

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

GOD HAS THE LAST WORD – In the brightness of this Easter day, we gather to celebrate not only the resurrection, but the great lengths to which our God is willing to go in order that we, the lost, might be redeemed. Our God was willing to go to the cross for us. You see, without the risk of losing one's life, the willingness to suffer, the humility to carry a cross, the resurrection is impossible.

Over these past three days we have devoutly recalled how Jesus was willing to bear the humility of being human, how died upon a cross, how he descended into hell, unlocked the gates of heaven, and conquered the darkness of evil and sin. From the hopelessness of the tomb and from the emptiness of the grave, the Son of God has risen, and he comes to us this day with the promise of eternal life.

The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word.

Our entire Parish Staff joins together in extending to you our best wishes and all of the joy of Easter. Since Easter is fifty days long, we will have many opportunities to greet you personally and to thank you for the life you bring to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

We extend a word of appreciation to all who made donations of, or offerings toward our Easter flowers and plants, to all those involved in our Triduum Liturgies, as well as those who decorated our churches. Thanks to all who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable, and inviting as it has been.

We also extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors to our Parish. We are happy you chose to celebrate Easter with us. We extend an invitation to you to become a regular part of our Parish Life. The bulletin cover lists our Mass times and phone numbers. Please visit our parish website and call us, if we can help. Welcome, again, and a Blessed Easter to you.

Fr. Matt

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your generosity toward the work and mission of our parish. As you know, we are totally dependent upon all of our parishioners for our livelihood. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of our parish may

Our Weekly Offering

March 10 \$10,500 * Goal...\$11,000
 March 17 \$9,800 * Goal...\$11,000
 St. Elizabeth Seton School .. \$3,000
 Catholic Relief Services.....\$10,750

continue to impact the lives of so many. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Parish Pay 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 & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerney, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Consuelo Hernandez, Lester Connelly, Lil Nguyen, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Renee Thompson, Susan Fisher, Przemek Gardias, Ramona Stumpp, Jane Fitzgerald, Shui Yin Chiu, Teresa Marovich, Pat O'Riordan

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Maria Elida Fernandez, Margaret Quirolo, Fredrick Edward Conway, James Wrenn, George Kimm, Carol Lilledahl, John Braun, Aniela Bozynski, Bill Todd, Alan Djornedoe, Milagros Fontanilla Antonio

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 31:

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Monday, April 1:

7:15 am STA... Mary Baracchi & Family †
 8:30 am OLR... Anselmo Regalo †
 12:15 pm STA.. Patrick Coleman †
 Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2:

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3:

8:30 am OLR... Terry Burkoth †
 12:15 pm STA.. Nimfa Mast †
 Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4:

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5:

7:15 am STA... Msgr. William Lenane †
 8:30 am OLR... Anna Tampellini †
 12:15 pm STA.. Thomas Andrews †
 Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6:

5:00 pm SAG... Frances Galea †
 Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Divine Mercy Sunday — April 7, 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..... Msgr. Sandersfeld
 Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Seimas
 Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am..... Fr. Gammad
 Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Valenton
 Sun 6:00 pm Youth..... Fr. Valenton

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday, April 1: Monday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 pm Latin Class (TH)

Tuesday, April 2: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 pm Hispanic Lectors (OLR)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
No Spirituality Tuesday this week

Wednesday, April 3: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm Community Life (PC)
7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, April 4: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 pm Centering Prayer Workshop (DC)
7:00 pm First Communion Cat. (PC)

Friday, April 5: Friday within the Octave of Easter, First Friday
7:00 pm Adoration (OLR)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, April 6: Saturday within the Octave of Easter, First Saturday
8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)

PASTORAL CENTER CLOSED

Easter Holiday – April 1 & 2
Pastoral Center is Closed
Regular Daily Mass Schedule

EASTER FLOWERS

Remembering a loved one during Easter is always foremost in our minds. So why not express that love by making a donation toward the Easter flowers as special intention or in memory of a deceased family member or friend? Special Easter Flower envelopes can be found in the pews.

2013 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

ADA Goal: \$120,000 • Pledged: \$115,000 • Pledges: 265 • Ave. Pledge: \$430 • 95% of Goal

This Sunday, marks the end of our 2013 Annual Diocesan Appeal Campaign. We wish to thank the over 260 families who have helped us reach 95% of our \$120,000 goal. We are still \$5,000 short. If you have been waiting for someone else to help put us over the top, you have waited long enough. Please consider making a one-time gift or a 9-month pledge in any amount today or bring your envelope with you to Mass next Sunday. Thank you.

HOW CENTERING PRAYER CAN LEAD TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Thursday evening, April 4, from 7-9 pm a lecture about the silent meditation practice of Centering Prayer will be presented by Jean Ramacciotti at Dermody Center, 3221 Cowper St., in the Chapel. Five follow-up sessions will be held on the Thursdays 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2 and 5/9 at Dermody from 7:00-8:30 pm. After one 20 minute silent prayer period, a study session of individual chapters of Fr. Thomas Keating's book "Open Mind, Open Heart" will be led by Carrie Skelly.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC...

Do you have an interest in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized as a child but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Our adult inquiry sessions continue all year long. For more information about the process, please call Jean Ramacciotti (650) 494-2496 ext. 34 or jramacciotti@dsj.org

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Celebrate Easter with us. All parents, children and catechists in our Faith Formation Program are invited to a family gathering on Sunday, April 7 during our usual class times (9:15-10:15 at OLR and 10:15 to 11:15 at SAG. Join us for food, fellowship, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. If you have children who need to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and/or 1st Eucharist, please contact Susan at suolsen@dsj.org, or call the Pastoral Center (650-494-2496).

HOTEL DE ZINK

St. Thomas Aquinas 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.

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THE POPE IS "GREEN"!

During Pope Francis' installation Mass which was attended by the world's economic, political, and religious leaders he told them: "Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

Earlier in the week when talking about St. Francis of Assisi as the inspiration for his name he is quoted: "For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation. These days we don't have a very good relationship with creation, do we?" Source: SJM News

The Green Committee

NEW PASTORAL HOME MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of ministers to bring communion to individuals at home and at nursing care facilities. We also need ministers for communion services at retirement and nursing homes. Many of our ministers have retired due to age and health issues. Please consider joining this fulfilling ministry. If interested, please contact us at the Pastoral Center or call Mary Fong/Pat Dietrich directly.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish are invited to a Women's Retreat on April 12-14 at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. Information and applications are available at the Pastoral Center and in the Vestibule of the Church. Allow yourself some special time with God and in fellowship with other women of faith. Contact Susan Olsen (suolsen@dsj.org) if you have questions.

PARISH eBULLETIN

Although the Sunday Bulletin remains an important source of our parish communications, we also provide two other excellent sources of timely information: our parish website at www.paloaltocatholic.org (available 24 hours a day!), and our weekly Friday morning eBulletin. The eBulletin is an initiative of our parish Communications Board, whose ministry it is to improve communications in our parish. It is sent to 320 parish families each Friday. Not just a copy of the Sunday paper bulletin, it includes reminders and more articles and notices than can fit in our Sunday bulletin. If you are interested in receiving the eBulletin on a weekly basis, send an email request to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org. You will be added to "PaloAltoCatholic-EBulletin@googlegroups.com" which is used to send out the eBulletin each Friday morning.