

# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE YEAR OF FAITH – WHAT IS AN AMBRY?

An ambry is a place of honor to reserve the holy oils that are blessed by the bishop every year at the Chrism Mass, usually right before Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil). Some ambries are ornate affairs, while others are simple cabinets, perhaps with glass doors, that hang on the wall near the baptismal font. It all depends on what fits well within each church site.

The oils received at the Chrism Mass are presented to the parish on Holy Thursday evening and placed in an ambry for display in the church all year. The oils remind us that in our sacramental life of faith, simple and ordinary elements are used to celebrate profound realities.

The Oil of the Sick is used in the Anointing of the Sick. Sacred Chrism is used at Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders; and the Oil of Catechumens is used at Baptism.

Currently, we have an ambry at only one of our sites, St. Albert the Great. It is set into the wall behind the altar and thus, isn't really visible to the parishioners. There are future plans create a new one in the back of church near the baptismal font. At Our Lady of the Rosary, we have been blessed with donations to acquire an ambry and we hope to make that happen in the near future. At St. Thomas Aquinas, the Interior Committee is researching ideas on where an ambry might work well inside the church and what it might look like. – *Nora Lundin, Director of Liturgy & Music*

## OCTOBER 28 FAMILY MASS

Our children are invited to dress as or bring symbols of their favorite saint for next Sunday's Family Mass. They may, of course, wear their costumes in their faith formation classes as well. All children who wish to participate are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass and meet with Susan Olsen for instructions. If you have any questions about this, contact Susan at the Pastoral Center.



## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP? Stewardship is defined as our generous response to God for all the blessings we have received in life. All believers are asked to return a portion of their blessings to the service of the Kingdom, the service of the Church, through sharing their time, talent and treasure. St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is a

 **Our Weekly Offering**

Oct 7 Actual \$11,000 • Goal \$11,000  
 Oct 14 Actual \$10,000 • Goal \$11,000  
 St. Elizabeth Seton School \$3,500

stewardship parish, which means we ask every member of our faith community to generously pledge to support the mission and life of the parish through their weekly offering and through a commitment to a parish ministry, organization, program or activity.

 *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, Lil Nguyen*

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — *Joan Sterling, Mary Stivala Peterson, Lorraine Schemel, Talia Rodriguez, Diomira Quintana, 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 21:  
 10:30 am OLR . . . Peter Albuquerque †  
*Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]*
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- Monday, October 22:  
 7:15 am STA. . . . . Mary Baracchi & Family †  
 8:30 am OLR . . . Bill & Betty Hiegel †  
*Readings: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21*
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- Tuesday, October 23: St. John of Capistrano  
 12:15 pm STA . . . Delsie Aranha †  
*Readings: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38*
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- Wednesday, October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret  
 12:15 pm STA . . . Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)  
*Readings: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48*
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- Thursday, October 25:  
*Readings: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53*
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- Friday, October 26:  
 7:15 am STA. . . . . Msgr. William Lenane †  
 8:30 am OLR . . . Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)  
*Readings: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59*
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- Saturday, October 27:  
 5:00 pm SAG . . . Michael & Gearailt Cummins (sp. int.)  
*Readings: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9*
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- PRESIDERS SCHEDULE**
- Saturday & Sunday October 27 & 28, 2012
- St. Albert the Great  
 Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Valenton  
 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. Ballard  
 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. Valenton

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 21: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday  
7:45 am ..... Hispanic Eucharist (OLRH)  
9:15, 10:15 am Rel. Ed. (ISP/SESS)  
10:30 am .... Hispanic Catechesis (DC)  
3:00 pm..... TMC (SAGH)  
4:00 pm..... STAYouth (DC)  
4:30 pm..... Edge (DC)  
7:00 pm..... Life Teen (DC)

Monday, October 22:

6:00 pm ..... Youth Church Tour (SAG)  
7:00 pm ..... RCIA (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... TMC Liturgy (TH)

Tuesday, October 23:

3:00 pm ..... SESS Choir Practice (SAG)  
7:00 pm ..... Knights of Columbus (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 24:

9:15 am ..... Fr. Allen's Church History Class (OLRH)  
9:30 am ..... Bldg. & Maint. (PC)  
6:00 pm ..... Youth Church Tour / RCIA for Children (OLR)

Thursday, October 25:

7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Hispanic 1st Comm. Cat. (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Wills Seminar (SAG)

Friday, October 26:

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

Saturday, October 27: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)  
10:00 am .... EM Formation Session (SAGH)  
10:30 am .... Baptism Class (PC)

## FRENCH MASS

Fr. Thierry Geris would like to invite you to a celebration of the Eucharist in French on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. This celebration takes place twice a year, in the fall and in the spring. It allows French-speaking Catholics from different nations and their friends to renew the connection between their faith, culture, and family. All are welcome.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY: OCTOBER 23

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; bring your bible, refreshments will be served. Fr. Peter is a licensed clinical psychotherapist practicing in our Parish.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

All children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion and their parents are invited to participate in a tour of the church on Monday, October 22 at St. Albert the Great or Wednesday, October 24 at Our Lady of the Rosary. Both tours will be from 6 pm to 7 pm. All are welcome to participate in this special opportunity to learn more about our worship space, including visits to parts of our space most people seldom get to see. Questions? Contact Susan in the Pastoral Center.

## PROPOSITION 34

Replacing the Death Penalty with Life Without Parole — This November, California voters will have the opportunity to replace the death penalty with life without possibility of parole by voting YES on Proposition 34, which stands for "Savings, Accountability, and Full Enforcement for California Act" (formerly SAFE California).

**Savings:** Many people believe that executing a prisoner is cheaper than incarceration for life. In fact, the opposite is true: California will save a grand total of \$1 billion over five years by eliminating the death penalty.

**Accountability:** SAFE California requires persons convicted of murder to work while in prison and to apply their earnings to a victims' compensation fund.

**Full Enforcement:** On average, 46% of murders and 56% of rapes go unsolved in California each year. The SAFE Act creates a \$100 million fund to help track down these dangerous criminals and close these cases.

Prop 34 accords with the Church's pro-life teaching on capital punishment and restorative justice, and eliminates the grave risk of executing an innocent person. The bishops of the California Catholic Conference have collectively lauded the initiative's qualification for the November ballot and lend their full support to its passage. In the words of Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, the initiative is a "prudent, life-affirming, safety-enhancing, and cost-savings change in sentencing law."

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sylvia came to us with her two pre-school children, Jimmy and Patty. She has another child who is in grade school. She has recently left her husband who is addicted to prescription drugs. She moved to Palo Alto from Portland to the family owned house. Unfortunately the home is in foreclosure and she does not have a job. Her money has run out-she only has \$103.00 left. Her automobile insurance runs out in 10 days. She has no family available to her. St. Vincent de Paul provided her with emergency funds and referred her to the South Palo Alto Food Closet and to other agencies where she can be helped.

The St. Vincent de Paul collection will be on Sunday October 28. Especially in these very difficult economic times, there are many people like Sylvia who have dire needs. Imagine if you were in this position and please be generous when the collection plate for St. Vincent de Paul is passed.

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## RCIA FOR CHILDREN

Do you have a child who is aged 7 or more who has not been baptized? Do you have a child over the age of 7 who has not yet received First Eucharist? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for children is the proper venue for sacramental preparation for these children. Our formation classes have begun and are held on Wednesdays from 6 - 7 pm in the Dermody Center. Please contact Susan at the Pastoral Center (650-494-2694, ext. 25) if you have questions about the RCIA adapted for children or just join us in the Dermody Center on Wednesday.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISING

This weekend (October 20-21) the Knights of Columbus will be holding their nationwide fundraising for the Colombian Foundation for "People With Intellectual Disabilities".

Our own Palo Alto Council will be outside all masses with their Yellow cans and Aprons to give you an opportunity to contribute to this very worthwhile cause. We direct our contributions to "Abilities United" and "Achieve Kids" both located on Middlefield Road here in Palo Alto.

## ALTAR SERVERS — ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

The opportunity to assist our priests in service at the Altar is a very special one offered to our youth from 5th grade and up. Training for new Altar Servers at SAG will be held on Sunday, October 28 and November 4 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday, November 7 and 14 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Four sessions are required to complete the training. Applications are available on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the vestibule. Contact Susan in the Pastoral Center if you have questions about participating in this ministry.

## THANK YOU

Correction and Update: the Thank You ceremony is on Oct 28. 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. 28**. Father Matt will be presiding at the Mass.

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.