

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S TOPIC

Here is a brief introduction to next week's speaker representing **Hands Together** for our Parish's annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal & Collection.

Doug Campbell began working in Haiti in 1986 while a senior at Lafayette College when he went there as part of a student delegation led by his chaplain, Fr. Tom Hagan, OSFS. Soon after, Doug joined Fr. Tom in creating a Catholic lay mission outreach called **Hands Together** which serves the poorest of the poor in Haiti - particularly in the Port-au-Prince's slums of Cite Soleil and the poor rural villages in the Diocese of Gonaives, Haiti.

Doug currently serves as director. **Hands Together** runs free schools, medical clinics and nutrition programs in Cite Soleil, helping tens of thousands of people who struggle to survive. Their work among the violence and savage poverty here is founded upon the Catholic social teachings of the dignity of human life and a preferential option of the poor, and nourished through God's infinite and absolute love for us. About one-third of **Hands Together's** mission outreach directly supports educational, health and medical, emergency intervention, and developmental projects in the Diocese of Gonaives where more than 1 million live in abject poverty.

Married, with three children, Doug makes his home in Springfield, MA. Doug runs the **Hands Together** organization and splits time between the U.S. and Haiti while working closely with Fr. Tom Hagan, OSFS who lives at the **Hands Together** headquarters in Haiti.

As part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan, Doug and one of his sons have been invited to speak on behalf of the missions in Haiti and the work of the Church at all of next Sunday's Masses. Please be generous. Special envelopes are available in the pews.

Fr. Matt, Pastor

## 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 hear the opening words of Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." Summers 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 you all of our parishioners for our livelihood. Thank you for sharing God's gifts!



### Our Weekly Offering

July 28 Actual \$11,250 Goal \$11,000  
St. Vincent de Paul \$4,500



### 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, and Kathy Gibbs

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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 4: 18th Sunday in OT  
7:30 am STA.... In Thanksgiving for Vivian & Jerry Grenier  
9:00 am SAG Bonita Brown Rhodes (sp.int.)  
Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday, August 5: Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major  
7:15 am STA..... Children of Clare Thomas (sp. int.)  
8:30 am OLR ... Fr. Garcia (Jesuit priest) †  
Readings: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 6: Transfiguration of Lord  
Readings: Dn 7:9-19, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday, August 7: St. Sixtus II, St. Cajetan  
8:30 am OLR ..... Mary Leon Guerrero †  
12:15 pm STA ..... Adi Irani †  
Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 8: St. Dominic  
8:30 am OLR . . . The Palomo Family (sp. int.)  
Readings: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta  
8:30 am OLR ..... Ronald Short †  
12:15 pm STA ..... Maria Asuncion Pedron (thanksgiving)  
Readings: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 10: St. Lawrence  
12:15 pm STA . . . Francesco Poggesi †  
Readings: 2Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9;

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 11

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, August 4

3:00 pm . . . . . Baptism (STA)

4:00 pm . . . . . EDGE (DC)

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

Monday, August 5

7:00 pm . . . . . Computer Class (OLR)

7:00 pm . . . . . Hispanic Lectors Meeting (OLR)

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

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

7:00 pm . . . . . Catechist Prep. (DC)

7:00 pm . . . . . Community Life (PC 1st Fl.)

Thursday, August 8

7:30 pm . . . . . TMC (TH Dining)

7:30 pm . . . . . STA Site Committee (TH Lib)

Friday, August 9

6:00 pm . . . . . Goretta Group (STA, TH)

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

Saturday, August 10

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

9:30 am . . . . . PIA (OLRH)

10:00 am . . . . . One Day GetAway for Youth (DC)

2:00 pm . . . . . Wedding (STA)

4:30 pm . . . . . Wedding (STA)

## CLERGY CORNER

Fr. Matt will be away next weekend Aug 10 & 11. He will be the spiritual director for an Engaged Encounter Retreat. Please keep the team and all of the couples in your prayers.

Fr. Peter will be on Summer Vacation through August 16th. We wish him a restful and relaxing time.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHEDULED AT SAG & OLR

THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS COMING - 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](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org).

## 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](mailto:pastor@stbasil.org)

## LETTER OF THANKS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

I want to thank you for your support of Catholic Charities—the social service arm of the Diocese of San Jose— offering hope to over 30,000 of our neighbors in need. I am delighted to let you know that the total contributions made to Catholic Charities by the generous members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish during the 2013 May Appeal were \$28,430. With the support of partners like you, Catholic Charities raised a grand total of \$711,241 during this year's Appeal. I am deeply inspired by the compassion and generosity of our supporters. Your generous and prayerful support directly helps those who suffer under the burden of poverty in our county. Thanks to you, our clients and their families are changing their lives for good. CEO – Gregory R. Kepferle

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# August 4, 2013

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## HOTEL DE ZINK REMINDER

Thank you to all who signed up to help with Hotel de Zink. If you offered to help, please remember to fulfill your pledge and bring food on the day you signed up. If you need to find out when you signed up, please call Ruth Chippendale at (650) 856-6350.

## 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.

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—THE ASSUMPTION

### **Schedule of Masses - Wednesday, August 14 (Vigil)**

- 7:00 pm - Our Lady of the Rosary (Vigil - English)
- 7:00 pm - St. Albert the Great (Byzantine Vespers)
- 7:30 pm - St. Albert the Great (Byzantine Divine Liturgy)

### **Schedule of Masses - Thursday, August 15**

- 7:15 am - St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- 8:30 am - Our Lady of the Rosary
- 12:15 pm - St. Thomas Aquinas
- 7:00 pm - St. Albert the Great
- 7:30 pm - Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish)
- 8:00 pm - St. Thomas Aquinas (Gregorian)

## LITURGY CORNER

On August 15 we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. This is usually a holy day of obligation unless it falls on a Monday or Saturday. It is a feast of the highest significance. It celebrates Mary's welcome into heaven. It is a feast for all of us because Mary, the Mother of the Church, has accomplished what each of us hopes and expects to happen. As we believe that Jesus was the first to rise from the dead, so we believe he has also received his mother first into eternity. Eastern traditions called this event the "Dormition" or the "sleeping" of Mary indicating that she did not die but was taken to heaven as if asleep. Pope Pius XII declared the bodily assumption of Mary a dogma of the church in 1950.