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity. I can only hope that my future assignments will be just as good as this one was.  
*Michael Gray, Seminarian*

## RCIA

**PRECATECHUMENATE: THE TIME FOR INQUIRY (PART I)** — The first period of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has begun. It consists of inquiry on the part of candidates and of evangelization and the precatechumenate on the part of the Catholic Church. It ends with entrance into the order of Catechumens for those not yet baptized. It is a very important period during which those seeking Baptism are led to initial conversion.

Before being admitted to the catechumenate, inquirers are allowed an opportunity to reflect on experiences of God and of the Catholic Christian community. During this period candidates can thereby make a free and informed decision to follow Christ, to become part of the Church family, and to seek Baptism.

During the meetings a dialogue goes on between inquirers and representatives of the parish community. Members of the Initiation team are engaged, not in handing over chunks of doctrine, but in responding to inquirers with stories of their faith. The candidates are encouraged to share their own stories, and in the process are helped to see how God has already been active in their lives.

If you or any adult you know has an inclination towards the Catholic faith and wants to join the ongoing Inquiry group, please contact Jean at the Pastoral Center, 494-2496 ext 34, or [pajeaur@yahoo.com](mailto:pajeaur@yahoo.com) for time and place.

## 6:00PM SUNDAY MASS ON HIATUS FOR SUMMER

Sunday evening, May 27, the Feast of Pentecost, will be the final Life Teen Sunday evening Mass for this school year. We will take a break for the summer, and allow our families to attend one of the other eight (!) masses in the parish each weekend! This special youth-oriented mass will commence again in September.

## THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED!

The deadline has passed! If you haven't turned in your calendar/facility request forms for 2012/2013, please get them into the Pastoral Center this week.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"You feel hungry all the time." Those are the words of a Canadian politician who began the challenge of living on welfare for a month. He volunteered for the project to raise awareness of the low welfare rates in Vancouver, Canada. "It's a tough life. You spend your whole day basically looking for food and shelter. It takes away your self-esteem. It basically makes you a completely different person." When he goes to buy food, the first thing he looks at is the price, not the nutritional value of the food. Looking for living accommodations, he was reduced to tears by the conditions of one housing facility. He finally found a room in a nice house & a fairly decent neighborhood that he shares with eight people, some of whom are addicted.

Our St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul Conference gives out food bags regularly in addition to meeting many other needs: rent & utility help, purchase of medicine, purchase of cell phone minutes, clothing & other necessities. May 27 is the collection Sunday for St. Vincent de Paul. Please remember the less fortunate among us when the collection basket comes your way.

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## 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.

## AFTER-SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Rosalie Rendu Center in East Palo Alto is in need of volunteers for our after school homework club. Students, Grades K - 6th come to the Center for assistance with their homework. Tutors are needed Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. If you are able to volunteer for one or more days a month assisting our children please contact Sister Trinitas at (650) 473-9522. Helping children complete homework assignments makes a difference in the learning abilities of children. You are invited to participate in this important ministry. The Rosalie Rendu Center is sponsored by the Daughters of Charity. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:awhite@dsj.org)

## WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers will meet on the first Thursday for dinner at the Green Elephant. Please reserve with Virginia Mensing Prior to the 28th of May.

## SHRINES OF ITALY TRIP

Fr George invites you to join him and other pilgrims on a trip to the Shrines of Italy: from Venice to the Vatican. It will be a 12 day trip starting October 29th, 2012 to November 9th, 2012. If you are interested please call the Pastoral Center for a brochure. The deadline for registrations is June 30th.