

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRE OF LOVE

At first glance, today's Gospel is probably seen by many as rather distressing and difficult. Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49.)

It is our Lord Jesus who came to cast fire on the earth, the fire of the Holy Spirit, who was sent into our hearts through the ministry of Word and Sacraments. As Christians, we should have fire to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of faith. We should work with that fire to burn off the impurities within us. We need Divine Fire to inflame our hearts with the love of God and love for His children. We can do all things in Christ who gives us strength. So let us call on Christ to make us strong in His grace and love so that we may live as He wants us to live.

Deacon Daniel Hernandez

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN

CLASSES START NEXT WEEK! Register this weekend at our Pancake Breakfast or go on-line to register your children for our STA Kids Faith Formation. All children ages 4 through 10 (Pre-K through 5th Grade) are welcome. Faith formation is a life-long journey for all of us. It's not just preparing for the Sacraments. It's preparing our children to live Christian lives. Questions? Contact Susan in the Faith Formation Office (650-494-2496, ext. 25) or at suolsen@dsj.org.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of July. Our average weekly collection for the 1st month of this new fiscal year was \$10,413 (\$9,138 in 2012). Our Sunday Collection target for July was \$44,000; our actual is \$41,652. This represents a shortfall of \$2,348. If we project this deficit out 12 months, we come up short \$28,000. What you commit to God's work here at St. Thomas Aquinas will significantly impact our programs,

ministries, services, staffing, buildings and grounds. May our good and generous God guide you. 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"



Our Weekly Offering

August 11 Actual \$9,500 Goal \$11,000
 Missionary Co-op \$12,000
 The Assumption \$ TBA

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 18: 20th Sunday in OT
 8:45 am STA. . . . Adolph Canelo †
 9:00 am SAG . . . Helen Cunha †
Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Monday, August 19: St. John Eudes
 7:15 am STA. Children of Clare
 Thomas (sp. int.)
Readings: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 20: St. Bernard
Readings: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7,8,9,12; Mt 18:1-5, 1-12-14

Wednesday, August 21: St. Pius X
Readings: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 12:15 pm Vocations to the Priesthood
Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima
Readings: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 24: St. Bartholomew
 12:15 pm STA Bartolomea Pedron (thanksgiving)
Readings: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

PLAN AHEAD: Our 6pm Sunday Evening Lifeteen Mass will commence on Sunday, September 8 at Our Lady of the Rosary.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 25

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

St. Thomas Aquinas
 Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
 Sun 8:45 am Fr. Rhoide
 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 18

7:45 am Hispanic EMs (OLRH)
10:00 am..... Pancake Breakfast (SAGH)
10:30 am TMC Book Club (TH Lib)
11:30 am..... Pancake Breakfast (OLRH)
4:00 pm..... EDGE (DC)
7:00 pm..... LifeTeen (DC)

Monday, August 19

10:30 am TMC Book Club (TH Lib)
7:00 pm..... Computer Class (OLR)
7:00 pm RCIA Adults (PC 1st Fl)
7:00 pm..... TMC (TH Lib)

Tuesday, August 20

6:00 pm Baptism Class (Spanish)
(PC 1st Fl)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus (TH B)

Wednesday, August 21

4:00 pm STA Core Team Mtgs (DC)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Thursday, August 22

10:00 am Serra Club (TH)
7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer (DC)
7:00 pm So. Bay Sanct Cov. (PC 1st Fl)
7:30 pm TMC (TH Dining)

Friday, August 23

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 24

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
10:30 am Baptism Class (PC 1st Fl)

CLERGY CORNER

Fr. Matt will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland from August 19-September. 1. We say farewell to Fr. Franklin Epie who concludes his vacation with us next Sunday and returns to his pastoral ministry in Cameroon, Africa. We are grateful for his time with us, and we wish him a safe journey home. Fr. Dat will be away on vacation from August 29-September 5.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

LEADERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MASSES (9:00 a.m. at SAG and 10:30 a.m. at OLR and STA)

During our Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW) at our Sunday morning Masses, children ages 4 and up are sent out from the assembly right after the Collect to gather in another near-by space so that they may hear and talk about the scripture readings at their level of understanding and pray with the other children gathered. CLOW is offered most weeks from September through May. CLOW is not offered on Family Mass weekends (usually the 4th Sunday of the month) or on holidays.

In order for us to offer this meaningful experience for our children, we need adults who are willing to lead them. As a Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) leader, you would serve in rotation with others in the ministry. Frequency of service depends on the number of people we have willing to serve. Ideally we would have sufficient ministers to have each person (or team) serve only once a month or once every other month.

Materials to assist the leader to break open the Word for the children and lead them in prayer are provided for each week. The materials will be available in plenty of time for each leader to become familiar with them and prepare for this session. There are also materials for the children to take with them to further enrich their experience of the Liturgy of the Word.

WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO HELP WITH THIS MINISTRY AT ALL SITES. Training will be provided to all who accept a role in this ministry. We would like to begin offering CLOW on **September 8**. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Director of Catechetical Ministry, Susan Olsen, at 650-494-2496, ext. 25 or email her at suolsen@dsj.org.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The U.S. bishops' Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports a wide range of essential and unique pastoral projects that build the capacity of this growing Church, rich with faith, hope, and immense need. Funded projects range from catechetical training of lay people in Namibia to training of pastoral caregivers for the sick in Catholic-founded hospitals and medical units in Uganda. Please be generous in the Solidarity Fund. Through your support, **it's possible. Join us!**

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS

I wanted to say a sincere 'thank-you' for your kind response to the Book Signings I had last Sunday outside St Thomas Aquinas Church and a few Sundays ago at both St Albert the Great and Our Lady of the Rosary. More than signing books, I was very happy to meet and greet so many of you. It brought back fond memories of the eight years we were together. Thank you for your support and encouragement. For those of you who could not attend any of these book signing Sundays, and would like to have a copy of my book: Everything is Grace: Diary of an International, Global, Immigrant Priest, please contact our parish office here in Santa Clara and I'll be happy to personally sign your copy and mail it to you. Address: St Clare Parish, 725 Washington Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050 Tel #: 408-248-7786 ext 15. In gratitude and in Christ,
Fr. George Aranha

August 18, 2013

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.

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.

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 -- pajeann@yahoo.com.

FREE CYCLING @ PARISH PICNIC!

Back by popular demand, the Green Committee will host another Free Cycling event at this year's parish picnic on Sept 15 at OLR's school yard. We accept the following: Books, DVDs, CDs, toys, electronics, arts and crafts, small household items and (new this year) PRODUCE & PLANTS from your yards! Remember, absolutely FREE to bring and FREE to take! Items should be in nice enough condition so people would appreciate having them. They should also be easily "portable". No big, heavy or bulky items please. All leftovers will be donated to local charities.

SAVE THE DATES

- * 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
- * September 24 - Spirituality Tuesday starts again