

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

SETON SCHOOL NEWS — St. Elizabeth Seton School has been an unusually lively environment these past two weeks, as our Pre-K and Kindergarten building project is under way. Though we're dealing with less parking and lots of noise during construction, everyone is excited about the addition of thirty new four year-olds to our school family. The Pre-Kindergarten experience will provide the children with much needed educational support, especially in the area of language arts. We are grateful to our donors for their generosity in helping to make this a reality. Please pray for the success of the building project.

An Open House is scheduled on Monday, February 4th for parents who are interested in enrolling their children in our Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten this coming fall. The Open House will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. I will facilitate this meeting along with our Kindergarten teacher, and one of our new Pre-K teachers. Questions regarding applying for either of these programs can be directed to Mrs. Theresa Barragan in the school office at 650-326-9004. We look forward to seeing you at the Open House!

"Be but faithful to God with your whole heart, and never fear. He will support, direct, console, and finally crown your dearest hope." St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Evelyn Rosa, School Principal

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.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Next Sunday, February 10th— there will be a special blessing for all married couples at all of our Sunday Masses.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We encourage every family and household to practice good stewardship. Remember sacrificial giving is planned, thoughtful, and proportional and it



Our Weekly Offering

Jan 20 Actual: \$9,500 * Goal: \$11,000
 Jan 27 Actual: \$9,900 * Goal: \$11,000
 Church in Latin America: \$2,600

symbolizes your commitment to Christ and the Church. We encourage you to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!



Please Pray



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McNemy, Theresa Diulus, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Kathy Gibbs, John Braun, Bill Todd, Lester Connelly, Lil Nguyen, Tom Kocal, Rochelle Ford, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Renee Thompson, Joan Campbell, Susan Fisher, Fran Adams, Przemek Gardias, Ramona Stumpp, Jane Fitzgerald, Shui Yin Chiu

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 Whenn, George Kimm, Carol Lilledahl

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, February 3:
 9:00 am SAG ... Robert & Marguerite Purcell †
 10:30 am OLR .. Angel Acevedo †
 12:00 pm STA .. Bernice Kennedy †
Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Monday, February 4:
 8:30 am OLR ... Mathew Illikattil †
 12:15 pm STA .. James & Edith Dubbs †
Readings: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 5: St. Agatha
Readings: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 6: St. Paul Miki and Companions
 12:15 pm STA .. Rony Menezes †
Readings: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 7:
Readings: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 8: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
 12:15 pm STA .. Bob McNulty †
Readings: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 9:
 5:00 pm SAG ... Fr. Antonio Medina †
Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday February 9 & 10, 2013

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
 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. Miller
 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, February 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life

9:15 am Family Lenten Day (OLR)
10:15 am Family Lenten Day (SAG)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
10:30 am RCIA Rite of Welcoming (OLR)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)
7:00 pm Lifeteen (DC)

Monday, February 4:

7:00 pm Hispanic Lectors (OLR)
7:00 pm Latin Class (TH)
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, February 5:

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, February 6:

10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
5:30 pm RCIA for Children (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm Catechists Gathering (DC)
7:00 pm Community Life (PC)
7:30 pm Latin Class (PC)

Thursday, February 7:

7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Comm. (PC)
7:30 pm TMC (TH)

Friday, February 8: First Friday

7:00 pm Adoration (OLR)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, February 9: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
8:30 am Liturgy Board (SAGH)
10:00 am Oneight (DC)
3:00 pm Volunteer Party (SESS)

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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

We will celebrate the anointing of the sick at the 12:15pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Saturday, February 8th.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

Tuesday, February 5: Key Moments in the History of the Catholic Church with our host: Father Matt. 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 night, our review of Protestors and Defenders, continues: Poor Leadership and lack of respect for the papacy becomes apparent as Christendom begins to fall apart. The last of the Renaissance popes continue to act more like secular princes than as a universal shepherd. The call to reform falls on deaf ears. Martin Luther nails 95 theses to the Wittenburg Church door in 1517. The mendicant orders spread a renewed spiritual energy. Join Fr. Matt and fellow parishioners as we continue on our epic journey through Church history. Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm; refreshments served.

"SHARING OUR FAITH – TOGETHER IN CHRIST"

2013 Annual Diocesan Appeal Report #1 — ADA Goal: \$120,000
Pledged: \$37,852 • Pledges: 76 • Average Pledge: \$498 • % of Goal: 32%

We are off to a fairly decent start. My thanks to the 76 gifts received on our Pre-Pledge Sunday. So far 44 people have made pledges that were equal to their 2012 pledge. 20 people increased their 2012 pledge, while 6 pledges were less than 2012. 6 new people have pledged in 2013 that were unable to pledge in 2012. There are 7 weeks remaining in this year's campaign. With everyone's participation, we can meet and surpass our ADA goal; however, this will only be possible if every parish household participates according to their means. Remember, payments can be made over the next 10 months. A pledge of \$500 is just \$50 a month. Use your Visa or MasterCard, make an Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking account, or donate online at dsj.org. Anything raised above our ADA goal will directly benefit St. Thomas Aquinas!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES!

The rainbow is forming to descend on Saturday, 03/16, for the annual parish St. Patrick's Day event – one of the sustaining parish traditions of outreach inclusion, hospitality, entertainment, and fun. As usual, the dinner program will be at St. Elizabeth Seton auditorium. The evening is sure to please: live Irish ceili music and dancing, sing-along favorites, an occasion for fun with family and friends, and the best corned beef and cabbage on the Peninsula – all priced to encourage participation. This is an ideal night out for young families, seniors, and those Irish at heart! Interested to join the ranks to volunteer? Contact Joe Kinsella: 650-364-3705. Slainte!

TAIZÉ PRAYER DURING LENT

Taize Prayer is a time for connecting in joy and gratitude, nurturing the PRESENCE within. Echoes of shared prayer...“your prayer is my prayer too” sustains and supports you. Candles shine in remembrance of Your LIGHT and the LIGHT in the world. Melodic chants and inspirational readings call you deeper to the SPIRIT within and the beauty of GOD'S presence. It originated in Burgundy, France, instigated by Brother Roger, sixty years ago! It had such a powerful effect on the participants that word spread and people from all over the world started to visit Taize and pray there. They still come today! Come and be part of this universal uplifting of the heart to God and be filled with peace. Thursday evenings during Lent: February 21st, February 28th, March 7th and March 14th. St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 7:00-8:00 pm

February 3, 2013

AN UPDATE FROM FR. THIERRY

Hi, Since I try to keep you informed of my health, I thought that I'd let you know that I will receive CyberKnife radiation treatment on a small cancerous lesion in my brain on Wednesday morning. When the lesion was found to have grown to a size of 4mm, I was advised to have it treated at this stage. The risk of complication or lasting visual impairment is apparently quite small (the lesion is in the visual cortex). CyberKnife treatment consists of a focused beam of radiation that is applied very accurately and without requiring surgery.

Thankfully, the cancer in and around the lung remains under control. The medication I am taking continues to be effective.

Update: Just a brief word to let you know that my CyberKnife treatment went well last week. I didn't feel a thing and had no side effects to speak of. I will go back for a follow-up MRI in a month. It is amazing what medicine can do these days.

God bless, Fr. Thierry

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PARENT GATHERINGS — 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, please contact Susan at suolsen@dsj.org or at the Pastoral Center at 494-2496, ext. 25.

YOUR STATEMENT IS IN THE MAIL

Your annual contribution statements for 2012 will be sent to you in the mail this week. Please call Cathy at the Pastoral Center (650) 494-2496 ext. 24, if you did not receive one, or if there is some inaccuracy. Remember, the best way for us to keep an accurate record of your contributions is by using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving — call the Pastoral Center or sign-up on our website www.paloaltocatholic.org.