

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### 12 CHARACTERISTICS OF A MODERN CATHOLIC PARISH

If you are like me, you get lots of emails, most of them are “junk,” but every so often, someone sends you a “treasure.” Here is one of them. Summer is a good time for reflection. I hope what follows today and over the next several weeks, will give us all some “food for thought.”

**#1 All who enter experience welcome and hospitality.** Parish doors swing wide open to convey a hospitable spirit. The stranger becomes a guest. People linger and engage one another. Those with different needs are accommodated by rides to church, rooms to change babies, wheelchair seating amongst the community. Parishes not only welcome new people, but new ideas and fresh ways of doing old business. Changes that new people bring into any system are met with a flexible and hospitable spirit.

**#2 Liturgy inspires full, active and conscious participation and offers an experience of God.** Liturgical ministers who are well informed in their roles invite all community members to celebrate together. Music, responsive to the liturgical seasons as well as cultures and languages that make up different assemblies, moves the hearts and spirits of those who play, listen and sing. Relevant preaching touches hearts and sends forth all participants nourished and challenged. Vibrant liturgies invite people to linger with God yet propel them into the world and the needs found there.


**#3 Parishioners recognize their parish mission.** They have seen the parish mission statement lived and know their connection to the broader Gospel mission. Their mission inspires and empowers them to be fully alive and awake in the world as a member of a body that has a purpose. One church advertises on public radio with these words, “Our church seeks God, practices justice and creates community.” One does not need to be a member or a visitor to know our parish mission.

Fr. Matt, Pastor

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The next couple of months, the time of vacations and weekends away, are always quite challenging for our parish financially. As the attendance at our weekend liturgies dwindles, so can the weekly support of our parishioners: a very good reason to consider using Online Giving. The challenge lies in the fact that our financial responsibilities do not go away during the summer. Thank you for

your generosity toward the work and mission of the parish. As you know, we are totally dependent upon you all of our parishioners for our livelihood. **THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!**

 *Our Weekly Offering*  
July 29 Actual \$8,785 • Goal \$11,000  
St. Vincent de Paul ..... \$3,553.00

### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Linda Staelgraefe, Erika Staelgraefe, William McNerny, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Frances Galea, Mary Peterson, Betty Heigel

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Hong Lee, Fr. Tony Medina, Irene Zupon, Marguerite Chang, Marianne Pelligrini, Michel Boudart, Rachel Salcedo, William J. Wall, Emil Trojak, Rose DeVasto, William Chamberlain, Jean Koo, Natividad Aguila, Joan Sterling

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)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 5:

10:30 am OLR . . Hong Lee †

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Monday, August 6:

8:30 am OLR . . . Andrew Brown (sp. int.)

12:15 pm STA . . Edgardo C. Rabuy †

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday, August 7: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

Readings: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 8: St. Dominic

Readings: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 10: St. Lawrence

8:30 am OLR . . . Francesco Poggessi †

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Saturday, August 11: St. Clare

5:00 pm SAG . . . Ronald Short †

Readings: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

*Do not work for food that perishes*

*but for the food that endures for eternal life.*

— John 6:27a

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 11 & 12, 2012

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Epie

Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Epie

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. Epie

Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBD

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Valenton

Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Valenton

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 5: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 pm ..... Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

4:00 pm ..... STAYouth (DC)

7:00 pm ..... STAY the Summer (OLRH)

Monday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday, August 7:

Wednesday, August 8:

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

7:00 pm ..... STA Pastoral Stewardship (SAGH)

Thursday, August 9:

7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)

7:30 pm ..... TMC (TH)

Friday, August 10:

5:00 pm ..... Gorretti Group (STA)

7:30 pm ..... Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 11:

8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, Sept 16th

11:30am – Our Lady of the Rosary

## BRIDGE GROUP

New and old members alike sign up for a new year of bridge. Call Nickie Andrews at 650-494-2152 to renew membership and/or to sign up as a new team. Bridge is played monthly October through early June. Information for the new bridge year will be mailed out around the middle of September so please get information to Nickie before Sept. 10th.

## ON VACATION

Fr. Matt will be on Summer Vacation through August 12th. We wish him a restful and relaxing time. Yes! It's Maui this year!

## WHAT IS CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD?

During the Sunday morning Masses (except on weekends when there is a Family Mass), children are dismissed from the assembly to hear the Gospel at their level of understanding, to talk about its meaning for their lives, and to pray. If your child is shy, you're welcome to go with them for the first time. We are in need of more leaders. Please call Susan Olsen at the Pastoral Center (ext. 25) or email [suolsen@dsj.org](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org)

## 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 Ramacciotti (650) 494-2496 ext. 34 or [jramacciotti@dsj.org](mailto:jramacciotti@dsj.org)

## REPLACE THE DEATH PENALTY HOUSE PARTY

You are invited to a evening to discuss an important proposition on the California November ballot - the SAFE California Act. The proposition proposes replacing the death penalty with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Our speaker will be Reginald Reese, who worked for the California Department of Corrections for 28 years. Prior to his retirement he was Associate Warden at San Quentin Prison. Mr. Reese has long held strong concerns regarding the effectiveness of the death penalty.

Monday, August 6, 7:00 PM, Channing House, 11th Floor, 850 Webster Street, Palo Alto

Free and open to all. Contributions to support passage of the SAFE CA Act will be requested. Please RSVP to Terry McCaffrey (650) 324-7517 or email [chsafe6@gmail.com](mailto:chsafe6@gmail.com) *Sponsored by: Channing House Committee to Replace the Death Penalty and Peninsula Peace and Justice Center*

## 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: [pajejanr@yahoo.com](mailto:pajejanr@yahoo.com)

## WHITE ELEPHANT GIVEAWAY

Got things around the house that are too nice to be discarded and yet have no use for? Bring them to the upcoming parish picnic at OLR on Sept 16. The Green Committee is organizing our first ever "Totally FREE Market". The idea is to invite parishioners to bring in new or lightly used items to offer them ABSOLUTELY FREE to others. This will be our parish's own version of FreeCycling. Tables will be set up on the playground for items such as CD's, DVD's, books, toys, electronics etc. All items not picked up will have to be taken home by the donors. More details to follow.

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## UPDATE ON 2012 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

St. Thomas Aquinas' ADA totals as of July 29, 2012 are:  
Total pledged: \$143,500 • Total paid: \$124,000  
Total Refund: \$4,000 • Anticipated Refund: \$24,000  
Number of Donors: 354

Please keep making your regular payments. When all our pledges have been paid, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will receive a much needed rebate to help us pay for some important improvements to our parish facilities. Thank you for your support of Bishop McGrath and our local Church.

## YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

Young Adult Bible Study, Tues. Aug. 7th at 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto — Over the next several months, we are going to focus on some common questions we face as Christians. The topic this month is "Christianity and Other Religions". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us this summer!

San Jose Jazz Festival and Mass, Sat., Aug. 11th, 1 p.m., Meet at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 80 South Market Street, San Jose, CA — Please join other Catholic Young Adults for the San Jose Jazz Festival and the Jazz Mass (at 4:30 pm in St. Joseph Cathedral). You can meet us at the Cathedral at 1 p.m. if you want to attend the Festival and Mass or at 4 pm if you just want to attend the Mass. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at [yacircle@gmail.com](mailto:yacircle@gmail.com).

For more info, see our website, [www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://www.YoungAdultCircle.org), check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at [yacircle@gmail.com](mailto:yacircle@gmail.com).

## SILENT PRIVATE RETREAT WEEKEND

August 24-26, 2012 Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park  
[www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org)

Vallombrosa opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding mid-day Sunday. We offer opportunities for spiritual direction and morning and evening prayer each day. The cost for the Silent Private Retreat Weekend is \$226.00 for a private room and \$202.00 for a shared room, with all meals included. As always there are scholarships available to those who need financial assistance. Contact Rachel at [rachel@vallombrosa.org](mailto:rachel@vallombrosa.org) or 650.325.5614.