

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH: 1987 – 2012

Many of our present parishioners may not be aware of the significance of this our 25th anniversary as the Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas. Here is a short recap of our history.

Although the original parish of St. Thomas Aquinas was established in 1901, St. Aloysius in 1919, St. Ann's chapel in 1951, Our Lady of the Rosary in 1954, and St. Albert the Great in 1961, it was in 1987, when the four Palo Alto parishes, as well as the Newman Center with St. Ann's Chapel were consolidated into one parish encompassing the entire city of Palo Alto.

Here is a brief excerpt from the "History of the Catholic Community of Palo Alto" compiled by several parishioners in October of 1994. "The task of bringing the community together continues. There are 'inherent and historical divisions;' however, parishioners understand the need for unity, and how best to meet that challenge."

Indeed, the road to unity has not always been easy. Grieving is a process of letting go and moving on. We have worked through that process of shock, pain, anger, reflection, acceptance, reconstruction, and hope. Our love for Christ; Our love for the Church; Our love for one another has seen us through, and will see us on.

The words of a familiar prayer, attributed to the late Archbishop Oscar Romero come to mind on this day of celebration for the past, and our hope for the future.

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We may never see end results, but that is the difference between the master and the worker. We are workers, not master builders. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Fr. Matt, Pastor

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Weekly Offering

Sept 2 Actual \$10,500 • Goal \$11,000
Sept 9 Actual \$9,500 • Goal \$11,000
Catholic Education Appeal: \$2,500

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!

Pledwase Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, William McInerney, Theresa Diulus, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Frances Galea, Consuelo Hernandez, Emma Napolis, Kathy Gibbs, George Kimm, Kaleen Abel

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — 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, Elizabeth Hiegel, George Locke

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, September 16:

7:30 am STA. . . . John Pilling †
9:00 am SAG . . . Frank M. Briggs †
10:30 am OLR . . Hong Lee †
10:30 am STA. . . Brigid A. M. Japlit †
Readings: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

7:15 am STA. . . . Mary Baracchi & Family †
8:30 am OLR . . . Pat Franklin †
Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 18:

8:30 am OLR . . . Patricia Stanley (sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA . . Teresa Koo †
Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19: St. Januarius

8:30 am OLR . . . Anthony Luis Palomo (sp. int.)
Readings: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 20: Ss. Andrew Kim TaegDn and Paul ChDng Ha-sang and Companions

7:15 am STA. . . . Catherine McCosker †
8:30 am OLR . . . Ronald Short †
Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 21: St. Matthew

7:15 am STA. . . . Msgr. William Lenane †
8:30 am OLR . . . Zell Cooper †
12:15 pm STA . . Percy Aranha †
Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, September 22:

12:15 pm STA . . Teresa Koo †
Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 22 & 23, 2012

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Stanley
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. Stanley
Sun 12 noon TBD

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 16: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Catechetical Sunday

7:45 am Hispanic Eucharistic (OLRH)
9:15/10:15 am Children Catechesis (OLRH/SAGH)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
11:30 am Parish Picnic (OLR)
3:00 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)
4:00 pm STAYouth (DC)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)
7:00 pm Life Teen (DC)

Monday, September 17: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5773 begins at sunset)
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, September 18:
7:00 pm Hispanic Board (PC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, September 19:
10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
12:00 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)
6:00 pm RCIA for Children (DC)
7:00 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, September 20:
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, September 21:
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 22: Blessed Virgin Mary, Autumn begins
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

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.

PARISH PICNIC THIS 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 parish picnic today at OLR. 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.

PARISH PICNIC RAFFLE

Just a last minute reminder that the parish potluck picnic and raffle drawings are today, September 16, at Our Lady of the Rosary. All the picnic details are available today on the poster in the back of the church. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased between noon and 1:45 at the picnic.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY: SEPTEMBER 18

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE with guest speaker Arlene Marie Dean. An excellent speaker, Arlene has taught classes on grief for the past fifteen years in the diocese of San Jose. Recently she held classes at Saint Simons Parish. Twenty one years ago Arlene was widowed after her husband suffered a long battle with cancer. Feeling alone in her grief, she reached out to share the experience with others. Learn from her experiences to transition from grief to healing acceptance. Come and gain an understanding of the grief a person goes through and share common experiences. A question and answer period will follow her talk. Please join us at Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm; refreshments will be served.

SOLES4SOULS SHOE COLLECTION

Our Soles4Souls shoe collection, sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee, will be held on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 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 or call the HCC contact at 650-714-2131. Many thanks for assisting the parish in this effort.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought you'd like to learn how to teach English? Would you like the freedom to discover your own style—with some support? Do you have some time available to volunteer for an hour or two a week at the Day Worker Center in Mountain View?

If your answer to these three questions is "YES," please call Patricia Markee, ESL Coordinator for the Day Worker Center of Mountain View at 650 493-6242 or e-mail her at pmmarkee@hotmail.com (Note the two m's.). We currently have a special need for three assistants (two on Mondays from 9:30 to 11 and one on Fridays from 8:00 to 9:00. Only one of these assistants needs to know a little Spanish. English classes are held Monday to Friday during the daytime; about half our classes are taught in English.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

Members and their guests are invited to our gala Octoberfest on Thursday October 4 from 4 to 7 p. m., Games and mixing starting at 4 p.m. at Roland's Biergarten. Highlights will be all German sausages from Ditmars, red cabbage, sauerkraut, potato salad, Octoberfest pretzels, German beer and wine and soft drinks. Suggest you bring a beirstein and wear a german item. Cost is only \$20 for a gemütlich (very friendly) afternoon of fun, card games, German music and fellowship for all. RSVP asap Roland at rolquinmac@me.com or phone 650-208-3684 before deadline of Sept 29th. In case of rain we will move to Our Lady of the Rosary Hall.

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. This is a great opportunity for them to build community and have fun.