

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

FAITH: WHAT IS IT? CAN YOU DEFINE IT?

Faith is a supernatural concept; it is an inference of a power greater than us. Faith is difficult to define and hard for most people to comprehend. The Church teaches that "faith is first and foremost our personal adherence to God."

In the Bible there are stories about people whose "faith saved them." Jesus could tell who did or did not have faith. The ones with faith knew they were connected to something all-powerful and understood that that power was available to them whenever they asked for it. Even today this defines a true believer. Catholic theologian Richard McBrien says that people of faith "see" more than meets the eye. They apprehend the "other dimension." They discern those "signals of transcendence intermingled with the sensations of ordinary everyday life."

Faith is a living entity—it can grow, remain stagnant or it can be lost. We can have a range of faith, from "no faith" to "never-wavering faith." Fortunately we are able to feed our faith (and hopefully grow it) by prayer, and by cooperating with God's grace through acts of charity, justice and love.

Many people can talk about faith (intellectualize) or say that they are passionate about their faith but it is their actions which are the ultimate criteria of whether or not they have genuine faith. (Do not confuse piety with faith.) Many times a day we Catholics make decisions which are either in line with Christian faith or not, depending on how much we ourselves understand about this mystical reality.

In this YEAR OF FAITH, why not focus on your own Faith so as to make more Light giving choices in your day to day life—decisions that bring you closer and closer to God – the Divine authentic source of happiness and peace.

Jean Ramacciotti, OPL

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 20:  
10:30 am OLR . . David Normandon †  
6:00 pm OLR . . . Odette Aclimandos †  
*Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11*

Monday, January 21: St. Agnes  
8:30 am OLR . . . Paul Vavuris †  
*Readings: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22*

Tuesday, January 22:  
*Readings: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10G; Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Wednesday, January 23: St. Vincent  
8:30 am OLR . . . Rosa Colozzo †  
*Readings: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6*

Thursday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales  
*Readings: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12*

Friday, January 25:  
12:15 pm STA . . Wilton & Stella Moss †  
*Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18*

Saturday, January 26: Ss. Timothy and Titus  
5:00 pm SAG . . . Gerolomo Cesano †  
*Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday January 26 & 27, 2013  
St. Albert the Great  
Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Seimas  
Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Seimas  
Sun 11:00 am . . . . . Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester  
Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Fr. Miller  
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. Seimas

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

 *Our Weekly Offering*  
Jan 13: Actual: TBA \* 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, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerney, 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, Renee Thompson, Joan Campbell, Susan Fisher, Carol Lilledahl, Fran Adams, Przemek Gardias, Ramona Stumpp*

*FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Virginia Marovich, Jerry McGovern, Gary Fazzino, Francis Tucker O'Brien, Marguerite Purcell, Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Maria Elida Fernandez, Margaret Quivolo, Fredrick Edward Conway, James Wrenn*

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)

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Inauguration Day

7:45 am ..... Hispanic Eucharist  
Ministers Meeting (OLRH)  
10:30 am .... Hispanic Catechesis (DC)

Monday, January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Pastoral Center Closed

7:00 pm ..... Latin Class (TH)  
7:00 pm ..... RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 pm ..... Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)  
7:00 pm ..... Knights of Columbus (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, January 23:

9:30 am ..... Bldg. & Maint. (PC)  
11:00 am .... SESS Devel. (SAGH)  
5:30 pm ..... RCIA for Children (DC)  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, January 24:

7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Hispanic 1st Comm. (PC)

Friday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends; Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset

to 1/27 ..... Life Teen Retreat (DC/OLRH)  
7:30 pm ..... Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, January 26:

to 1/27 ..... Life Teen Retreat (DC/OLRH)  
8:00 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)  
10:30 am .... Baptism Class (PC)

## MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

The Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, January 21st in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our Daily Mass schedule remains unchanged.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

Tuesday, January 22: Spirituality Tuesday Assembly: Archeology and The Bible with our host Dr. Patrick Hunt.

Archeological discoveries continue in the Holy Land. Spend an evening hearing about some of these amazing finds with our special guest speaker, Prof. Patrick Hunt. New evidence for Israel's United Monarchy (Davidic-Solomonic Period) has emerged in the last few years in Judea. Additionally, New Testament contexts in Jerusalem, like the Siloam Pool, are relevant archaeological background to 1st century writings. Professor Hunt will explore new contexts in Galilee and Judea, as in the greater Roman Empire and Classical World. He will also include contexts from the time of Paul's journeys in Asia Minor. All of these archaeological contexts shed light on biblical texts. Do not miss this opportunity for a glimpse into the ancient Biblical world.

Dr. Patrick Hunt has been teaching at Stanford for the last 20 years. His Ph.D. is from the Institute of Archaeology, UCL, and University of London in 1991. His research has been sponsored by the National Geographic Society (2007-2008). He is a National Lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) since 2009 and President of the Stanford AIA chapter as well as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (elected in 1989). He is the author of over 100 articles and 12 published books, including the best-seller, *TEN DISCOVERIES THAT REWROTE HISTORY* (Penguin / Plume 2007). Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm; refreshments served.

## BLESSING OF MINISTERS – ST. ALBERT THE GREAT



## "SHARING OUR FAITH – TOGETHER IN CHRIST"

The 2013 Annual Diocesan Appeal will be soon underway. Our parish portion of the Annual Diocesan Appeal is \$120,000— 2.2% of the overall diocesan goal of \$5,489,484. We are so appreciative that you share with us a heartfelt belief in the work and ministry that is made possible by your pledge. Please consider joining other parishioners in making a gift to the ADA in 2013. Our Pastor will be encouraging our support at all of the Masses at St. Albert the Great & Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday, January 20 and at St. Thomas Aquinas on Sunday, January 27. Pledge Sunday is February 3rd. Please pray over the size of the gift you will be able to make and bring your pledge envelope to Mass that weekend. Early pledges will also be gratefully accepted.

## ANNUAL CRAB DINNER DANCE RESCHEDULED

The Knights of Columbus annual Crab Dinner Dance is going to be re-scheduled a bit due to unforeseen circumstances. More information coming, but tickets will go on sale soon. However, collections for the Silent Auction remain underway! 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

No classes this week, but we look forward to seeing everyone in class on January 27.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Thursday Jan 10th, the Knights of Columbus delivered checks of \$1121 each to Karin Klatteith of Achieve Kids and Jo Bailard of Abilities United. The contributions were the proceeds of our October fundraising effort on behalf of People With Intellectual Disabilities. Thanks to all who helped us with this worthy cause.



## WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

The West Coast Walk for Life returns to San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza on Saturday, January 26. Now in its 9th year, the Walk is a great opportunity to stand with other pro-life Californians (more than 40,000 at last year's Walk!) to bear witness to the God-given Right to Life of all persons -- right in the heart of the most pro-abortion-rights city in America. The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk itself, straight down Market Street to the Embarcadero, begins at 1:30. We're on Pope Benedict's radar, too: Archbishop Viganò, Papal Nuncio to the United States, will deliver the Holy Father's personal message and blessing. For complete information about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793. If you're interested in traveling up to the city together and/or walking as a St. Thomas Aquinas group, please contact Bob March at 415-412-2132 or [bob.march@gmail.com](mailto:bob.march@gmail.com).

## OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, January 27, there will be an open house from 2:00 - 4:00 to introduce the Thomas House library at 745 Waverley St., next to St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Everyone is welcome to stop by and learn about this parish resource that will be available to the parishioners and the public.

## SAVE THE DATE

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