

The Baptism of the Lord

TODAY'S MESSAGE

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

As we commission our Liturgical Ministers this weekend, I'd like to extend an invitation to all of you who might consider volunteering. The reward for serving others at Mass is hard to put into words. Not to mention the extra grace you receive which can give you that wonderful glow!

I know, I used to be one of those sitting with my back against the wall, and only when someone invited and encouraged me to help, did I get involved. Please don't wait for someone to ask you to help. No single Mass or church site is so overflowing with liturgical ministers that we would turn you away.

I so appreciate all of our liturgical ministers who arrive each Sunday before Mass: those who proclaim the Word; those who greet others and make them feel welcome; ushers who assist those needing extra help to make their way into a pew, as well as to take up the collection; even our altar servers who come to prepare for the Mass. I am always grateful to the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who distribute the Lord's Body & Blood, sharing God's gift with us.

And who wants to miss our rip-roaring-hilarious-embarrass-the-staff-as-much-as-possible Volunteer Appreciation Social we celebrate every February?

Please consider the call and the invitation that each of the baptized is given to share his or her time and talent as a liturgical minister. Just think if any given Sunday, no one was there to proclaim the Scriptures, assist in the distribution of Holy Communion, and sing in the choir? How impoverished our liturgies would be! There is a wealth of opportunities to serve at any one of our nine Sunday Masses— just contact me and I will give you all of the guidance, support and encouragement you need.

Nora Lundin, Director of Liturgy & Music

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Weekly Offering

Dec 23: Actual: \$10,700 * Goal: \$11,000
Dec 25: Actual: \$70,000 * Goal: \$70,000
Dec 30: Actual: \$8,000 * Goal: \$11,000
Jan 6: Actual: \$12,500 * Goal: \$11,000

Thank you for sharing God's gifts! A special thank you to all who donated toward our Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of living and deceased family members and loved ones. Your intentions were offered at our Christmas Masses by our Pastor.

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McNerny, Theresa Diulus, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Kathy Gibbs, George Kimm, John Braun, Bill Jodd, Lester Connelly, Lil Nguyen, Tom Kocal, Rochelle Ford, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Renee Thompson, Joan Campbell, Susan Fisher, Carol Lilledahl, Fran Adams

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Virginia Marovich, Terry McGovern, Gary Fazzino, Francis Tucker O'Brien, Marguerite Purcell, Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Maria Elida Fernandez, Margaret Quirolo, Fredrick Edward Conway
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, January 13:
9:00 am SAG ... Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan †
10:30 am OLR ... Phyllis Lentfer †
10:30 am STA. ... Margaret Gross †
Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, January 14:
8:30 am OLR ... Maria Teresa Poggesi †
Readings: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 15:
8:30 am OLR ... V. G. "Gary" Meissner †
12:15 pm STA ... Mel Gross †
Readings: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 16:
Readings: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17: St. Anthony
8:30 am OLR ... Frank M. Briggs †
Readings: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 18:
8:30 am OLR ... Maria Guadalupe Hernandez †
12:15 pm STA ... Percy Aranha †
Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 19:
12:15 pm STA ... Rev. Matthew D. Stanley (sp. int.)
5:00 pm SAG ... Bertha Gretz †
Readings: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday January 19 & 20, 2013
St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
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. Rubio
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Valenton
Sun 12 noon TBD

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 13: The Baptism of the Lord; National Vocation Awareness Week
9:15, 10:15 am Faith Formation (ISP, SESS)
9:15, 10:15 am Parent Catechesis (OLRH, SESS)
10:00 am SAG Site Committee (SAGH)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)

Monday, January 14: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
6:00 pm PIA (OLRH)
7:00 pm TMC Liturgy Team (TH)

Tuesday, January 15:
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, January 16:
10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
5:30 pm RCIA for Children (DC)
7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, January 17:
7:00 pm Catechists Meeting (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Comm. (PC)

Friday, January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, January 19: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
10:00 am Annual Day of Reflection – Liturgical Ministers (SAGH)

THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all the generous, caring parishoners who donated many wonderful toys and gifts under the parish Giving Trees to the children in East Palo Alto. Your generosity made it possible for many children to have a joyous Christmas.

St. Vincent de Paul, East Palo Alto

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Social – Food & Entertainment
Saturday, February 9, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. St. Elizabeth Seton Gym
R.S.V.P. to Sandra at (650) 494-2496
ext. 10 admin@paloaltocatholic.org

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

January 15th A Four Step Method for Reading and Understanding the Parables, with Monsignor J. Warren Holleran

Unlock the secrets, hidden in plain sight, of the parables in the Gospels! Monsignor Holleran will teach us to look more deeply into the stories, peeling away the layers, for a more complete understanding of the messages they convey.

1. What does the story say?
2. What does it mean?
3. What does the story tell us about God?
4. What is God asking of each of us?

This will be a very special evening. Please join us! Rev. Msgr. J Warren Holleran, recently retired, has been a professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick's Seminary for the past several decades. Over the years he has conducted many scripture courses, workshops and retreats for laity, religious and clergy in the United States, Canada and abroad. Before joining the full-time faculty at St. Patrick's Seminary he had spent several years as a parish priest, a campus minister, a college teacher, a spiritual director at the North American College in Rome, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and as director of Vallombrosa Center, the archdiocesan retreat and conference center in Menlo Park. Fr. Peter comments of him: "...organized, clear and concise; he is an engaging presenter ...not to mention he has delightful presence. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center; refreshments follow.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE NEXT SUNDAY (RCIA)

The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated on Sunday January 20 at 9:00 am at St. Albert the Great. Four adult men who have responded to God's call are seeking Baptism at the Easter Vigil: Robert Foley, Corey Rogers, John Rogers and Greg Todd. They are ready to take the next step in the RCIA process. The four will be introduced by their sponsors and Fr. Matt will preside at the Signing of the Senses. Presently called Inquirers they become Catechumens, until the Rite of Election on first Sunday of Lent. Dismissal for Breaking Open of the Word will begin next Sunday and occur each Sunday until Easter. (see insert)

PARKING AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Due to the beginning of construction of the expansion of St. Elizabeth Seton School, a portion of the back parking lot is serving as the construction yard, thereby reducing the parking lot size for approximately 6 months. Please leave extra time before Mass to locate on-street parking during this construction period.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL CRAB DINNER DANCE!

The Knights of Columbus annual Crab Dinner Dance will be Saturday, Feb 2nd this year. More information coming soon, but please hold the date for the great annual event.

If you have items to contribute to the Silent Auction to be held during the dinner, please contact Jerry Lucha (650) 424-9660 or John Uebbing (650)494-2450.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Class for Parents This Week - January 13

All parents of children in our faith formation program, Grades Pre-K through 5, are invited to attend this month's presentation. All are welcome, but parents of children preparing to receive First Eucharist in April are expected to attend. The presentation will be during class times at OLR and SAG. This month we will begin exploring the Eucharist and its importance in our lives.

Presentation on the Mass

All children preparing to receive First Eucharist in April are required to attend a presentation on the Mass this week. The presentations will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 14 (at St. Albert the Great) and Wednesday, January 16 (Our Lady of the Rosary). Anyone who missed the tour of the church which was offered in October is invited to attend a make-up session at 5 p.m. prior to the presentation on the Mass.

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade Catechist Needed at SAG

We need one or two people who can help teach our youngest children at St. Albert the Great. If you can help with classes (from 10:15 to 11:15 most Sundays), please contact Susan in the Pastoral Center (650-494-2496, ext. 25) or at suolsen@dsj.org.

7TH ANNUAL REVS VS. SEMS BASKETBALL GAME

7:00 pm on Friday, February 8, 2013, Leavey Center on the campus of Santa Clara University. Our Pastor, Fr. Matt, will be one of the officials! Buy your tickets online today at: www.dsj.org/revs-vs-sems or at the door. All proceeds from the game will benefit Seminarian formation in the Diocese of San Jose. For more information please contact the Vocations Office at (408) 983-0155 or vocations@dsj.org

"FORGIVENESS: THE HEALING ACT"

The forgiveness retreat will be led by Susan Cabrera, MA, and is sponsored by St. Joseph's Ministry with People with Disabilities. It is open to the public. Susan is donating her time and has asked that there be no charge for participants.

This half-day retreat will focus on:

- Jesus' teachings on forgiveness
- What forgiveness is and is not
- How forgiveness promotes physical and mental health
- How to start forgiving yourself and others

Sat, Jan 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Catholic Community Parish Hall (downstairs), 435 Monterey Ave, Capitola. Fee: No charge. Donations go to St. Joseph's Ministry with People with Disabilities. To sign up, please leave your name and number at (831) 475-8211 ext. 17. Susan will also lead the forgiveness lecture for an upcoming Spirituality Tuesday on February 26.