

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as World Day for Vocations. This day reminds us that we who are baptized in Christ also receive a special "call" or "vocation" from him who is the ultimate shepherd.

Whether we live as singles, married, ordained or consecrated life, we all are called by Christ to lead a life of holiness and of service to others. We are called to witness Christ and his love to the world. Jesus said "My sheep hears my voice". God is constantly calling us toward a special mission. The question is how do we discern the voice of God? How do we know what God is calling us to do?

Usually, God initiates the call in us very strongly and obviously. God is not obscure in making his will known to us. All we do is to pray about it and have courage to follow that call after careful discernment period and council with your spiritual director or a priest that you know.

I never expected to become a priest. However, God used certain events and people to place a desire in me. I talked with priests and nuns about this desire to become priest. I also prayed hard about it. After that I made the decision to follow the call. Discerning for your vocation is not hard. Having courage to live that vocation to the fullest takes a lot of courage and trust in God.

As we celebrate this feast we pray for fidelity to our vocation. The Church invites us to honor the vocation of all Christians given at baptism. Through the vocation of marriage, priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and the single life may we further the reign of God. May those who are discerning their life vocation listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd to guide them.

Deacon Dat Luong

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of March. Our average weekly collection for the 9th month of this new fiscal year was \$11,142. This was our best month since February, 2010. We can make our monthly goal when everyone practices good stewardship. We are only 2% behind our prior fiscal year weekly offering. Our budget for Jul – Mar was \$429,000; our actual is \$399,000 (\$30,000 shortfall). Did you know that \$30,000 is equal to the health insurance premiums we pay for our 3 priests? What you commit to God's work here at St. Thomas Aquinas will significantly impact our programs, ministries, services, staffing, buildings and grounds. 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

April 14: \$11,000 \* Goal: \$11,000  
St. Elizabeth Seton School: \$3,250  
Easter Sunday: \$36,000 \* Goal: \$40,000



### 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, Lee Sault, Robert E. Park

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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 21:  
8:45 am STA... Adolph Canelo †  
9:00 am SAG... Carl Stumpp †  
6:00 pm OLR... Antoinette Akar †  
Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday, April 22:  
7:15 am STA... Mary Baracchi & Family †  
8:30 am OLR... Frank M. Briggs †  
Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23: St. George; St. Adalbert  
8:30 am OLR... James Kozy †  
12:15 pm STA... Rose Griffin †  
Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 24: St. Fidelis of  
Sigmaringen  
8:30 am OLR... Carol Lilledahl †  
12:15 pm STA... James & Edith Dubbs †  
Readings: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6,  
8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 25: St. Mark  
8:30 am OLR... Dominic Greening †  
Readings: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 6:15-20

Friday, April 26:  
7:15 am STA... Msgr. William Lenane †  
12:15 pm STA... Maria Nieves Pedron †  
Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27:  
12:15 pm STA...  
5:00 pm SAG... Julian Clark †  
Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Easter — April 28, 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. Stanley  
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. Seimas

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

10:30 am . . . . Hispanic Catechesis (DC)

11:30 am . . . . 1st Communion Reception  
(OLRH)

4:30 pm . . . . Edge (DC)

7:00 pm . . . . Lifeteen (DC)

Monday, April 22: Earth Day

7:00 am . . . . TMC (TH)

7:00 pm . . . . RCIA (PC)

7:30 pm . . . . Green Committee (PC)

Tuesday, April 23:

7:00 pm . . . . Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)

7:00 pm . . . . Knights of Columbus (TH)

7:00 pm . . . . Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

Wednesday, April 24: Administrative  
Professionals Day

9:30 am . . . . Bldg & Maint. (PC)

4:00 pm . . . . Liturgy Reading (TH)

6:00 pm . . . . RCIA for Children (DC)

Thursday, April 25:

7:00 pm . . . . Centering Prayer (DC)

4:00 pm . . . . Core Team (DC)

7:30 pm . . . . Hispanic 1st Comm. Cat. (PC)

Friday, April 26: Arbor Day

7:30 pm . . . . Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, April 27:

all day . . . . Hispanic Conf. Retreat (OLRH)

8:15 am . . . . Environment Team (OLR)

10:30 am . . . . Baptism Class (PC)

## THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED

If you haven't turned in your calendar/  
facility request forms for 2013/2014,  
please get them into the Pastoral  
Center this week.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS

April 23rd: Vatican II: Our Church and Our Lives with Susan Olsen. It has been 50 years since the Second Vatican Council was convened. Today, the council is credited with essentially shaping the modern Catholic Church. What was Vatican II? How did it come about, and what was its impact? Is it simply a part of Church history, or does it continue to impact our lives today? If it weren't for Vatican II, I would \_\_\_\_\_. How would you finish that sentence? Come and explore this most important event in the recent history of the Roman Catholic Church. Susan Olsen, our Parish Director of Religious Education, will be our guide. Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room from 7:00-8:30 pm.

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL — NEXT SUNDAY

One way this national collection works is to support home missions in the United States by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Often home mission priests and lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your support is needed. Please help strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's Appeal.

## THE INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

The Institute for Leadership in Ministry is a 3 year course of study for lay persons. The ILM provides training and faith formation for lay leaders in the Church. The theological base for this program is found in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Responding to their baptismal call, graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, as well as many others. We plan to continue sending lay persons to the Institute for Leadership in Ministry. If you feel called to explore this possibility, we are looking for a few qualified candidates for the new ILM academic year which begins in the fall. Please contact Fr. Matt (mstanley@dsj.org) for more information.

## THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

On Sunday, 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 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.

## 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.

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Confessions at 11:30am, and Mass at 12:15pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church will be cancelled on Saturday, May 4th, due to the Palo Alto May Fete Parade and blocked streets in the immediate area around St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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## ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

All fourth and fifth graders who are interested in training to be Altar Servers at St. Albert the Great, are invited to instruction classes on Friday, May 3rd from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and Saturday, May 4th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in the St. Albert the Great Church. Please call Nora Lundin at the Pastoral Center, 650-494-2496, if your child is interested but cannot attend these training dates.

## PASTORAL HOME MINISTRY

There will be a Pastoral Home Ministry Meeting on Saturday, May 4 at 2:00-4:00 pm at the Pastoral Center, on Middlefield Rd. This is the time for ministers to touch base with each other, meet new members and share their experiences. The coordinators will update everyone on recent issues. All ministers are asked to attend. Anyone interested in joining the ministry are welcome to come. For more information contact Pat/Mary at 494-2496 X22

## IRELAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. MATT

So far there are 27 individuals who are planning to attend this trip. Are you interested? Contact Fr. Matt to discuss the possibility! 650-494-2496 ext. 12 or mstanley@dsj.org. Fr. Matt will be leading a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle where we will spend some time in the Waterford area, Killarney, Galway, Connemara, Knock, Sligo and Dublin. This is a beautiful country and we will surely have a grand old time! We will depart the states on August 19, 2013 and return on August 29 unless you opt for the extended trip to London for four days. If you do, you will return on September 1.

## 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.

## ARCHBISHOP QUINN PRESENTATION

Archbishop Quinn will offer reflections about the structure of authority in the Church based on his soon-to-be-published book, "Ever Ancient, Ever New: Structures of Communion in the Church". This is a joint project of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology and Sacred Heart Schools in collaboration with the Stanford Catholic Center and St. Raymond's parish. 7:30 p.m April 23 at Lane Family Chapel, Sacred Heart Schools, 150 Valparaiso Ave, Atherton, CA 94027.