

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHAT IS A SACRISTAN?

Do you know what a Sacristan is or does?

A Sacristan is the one responsible for preparation of the sacred vessels, books and other items used in the celebration of the Eucharist. He/she shows up early, sets up everything to enable the Presider and other ministers to celebrate the Mass worthily and well.

He/she has a list of items to check off before every Mass including:

- unlocks the outer doors for parishioners
- makes sure the candles are lit before Mass begins
- checks to be sure that the scheduled ministers are available and checked in
- assists the Altar Servers in getting dressed
- sets out the lectionary, Book of Gospels and the Roman Missal
- makes sure the sacred vessels for Communion are set out along with linens
- and checks that sacred vessels are purified and put away (usually done by others), turns off lights, and locks up the church

His/her job is one of the most important ministries that we rely on because we strive for a prayerful experience for our parishioners at every Mass.

At this moment, we have two openings for Sacristans at St. Albert the Great. If you are so inclined and would like to volunteer, perhaps this would be a good way to share your time & talents. Please contact me at the Pastoral Center if you are interested or would like more information.

Nora Lundin, Director, Liturgy & Music

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

What is Stewardship? It is a way of life based on the Gospel. How do I make it my way life? I take to heart the opening words of Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." The next couple of months, the time of vacations and weekends away, are always quite challenging for our parish financially: a very good reason to consider using ONLINE GIVING. 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 your generosity toward the work and mission of the parish. As you know, we are totally dependent upon all of our parishioners for our livelihood. Thank you for sharing God's gifts!



Our Weekly Offering

July 21 Actual \$9,500 Goal ..\$11,000

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerney, Fr. Thierry Geris, Carl Bunje, Jane Fitzgerald, Pat O'Riordan, Danielle Parks, Consuelo Hernandez, Rosy De Padua, Albert Beltran, Michael Mensick, Jim Johnson, Brandon B, Tim Mauer, Anna Belle O'Toole, Kathy Gibbs and Sandra Dhuey

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Bill Todd, Alan Djornedoe, Milagros Fontanilla Antonio, Julie Lewis, Lee Sault, Robert E. Park, Osvaldo Ng, David Christy, Hubert Lucas

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 28: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 am STA... Adolph Canelo †

9:00 am SAG ... Romulo Rocillo †

10:30am OLR... Brian Franklin †

Readings: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8;

Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday, July 29: St. Martha

7:15 am STA..... Children of Clare Thomas (sp. int.)

12:15 pm STA .. Alley Torres (health)

Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus

Readings: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

12:15 pm STA .. Michael McCarthy †

Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9;

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 am OLR ... Matias & Josefa Perez †

Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6, 8-11;

Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard

12:15pm Sydney & Audrey Custodio (wedding anniversary)

Readings: Lv 23:1, 4-11; 15-16, 27, 34b-37;

Ps 81:3-6, 10-11; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3: BVM

12:15 pm STA .. James & Edith Dubbs †

5:00 pm SAG ... June & Edward Webb †

Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;

Mt 14:1-12

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 4

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Epie

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Stanley

Sun 11:00 am (Byzantine) 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 (Gregorian) TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (Spanish)... Fr. Mikalonis

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Luong

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 28

7:45 am Hispanic Eucharistic
Ministers Meeting (OLRH)

Monday, July 29

7:00 pm Computer Class (OLR)
7:30 pm Green Committee (2nd fl PC)

Tuesday, July 30

5:00 pm Rehearsal Quinceañera (SAG)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus (THB)

Wednesday, July 31

4:00 pm STA Core Team Mtgs (DC)
7:15 pm Catechist Prep. (DC)

Friday, July 26

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 3

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
10:30am Baptism Class (1st fl PC)
11:30 am Quinceañera (SAG)
5:00 pm Italian Dinner (TH)

BYZANTINE NEWS

A vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption (called the Feast of the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God by Byzantine Catholics), will be held at St. Albert the Great, on Wednesday, August 14th commencing with Vespers at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. The Vigil will be sponsored by St. Basil Byzantine Catholic community, which meets each Sunday at St. Albert the Great to celebrate the Byzantine Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. For more info., contact Father Anthony Hernandez (408) 871-0910 or by email: pastor@stbasil.org

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS SCHEDULED AT SAG & OLR

THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS COMING SOON - SAVE THE DATE - August 18! Our annual pancake breakfast with registration for faith formation classes will be held on Sunday, August 18 following the Masses at St. Albert the Great and Our Lady of the Rosary. Join us for a fabulous free breakfast prepared for you by our Knights of Columbus. All parishioners and friends and family are welcome to attend. While registration for our classes has always been a part of this event, you don't have to wait until then to register your children for our faith formation program. Registration forms are available now on our parish website and in the vestibule at all of our churches. All children between the ages of 4 and 10 (Pre-K through 5th Grade) are welcome to participate.

Parents: We know you all want the very best education for your children and go out of your way to make sure they have great learning experiences to prepare them for their future. While it is important that they learn reading, writing, and math, it is also important that they learn about their faith. Faith formation for your children is more than just preparing to receive the sacraments. It is a foundation for the way they will live their lives. You are the primary catechists in their lives, but we are here to help enhance what you do with them at home. And while they are learning and growing in their faith, we'll help you grow in yours as well. So take the time to register your children for classes today. CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, AUGUST 25.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN

Do you have a child who is 8 years of age or older who has not been baptized or received 1st Eucharist? If so, the RCIA is for you and your child. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dermody Center. Our next class will be held on August 14. If you have questions about this process, please contact Susan at the Pastoral Center (650-494-2496, ext. 25) or at suolsen@dsj.org.

SING GOD'S PRAISES! DANCE FOR JOY!

Sing God's Praise! Dance for Joy! is this week beginning Monday, July 29 at 9 a.m. in the Hall at Our Lady of the Rosary. Children ages 6 through 12 are welcome (but if you're 13 and want to come, don't let age stop you). Join us and pray in song, drama, and dance. Not too late to register! (Attention all Christmas Pageant Participants: if you loved doing the pageant, you'll enjoy this summer camp. Hope to see you there!!) 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION—THIS SUNDAY!

The goal of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person to person basis and to offer spiritual services. A key strength of the Society is in the personalized delivery of help. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. St. Vincent de Paul has thousands of volunteers all over the world, including St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Your generosity in today's 2nd collection will assist our own local conference of St. Vincent de Paul to help our neighbors in need. Envelopes are provided in the pews.

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RITE OF WELCOME FOR A NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR

We will celebrate this special rite in officially welcoming Fr. Dat Luong as our new parochial vicar at the 10:30am Mass on August 4 at Our Lady of the Rosary. What is a parochial vicar? According to Canon Law a parochial vicar “shares with the pastor the threefold ministry of teaching, sanctifying, and governing; he substitutes when the pastor is on sabbatical, vacation, or retreat.

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 (650) 856-6350. Thank you, Ruth Chippendale.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS BRIDGE GROUP

Something NEW this coming bridge year - All games will be played on the 3rd Friday of each month in the afternoon. We encourage newcomers and old-timers to register for the coming year with Anne Ackerman at 650-326-1336 or Nickie Andrews at 650-494-2152 as soon as possible. Play will begin in September so a letter with instructions will be mailed in August. Deadline to register is August 23rd.

LITURGY CORNER

Front Seats - Catholics are known for not sitting in the front seats at liturgy. What difference does it make? It does make a difference. If we are a celebrating family, if we try to extend hospitality to one another, if we are sensitive to those who come late, if we are trying to participate in an action that is truly ours, then we will fill the front pews as we come in. This makes full, active participation in the Liturgy easier, because it puts us closer to the focus of the action. It is our action. The closer we are, the more it feels like our action. It also leaves room for late-comers to take a seat without disturbing those already present. *Copyright © 2010 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved*

So try sitting a few rows closer to the front than you normally would sit the next time you come to Mass. It might open up a whole new perspective for you and you may meet a whole new group of people you didn't know!