

Third Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S MESSAGE

GIVING UP SOMETHING – In my childhood days, I recall that the standard way of observing Lent was to give up something. Children would give up candy, playing computer games, or limiting their time watching television. Teen-agers, youths, young adults and adults would give up chocolates, sodas, sweets, beer, cigarettes, etc.

As I grew older, I also realized that giving up something like “chocolate” during Lent was not enough. I remember a story that I had read before, regarding a father who urged his children to move beyond giving up candy to giving up some habit of sin that marked their lives. According to him, about halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, “I’m doing pretty good, Dad—but I can’t wait until Easter!”

That response shows that this boy had only partly understood the purpose of Lenten “giving up.” Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life and 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. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living in order to embrace new life in Christ. — *Fr. Randy*

DEANERY II – LENTEN PENANCE LITURGIES

St. Joseph (Mountain View) March 12 at 7:00pm *English/Spanish*
 St. Athanasius (Mountain View) . March 12 at 7:30pm *English/Spanish*
 St. Nicholas (Los Altos) March 13 at 3:30pm
 St. William (Los Altos) March 13 at 7:00pm
 St. Simon (Los Altos) March 18 at 3:30pm & 7:00pm
 St. Albert the Great March 18 at 7:00pm
 Our Lady of the Rosary March 25 at 7:00pm *English/Spanish*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD’S GIFTS! 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

Feb 17 Actual: \$9,100 * Goal: \$11,000
 Church in East. & Central Europe: \$2,500
 Ash Wednesday: \$3,750

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — *Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerney, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Kathy Gibbs, Bill Todd, Lester Connolly, Lil Nguyen, Tom Kocal, Rochelle Ford, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Renee Thompson, Susan Fisher, Przemek Gardias, Ramona Stumpp, Jane Fitzgerald, Shui Yin Chiu, Joyce Braun, Alan Djornedoe, Teresa Marovich*

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, Aniela Bozynski*

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, March 3:
 8:45 am STA. . . . Frances Galea †
 10:30 am OLR . . . Antoinette Akar †
 10:30 am STA. . . George Resch †
Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday, March 4: St. Casimir
 7:15 am STA. . . . Gloria Tracerri †
 8:30 am OLR . . . Frances & John Kocikowski †
Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5:
 8:30 am OLR . . . Mary Peters †
Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6:
 12:15 pm STA . . Rose Menezes †
Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8: St. John of God
 7:15 am STA. . . . Msgr. William Lenane †
 8:30 am OLR . . . Rev. Matthew D. Stanley (sp. int.)
Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9: St. Frances of Rome
 5:00 pm SAG . . . Margaret Finnerty Quirolo †
Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Sunday March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
 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. Roide, S.J.
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Valenton
 Sun 12 noon TBD

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 3: Third Sunday of Lent;
First Scrutiny

9:15 am Religious Ed. (OLR)
10:15 am Religious Ed. (SAG)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)

Monday, March 4:

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

Tuesday, March 5:

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

Wednesday, March 6:

10:00 am Spirituality Adult (PC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm Community Life (PC)
7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, March 7:

7:00 pm Catechists Meeting (DC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm Hispanic First Comm. (PC)
7:00 pm STA Site Comm. (TH)
7:00 pm Taize Prayer (STA)

Friday, March 8: Abstinence

9:00 am Stations of the Cross (OLR)
7:00 pm Sp. Stations of the Cross (OLR)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, March 9:

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)
8:30 am Liturgy Board (SAGH)

HOTEL DE ZINK

St. Thomas parish will be bringing food for the homeless at the Church of Christ on Middlefield Rd. from April 15th-30th. I will be signing folks after Mass during the month of March. Please check your April calendar and see what day would be convenient for you to help. Thanks, Ruth Chippendale 856 6350

SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to "spring forward" your clock next Saturday, March 9th or you might be late for Mass on March 10th!

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

Tuesday, Mar. 5: Key Moments in the History of the Catholic Church, Father Matt As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. A story 2000 years in the making, one word best describes Catholic history: EPIC. Join us Tuesday evening as Father Matt guides us on an amazing journey to discover the roots of our Catholic faith. 7:00-8:30 p.m. St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center.

THE RITES OF SCRUTINY (RCIA)

Today at St. Albert's 9:00am Mass the First Rite of Scrutiny is celebrated with our four Elect. As part of the RCIA process these three penitential rites occur on the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent. They are intended to inspire a desire for purification and redemption by Christ; and also to bring out in the Elect all that is upright, strong and good... giving them strength in Christ.

As a community of the Faithful, we walk with and pray for Greg, Corey, John, and Robert during this Lenten Period of Purification and Enlightenment. We take this opportunity to join with them in these communal rites, and scrutinize our own lives. We examine our consciences and pray to be delivered from sin and saved from its present and future consequences. While celebrating repentance together, all of our souls will be filled with Christ The Redeemer. Praise God!

Below are The Candidates for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic church and/or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil March 30. Last Sunday at Our Lady of the Rosary the seven celebrated the Penitential Rite for the Already Baptized. *Left to right: Jensen Alvarez, Fernando Arturo, Mallory Casillas, Gerald Gibson, Jim Johnson, Susanna Kwak, Raymond Kwak*



THE LEGACY OF VATICAN II

This Symposium is a project of the Catholic Community at Stanford and begins March 9 at 8:30am with coffee and ends at 4:00pm with Mass in the Sanctuary. It will be held in the Center for Inter-Religious Community, Learning and Experiences (THE CIRCLE) on the third floor of the Old Union in the heart of the Stanford campus. It is FREE! At 10:30 Archbishop Quinn will speak on "Church Structure and Governance" at 11:15 there will be a panel/round table response. At 1:00 Tom Fox will talk about "The Role of the Laity post council" followed by sharing of personal experiences of council from lay perspectives and then Q&A.

"SHARING OUR FAITH — TOGETHER IN CHRIST"

2013 Annual Diocesan Appeal • Report #5 • ADA Goal: \$120,000 • Pledged: \$100,000 • Pledges: 227 • Average Pledge: \$442 • % of Goal: 83% — Week 5 pushed us over the \$100,000 mark. Our thanks to the 38 pledges received this past weekend. We need only 50 more pledges of \$400 to push us over the top! The best news is 35 people pledged this year who were unable to pledge in 2012. 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. 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 our St. Thomas Aquinas and our always plentiful un-budgeted repairs to our buildings and grounds!

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HELP THE UNHOUSED AMONG US

The STA Site Committee is sponsoring an evening with Mr. Heiri Schuppiser, a homeless specialist with Momentum for Public Health in Palo Alto, at 7 pm, on Thursday, March 7, at the Thomas House adjacent to St Thomas Aquinas Church. Mr. Schuppiser's professional career is devoted to assisting unhoused people, building relationships and guiding them toward services that they might need. We welcome everyone interested to come join the conversation focused on the people who come to our parish seeking shelter and other assistance. The evening is planned to provide full opportunity for open discussion and to understand helpful strategies for individuals that provide safe, helpful and caring practices for all concerned.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PARENTS ARE INVITED: this Sunday and on March 17. We are continuing with Fr. Robert Barron's presentation on the Eucharist. FIRST RECONCILIATION: was held on Wed, Feb. 27 at St. Albert the Great. A second service will be offered on Wed, Mar. 6 at Our Lady of the Rosary at 5:30. CATECHISTS ARE INVITED: to share and reflect on the work we are doing with the children of the parish on Wed, Mar. 13 at 7:15 pm in the Dermody Center. . If you have questions about our faith formation program for children, please contact Susan at suolsen@dsj.org or at the Pastoral Center, 650-494-2496, ext. 25.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT

No Pieces Of Gold Needed Here For An Evening Of Fun! The tickets for the St. Patrick's Day dinner and entertainment go on sale this weekend, Mar 2 & Mar 3 after all Masses. Support the Irish traditions of the parish through this evening of welcoming hospitality and wide fun on Sat Mar 16 at St. Elizabeth Seton School auditorium, 1093 Channing Ave, from 6 to 8:00. The evening is priced to encourage the full participation of the parish: \$15 adults; \$5 children up to 12. Your ticket buys you a spirited program of live Irish music, dancing, and song as well as the best corned beef and cabbage dinner you'll find anywhere – with all the trimmings, including genuine Irish soda bread. Guinness, beer, and wine will be available at the no host bar. A value to wow seniors, young families, and parishioners at large. Tickets also on sale Mar 9 & Mar 10 and during the week at the Pastoral Center. Always a sell-out, so get your places early! Ready to volunteer? Contact Co-Organizer Joe Kinsella: 650-364-3705

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Please save March 7th at 5:30 pm for our March dinner - cocktails from 5 pm. Pezzella's, Sunnyvale. 1025 W El Camino Real. Call Arlene 650 968-7556 by Sunday March 3rd.