

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

What, in a nutshell, is the U.S. Bishops' position on immigration reform? The Catholic Church believes that the current U.S. immigration system is broken and needs to be reformed in all aspects; we need comprehensive immigration reform legislation. This would include: a path to citizenship for the 11 - 12 million undocumented people currently in the United States; a temporary worker program to allow migrant workers to enter safely and humanely; a family-based immigration reform which allows families to be reunited more quickly. The Church also teaches that the root causes of migration—namely, global economic disparities—need to be addressed.

The Church has taken a position on immigration because, besides being an economic, social, and legal issue, it is also a humanitarian one, and, ultimately has moral implications. Each day church social service programs, hospitals, schools, and parishes see the human consequences of a broken system: families are divided, migrant workers are exploited and abused, and human beings die in the desert. This impacts human dignity and human life and should be addressed.

Migration is a major theme in the Gospels. Jesus and the Holy Family were refugees who fled the terror of Herod; Jesus, the Son of Man, was an itinerant teacher, with “no place to lay His Head.” Jesus also taught us to “welcome the stranger,” for “what you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me.”

Fr. Matt, Pastor

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 us meet these expenses. Much can and will be written about all of this when we publish our annual financial report. Our weekly Sunday Offertory goal continues to be \$11,000. This is the amount we need each week in order to meet all of our financial responsibilities. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!

Our Weekly Offering

June 30 Actual \$TBA * Goal ..\$11,000
St. Vincent de Paul \$TBA

Please Pray



FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — *Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerney, 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, July 7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45 am STA... Adolph Canelo †
Readings: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36 - 8:3 [7:36-50]

Monday, July 8:
8:30 am OLR ... Mary Heckler †
12:15 pm STA .. Children of Clare Thomas (sp. int.)
Readings: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, July 9: St. Augustine Zhao Rong
8:30 am OLR ... Maria Regalo †
Readings: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, July 10:
8:30 am OLR ... Sr. Victoria Egues (sp. int.)
Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, July 11: St. Benedict
8:30 am OLR ... Antonio R. Palomo †
Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday, July 12:
8:30 am OLR ... Ken Kunishige (sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA ..
Readings: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, July 13: St. Henry
5:00 pm SAG ... William Gretz Sr. †
Readings: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 14

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..... Msgr. Sandersfeld
Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Epie
Sun 12 noon TBA

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 7

7:45 am Hispanic Eucharist Ministers
(OLRH)

3:00 pm Hispanic Young Adults
(OLRH)

Monday, July 8

10:30 am TMC Book Club (TH)

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)

7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, July 10

4:00 pm STAY Core Team (DC)

7:00 pm Catechesis Prep (DC)

7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH):

Thursday, July 11

6:30 pm LifeTeen Core Team (DC)

7:00 pm So. Bay Sanct. Steering (PC)

7:30 pm STA Site Comm. (TH Libr)

7:30 pm TMC Liturgy Bd (TH Dining)

Friday, July 12

6:00 pm Goretti Group (TH)

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, July 13

7:00 am CCC Retreat (SAGH)

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)

9:30 am PIA (OLR H)

1:00 pm TMC (OLR H)

7:00 pm Cath. Young Adults (SAGH)

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!

WELCOME FR. DAT LUONG—OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR

The priestly vocation came to me when I least expected it. To be honest, it was more than 10 years ago; even in my wildest dreams, I never imagined seeing myself as a priest. However, God had his way. He put certain people and events in my path, which pointed out to me my vocation to the priesthood. If I have to attribute the awakening of my vocation to one person, then I have to give it to a Vietnamese sister. She was the one who led me to become a more a devout Catholic. Her life of selfless-giving is truly a witness to the Gospel. Spending time with her gradually helped me to realize that the best way I could make my life most meaningful was to serve God as a priest.

It has been a long, interesting, and challenging journey; however, the most important thing that I realized was that through all the tough times and good times, God never failed to be there for me. I felt his 'presence' and 'support' even during the toughest times of my formation. This is the strength that helps me to continue. I have never regretted my decision. So please pray for me so that I can become a real servant for Christ and others. I look forward to meeting many you in the weeks to come.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

If a relative or close friend is ill or has recently died and you would like them to be mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass or here in the bulletin, please call the Pastoral Center, 650-494-2496. If you leave a message, include your phone number or email in case we need to contact you to clarify something.

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.

WELCOME BACK, FR. FRANKLIN EPIE

Temporarily in residence at the St. Albert the Great Rectory from mid July to the end of August, Fr. Franklin Epie (eppie-ay) returns to our parish from Cameroon, in Africa. While he is on vacation this summer, he will assist our parish with both daily and Sunday Masses. He has been able to visit us the last three summers. This will be especially helpful when Fr. Matt & Fr. Peter take their summer vacation. Welcome back, Fr. Epie!

BE A PILGRIM OF CHARITY – PETER'S PENCE

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance. Be a pilgrim of charity— please be generous in today's Collection.

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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.

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 RCIA process, please call Fr. Peter (650) 494-2496 ext. 36 or fr.pseimas@gmail.com.

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.

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, Director of Catechetical Ministry, 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.

THE THOMAS MERTON CENTER PRESENTS:

"From Dachau to Rome: A New Look at Vatican II" with Deacon William T. (Bill) Ditewig, Ph.D., Saturday, July 13, 2-4 p.m at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. A wine and cheese reception follows. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted. Bill Ditewig has a varied career path: seminarian, service in the U.S. Navy, Ph.D. in theology-Catholic University of America, active in church ministries, Catholic deacon, associate principal of a Catholic high school, executive director of the Secretariat for the Diaconate at USCCB, professor of theology, and author of books and articles on the ministry of the Catholic diaconate.