

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

As I begin my 4th year as Pastor, I would like to share with you a few words from my first homily, preached on July 4, 2010.

I, too, find myself, much like one of those 72 disciples, sent to this metropolis of St. Thomas Aquinas, preparing all of us for the day when the Lord himself will return. Jesus had a good sense, of what this experience was going to be like when he told them: "I am sending you as lambs in the midst of wolves." I'll tell you one thing, I am no lamb, and I don't think I see any wolves out there, but I think we both understand the analogy quite well.

There is danger and risk involved when one takes upon him or herself the task of "preparing the way for the Lord." There is an awesome responsibility that one accepts when he or she "preaches about the reign of God." One must first understand that it is the Lord who chooses us. We are his instruments. We are the hands and feet and face of Jesus. And what we do and say must be consistently reflective of his message— because there is always a danger that "my agenda" can become so inconsistent with mission of Christ.

People must be able to see in us, gathered around the one Table of Word and Sacrament, a people who enjoy being here. The challenge to us is to go forth this day and let others know, and lead them to believe in "the marvels that God has accomplished"— with enthusiasm, zeal, and joy.

My brothers, my sisters, the road is long. Whatever faith and strength we need, let us find it in the news that is good. Let us put our hope and pride in nothing other than the cross of Christ. May the Lord's peace reign in our hearts, for it is peace that comes from God, it is peace that encourages us along the right path, and it is peace, the sure sign that the reign of God is at hand.

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. 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

July 7 Actual \$8,824 Goal ... \$11,000
Peter's Pence \$2,979

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McNerny, 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, Jim Johnson

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, David Christy

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 14: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 am STA... Frances Galea †
Readings: Dt 30:10-14, 13; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday, July 15: St. Bonaventure
8:30 am OLR ... Children of Clare Thomas (sp. int.)

12:15 pm STA .. Fr. Matt Stanley (sp. int.)
Readings: Ex 1:18-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 23:8-12

Tuesday, July 16: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
8:30 am OLR ... Matias & Josefa Palomo †
Readings: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3,14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 17:
8:30 am OLR ... Gloria Martinez †
Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis
8:30 am OLR ... Marijean Guerarra & family (sp. int.)
Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 19:
12:15 pm STA .. Francois & Maria Cecilia Torregrosa †
Readings: Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20: St. Apollinaris
5:00 pm SAG ... In Thanksgiving for the Short family
Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 21

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Luong
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Luong
Sun 11:00 am (Byzantine) Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas
Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
Sun 8:45 am Fr. Epie
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Epie
Sun 12 noon (Gregorian) TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sun 9:00 am (Spanish)... Fr. Seimas
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 14

10:00 am SAG Site Committee (SAGH)

10:30 am TMC Book Club (TH)

4:00 pm EDGE (DC)

7:00 pm LifeTeen (DC)

Monday, July 15

10:30 am TMC Book Club (TH Lib)

7:00 pm Latin Circle (TH Lvg Rm)

7:30 pm TMC (TH Dining)

Tuesday, July 16

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)

Wednesday, July 17

4:00 pm STAY Core Team (DC)

7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

7:30 pm STA Interior Comm. (TH Din)

Friday, July 19

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, July 20

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)

10:30am Baptism (SAG)

12:00 pm..... Quinceanera (OLR)

2:30pm Wedding (OLR)

5:00 pm Wedding (STA)

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't. — Blaise Pascal

—Henry Drummond

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 email her at nlundin@dsj.org to find out how you can be a part of this enjoyable ministry.

STA ITALIAN DINNER AT THOMAS HOUSE

STA Italian Dinner July 27—get tickets now!

The 3rd Annual STA Italian Dinner is happening on Saturday, July 27, at the Thomas House, 745 Waverley Street, Palo Alto—in the former rectory adjacent to St. Thomas Aquinas Church. No host bar for beer and wine opens at 5:00 pm; dinner service starts at 5:45. For a mere \$15 per adult (\$5 per child), you will experience a truly gourmet meal: spaghetti or polenta (gluten-free) with an Italian sausage Bolognese sauce or zesty vegetarian marinara. This is definitely NOT a typical church spaghetti dinner! Chef Ted Baer has a master's touch with his sauces—you will be more than satisfied with the tongue-teasing flavors he so carefully blends.

The Thomas House basement hall is the center of the action, with additional seating upstairs for those who need handicapped access (reservations required). Seating is limited, so don't wait. Tickets are on sale July 13/14 and July 20/21 after all Masses, or contact Helen Baumann at (650) 327-9236, or at the parish office. Food will be prepared to serve all who have purchased tickets; if your plans change and you cannot come, please let us know that your ticket cost is now a donation to the parish.

Questions? Kay Williams, (650) 328-2781, kaywill@pacbell.net

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.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for St. Elizabeth Seton School. Every month the parish supports Seton School at the St. Albert the Great site with our 2nd collections. The many generous parishioners who contribute towards this school are cherished by all at the school. Many of this year's graduates will be moving to Catholic High schools all along the peninsula — so you know your donations are doing good things.

SING GOD'S PRAISES! DANCE FOR JOY!

Register your children now for an "arts" summer camp which will be held from 9 a.m. to Noon on July 29-August 2 in the hall at Our Lady of the Rosary. Children ages 6 through 12 are welcome. Participants will sing songs of worship and praise, learn movement and dance as prayer and explore Bible stories through drama. Registration forms are available in the vestibules and on the parish website. The cost of this one week camp is \$50 per child. Contact Susan in the Pastoral Center at 650-494-2496, ext. 25 or at suolsen@dsj.org.

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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.

NEW PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP MEMBERS

As part of the regular rotation provided by the By-Laws, the Pastoral Stewardship Council (PSC) welcomes new representatives from several of our ministerial areas. We thank them for their willingness to give their time and effort to this parish advisory board.

Mary Fong - Human Concerns

Florence de Bretagne - Catechetical Ministries

Semi Gurbiel - Hispanic Ministry

The PSC, at its May meeting, elected its Executive Committee for the next year:

Chair: Chris Lundin

Vice-Chair: Jerry Lucha

Secretary: Pat Keicher

The PSC meeting location rotates annually between our three parish sites, and we are just beginning the "Year at OLR". The PSC generally meets on the second Wednesday of the month except in August.

YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

SF Symphony Concert, Sun. July 21st at 2:00 pm, Dolores Park, San Francisco - Pack a picnic and join us for a day of fun at the San Francisco Symphony in the Park held at Dolores Park. This annual free concert will take place on Sunday July 21, 2013 at 2pm at 19th Street and Dolores Street, San Francisco, CA. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com. We will arrange carpools several days before the concert.

Dinner at Crepevine, Tues. July. 23rd at 7:30PM, 300 Castro St., Mountain View - The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering at the Mountain View Crepevine location. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.