

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Be the Change You Want to See in the World"

This summer, at a weeklong Life Teen retreat in Arizona, I was introduced to the concept of "Radiant Joy." The camp was run by college age missionaries who showed me and the five other youth from St. Thomas Aquinas that joy is not only what we feel, but how we spread our joy to our peers. The joy we share in serving, and even just noticing others around us, is what truly shows our faith. It is not only the Bible we may have read, or the candidate we choose to support, that reflect our faith, but rather, it is the small acts of kindness and the smiles that we give to those around us that can make us missionaries of "Radiant Joy." All teens are invited to experience a year of "Radiant Joy" at our Sunday 6pm Life Teen Mass, as well as our Life Night that follows. Please contact Alley White, our Directory of Youth Ministry, for more information.



Adam Mansour, Life Teen Senior

CELEBRATION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

This Sunday, September 30 at 11:30am at St. Albert the Great Church, there will be a celebration of the Divine Liturgy (Byzantine Rite) as a special observance of the 25th anniversary of St. Basil Parish. Both the Byzantine Rite Bishop and Bishop McGrath will be present. Everyone is welcome to join in this joyful occasion.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Now at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish you can automate your weekly donation. You can sign-up online by visiting www.paloaltocatholic.org and click the Online Giving icon on the homepage. Your Sunday Offertory donations, as well as gifts to our Second Collections, will be automatically transferred from either your checking or savings account. Or use your credit card! A one-time enrollment will allow you to regularly contribute to St. Thomas Aquinas without remembering the extra step

of writing a check and finding your envelopes. Online Giving is safe, easy and convenient for you and it helps us! Questions, call Cathy Miller (650) 494-2496 ext. 24.



Our Weekly Offering

Sept 23 Actual \$9,000 • Goal \$11,000
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FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, William McInerney, Theresa Diulus, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Emma Napolis, Kathy Gibbs, George Kimm, Kaleen Abel, John Braun, Virginia Marovich

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, Dionira Quinta, Betty Stivala, Elizabeth Hiegel, George Locke, Barbara Jorpin, Frances Galea

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 30:

7:30 am STA... Robert Wright †
9:00 am SAG ... Bobby Kerrigan †
10:30 am OLR .. Asha Albuquerque (sp. int.)
Readings: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday, October 1: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

7:15 am STA... Mary Baracchi & family †
12:15 pm STA .. Delsie Aranha †
Readings: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 2:

8:30 am OLR ... Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA .. Syd Custodio (birthday)
Readings: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday, October 3:

8:30 am OLR ... Betty Hiegel †
Readings: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi

12:15 pm STA .. Peter Albuquerque †
Readings: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 5:

7:15 am STA... Msgr. William Lenane †
8:30 am OLR ... Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)
Readings: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 6: St. Bruno

12:15 pm STA .. Mary Fitzgerald (birthday)
Readings: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday October 6 & 7, 2012

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Valenton
Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am..... Fr. Hester
Sun 8:45 am..... Fr. Sandersfeld
Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Valenton
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. Seimas

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 30: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
4:00 pm STAYouth (DC)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)
7:00 pm Life Teen (DC)

Monday, October 1:

7:00 pm Hispanic Lectors (OLR)
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 3:

10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
5:30 pm RCIA for Children (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm Catechists (DC)
7:00 pm Community Life (PC)
7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, October 4:

7:00 pm Catechists (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm Hispanic First Comm. (PC)

Friday, October 5: First Friday

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

Saturday, October 6: Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary:

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 7 at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to bring your furry, feathered, and scaly creatures for this blessing. All pets are welcome, with owner in tow, of course.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Your generosity in the 9/30 second collection will assist our own local conference of St Vincent de Paul to help our neighbors in need.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY: OCTOBER 2

WEAK LEADERS AND THE GREAT WESTERN SCHISM – The history of our Faith is so much more than just a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph.

This week we look at weak leadership in the Church. Who was electing the Popes and how did the Papal succession come into question? What is the Great Western Schism? Heretics and what became of them, plus is anyone ready for the Spanish Inquisition? Dante writes the Divine Comedy, Joan of Arc hears voices and the invention of the printing press occur during this period. Join Fr. Matt and fellow Parishioners to hear the rest of the story!

CATECHISTS' GATHERING

All catechists are invited to gather for prayer, reflection, formation and support on Wednesday, October 3 from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Dermody Center. As we work together to catechize the children of our parish, may we also allow ourselves this important time to share what we are doing, to continue to form ourselves as catechists, and to pray and reflect on the task that lies before us. If you have questions about this or are unable to attend, please contact Susan in the Faith Formation Office at 50-494-2694, ext. 25.

FAITH FORMATION PARENTS' GATHERING

Parents are the primary catechists in the lives of their children. It is important to continue our own formation as we see to the formation of our young ones. Once a month all parents of children in our Pre-K through 5th grade faith formation program are invited to come together for a session of prayer, reflection and formation during the children's classes. Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 7 - 9:15 a.m. at OLR and 10:15 a.m. at SAG. The session will be held in the hall at each site. All are encouraged to take advantage of this time as we continue our journey of faith together. If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact Susan in the Faith Formation Office at 650-494-2694, ext. 25.

WELCOME BISHOP McGRATH

Sunday, October 14: Bishop McGrath will be celebrating the Eucharist with the Thomas Merton Center for Catholic Spiritual Development at the 8:45 Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. This coincides with the 50th anniversary of the start of the Second Vatican Council. All are welcome.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS

This is the third in a series of reflections related to the upcoming election. We regard human life as sacred. Our reverence for human life inspires us to care about and for others, especially to protect and defend people from harm. No one is justified in taking another human life, except in self-defense, as in a just war or capital punishment (though in the USA, in these modern times, the cases are very rare, if not practically nonexistent, in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity to defend ourselves against an unjust aggressor). Homicide, suicide, abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research are actions that kill another human life and that can never be morally justified.

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GREEN CORNER

How much standby power do your electronics use? How much are they really costing you? Find out by signing up for a FREE energy-saving HouseCall! Green@Home HouseCalls are offered by Acterra, a non-profit organization, and can save renters and homeowners \$50 to \$150 per year and reduce CO₂ emissions!

During a HouseCall, trained volunteers work with residents in their homes to perform a home energy assessment and install basic energy-saving upgrades. Upgrades include compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs), a retractable clothesline, low-flow water devices, and weatherstripping. Visit www.acterra.org/housecalls to sign up for this free service. Or call 650.962.9876, ext. 380. *The Green Committee*

GRIEF RECOVERY

Once again Arlene Dean is having a Grief Recovery Class for 10 weeks in the St. Simon Rectory Conference Room at 1860 Grant Road, Los Altos. Weekly, beginning Wednesday, October 3 through December 12 from 3:30-5:00pm (not including Thanksgiving week). Please call Arlene for more information at 650-968-7556. Open to all faiths in our area.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

Members and their guests are invited to our gala Octoberfest on Thursday October 4 from 4 to 7 p. m. 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.

YEAR OF FAITH – OPENING MASS

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath invites all parishes in the Diocese of San Jose to send delegates to the special Mass, Wed., Oct. 10, 7:30 pm, at St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica, the vigil of the opening of the Year of Faith.

The start of this Year of Faith coincides with the anniversaries of two great events that have marked the life of the Church: the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Year of Faith is intended to contribute to a renewed conversion to the Lord Jesus and to the rediscover of faith, so that the members of the Church will be credible and joy-filled witnesses to the risen Lord in the world of today—capable of letting those many people who are seeking it to the ‘door of faith.’