

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### MUSIC: A KEY ELEMENT OF MASS

When Catholics are asked what are some of the key elements of the Mass and a vibrant, worshipping community, music is often at the top of the list. I believe it is music which can, first, draw the assembly together, and then, prepare them for a more significant celebration of both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharistic.

Over time, each Mass community in our parish develops their own repertoire; they choose songs that they appreciate and enjoy singing; these include those hymns that stand the "test of time". Yet the effect of a particular song, just as it is with scripture readings, is affected by what is going on in our lives.

It was a challenge this past year to introduce the revised Mass settings in accordance with the new Roman Missal, because Mass settings, with their weekly repetition, really "settle in" to a congregation's heart. Even when small changes in notes were introduced, parishioners commented on them. But now even the new Mass settings are settling in.

It is a balancing act to select songs which the assembly is familiar with, enjoy, and will sing well, while at the same time, it remains a challenge to introduce new songs, and there are times when new songs immediately "hit home". Last Sunday, we sang the song "Breathe", a newer song from the Spirit and Song collection, and a parishioner came up right after Mass looking for Mari Olsen, who sang it. She said it was so beautiful, although she was unable to sing along because of the many tears in her eyes. It is this kind of impact music can have during a liturgy. "Breathe", by the way, is now the "most favorite song" of the St. Elizabeth Seton School children.

It is also good to explore other musical options. Some parishioners have noted the increased use of chant at Mass, either in the exchanges between priest and people, or in the introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer, or in the Our Father. With the revision of the Roman Missal last year, the use of chant was encouraged, and our pastor and priests are therefore attempting to fulfill this desire. Chant is another of the Church's traditions that we don't want to lose.

All our parish music ministers have found that music enhances their own participation in the Mass, and are willing to lead others to enhance our liturgies. Thank you for your support, suggestions, and active participation.

*Chris Lundin - Parish Music Minister*

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or

 *Our Weekly Offering*

Sept 2 Actual \$TBD • Goal \$11,000

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 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, 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, Betty Stivala

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 9:

9:00 am SAG ... Robert Wilkie †  
10:30 am OLR ... Paul Vavuris †  
10:30 am STA. ... Clothilda Rita Wait †  
*Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37*

Monday, September 10:

7:15 am STA. ... Mary Baracchi †  
8:30 am OLR ... James & Edith Dubbs †  
12:15 pm STA. ... Mary Peterson †  
*Readings: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11*

Tuesday, September 11:

8:30 am OLR ... Teresa Koo †  
*Readings: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19*

Wednesday, September 12:

*Readings: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26*

Thursday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom

8:30 am OLR ... Bobby Kerrigan †  
*Readings: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38*

Friday, September 14:

7:15 am STA. ... Msgr. William Lenane †  
8:30 am OLR ... Frank M. Briggs †  
*Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17*

Saturday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

5:00 pm SAG ... Michael & Gearailt Cummins (sp. int.)  
*Readings: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 15 & 16, 2012

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

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 9: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15/10:15 am Parents & Children Catechesis (OLRH/SAGH)

10:00 am . . . . SAG Site Comm. (SAGC)

10:30 am . . . . Hispanic Catechesis (DC)

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

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

4:00 pm . . . . Youth Family Potluck (OLRH)

Monday, September 10:

7:00 pm . . . . RCIA (PC)

7:00 pm . . . . TMC Liturgy Team (TH)

Tuesday, September 11:

6:00 pm . . . . Baptism Class (PC)

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

7:00 pm . . . . Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

6:30 pm . . . . PSC (SAGH)

Thursday, September 13:

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

7:00 pm . . . . STA Site Comm. (TH)

7:00 pm . . . . TMC (STAH)

Friday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:00 pm . . . . Gorretti Group (TH)

7:30 pm . . . . Climate Change (SESA)

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

Saturday, September 15:

## YOUTH KICK OFF

All are welcome to join the St Thomas Aquinas Youth (STAY) as we kick off our year on September 9th.

For the Dinner/Potluck if your last name begins with:

A-J: please bring a salad

K-S: please bring a fruit dish/salad

T-Z: please bring cookies

The Schedule for this evening will be:

6-7pm Mass

7-7:45pm Dinner

7:45-8:30 Parents Meeting, Teens Games

8:30 Clean Up

Please RSVP with Alley: [awhite@dsj.org](mailto:awhite@dsj.org)

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY.....

Faith formation classes for children from Pre-K through 5th grade begin today. Classes are held prior to the 10:30 a.m. Mass at OLR and following the 9 a.m. Mass at SAG. It's not too late to register, but you are encouraged to enroll your child/children as soon as possible to take advantage the assistance others are willing to offer you in the faith formation of your children. Learning their faith is as important as learning to read, write, or to do arithmetic, so please make the time for them to do this. We are also still in need of catechists and aides. Classes will have to be combined if we do not get more help in this area. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help in this area. Contact Susan (ext. 25) at the Pastoral Center if you have questions.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 11

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 NEXT WEEKEND — 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 crafts for the children along with a visit by the faerie that does face painting and balloon twisting. In addition, coinciding with the picnic will be a Dermody Center Open House, the drawing for the parish's 25th anniversary raffle, and the Totally Free Market, the description of which may be found elsewhere. Please see the poster in the vestibule for more picnic information.

## WHITE ELEPHANT GIVEAWAY

Got things around the house that are too nice to be discarded and yet you 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.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION APPEAL — THIS SUNDAY

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? 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. 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. Please plan on giving generously.

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# September 9, 2012

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## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOLers!!! Want to get to know some of your fellow CATHOLIC High Schooler? Join us for a day at 6Flags. It's that time of the year again to sign up for NOR CAL OnFire 2012. For those of you who don't know what OnFire is!!!? are you in for a treat. OnFire is the event that we go to every year at 6Flags Vallejo. Over 4000 youth from Northern California join us a day of faith and fun. We start off with Mass, followed by a day of roller coasters and (optional) workshops from amazing guest speakers (including Paul J Kim and Jackie Francois - both from DYR/Tahoe Retreat)..... THEN.... We close off the night with a concert from the top Christian Bands in the WORLD! This event is transforming and fun! Don't be the one to miss it!!! TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND SELL OUT QUICKLY!!! PLEASE REGISTER BY 9/9/12 with Alley at [awhite@dsj.org](mailto:awhite@dsj.org).

## RCIA FOR CHILDREN

Do you have a child (or children) who is aged 7 or more and has not been baptized? Do you have a child (or children) over the age of 7 who have not yet received First Eucharist? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for children is the proper venue for these children. There will be a gathering to pray, reflect, discern, and discuss this process on Wed, Sept. 19 from 6 - 7 pm in the Dermody Center. Please contact Susan 650 494-2496 ext. 25 if you have questions about the RCIA adapted for children.

## THE EDGE

We are excited about the upcoming year and with that we wanted to let you know about an upcoming FEATURED MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY event! Each year we host a series of Lock-Ins. This year we have TWO lock-ins (9/29 & 3/2). A lock-in is a FUN FILLED event that starts @7pm and ends the next morning at 9am. The middle schoolers spend the night playing games, doing crafts, having a wii tournament, glow in the dark tag, watching a movie and of course eating junk food. Each Lock-in has a theme! This year our first EDGE lock is themed iGAMES. We will have a series of LIFE SIZE games from the most popular iPhone apps. A sneak peak of games are: Angry Birds, Temple Run and Draw Something. To Register your youth (all friends are welcome – this is not a faith focused event) please email Alley for more information [awhite@dsj.org](mailto:awhite@dsj.org). This is a great opportunity for them to build community and have fun.

## HOTEL DE ZINK

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful generous folks who brought food to the homeless shelter. The guests were so appreciative and thankful. One comment was "this is like eating at the Ritz." Thanks again, Ruth