

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

YEAR OF FAITH – YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

We are only a few weeks into the Year of Faith, but STAY has already immersed ourselves in the study of what this means for us as Catholics. The Pope has written a document called "Porta Fidei" calling for a deeper study of the documents of Vatican II as well as the Catechism.

STAY has been using these documents and scripture to dive deeper into the faith using a 9-week study series led by the Life Teen Core Team. This is a time for us as a community to learn more about Jesus and to move into closer relationship with Him. This year is a gift, an opportunity for us to rediscover Christ in prayer and knowledge.

Pray with scripture, with writings of saints and popes, and pray the Mass and pray it often because we can encounter Christ in the most intimate way. It has been said that what breath is to body, prayer is to soul. Please pray for us as we enter into deeper understanding of our faith this year.

Erinn Baatrup, Assistant to the Director of Youth Ministry



SANCTUARY RECONSTRUCTION AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

Construction work for Phase I of the interior work is scheduled for the last two weeks of November and the first two weeks of December. Work will be confined to the sanctuary and will include reconfiguring the altar platform, installing new oak flooring on part of the altar platform, and some wiring under the platform. Work will be scheduled to allow 7:15 am and 12:15 pm weekday Masses to be held. The sanctuary will be blocked off and possibly a few of the front pews removed temporarily. Notice will be posted in the church vestibule explaining the continuance of Mass schedules.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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 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!

 **Our Weekly Offering**
 Nov 4 Actual \$11,000 • Goal \$11,000
 Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief \$3,795
 All Saints Day \$1,500

 *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 Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Kathy Gibbs, George Kimm, John Braun, Bill Todd, Lester Connelly, Lil Nguyen, Tom Kocal, Rochelle Ford, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Marguerite Purcell

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Joan Sterling, Mary Stivala Peterson, Lorraine Schemel, Talia Rodriguez, Diomira Quinta, Betty Stivala, Elizabeth Hiegel, George Locke, Barbara Jorpin, Frances Galea, Virginia Marovich, Jerry McGovern, Gary Fazzino, Francis Tucker O'Brien

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, November 11:
 7:30 am STA... Pacita Manding †
 8:45 am STA... Vince Giovannotto †
 9:00 am SAG ... Thomas & Sons (sp. int.)
 10:30 am OLR .. Ignatio & Beatrize
 Manzano †
Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Monday, November 12: St. Josaphat
 8:30 am OLR ... Andrew Chan †
 12:15 pm STA .. Donald Menzi (health)
Readings: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
 8:30 am OLR ... Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)
 12:15 pm STA .. Audrey Custodio (birthday)
Readings: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 14:
 7:15 am STA... Andrew Kutches †
 8:30 am OLR ... Virginia Marovich †
 12:15 pm STA .. Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)
Readings: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 15: St. Albert the Great
 8:30 am OLR ... Bill & Betty Hiegel †
 12:15 pm STA .. Dina Lyn Mariano (health)
Readings: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
 All Masses..... All Souls †
Readings: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 12:15 pm STA .. Carolyn Razzano (sp. int.)
 5:00 pm SAG ... Michael & Gearailt
 Cummins (sp. int.)
Readings: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 17 & 18, 2012

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
 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. Valenton
 Sun 12 noon Fr. Thompson, O.P.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, November 11: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
9:15, 10:15 am Rel. Ed. (ISP/SESS)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)

Monday, November 12: *Pastoral Center Closed*
7:00 pm Hispanic Catechesis (PC)
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)
7:00 pm TMC Liturgy (TH)

Tuesday, November 13:
3:00 pm SESS Choir Practice (SAG)
6:00 pm Hispanic Baptism Class (PC)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (DC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, November 14:
9:15 am History Class (OLRH)
5:30 pm RCIA for Children (DC)
7:00 pm Pastoral Stewardship (SAGH)

Thursday, November 15:
11:00 am SESS Development (STAH)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (OLR)
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Comm. Cat. (PC)
7:00 pm Taize Prayer (OLR)

Friday, November 16:
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, November 17:
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
10:00 am Oneight (DC)

VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

In honor of the Veterans Day Holiday the Pastoral Center is closed Monday, November 12th. The daily Mass schedule remains unchanged.

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 will also be placed with this Book near the Easter Candle.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

Tuesday, November 13: Key Moments in the History of the Catholic Church. Our host Father Matt will help us review "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 continue to 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! 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. Refreshments too!

TAIZE PRAYER THURSDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL

This is an opportunity to take a few moments for yourself and for your soul. Taizé (tay-zay) 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". Please join us at Our Lady Of The Rosary Church November 15th and 29th and December 6th and 20th from 7:00-8:00 pm.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Second Collection next Weekend — CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. CCHD also provides the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection. CCHD's grants to local anti-poverty efforts are screened, awarded and monitored in close partnership with local Catholic dioceses. CCHD grants to groups in a local community require the explicit approval of the bishop of that diocese.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, is the one authentic American religious feast. How better for us to honor this day than to gather as a faith community for the celebration of the Eucharist at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary. Our collection, for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference we will be a big help to families in our area who have little money left over for groceries after paying rent, utility, and medical bills. We invite you to bring bread for your Thanksgiving dinner tables to be blessed.

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FAITH FORMATION CORNER

No faith formation classes this week, November 11, due to the holiday. Our next class will be next Sunday, Nov. 18. The RCIA for Children/Sacramental Prep Class will meet as usual on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. in Dermody Center.

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. Please contact Susan at the Pastoral Center (650-494-2694, ext. 25).

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

Thursday, November 15: St. Elizabeth Seton School "Got Coffee?" Information Session. Join us at St Elizabeth Seton School for coffee at 8:30 on Thursday morning, November 15!

Come learn more about all that is happening at Seton School. Come see our progress with the construction of our new preschool. Invite your neighbor, friend or relatives to come with you. St Elizabeth Seton School is the only Catholic elementary educational alternative for at-risk community of East Palo Alto. Seton School is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by offering admission regardless of a family's ability to pay tuition so that children may realize their academic potential in a safe and secure environment.

Please RSVP to let us know you're coming. Tel: 650-3261258 or email: sessdevelopment@gmail.com.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Opportunity: One Tutor Found, More Needed at St. Elizabeth Seton School – Parishioner Dick Placone found a tutor for Seton - a Stanford grad student came forward! Wonderful! St. Elizabeth Seton School still needs tutors to help kids learn to read. Interested parties can call Seton at 650-326-9004 to get more information. This is an extremely rewarding volunteer service. The kids are just so grateful as are their parents and teachers. Thanks for considering this act of stewardship.

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.