

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

By now, I hope all parishioners are aware of the difficult staffing changes which had to be made to the parish staff effective July 1 in light of our budget situation. Our fiscal year starts July 1. Our Pastor, along with the advice and consent of the Finance Advisory Council created a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It was a very difficult and challenging process in light of the fact that Expenses were reduced by \$88,000 (versus the prior fiscal year budget). This effort was accomplished primarily by laying off several dedicated and committed staff because we simply don't have the funds to support the positions. The remaining staff at the Pastoral Center all had to take on additional duties.

To put the magnitude of the situation into perspective: Our weekly Sunday collection target has been \$11,000 (\$572,000 bolstered by big Christmas and Easter collections). And you might have noticed that we rarely reach that \$11,000 target (\$10,570 thru May or \$19,000 short of goal for the current fiscal year.)

I have heard that there is upset and concern in the parish for those individuals let go. I share that, but also understand that the parish must be realistic with the financial support it is receiving from parishioners. Even with the staff cuts, I suspect most parishioners will notice little change: we will still celebrate Mass 8 times a weekend, and provide the sacraments and educational programs. We'll still do our best to maintain all our properties (but we may have some difficulties if large repairs present themselves). And you've seen Fr. Matt's exhortation that summer collections drop off as individuals and families are away on vacation.

Our Fall Stewardship campaign is going to be a critical time for our parish. I urge all parishioners to seriously and prayerfully consider this issue.

Chris Lundin, Pastoral Stewardship Council Chair

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish operates on a program year which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Our annual budget also runs from July to June. We are so very grateful to all who supported the work of our Parish over the past 12 months. Each year, however, the expenses involved in all of our parish operations and programs increase, and as always, we depend on our parishioners to help meet these expenses. Much can and

will be written about all of this when we send you our annual financial report. Our weekly Sunday Offertory goal continues to be is \$11,000. This is the amount we need each week in order to meet all of our financial responsibilities.



Our Weekly Offering

June 16 Actual \$8,500 * Goal \$11,000
Catholic Communication \$2,750



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerny, Fr. Thierry Geris, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Jane Fitzgerald, Shui Yin Chiu, Pat O'Riordan, Danielle Parks, Consuelo Hernandez, Rosy De Padua, Albert Beltran, Michael Mensick

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — George Kimm, Carol Lilledahl, John Braun, Aniela Bozynski, Bill Todd, Alan Djornedoe, Milagros Fontanilla Antonio, Julie Lewis, Lee Sault, Robert E. Park, Osvaldo Ng

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, June 30:

8:45 am STA. ... Adolph Canelo †
9:00 am SAG ... Bishop Patrick McGrath (sp. int.)

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Monday, July 1: Blessed Junípero Serra

8:30 am OLR ... Rev. Matthew D. Stanley (sp. int.)

Readings: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 2:

8:30 am OLR ... Marijean Guevarra & Family (sp. int.)

12:15 pm STA ... Children of Clare Thomas (sp. int.)

Readings: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 3: St. Thomas

8:30 am OLR ... Agnese Cortopassi †

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday, July 4:

7:15 am STA. ... James Joseph Kinsella †

Readings: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Friday, July 5: St. Elizabeth of Portugal; St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

Readings: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 6: St. Maria Goretti

5:00 pm SAG ... Michael Gearailt Cummins (sp. int.)

Readings: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Luong
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. Luong
Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Gammad
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, June 30: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Fr. George Book Signing (SAGH)

11:30 am Fr. George Book Signing (OLRH)

4:00 pm EDGE (DC)

7:00 pm Lifeteen (DC)

Monday, July 1: Canada Day

7:00 pm Hispanic Lectors (OLR)

Tuesday, July 2:

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)

Wednesday, July 3:

Thursday, June 4: Independence Day,
Pastoral Center Closed

Friday, June 5: First Friday

7:00 pm Hispanic Adoration (DC)

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, June 6: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)

PASTORAL CENTER CLOSED

The Pastoral Center will be closed

Thursday, July 4th. Mass Schedule:

7:15 am & 12:15 pm at St. Thomas

Aquinas & 8:30 am at Our Lady of

the Rosary. We will re-open again on

Monday, July 8th

YOU CAN BE AN ALTAR SERVER

Altar servers are greatly needed for

both the 5:00 p.m. Saturday & 9:00

a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Albert the

Great. Please call Nora Lundin at

ext. 14 or hlundin@dsj.org to find

out how you can be a part of this

enjoyable ministry.

FR. MATT ON VACATION

Fr. Matt will be on Summer Vacation

through July 14th. We wish him a

restful and relaxing time on the island

of Maui. Aloha!

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT

We are currently conducting our annual survey of possible topics/presentations for the upcoming 2013-2014 year. We would like to have your input on what you would like to learn more about in regards to our Catholic faith in particular and other religious and spiritual topics in general. Please use the link below in order to send us your thoughts. You can also go to the NEWS section of our website for a quick "click" to the survey. All of those who received the weekly edition of the e-bulletin were also sent this link. Thank you for your participation!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BSYBHZ5>

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR DAY CAMP

Can you offer to provide transportation to three children in either the morning or evening for one week (or more) from East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park to Hidden Villa Summer Day Camp. The driver picks up and returns each child at their home. The average distance is 12 miles and the average driving time is 30 minutes. Hidden Villa is two miles from Foothill College. The camp starts on June 17 and ends Aug 23. For more information and to schedule a time to drive, please call George Chippendale, 856-6350.

PARISH STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

This year three of our parish staff celebrates special anniversaries of serving the parish community of St. Thomas Aquinas: Chuck Tully (Business Manager) 10 years; Santiago Aguilar (Maintenance) 10 years, and Ron Aranha (Asst. to the Business Manager) 5 years. Many more happy years!

FR. GEORGE BOOK SIGNING

Everything is Grace: Diary of an International; Global; Immigrant Parish Priest –

Fr. George would like to share his book with our community today Sunday, June

30th. He began working on this book while he was our Pastor. The narrative

covers his early years, growing up Catholic in India with its multi-cultural and

multi-religious landscape, seminary life in India and Rome and exercising priestly

ministry in the United States. Father George will sign copies of his book (available

for a suggested donation of \$25) after the 9 am Mass at SAG in the Hospitality

Center and then after the 10:30 am Mass at OLR in the hall on Sunday, June 30th.

BE A PILGRIM OF CHARITY

Next weekend our parish will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides

the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable

works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged victims of war, oppression, and

natural disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be bringing food to the homeless at the Christian Reformed

Church on Arastradero Road during the first two weeks of August. I will be signing

volunteers up after the masses during the month of July. If you miss me after Mass

and would like to help, please call me at 856-6350. Thank you, Ruth Chippendale

June 30, 2013

EARLY READER BOOK DRIVE

A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed in any way to the recent Early Reader Book Drive sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee. Members of our parish generously donated 92 books and \$539 in cash for the Second Graders at our St. Elizabeth Seton School. More new books will be purchased with that cash and distributed before the end of summer school in mid-July. We hope these books will support, challenge and inspire their minds toward wider perspectives of the world and great opportunities for their future.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

I wish to express my gratitude for the generous gift of service to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish to those members of our Parish Advisory Council who complete their term of office: *Laura Chiu* (Human Concerns); *Hal Fletcher* (Catechetical Ministries); *Griselda Morales* (Hispanic Ministry). I also wish to thank the departing member from our Finance Advisory Council whose term of office has ended: *Mary Martinson*. We are all so appreciative of your wisdom, dedication and commitment to the life of faith we try to sustain and nurture for the people of our parish. Your willingness and effort to engage in dialogue and consultation has enabled the work of the parish to be accomplished well. Once again, I am grateful for your support, in our common efforts of fulfilling our parish mission of building up the Body of Christ.

SING GOD'S PRAISES! SUMMER CAMP

A special summer camp for children ages 6 through 12 will be offered July 29 - August 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of the Rosary. Susan Olsen, Catechetical Coordinator for Children's Ministries, will direct this camp which will give children a chance to learn to sing and dance their prayer and to explore Bible stories in dramatic form. The cost for this one week camp is \$50 per child. If you have questions about this camp, contact Susan in the Pastoral Center at 650-494-2496, ext. 25.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Your taste buds are going to have a feast when you take them on July 11 at 5:30 pm to: Estampas Peruanas, 715 El Camino Real (between Broadway & Brewster), Redwood City Total Cost \$25.00 incl. coffee/tea and Dessert. For Rides: email Roland at rolquinmac@me.com. There is public parking in the rear (\$0.50 per hour). For reservations please contact Carmen at (650) 851-8844 or carmenbiland@earthlink.net no later than July 8th.