

# Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE YEAR OF FAITH HAS BEGUN!

The "Year of Faith" has begun on October 11, 2012 and concludes on November 24, 2013. This year commemorates two great anniversaries. The first is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the second is the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Both are milestones worthy of exploration. Pope Benedict XVI says that the focus of the Year of Faith is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (Porta Fidei 6).

During the Year of Faith, we are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that we may deepen our knowledge of the faith. It is an opportunity for us to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with Him.

The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year we are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ and His Church. May this be our year to risk knowing Jesus better, to grow in friendship that leads to intimacy with the Lover of our soul.

Deacon Daniel Hernandez

## WELCOME BISHOP MCGRATH

Today, 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.

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of September. Our average weekly collection for the first quarter of this new fiscal year, was \$9,680 (\$9,649 in 2011). We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for this 1st quarter at \$154,000 and received \$135,520. Did you know that our monthly insurance bill on all of our churches, schools, covenant, rectory, and rental properties is \$10,000 a month? Yes, the Sunday

Collection for the first week of each month goes to protect all of our wonderful facilities that we depend, each and every day, in order to accomplish the work of our parish mission. Thank you for sharing good gifts!

### Our Weekly Offering

Oct 7 Actual TBD • Goal \$11,000



### Pledwase Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, William McNerny, Theresa Diulus, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Kathy Gibbs, George Kimm, John Braun, Virginia Marovich, Bill Todd, Lester Connelly



**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, 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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 14:  
8:45 am STA... Vince Giovannotto †  
Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;  
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Monday, October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus  
7:15 am STA... Mary Baracchi & family †  
8:30 am OLR... Clare W. Mynderse †  
12:15 pm STA... Mary Peterson †  
Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;  
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 16: St. Hedwig;  
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque  
8:30 am OLR... Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)  
Readings: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch  
7:15 am STA... Pat Tighe †  
8:30 am OLR... Pat Tighe †  
12:15 pm STA... Enrique Laurel (birthday)  
Readings: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, October 18: St. Luke  
8:30 am OLR... Bill & Betty Hiegel †  
12:15 pm STA... vocations  
Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Friday, October 19: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions  
7:15 am STA... Msgr. William Lenane †  
8:30 am OLR... Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)  
Readings: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 20:  
12:15 pm STA... Stella Moss †  
Readings: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday October 20 & 21, 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. Brown  
Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Seimas  
Sun 12 noon ..... TBD

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 14: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am . . . . SAG Site Comm. (SAGH)  
10:30 am . . . . Hispanic Catechesis (DC)  
4:00 pm . . . . STAYouth (DC)  
4:30 pm . . . . Edge (DC)  
7:00 pm . . . . Life Teen (DC)

Monday, October 15:

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

Tuesday, October 16: National Boss Day

7:00 pm . . . . Hispanic Board Mtg. (PC)  
7:00 pm . . . . Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 17:

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

Thursday, October 18:

11:00 am . . . . Serra Club Lunch (TH)  
7:00 pm . . . . Centering Prayer (DC)  
7:00 pm . . . . Hispanic 1st Comm. Cat. (PC)

Friday, October 19:

5:00 pm . . . . Goretta Group (STA)  
7:30 pm . . . . Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, October 20: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am . . . . Environment Team (OLR)  
10:00 am . . . . EM Formation Session (SAGH)  
10:00 am . . . . One Night (DC)

## FORMATION SESSIONS

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend one of our ongoing formation sessions on either Saturday, Oct 20th from 10am-12pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center or on Saturday, Oct 27th from 10am-12pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. As part of your commitment to serve, you agreed to attend ongoing formation in your ministry and we hope you can attend one of our sessions.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY: OCTOBER 16

October 16 -The Jewish Understanding of Jesus. Our special guest speaker: Rabbi Shelley Waldenberg. Rabbi Waldenberg returns to Spirituality Tuesday Assembly to share a Jewish perspective on Jesus, our Messiah. Haven't we all wondered why Jesus was not recognized for who he was then, and is for us today? Come and hear the answers to the following:

Who is the historical Jesus through Jewish eyes? Why do the Gospels and much of Christian history depict the Jews as demanding the death of Jesus and the generational blood-guilt for his execution? What is the common ground of Jews and Christians with regard to Jesus in our own times?

Rabbi Waldenberg is a warm and engaging speaker. He is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Isaiah in Lafayette, California, where he served as Senior Rabbi for 19 years. His ministry is aimed at building bridges of understanding and trust between our faith communities. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity!

## THE QUEST FOR HAPPINESS

OCTOBER 23rd: The Quest for Happiness; a biblical approach; our speaker: Fr. Peter Choosing to be happy every day of our lives is one of the greatest lessons we can learn in life. Enjoying the quality of life that Jesus died to give us, to actually be happy, is a noteworthy goal. What makes people happy? What causes happiness? If you desperately want to increase the level of enjoyment in life, please attend Rev. Peter Seimas' presentation The Quest for Happiness: A Practical, Biblical Approach. In Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm; refreshments will be served. Fr. Peter is a licensed clinical psychotherapist practicing in our Parish.

## 2ND COLLECTION – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's World Mission Sunday! As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Special envelopes are provided in the pews. Thank you for your generosity on World Mission Sunday!

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS

This is the fifth in a series of reflections related to the upcoming election. We respect the dignity of every human person – People have a fundamental right to life, which serves as the basis for their dignity and for their right to those things needed to live in dignity, for example: productive work and fair wages, food and shelter, education and health care, protection from harm, and the right to move from one country to another when these things are not available. How these things are made available to people is a matter of prudent judgment, where people of good will might disagree.

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# October 14, 2012

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## 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](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org)

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

All children in our Faith Formation Program are invited to take a tour of the church on Monday, October 22 at St. Albert the Great or Wednesday, October 24 at Our Lady of the Rosary from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event is mandatory for all children preparing to receive the Sacrament, but all are welcome to attend, including parents. Please plan to join us and learn more about our worship spaces, including the behind-the-scenes places few people get to see. If you have any questions, contact Susan in the Pastoral Center.

## THANK YOU

Palo Alto Police Chief, Dennis Burns, to be honored at the Spanish Mass for his immigration policies. A "Thank You" ceremony for Palo Alto Police Chief, Dennis Burns will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary Church after the 9 am Spanish Mass, next Sunday, Oct. 21. Father Matt will be presiding at the Mass.

The Police Chief will be honored for his leadership in implementing policies that will reduce unnecessary deportations of immigrants after being booked by police following simple infractions of the law.

The disasters that occur when parents are suddenly separated (homelessness, evictions, etc.) and the tragic situation of a mother afraid to call the police when faced with spousal abuse are examples of what Chief Burns will be minimizing by his policies.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17: S.O.U.P.

S.O.U.P. (Sharing Ourselves with Undernourished People) continues on October 3 at 6:00 pm and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at OLR Hall, 3233 Cowper Street.

Just bring a bowl and spoon, and some snacks to share. Donate what you would have spent on dinner. The money goes to good causes that the group supports -- individuals and groups who are making a concrete difference in people's lives. Go away with a lot of good cheer, delicious soup and knowledge about what SOUP means and the accomplishments of the SOUP Community. Our upcoming dates: November 7 & 21; December 5 & 19

*Jim and Joyce McLaughlin, S.O.U.P. Coordinators*