

Third Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The neophytes, or newly baptized, having completed their full Initiation into the Catholic Church now enter the RCIA period called Mystagogy. This is a period of on-going formation and support for the neophytes. Immediate mystagogy occurs from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost, and it “provides opportunities for the newly baptized to weave together the various threads of Christian life into the fabric called discipleship” states Thomas H. Morris.

Extended mystagogy has the goal of deepening the Christian formation of these new Catholics, integrating them into our Catholic community, and finding ways of helping them live as Christians the rest of their lives.

As a parish we want to focus on making our neophytes disciples instead of focusing on making them members. Discipleship is about mission (How do we serve the reign of God?) Membership is about maintenance (How do we keep the parish going?).

The Rite of Christian initiation states that the period of mystagogy: “is a time to grow in deepening their (the neophytes and the entire parish’s) grasp of the Paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives” Presuming the newly baptized truly entered into death and new life in the initiation sacraments—all of us seasoned Catholics are encouraged to focus our lives through the lens of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus in which we participate.

Jean Ramacciotti, RCIA Coordinator



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 14:
8:45 am STA. . . . Adolph Canelo †
9:00 am SAG . . . Barbara Loftus †
Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Monday, April 15:
7:15 am STA. . . . Mary Baracchi & family †
8:30 am OLR . . . John Braun †
Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16:
8:30 am OLR . . . Special Intentions
Readings: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 17:
8:30 am OLR . . . Dom. Greening †
Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 18:
Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 19:
7:15 am STA. . . . Msgr. William Lenane †
8:30 am OLR . . . Pope Benedict XVI (sp. int.)
Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 20:
12:15 pm STA . . May Stanley (sp. int.)
5:00 pm SAG . . . Josefa Mendez † and Pelagio Fernando †
Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 21, 2013

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Seimas
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 TBA

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your generosity toward the work and mission of the parish. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of our parish may continue to impact the lives of so many. 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” you have received.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!



Our Weekly Offering

April 7 \$10,750 * Goal \$11,000
Easter Sunday \$36,000 * Goal \$40,000
Holy Thursday (SVDP) \$2,135
Good Friday (Holy Land) \$1,735

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, Pat O'Riordan, Jean Ramacciotti

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Margaret Quirolo, Fredrick Edward Conway, James Wrenn, George Kimm, Carol Lilledahl, John Braun, Aniela Bozynski, Bill Todd, Alan Djornedoe, Milagros Fontanilla Antonio, Julie Lewis

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 14: Third Sunday of Easter
9:15 am Religious Ed. (OLR)
9:15 am Parent Catechesis (OLRH)
10:00 am SAG Site Comm. (SAGH)
10:15 am Religious Ed. (SAG)
10:15 am Parent Catechesis (SAGH)
10:30 am Hispanic Catechesis (DC)
4:30 pm Edge (DC)
7:00 pm Lifteen (DC)

Monday, April 15: Income Tax Day
10:30 am TM Book Club (TH)
7:00 pm Latin Class (TH)
7:00 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, April 16:
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, April 17:
10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)
4:00 pm Liturgy Reading (TH)
6:00 pm RCIA for Children (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, April 18:
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm First Communion (PC)
7:30 pm STA Int. Comm. (TH)

Friday, April 19:
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, April 20:
8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)

WELCOME SARAH LANDERS

I am very pleased to announce that we have hired Sarah Landers as the new assistant to the Director of Youth Ministry effective April 3.

Please welcome Sarah as the newest member of our Parish Staff.

Fr. Matt

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

April 16th: The Book of Revelation with guest speaker: Fr. Jose Rubio. The Book of Revelation can be difficult to understand. It is full of graphic and colorful images which seem fanciful and confusing. This book has a long history of misinterpretation by those trying to use it as a literal prediction of current and even future events. Our special guest speaker, Fr. Jose Rubio, has studied The Book of Revelation in the original Greek. He will explain many of the symbols and give us a much better understanding of the meaning and importance of this unusual book. Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00-8:30 pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

On Sunday, April 21 at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary; and on April 28 at the 9:00am Mass at St. Albert the Great, we will celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist with those children who have been preparing for many months for this joyful day. Please keep these children, their sponsors, families and catechists in your prayers during this week. We offer them our congratulations as they are nourished at the Table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday, April 21st is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, when we celebrate and pray for the men and women who have already, or who will in the future, choose to share God's love through their lives as sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests. Did you know that the number one reason young people say they have not considered a vocation to priesthood or religious life is that no one has ever invited them to consider it? Do you know of someone who might be a good priest or religious sister? Why don't you say something to him or her today?

THANKS TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

My sincere thanks and kudos for all the efforts our parish liturgical ministers (including environment folks, musicians, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, ushers, sacristans and servers) and those who just volunteered to help, to ready our churches for Holy Week and the Triduum. We could not have prepared our churches so beautifully and conducted the prayerful liturgies that we did without all your help.

Thanks to Susan Olsen and her colleagues from Holy Family who prayed the Living Stations at OLR on Good Friday. I heard many positive comments about that liturgy.

Thanks for our priests and deacons for their participation in the demanding liturgies of this past week. We continue to keep Fr. Peter in our prayers as he recovers. He should be back on his feet (pun intended) soon. Thank you all.

Nora Lundin, Director of Liturgy and Music

FAITH FORMATION

In order to allow families to focus on the Sunday Mass and events surrounding the 1st Communions, there will be no faith formation classes at OLR on the 21st and no classes at SAG on the 28th. Regular classes will be held at SAG on the 21st and at OLR on the 28th.

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WIDOW & WIDOWERS

Widow and Widowers dinner on Thursday May 2 - 5:30 and Dinner at 6:00 at The Trellis restaurant . See more info in your email or call another member. The price is just \$30. All inclusive with dessert and coffee or tea. Choice of soup or salad, salmon, chicken, pasta. 1077 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call Joan by April 29 for reservation and selection at 650-494-3467.

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.

YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

Dinner at Jeffrey's, Tues. April 16th at 7:30 pm, 888 El Camino Real, Menlo Park – The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Young Adult Mass, Tues. April 30th at 7:30 pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos – We will be gathering for Mass in the Small Chapel at St. Simon Church. Celebrate the Eucharist with young adults (20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow.

Young Adult Bible Study, Tues. May 7th at 7:30 pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto – We are meeting to discuss Vatican II documents that Catholics are being encouraged to study as part of the Year of Faith. We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us!

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

INVITATION TO HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Mike Miller, a priest from St. Patrick's Seminary, who sometimes helps out at St. Thomas Aquinas, is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (May 29 – June 10, 2013). The \$3799 cost per person covers air and local travel, hotels, guide, entrance fees, all tips (excluding lunches and souvenirs. If this might be your time to visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Gethsemane, Caesarea Phillipi, the Sea of Galilee, Bethany, Mt. Tabor and many other places, please contact Fr. Miller for a brochure at (831) 776-4036 or mjmgiggy@gmail.com