

# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### YEAR OF FAITH – THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

In a beautiful “message to the People of God,” the Synod of Bishops has challenged all Catholics to take up the task of the New Evangelization.

In a summary of the Final Message approved by the Synod participants on October 24, the participants explained that the New Evangelization “is not a question of finding new strategies as if the Gospel was to be spread like a market product, but rediscovering the ways in which individuals come close to Jesus.”

The purpose of the New Evangelization, as of any evangelization, is to bring people to Christ, the Synod teaches. And this entails bringing people to the Catholic Church. The encounter with the Lord, which reveals God as love, can only come about in the Church, as the form of receptive community and experience of communion; from this, then, Christians become its witnesses also in other places.

The Bishops of the synodal Assembly invite Christians of North America, to respond with joy to the call to a new evangelization, while they look with gratitude at how your young Christian communities have borne generous fruits of faith, charity and mission. You need to recognize the many expressions of the present culture in the countries of your world which are today far from the Gospel. Conversion is necessary, from which is born a commitment that does not bring you out of your cultures, but in their midst to offer to all the light of faith and the power of life. – *Fr. Matt, Pastor*

## 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 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

What you commit to God’s work here at St. Thomas Aquinas will significantly impact our programs, ministries, services, staffing, buildings and grounds. 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 11 Actual TBD • Goal \$11,000  
St. Elizabeth Seton School..... TBD

### 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, Marquerite 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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 18:

8:45 am STA... Frances Galea †

9:00 am SAG ... Gary Fazzino †

10:30 am OLR .. Nora Murphy (health)

Readings: *Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32*

Monday, November 19:

8:30 am OLR ... Marianne Kelly (sp. int.)

12:15 pm STA .. Thomas & Sons (sp. int.)

Readings: *Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43*

Tuesday, November 20:

8:30 am OLR ... Bill & Betty Hiegel †

12:15 pm STA .. Elizabeth Leon Guerrero (health)

Readings: *Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10*

Wednesday, November 21:

7:15 am STA... Andrew Kutches †

8:30 am OLR ... Eleanor de Turk †

Readings: *Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28*

Thursday, November 22: St. Cecilia

Readings: *Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44*

Thanksgiving Day: *Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9;*

*Lk 17:11-19*

Friday, November 23: St. Clement I;

St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

All Masses..... All Souls †

Readings: *Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48*

Saturday, November 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Readings: *Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 24 & 25, 2012

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm ..... Fr. Valenton

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. Marini

Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Valenton

Sun 12 noon ..... Fr. Wall, 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. Stanley

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, November 18: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 . . . . Lifeteen (DC)

Monday, November 19:

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

Tuesday, November 20:

3:00 pm . . . . SESS Choir Practice (SAG)

6:00 pm . . . . Hispanic Baptism Class (PC)

7:00 pm . . . . Hispanic Board (PC)

7:30 pm . . . . Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am . . . . Adult Spirituality (PC)

6:00 pm . . . . SOUP (OLRH)

7:30 pm . . . . Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, November 22: Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23:

7:30 pm . . . . Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, November 24:

8:00 am . . . . Environment Team (OLR)

10:30 am . . . . Baptism Class (PC)

## NO SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY

...this week, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

## THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday – Thursday and Friday November 22 & 23.

## 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.

## S.O.U.P.

S.O.U.P. (Sharing Ourselves with Undernourished People) continues 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. Here are the upcoming dates: November 21 - December 5 and 19.

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

## 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 Taizé music, songs and chants, are simple to learn and sing.

This form of prayer service originated in the small town of Taizé, 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 this Sunday — For more than 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

## AN INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please come join an interfaith Thanksgiving celebration being organized by various local faith communities, including American Muslim Voice, Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto Friends Meeting, First Presbyterian, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, to name a few. It will be held on Nov 20, Tuesday, from 7:30 pm at Congregation Kol Emeth at 4175 Manuela Avenue, Palo Alto. There will be songs, stories, prayers, dancing and refreshments. A collection will also be taken up to benefit those locally through the Ecumenical Hunger Program and also those on the East Coast who suffered devastation from the recent storm.

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## FAITH FORMATION HELP NEEDED

**JOBS AVAILABLE** — As some of you may have heard, my assistant, Angela Rebollar, will be leaving our parish to move into a new home in the East Bay. Despite attempts to persuade her to "commute," she will be also leaving her position assisting me with children's faith formation administration duties at the end of December. So, I need help! There are three paid positions available, with the possibility of combining two into one for additional hours:

1. Administrative assistant to work in the office during the week keeping records of faith formation program for children. Good organizational and computer skills required. 10-12 hours per week.
2. Site Coordinator for OLR - Open classrooms and assist catechists, children, and parents as needed for Sunday morning classes. 3-4 hours on Sunday
3. Site Coordinator for SAG - Open and close classrooms and assist catechists, children, and parents as needed for Sunday morning classes. 3-4 hours on Sunday

We would like whoever fills these positions to begin in early December to take advantage of Angela's continued presence for training. If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Susan in the Pastoral Center (650-4949-2496. Ext. 25).

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

No class next week (November 25) due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Wishing everyone a very happy, blessed, and safe Thanksgiving. May we all count the many blessings in our lives and give thanks for all the good things God has done for us! On November 25 we bring our liturgical year to a close with the celebration of Christ the King. Jesus came to establish God's kingdom here on Earth and to teach us how to live our lives to help build that kingdom. Christ's kingship is not based on human power but on loving and serving others. Do we look to him as king and ruler of our lives who leads us to lives of love and service and ultimately to salvation?

Parents, Catechists & Children are invited to a New Year Celebration: Happy Advent!!! Sunday, December 2:  
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - OLR Hall, 10:15 - 11:15 - EASS Hall

All are invited to celebrate the beginning of our new liturgical year as we enter the season of Advent and prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Children and parents will have an opportunity to participate in activities to help us learn about and celebrate the season of Advent. Sign-ups for our Christmas Pageant will be taken. Refreshments will be served. Some special guests have been invited. You don't want to miss seeing them!

If you'd like to help with refreshments or other activities, or if you have questions, contact Susan Olsen at the Pastoral Center. 650-494-2496, ext. 25