

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"SHARING OUR FAITH - TOGETHER IN CHRIST"— is this year's theme for the 2013 Annual Diocesan Appeal. In the words of Bishop McGrath: "*as a Church, we are connected to one another— parishioner to parishioner, family to family, parish to parish— joined as one in the Lord. We stand "Together in Christ" as a people of faith.*"

Your generosity toward the Annual Diocesan Appeal will provide essential support to St. Thomas Aquinas and the other 53 parishes of our local Church. The ADA supports diocesan offices including Pastoral Services, Youth & Young Adults, and Liturgy, as well as Vocations, Missions, and Detention Ministry, The Institute for Leadership in Ministry, Seminarians, and Catholic Education.

Today is Pledge Sunday, the start of our 8 week campaign. 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 10-month pledge or one-time gift. If you did not receive an ADA envelope in the mail, there are extra envelopes in the pews and vestibule. *Fr. Matt, Pastor*

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Sponsors and Catechumens
(Catechumens in Italics):

Roberta Uebbing, *Greg Todd*,
John Rogers, John Uebbing,
Patricia Hale, *Corey Rogers*,
Ariceli Foley, Robert Foley



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of December. Our average weekly collection for the 6th month of this new fiscal year was \$10,334 (\$13,831 in 2011). We are running 5% behind last year's Sunday Offertory; however, our Christmas Collection (\$72,885) increased by 6% in 2011. Our budget for Jul – Dec was \$297,000; our actual is \$269,000 (\$28,000 shortfall). What you commit to God's work here at St. Thomas Aquinas will significantly impact

our programs, ministries, services, staffing, buildings and grounds. May our good and generous God guide your 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.



Our Weekly Offering

Jan 13 Actual: \$11,000 * Goal: \$11,000
Jan 20: Actual: TBD * Goal: \$11,000
Seton School: \$3,750



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, 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, Przemek Gardias, Ramona Stumpp, Jane Fitzgerald

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, James Wrenn, George Kimm
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 27:
9:00 am SAG ... Ramona Stumpp (health)
10:30 am OLR ... John Ingatius Gokey †
10:30 am STA ... Joseph O'Brien (birthday)
Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas
8:30 am OLR ... Dec. Pastors of St. Thomas
Aquinas Parish †
12:15 pm STA ... Betty & Mary Stivala †
Readings: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 29:
7:15 am STA ... James & Edith Dubbs †
Readings: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10,
11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 30:
8:30 am OLR ... Anne Jewel †
12:15 pm STA ... Percy Aranha †
Readings: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 31: St. John Bosco
Readings: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, February 1:
8:30 am OLR ... Hal Meyn †
12:15 pm STA ... Bob McNulty †
Readings: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24,
39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, February 2:
12:15 pm STA ... Rev. Barry Freyne †
5:00 pm SAG ... James Chinn †
Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday February 2 & 3, 2013

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Valenton
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. Gammad
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley
Sun 6:00 pm Youth Fr. Valenton

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 27: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
9:15 am Rel. Ed. (OLR)
10:15 am Rel. Ed. (SAG)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
2:00 pm Thomas House Library Open House (TH)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)
7:00 pm Lifeteen (DC)

Monday, January 28:
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)
7:00 pm TMC Liturgy (TH)
7:30 pm Green Comm. (PC)

Tuesday, January 29:
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, January 30:
5:30 pm RCIA for Children (DC)

Thursday, January 31:
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Comm. (PC)

Friday, February 1: First Friday
7:00 pm Adoration (OLR)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
10:00 am Lector In-service (SAGH)
10:00 am Tax Assist. (OLRH)

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.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

All Widows and Widowers are welcome to meet at Shoreline for lunch on February 7 at 1 p.m. Please call Winnie for reservation at 650-493-6823 or email jwinnie@pacbell.net

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

January 29th Does God Exist? A look at science and religion; with Deacon Daniel Does God exist? Can we prove the existence of God? Are we capable of knowing God's existence by the exercise of our intelligence, by reason, or is faith necessary? Since the world is full of design, does this prove there is designer? The debate concerning the existence of God is one of the oldest and most discussed debates in human history. Arguments for and against the existence of God have been proposed by philosophers, theologians, scientists, and others for thousands of years. Come join us as we discuss this profound topic. Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm; refreshments served.

SAVE THE DATE

Mardi Gras Annual Volunteer Appreciation Social – Food & Entertainment Sat, Feb 9, 3 – 5:00pm. St. Elizabeth Seton Gym R.S.V.P. to Sandra by February 4th at (650) 494-2496 ext. 10 or admin@paloaltocatholic.org

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is just a couple of weeks away (February 13). It's time to return your blessed palms from last year, so that we may prepare the ashes for this year. Please bring them with you to Mass over the two weekends and place them in the basket in the vestibule; these palms will be burned at the end of each Mass on the weekend of Feb 10.

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COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) is this weekend. The 2013 campaign highlights the youth of Latin America and the extraordinary efforts they expend to live their faith each day. This effort was recognized by the Holy Father in holding the 2013 World Youth Day in Brazil in this Year of Faith. Portions of the 2012 CLA collection went to projects aiding the upcoming World Youth Day and other exemplary, faithful programs across Latin America. Please be generous.

ANNUAL CRAB DINNER DANCE RESCHEDULED APRIL 13

The Knights of Columbus annual Crab Dinner Dance is rescheduled to April 13 due to unforeseen circumstances. More information coming, 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.

January 27, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

OPEN ENROLLMENT — Testing for our Full-Day Kindergarten will begin in February. If you have a child who will be entering our Full-Day Kindergarten next year, he/she must be 5 years old by September 1st in order to be eligible. School applications are available in the school office for all grades including our new Pre-K. If you have friends or family members who are interested in sending their children to Seton, please have them contact the office at (650) 326-9004 or drop by for an application at 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto. Parents are welcome to join us for our Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House on Monday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY — *St. Elizabeth Seton School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, and does not discriminate on the basis of race color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic programs and other school-administered programs.*

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PARENT GATHERINGS — Parents of children in our Faith Formation Program are invited to gather for a continental breakfast and conversation during class time. At Our Lady of the Rosary we will gather in Dermody Center and at St. Albert's we will gather in the Hospitality Center. This is an opportunity for us to get to know one another as well as to discuss and assess our program.

Sunday, February 3, all parents are invited to a presentation on the Eucharist during class time. Parents of children preparing to receive the sacraments in April are expected to attend this session. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at both of these events.

LENTEN DAY OF PREPARATION— Sun, Feb 10, 2013, 9:15 - 10:15 at OLR in OLR Hall, 10:15 - 11:15 - at SAG in Seton School Hall

All children (grades Pre-K through 5th Grade) and their families are invited to attend our annual Lenten Day of Preparation with a Mardi Gras celebration. We have prepared this day for our Faith Formation Program families, and we expect you all to attend. But on this occasion, all are welcome whether you are registered in the program or not. As we party and feast with the colors and tastes of Mardi Gras, we will also have the opportunity to participate in activities that will help us prepare for the season of Lent which lies ahead of us.

If you have questions about any of these events, please contact Susan at suolsen@dsj.org or at the Pastoral Center at 494-2496, ext. 25.