

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

YEAR OF FAITH – PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY It is a humbling and joyful experience for all of us to serve the Lord, our family, community and country. Indeed, all of us are called to be holy according to our state of life. Some are called to the marriage life or single life; while others are called to the religious life and to the priesthood. The call for holiness is a personal invitation from God who is Holy and the source of all holiness.

It is true that all of us are priests, but I would like to clarify some confusion and distinguish the differences between the “common priesthood” and “ministerial priesthood.” By our Baptism we are incorporated into Christ and are constituted the people of God, who have been made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ. We are called to play our part in carrying out the mission of Christ in the Church and in the world. This kind of priesthood that we received through baptism is what the Catholic Church refers to as the “common priesthood.” It is different from the ordained priesthood which the church calls the “ministerial priesthood” because it was specifically instituted by Jesus Christ when he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. (Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:14-21. 1 Cor 11:23-26).

The Catechism states that, “the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood” (Catechism #1547). The ministerial priesthood is necessary because the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church’s liturgy (S.C #10) and the ‘Eucharist makes the Church’ (L.G #11). Thus bishops and priests are ordained to preside at these liturgical celebrations. The celebration of the liturgy is what defines the essence of the priest since his principal task is to renew on the altar Christ’s sacrifice on Calvary.

Blessed Pope John Paul II in his pastoral visits to different countries has always made a point of speaking to priests and seminarians to confirm them in their vocation, and to show them how to find their true identity in Christ, the Eternal High Priest. He has repeatedly said that their lives will be authentic to the extent that they reflect Christ, in so far as they become alter Christus, other Christs. The priest acts in persona Christi (in the person of Christ), a defining characteristic of priestly identity. — *Fr. Randy, Parochial Vicar*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP? Everything that God has given to us is intended to serve the divine plan. Therefore, our life is to be lived in gratitude toward God. In a variety of ways, we as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, share our time, talent and treasure to build up the Church and make our world a better place. We encourage




Our Weekly Offering

Oct 21 Actual \$10,000 • Goal \$11,000
World Missions \$3,250

everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the “first fruits” of the “treasure” we 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, William McNerny, Theresa Diulus, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Heim, Consuelo Hernandez, Kathy Gibbs, George Kimm, John Braun, Bill Todd, Lester Connelly, Lil Nguyen, Tom Kocal, Rochelle Ford*

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — *Joan Sterling, Mary Stivala Peterson, Lorraine Schemel, Talia Rodriguez, Diomira Quinta, Betty Stivala, Elizabeth Hiegel, George Locke, Barbara Torpin, Frances Galea, Virginia Marovich*

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, October 28:
Readings: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
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- Monday, October 29:
7:15 am STA . . . Mary Baracchi & Family †
8:30 am OLR . . . Magdalena Family sp. int.
12:15 pm STA . . special intention
Readings: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
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- Tuesday, October 30:
8:30 am OLR . . . Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)
Readings: Eph 5:21-33 [2a, 25-33]; Lk 13:18-21
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- Wednesday, October 31:
8:30 am OLR . . . special intention
12:15 pm STA . . Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)
Readings: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
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- Thursday, November 1:
8:30 am OLR . . . Palomo Family sp. int.
12:15 pm STA . . Florencio and Maria Nieves Pedron †
Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
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- Friday, November 2:
7:15 am STA, 8:30 am OLR, 12:15 pm STA
..... All Souls †
Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
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- Saturday, November 3: St. Martin de Porres
5:00 pm SAG . . . Antonio R. Palomo Jr †
Readings: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

- Saturday & Sunday November 3 & 4, 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 Msgr. Sandersfeld
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas
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. Stanley

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 28: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; National World Youth Day (U.S.)
7:45 am Hispanic Eucharist (OLRH)
9:15, 10:15 am Rel. Ed. (ISP/SESS)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
4:00 pm STAYouth (DC)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)
7:00 pm Life Teen (DC)

Monday, October 29:
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, October 30:
3:00 pm SESS Choir Practice (SAG)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 31: Halloween

Thursday, November 1: All Saints
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Comm. Cat. (PC)

Friday, November 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls); First Friday
7:00 pm Adoration (OLR)
7:00 pm Remembrance Mass (SAG)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, November 3: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. — Psalm 126:3

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday All Saints Day
November 1st, our Mass Schedule is as follows: 7:15am, 12:15pm, 8:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church; 8:30am & 7pm (Spanish) at Our Lady of the Rosary Church; 10am (SESS) & 7pm at St. Albert the Great Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul collection will be today, Sunday October 28. Please be generous when the collection plate for St. Vincent de Paul is passed.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY: OCTOBER 30

OCTOBER 30th: "Four Last Things": Heaven, Hell, Purgatory and Judgment. Fr. Matt and Deacon Daniel will be our guides. Traditional Catholic theology has distinguished the "Four Last Things": Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. We are admonished to meditate upon these things frequently. We WILL die, be judged, and spend eternity either in Hell, or in Heaven (likely after some time in purgatory). The reality of judgment, and the possibility of Hell, bothers a lot of modern Christians who have had God's love emphasized to the exclusion of just about everything else about God. How to explain the possibility of Hell to a generation with a rather simplified notion of God? Perhaps the word "respect" can help. God wants to save us all and have us live with him forever. But God has made us free and wants us to freely love Him and accept His invitation. This is His respect for our freedom. All human beings are appointed to die once, and after that face "The" judgment (Hebrews 9:27). We are all on this journey. Learn more about Catholic teaching. Bring your questions!

ALL SOULS DAY

Friday, November 2nd is the day when the Church commemorates all of the faithful departed. While this has never been a day of obligation, it has always been a day of particularly fervent prayer. We will celebrate our normal daily Masses & our annual Mass of Remembrance at 7:00pm at St. Albert the Great church. You may bring your All Souls Day envelope to Mass then or next Sunday. These envelopes will remain near the Easter Candle throughout the month of November as we pray for all of our beloved dead throughout the month.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During the month of November, a special book will be placed near the Easter Candle. You are invited to inscribe the names of your departed family members and loved ones in this book. These people will be remembered in the prayers of our parish community throughout the month. The envelopes for All Souls Day (included in this week's bulletin) will also be placed with this Book near the Easter Candle.

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.

TAIZE PRAYER: THURSDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL!

This is an opportunity to take a few moments for yourself and for your soul. Taize Prayer uses the psalms, scripture, songs and silence. It uses music, chants, prayer and meditation to promote a sense of inner peace. The Taize music, songs and chants, are simple to learn and sing.

This form of prayer service originated in the small town of Taize, France in 1940 and is ecumenical in origin. Please join us! Fr. Randy says: "Bring a friend for a personal encounter with Jesus". Our Lady Of The Rosary Church November 15th and 29th and December 6th and 20th from 7:00-8:00 pm.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Parents of faith formation students have class next week, Sunday, November 4. In this year of faith, we are called by Pope Benedict to become "joy-filled witnesses to Christ in our world." How do we do that in our every day lives? What do we need to do to enliven our own faith to help our children grow in theirs? All parents are invited to attend our session during the children's classes. Meet in the hall at OLR and in the 6th Grade Classroom at SAG. If your child is preparing to receive the sacraments, you must attend these monthly classes.

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, 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.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN

Do you have a child who is aged 7 or more who has not been baptized? Or 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).

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

On Thursday Nov. 1, the Widow and Widower Group gather again to greet and eat! The Place: Fishmarket Restaurant: 3150 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 94306. Time: 5 P.M. Cost: Choose a \$15 dinner or \$25 dinner, price-fixed, includes tax and tip. There are many choices: Fish, Chicken breast, Seafood pastas etc etc...All Widow and Widowers are welcome. For reservations: Please call Hilary (650) 324-3820 hilarydonahue@hotmail.com by Sunday October 28th.

REFUGEE FAMILY NEEDS BICYCLES

One of the Congolese families is in need of 3 bicycles: an adult man's bike for the father, plus 2 children's bikes for the 7-year-old son and the 6-year-old daughter. Any parish family wanting to donate a spare functioning bike please contact Laura Chiu of the Human Concerns Committee by calling 650-283-6343 or emailing to lauraleechiu@gmail.com.