

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

WHAT IS AN RCIA SPONSOR? WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

A sponsor is a person who has walked the way of Christian discipleship and is simply able to share their own experience with a catechumen or candidate. The sponsor is NOT expected to teach in a formal way, but IS asked to teach by expressing and showing how they live their day to day life in the Catholic tradition.

Technically, the role of sponsors is different than the role of godparents: Sponsors are gifts the RCIA Team chooses for the future Catholics who have yet to learn how to live a faithful life. Their role is one of a supportive and caring spiritual friend. They help the candidate feel welcome in the parish community. The sponsor of a candidate seeking Baptism “walks” with the catechumen until the time he or she is ready to be fully initiated. At that time the Catechumen selects his or her own Godparent to companion them the rest of their life. (The sponsor of a catechumen can become the godparent if they are committed to being available and helpful to the neophyte throughout their life long spiritual journey.)

The sponsors of candidates seeking Confirmation and/or Full Communion (the already-baptized) continue to be called Sponsors throughout the whole RCIA process.

What does it take to be an RCIA sponsor?

- A Confirmed, enthusiastic Catholic—involved with the parish community.
- An ability to listen actively with your heart open.
- A willingness to express and share your faith and your daily Catholic life
- A desire to be a hospitable, available companion during a person's faith journey.

We currently have a need for sponsors of adults and we are creating a list of men and women who are interested. If you feel you are ready for this rewarding ministry contact Jean Ramacciotti 650-494-2496 x34 or jramacciotti@dsj.org.

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

Aug 5 Actual \$7,761 • Goal \$11,000



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, Betty Heigel, Consuelo Hernandez

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, Mary Stivala Peterson, Lorraine Schemel

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, August 12:

7:30 am STA. . . . Isabel Mulcahy †
 8:45 am STA. . . . Vince Giovannotto †
 10:30 am OLR . . Frank Slater †
 10:30 am STA. . . Clothilda Rita Wait †
Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Monday, August 13: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

12:15 pm STA . . Zoe Rabuy Inciong †
Readings: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:15 am STA. . . . Virginia McCosker †
 12:15 pm STA . . Mary Roddy †
Readings: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 15:

8:30 am OLR . . . Odette A. Climandos †
 12:15 pm STA . . Suzanne Beaver (sp. int.)
Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday, August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30 am OLR . . . Rosie Brusati †
 12:15 pm STA . . Vocations
Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday, August 17:

8:30 am OLR . . . James & Edith Dubbs †
Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 18:

12:15 pm STA . . Miguel & Ninfa Villanueva †
Readings: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 18 & 19, 2012

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
 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. Rubio
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Epie
 Sun 12 noon TBD

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 12: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am SAG Site Comm. (SAGH)
3:00 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)
4:00 pm Encuentro Mass (OLR)
4:00 pm STAYouth (DC)
7:00 pm STAY the Summer (OLRH)

Monday, August 13:

6:30 pm PIA Immigration Talk (OLRH)
7:00 pm Catechists (SAGH)
7:00 pm Liturgy Team (TH)

Tuesday, August 14:

6:00 pm Spanish Baptism Class (DC)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (DC)

Wednesday, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, August 16:

10:00 am L. Schemel Funeral Mass (STA)
11:00 am Serra Club Lunch (TH)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm Catechists (OLRH)

Friday, August 17:

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 18: Blessed Virgin Mary; Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, Sept 16th

11:30am – Our Lady of the Rosary

PARISHIONER FUNERAL MASS

Lorraine Schemel, mother of Larry and Jaynee Schemel, passed away on August 4th.

There will be a Funeral Mass for her on Thursday, August 16th at 10:00 am at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, August 14th Vigil Mass
7:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday, August 15th

7:15 am at St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am at Our Lady of the Rosary

12:15 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish)

7:00 pm at St. Albert the Great

8:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas (Gregorian)

Plan ahead and join us on this very Holy Day honoring our Blessed Mother.

STA YOUTH LIFE TEEN AND THE EDGE

KICK-OFF MASS AND DINNER — All middle school and high school families are invited to join us for our ANNUAL FAMILY MASS AND DINNER on Sunday September 9th at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Mass will be held at 6pm followed by a potluck dinner for the whole family. Please stay and join us for our Parents Meeting from 8 to 8:30pm while your youth enjoy an evening of games. We ask that you RSVP to our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Alley White at awhite@dsj.org. For our potluck style dinner if your last name starts with: A-J: please bring a salad, K-S: please bring a fruit dish / salad or T-Z please bring cookies.

SECOND COLLECTION: CHURCH IN AFRICA — NEXT SUNDAY

The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa was founded on the basic principles of Pope John Paul II's call to action in *Ecclesia in Africa* and the adoption of the statement *A Call to Solidarity with Africa* from the bishops of the United States.

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. However, it is difficult for the church to sustain its growth and maintain essential pastoral outreach. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."

THANK YOU to all who have generously contributed to the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your support makes a real difference in the faith lives of the people in Africa. Please continue to pray for our African sisters and brothers.

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HELP WANTED

The hospitality group at OLR is looking for a new family to host the coffee social after the 10:30am Mass one Sunday a month. This is an ideal opportunity for any family looking for a way to serve our parish where parents and children can work together. You will be providing a warm and welcoming environment for your fellow parishioners to socialize after Mass. Training and detailed instructions provided. Please contact Laura Chiu at 650-283-6343 or email her at lauraleechiu@gmail.com.

WILLIAM BYRD MASS IN THREE VOICES

Mass for Three Voices by William Byrd sung by the St. Ann Choir of Palo Alto, under the direction of Dr. William Mahrt of Stanford University, with Gregorian Chant and sung Latin Mass for the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday, August 15, 8:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Church 751 Waverly St., Palo Alto

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.

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.

RETRouvaille... A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES

A program to help married couples heal and renew their marriages. Next San Jose Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend, August 17-19 and Follow-up Post Sessions on Aug 25, Sept. 8, 22, 29, and Oct 13. Initial weekend held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Mountain View and Post Session locations TBA. Register at HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus and Edda Rivera at (408) 605-4998. Retrouvaille provides marriage help!