

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER OF SAN JOSE

Twice a year for the past two decades I have participated in a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend as a spiritual director. I am spending this weekend at Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park on another EE Weekend. I do this because I really believe in the value of this experience, and I desire to share the wealth of wisdom the Church has to offer to couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. My principal responsibility is to give several talks, along with a married couple who serve with me on the team, on such topics as communication, family, conflict resolution, and parenthood, as well as offering opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and celebrating Sunday Mass.

An Engaged Encounter Weekend offers couples a unique opportunity to look at their commitment to each other in a deeper way as they prepare for marriage. It gives them the opportunity to focus exclusively on each other for 44 hours in peaceful surroundings, free from the pressure and distractions of the outside world. Although Catholic in origin, this experience is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together. The Weekend is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values.

The weekend is open to any couple who are engaged, or considering engagement wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together in the belief that marriage is between a man and a woman, and to be recognized by the Catholic Church. In 1992, Pope John Paul, II proclaimed Catholic Engaged Encounter as a Vatican approved marriage preparation program. Catholic Engaged Encounter fulfills requirements for preparation for marriage in the Catholic Church as prescribed by the Diocese of San Jose. **“A Wedding is for a day. A Marriage is for a lifetime.”**

Fr. Matt, Pastor

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our summer comings and goings do not lessen our parish's dependence upon you all for our ability to cover our expenses. So far this summer, you have been quite generous. But in case you've been out of town and haven't thought about covering your weekly or monthly offering to the parish for that time, would you give it consideration today? We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish may continue to impact the lives of so

many. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the “first fruits” of the “treasure” you have received.



Our Weekly Offering

August 4 Actual \$10,500 Goal \$11,000

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 11: 19th Sunday in OT
8:45 am STA. . . . Frances Galea †
9:00 am SAG . . . Joseph Schembri †
12:00 pm STA . . . Guy Abrera †
Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19,
20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk
12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday, August 12:
7:15 am STA. Children of Clare
Thomas (sp. int.)
12:15 pm OLR . . . Vince Giovannotto †
Readings: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 13: St. Pontian,
St. Hippolytus
Readings: Dt 31:1-8; (Ps)Dt 32:3-4ab, 7,8,9,12;
Mt 18:1-5, 10,12-14

Wednesday, August 14: St. Maximilian
Kolbe
7:00 pm OLR All Parishioners
Readings: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 15: Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10,
11-12ab, 16; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday, August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary
12:15 pm STA Gerald Pedron (thanks-
giving)
Readings: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18,
21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 17:
Readings: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 18

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
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 Msgr. Sandersfeld
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Epie
Sun 12 noon (Gregorian) TBA

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

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 — Julie Lewis, Lee Sault, Robert E. Park, Osvaldo Ng, David Christy,
Hubert Lucas, Danuta Skarga-Malolepszy, Bernardina Papazian, Bonita Browne Rhodes

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 11

10:00 am SAG Site Committee (SAGH)

4:00 pm EDGE (DC)

7:00 pm LifeTeen (DC)

Monday, August 12

7:00 pm Computer Class (OLR)

7:00 pm TMC Liturgy Committee (TH Library)

Tuesday, August 13

6:00 pm Spanish Baptism Class (PC 1st Fl)

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus (TH B)

Wednesday, August 14

10:00 am Spirituality Tues. Planning Mtg (PC)

4:00 pm STA Core Team Mtgs (DC)

6:00 pm RCIA for Children (DC)

7:00 pm Catechist Prep. (DC)

Thursday, August 15

7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer (DC)

7:30 pm STA Interior Committee (TH Dining)

Friday, August 16

4:00 pm Wedding (STA)

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 17

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)

4:30 pm Wedding (STA)

CLERGY CORNER

Fr. Matt is away this weekend. He is 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 this Friday, August 16th. We wish him a restful and relaxing time.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHEDULED AT SAG & OLR

THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY - August 18!

Our annual pancake breakfast with registration for faith formation classes will be held next Sunday, August 18 after Mass 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. So take the time to register your children for classes today.

CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, AUGUST 25.

SAVE THE DATES

*August 15 - The Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation

* August 18 - Pancake Breakfast - after Masses - SAG 10:00am OLR 11:30am

* August 25 - Faith Formation Classes begin (K-5)

* September 8 - BBQ & 1st LifeTeen Mass of Fall

* September 15 - Parish Picnic - OLR

THANK YOU TO MARI OLSEN

Mari Olsen, a talented singer in both the St. Albert the Great 9:00 a.m. Choir and the St. Thomas Aquinas 10:30 a.m Choir, will be leaving the area for a new job she has recently accepted.

Mari has contributed in many, many ways over her years in our parish to our liturgical music life. She began singing with us in January 2006 after we lured her away from St. Raymond's in Menlo Park. In the intervening years she has sung at innumerable Sunday and holy day liturgies, as well as at weddings and funerals.

In February 2012, Mari was the organizer of our parish Benefit Concert which benefited the relief efforts towards the Philippines from the damage and destruction caused by the December 2011 floods from Tropical Storm Washi. The concert raised more than \$5,400!

We will miss Mari's fine alto voice and easy-going personality, and wish her the best in her new job at UC Santa Cruz.

Chris Lundin and Paul Prochaska, Music Ministers

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up the U.S. Bishops' Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The Church in Africa is vibrant, diverse, and full of hope. However, it faces serious challenges: war, oppression, HIV/AIDS, famine, and poverty. The Solidarity Fund supports essential pastoral projects all over the continent that build the Church's capacity and strengthen the faith. With your support, it's possible. Join us. Please be generous in next week's Solidarity Fund appeal.

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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.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

The Contemplative Prayer Group (formerly called The Centering Prayer Group) continues to meet every Thursday at 7:00pm at Dermody Center. All silent meditators are welcome. Two sessions of silent prayer are followed by sharing and discussion of the book by former Trappist monk Fr. Thomas Keating --- "Open Mind, Open Heart." Contact Jean Ramacciotti, OPL for more information -- pajeannr@yahoo.com.

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)

GREEN CORNER

SEEKING ANSWERS ON CLIMATE & ENERGY with ALEX CANNARA, PhD. A World Centric presentation & discussion series – FREE at 2121 Staunton Court, Palo Alto, CA 94306
Tuesdays at 7 pm, with refreshments at 6:30 pm

August 13 ENERGY DEMAND & SUPPLY -- COMPARING OUR OPTIONS & TAKING ACTION - A review of global demand for the major types of energy, how that demand is being met, and how it should be met. We'll explain how everything from forests & farms to vehicles, offices, factories & homes interrelate. We'll also review and compare alternative power sources and technologies to discover the best combination for averting global disaster and discuss what each of us can do. Attendees will acquire an understanding of the merits of differing energy choices from both economic and environmental viewpoints, and learn how to communicate this knowledge to others.