

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

LENT— A CALL TO CONVERSION

Lent is a time of preparation for the death of Christ on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a period of 40 days of repentance, with prayer, fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and repentance.

For us, Lent can be a time to step away from the normal routine to create more time for prayer and spiritual growth. We can grow spiritually by removing our excessive attachments to the things of this world. Some families go without any television or "screen" time for all 40 days. Others commit to visiting the sick or lonely in lieu of typical recreational activities. Still others add the Rosary or other prayers to their nightly routines.

Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent, but to root sin out of our lives forever. May we leave behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. — *Deacon Daniel Hernandez*

LENT IS ALMOST HERE — ARE YOU READY?

Ash Wednesday, February 13th is the day when the entire Church admits that, in some sense, none of us belongs here. By wearing the ashes on our forehead we acknowledge our sinfulness. Let us joyfully welcome Lent. Let us rejoice in a Church that accepts a sinner like me. The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday, which includes the blessing and distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at the following times: Our celebrations of the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, which includes the blessing and distribution of ashes, will be at 7:15 am, 12:15 pm, 6 pm & 8 pm (Gregorian) at St. Thomas Aquinas Church; 8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Spanish) at Our Lady of the Rosary Church; 10 am (School) & 7 pm at St. Albert the Great Church. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. All who 14 years of age and above are bound by this law, and there is no upper age limit. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fast. This law binds those who are 18 to 59 years of age. Please read the Lenten handout which gives more details about all this and other Lenten events.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We encourage every family and household to practice good stewardship. Remember sacrificial giving is planned, thoughtful, and proportional and it symbolizes your commitment to Christ and the Church. We encourage you to consider using the

 *Our Weekly Offering*

Feb 3: Actual: \$11,500 * Goal: \$11,000

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 McInermy, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Kathy Gibbs, Bill Todd, Lester Connelly, Lil Nguyen, Tom Kocal, Rochelle Ford, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Renee Thompson, Susan Fisher, Przemek Gardias, Ramona Stumpp, Jane Fitzgerald, Shui Yin Chiu*

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — *Gary Fazzino, Francis Tucker O'Brien, Marguerite Purcell, Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Maria Elida Fernandez, Margaret Quirolo, Fredrick Edward Conway, James Wrenn, George Kimm, Carol Lilledahl, John Braun*

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 10:
9:00 am SAG ... Ramona Stumpp (health)
10:30 am OLR .. Marguerite Purcell †
12:00 pm STA .. Laverne Mугan †
Readings: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

Monday, February 11:
7:15 am STA... Alice, Vincent & Diane Simeone †
Readings: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 12:
8:30 am OLR ... Thanksgiving for Magdalena's Family
Readings: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 13:
8:30 am OLR ... James Kozy †
12:15 pm STA .. Percy & Delsy Aranha †
Readings: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 14: Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 15:
12:15 pm STA .. Bob McNulty †
Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Lk 9:22-25

Saturday, February 16:
5:00 pm SAG ... Trevor D'Souza †
Readings: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Sunday February 17, First Sunday of Lent
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..... Fr. Rubio
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. Valenton
Sun 6:00 pm Youth Fr. Seimas

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 10: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
9:15 am Religious Ed. (OLR)
10:00 am SAG Site Comm. (SAGH)
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10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
2:30 pm 5th Grade Retreat (OLRH)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)
7:00 pm Lifeteen (DC)

Monday, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
7:00 pm TMC Liturgy (TH)

Tuesday, February 12: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday; Lincoln's Birthday
6:00 pm Sp. Baptism Class (PC)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (DC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, February 13: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday, February 14: Valentine's Day
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm STA Site Comm. (TH)

Friday, February 15:
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)
7:30 pm STA Remodeling Comm. (TH)

Saturday, February 16:
8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, February 18th, the Pastoral Center will be closed. Our daily Mass schedule is unchanged.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

St. Albert the Great
Wed 10:00 am SESS Fr. Seimas
Wed 7:00 pm Fr. Stanley

St. Thomas Aquinas
Wed 7:15 am Fr. Seimas
Wed 12:15 pm Fr. Valenton
Wed 6:00 pm Fr. Ballard
Wed 8:00 pm TBD

Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed 8:30 am Fr. Stanley
Wed 7:30 pm Fr. Valenton

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

February 12: The Quest for Happiness; a biblical approach; our speaker: Fr. Peter Choosing to be happy every day of our lives is one of the greatest lessons we can learn in life. Enjoying the quality of life that Jesus died to give us, to actually be happy, is a noteworthy goal. What makes people happy? What causes happiness? If you desperately want to increase the level of enjoyment in life, please attend Rev. Peter Seimas' presentation The Quest for Happiness: A Practical, Biblical Approach. In Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm; refreshments will be served. Fr. Peter is a licensed clinical psychotherapist practicing in our Parish.

RCIA – THREE INITIATION RITES

THE RITE OF WELCOMING — Last Sunday at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary the *already-baptized* were joyfully welcomed as they seek to complete their Christian initiation through confirmation, or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The candidates are **Gerald Gibson, Jim Johnson, Jensen Alvarez, Mallory Casillas, Fernando Arturo, Susanna Kwak, and Raymond Kwak.**

THE RITE OF SENDING — Next Sunday at the 9:00am Mass the four *catechumens* will celebrate this rite which offers our parish community the opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens. Each sign The Book of Elect and are sent forth with their godparents to the cathedral and to The Bishop for The Rite of Election.

THE RITE OF ELECTION — At the cathedral on the afternoon of the same day (2/17) the catechumens – **Corey Rogers, John Rogers, Robert Foley and Greg Todd** – appear before the bishop to declare their intention to enter fully into the life of the Church. Bishop McGrath declares them among The Elect of God, and calls them to the Easter sacraments.

"SHARING OUR FAITH – TOGETHER IN CHRIST"

2013 Annual Diocesan Appeal Report #2 • ADA Goal: \$120,000
Pledged: \$63,930 • Pledges: 143 • Average Pledge: \$445 • % of Goal: 53%

We are already half way there! My thanks to the 67 gifts received last Sunday. So far 80 people have made pledges that were equal to their 2012 pledge. An amazing 35 people have increased their 2012 pledge, while 10 pledges were less than 2012. 18 new people have pledged in 2013 that were unable to pledge in 2012. We still have over 200 families who pledged last year, and I am sure that many of them will be able to pledge again this year. There are 6 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. 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!

LIVE THE LEGACY – ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

One of the time-honored traditions of the parish is the St. Patrick's Day event, scheduled this year for Sat 03/16 at St. Elizabeth Seton School auditorium: 5:45 > 8:15 PM. The venue is significant: St. Albert the Great Church could well be in Ireland: striking granite structure, Celtic cross prominent. Your ticket purchase funds an evening of community-building entertainment: Celtic music and dancing, an authentic corned beef and cabbage dinner, familiar sing-along tunes, parish hospitality. Plan to be there! Ready to work behind the scenes? Volunteers should call Joe Kinsella: 650-364-3705.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LENTE 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.

ATTENTION: All Children Preparing to Receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and Their Parents:

A reminder that there is a presentation on First Reconciliation with our Pastor, Fr. Matt - Monday, February 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Albert the Great. A second presentation will be held on Monday, February 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary. If you are preparing for these sacraments this year, you must attend one or the other of these sessions.

First Reconciliation services will be held on Wednesday, February 27 (St. Albert the Great) and March 6 (Our Lady of the Rosary) at 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Susan at suolsen@dsj.org or at the Pastoral Center at 494-2496, ext. 25.

DAY OF REFLECTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Deanery 7 Day of Reflection on Social Justice: Faith, Justice, Action, Eucharist: Mirror of Justice. Saturday, March 2, 2013, Holy Family Parish, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, the parishes of Deanery 7 will offer a day of prayer, study and reflection on the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and the call to live our lives according to those teachings. The goal of the day is to help the people of each parish identify the issues that most compel them to action as well as to find ways in which we can collaborate on such action in our diocese. Bishop Patrick J. McGrath will offer the keynote address, and participants will be able to choose two of twelve workshops on a variety of topics, including Eucharist & Justice, Scripture & Justice, Human Trafficking, Restorative Justice, Immigration, and the call to becoming peacemakers. Workshops will be offered in English and Spanish.

This day of Social Justice is open to people from all parishes in our diocese. Registration is \$15 (if received by February 27 - \$20 at the door) and does include lunch. Registration forms are available in the parish office or on-line at www.holyfamilysanjose.org. For more information contact Susan Olsen at suolsen@dsj.org.