

# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

**LABOR DAY MESSAGE** — As we celebrate Labor Day this year, let us review the status of blue collar workers in the country, and how faith-based people should view the labor movement.

Workers are still suffering from the recession; wages are down; 8% percent of Americans are looking for work and cannot find it. Furthermore, worker unions have steadily declined in the past few decades; currently only 7.6% of workers in the private sector are represented by unions. What should be the Catholic response to these issues? People of faith should consider the status of the country's working class, and especially the poor among us, from the point of view of human justice, and the dignity of the human person.

In 1891, Pope Leo wrote his ground-breaking encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, in which he identified the situation of workers as the key moral challenge of that time. Pope Leo was compelled to write this encyclical because of his conviction that the working poor were suffering from injustices at the hands of employers.

Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, has reinforced Pope Leo's words: "An economy that cannot provide employment, decent wages and benefits, and a sense of participation and ownership for its workers is broken in fundamental ways.

As we observe this Labor Day, our nation faces a contentious and necessary debate on how to reduce unsustainable debt and deficits, grow and strengthen the economy, and create jobs and reduce poverty. In this continuing discussion on how to allocate scarce resources and share sacrifice and burdens, our faith offers a clear moral criterion: put poor and vulnerable people first." See: <http://www.usccb.org/about/domestic-social-development/upload/Labor-Day-2011.pdf>.

*Human Concerns Committee*

## HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in Honor of Labor Day. The Daily Mass schedule remains unchanged.

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT



### Our Weekly Offering

Aug 19 Actual \$10,000 • Goal \$11,000  
Aug 26 Actual \$9,500 • Goal \$11,000  
Church in Africa ..... \$3,000

We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of returning to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!**

### Please Pray

 **FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Linda Staelgraeve, Erika Staelgraeve, William McNerny, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Frances Galea, Betty Heigel, Consuelo Hernandez, Emma Napolis, Kathy Gibbs, George Kimm  
**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, Talia Rodriguez, Diomira Quinta  
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, September 2:  
10:30 am OLR . . Hong Lee †  
*Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Monday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great  
7:15 am STA . . . Mary Baracchi & family †  
*Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30*

Tuesday, September 4:  
8:30 am OLR . . . All souls & special intention for Magdalena  
*Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37*

Wednesday, September 5:  
8:30 am OLR . . . Frank M. Briggs †  
*Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44*

Thursday, September 6:  
*Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11*

Friday, September 7:  
7:15 am STA . . . Msgr. William Lenane †  
8:30 am OLR . . . Michael Cummins (sp. int.)  
*Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39*

Saturday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
5:00 pm SAG . . . Jose & Julia Martinez †  
*Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]*

### FORGIVERS

*A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers. —Anonymous*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 8 & 9, 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. Marini  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Stanley  
Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBD

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 2: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 pm . . . . OLR Site Comm. (KC)  
3:00 pm . . . . Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)  
4:00 pm . . . . STAYouth (DC)

Monday, September 3: Labor Day, *Pastoral Center Closed*

7:00 pm . . . . Hispanic Lectors (OLR)

Tuesday, September 4:

7:00 pm . . . . Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)

Wednesday, September 5:

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

Thursday, September 6:

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

Friday, September 7: First Friday

7:00 pm . . . . Adoration (OLR)  
7:30 pm . . . . Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 8:

8:00 am . . . . Environment Team (OLR)  
8:30 am . . . . Liturgy Board (SAGH)

## CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION

Classes begin Sunday, September 9 (9:15 at OLR and 10:15 at SAG). It's not too late to register - you can register the first day of class. But get your registration in as soon as possible so we'll know to prepare for your children. Questions: Contact Susan at extension 25 in the Pastoral Center.

## FAREWELL & WELCOME BACK

We say goodbye to Fr. Franklin Epie as he returns to his home diocese in Cameroon. He was a big help these past 8 weeks. We will miss his simplicity and good humor, and hopefully, he will return to us again next summer. Fr. Randy completed his summer studies at Stanford Hospital working on his Clinical Pastoral Education certificate. It was an exhausting, but extremely rewarding experience.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS RETURN SEPTEMBER 11

September 11th; Key Moments in the History of the Catholic Church — Our host: Father Matt IF YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT.....The Crusades, the Inquisition, the “Dark Ages”, the Galileo Affair, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. On one Tuesday evening each month, Father Matt will lead us on an amazing Epic journey to discover the roots of our Catholic faith.

CRUSADES AND SCHOLARS: Our story resumes as we discover the TRUE story of the Crusades. How many were there and what was the motivation. This evening we learn about El Cid against the Moors in Spain, the formation of the Order of Knight's Templar and the Crusades against Saladin in Jerusalem. Against this backdrop we see the rise of the Mendicant Orders: St Francis, St. Clare and St. Dominic and the scholastic period of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Albert the Great. An Exciting period; learn more with Fr. Matt. Meet at Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm; as usual, refreshments will be served.

## PARISH PICNIC — SEPTEMBER 16

Our annual parish picnic will be held Sunday, September 16, from 11:30 until 3:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary on Cowper St. The Knights of Columbus will be barbecuing again! For the potluck, if your last name begins with A-P, please bring a salad or side dish; if Q-Z, please bring a dessert. Refreshments are provided. There will be games and crafts for the children throughout the day. In addition, special activities coinciding with the picnic include the 25th Anniversary Raffle drawing, the Dermody Center Open House, and the Totally Free Market, the description of which may be found elsewhere. Please see the poster in the vestibule for more picnic information.

## CATECHISTS AND AIDS NEEDED

We still need many people to step forward to help teach our children this year. Without sufficient catechists, our classes will need to be combined or cancelled. This is a great opportunity for YOU to learn more about your faith as you teach the children. Assistance, training, and support will be provided. Please consider serving as a catechist or aid in one of our classes this year. Contact Susan at extension 25 in the Pastoral Center.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION APPEAL — NEXT SUNDAY

The Annual Catholic Education Appeal provides financial assistance to many of our Catholic students who want to receive a Catholic education. This special collection is for the scholarship fund that supports the tuition financial aid program for both elementary and high school students in our schools.

Did you know that the Diocese of San Jose educates over 16,500 students in 29 elementary and six high schools across Santa Clara County? Our average tuition for one elementary student last year was \$7,000, while high school tuition is close to \$17,000. Many of our students are there because of the generosity and support of your parish community. With your generosity, you can make a difference by supporting the dreams of families to provide a Catholic education for their children. Please plan on giving generously.

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# September 2, 2012

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## SAVE THE DATE

CLIMATE CHANGE – Causes and Effects and Why This Matters, Friday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Seton School Auditorium. Dr. Gary Latshaw, a retired physicist and trained with the Climate Reality Project, will talk about the causes and potential effects of the global climate change; including some effects that can be expected locally if current trends continue unabated. Come to learn what we as individuals and as a community can do to take action.

Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center. Co-sponsored by the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, the Diocese of San Jose, Acterra, Sierra Club and others.  
*The Green Committee*

## SOLES4SOULS

Our Soles4Souls shoe collection, sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee, will be held on Sat. & Sun, Sept. 22 & 23 at all Masses at OLR, SAG and STA. We will be collecting new, used and worn-out shoes for Soles4Souls' world-wide distribution to people in need of crisis relief as well as to support their micro-enterprise efforts in impoverished areas.

Please tightly tie each pair with the laces or a thick rubber band. If you wish to contribute \$1-\$2/pair toward our shipping costs, please place your donation in the container provided at each collection site.

For further information, please visit the website [www.soles4souls.com](http://www.soles4souls.com) or call the HCC contact at 650-714-2131. Many thanks for assisting the parish in this effort.

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS

This is the second in a series of reflections related to the upcoming election offered by the bishops of the four dioceses in Kansas. The intention of this reflection (and those to follow) is not to endorse or oppose a particular candidate, political party, or political action committee. Instead, it is to show how human reasoning enlightened by our Catholic Faith shapes our thinking, choosing and acting in daily life, including the most basic obligation of citizenship: voting.

We care for others because we care about them – As a consequence of our oneness, we take responsibility for one another. Our duty to care for others is greatest when their ability to care for themselves is least. This duty begins and is greatest at the moment of conception until birth. It lessens, though never entirely as people grow into adulthood, and increases again as they age or become sick. Of course, our duty to care for others always remains great even towards adults when they are mentally or physically disabled, or are unable to secure for themselves the basics of a dignified life.