

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2013 – SEPTEMBER 15TH

“OPEN THE DOOR OF FAITH” - Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of his or her Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is a chance for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. "A catechist is a person who facilitates the process of faith formation, first by echoing the word of God in his or her own life and second by helping others to do so." (Joe Paprocki) Every "Christian" is a catechist in some way, whether as parent, sibling, co-worker, or friend.

This week we call forward those who have accepted the role as catechists to be commissioned and blessed for their ministry. This year's commissioning comes with a real sense of joy and excitement for the year ahead. Last year at this time, we were in desperate need of catechists. In our STA Kids program, we had only two individuals who were willing and able to serve at St. Albert's, and we had openings at Our Lady of the Rosary as well. But God answers prayers, and people stepped forward to take on those classes. This year we have at least one catechist in every classroom, and we have aides in most of the classrooms as well. It is wonderful to see this development in the program, and it is a sign of good things to come in the year ahead for our children and catechists alike.

Catechists share their faith - share their experience of God. They will take those in their charge on a faith journey and will walk with them along the pathway to a closer relationship with God. And perhaps on that journey they may grow in their own faith. The "transformers" will be transformed. We give thanks to God for these dedicated people who have stepped forward and said, "Yes" to the call to serve our community in this special way. And may this new year of faith be for all of us a time for renewal of a relationship with Jesus, faithful participation in the sacramental life of the Church, and a reopening the "door of faith" first opened at our Baptism.

Fr. Matt, Pastor & Susan Olsen, Director of Catechetical Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 15: 24th Sunday in OT
 8:45 am STA... Adolph Canelo †
 9:00 am SAG ... Bobby Kerrigan †
 10:30 am OLR .. Simona Sanchez †
Readings: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday, September 16: St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian
 7:15 am Children of Clare Thomas (sp. int.)
Readings: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:16-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine
Readings: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 18
 8:30 am OLR Patricia Stanley (sp. int.)
Readings: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 19: St. Januarius
 8:30 am OLR ... Ronald Short †
 12:15 pm STA .. Vocations for Priesthood
Readings: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 20: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
 8:30 am OLR Anothony Luis Palomo (sp. int.)
Readings: Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 21: St. Matthew
 5:00 pm SAG Jim Rowe †
Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

25th Sunday in OT – September 22nd
 St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
 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 Fr. Izzo
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley
 Sun 12 noon (Gregorian) TBA
 Our Lady of the Rosary
 Sun 9:00 am (Spanish)... Fr. Valenton
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Luong
 Sun 6:00 pm Fr. Seimas

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As you know, we are totally dependent upon all of our parishioners for our livelihood. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of St. Thomas Aquinas may continue to impact the lives of so many. We



Our Weekly Offering

Sept. 8 Actual \$11,500 Goal ..\$11,000
 Seton School \$ 5000

encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of returning to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McNerny, Fr. Thierry Geris, Jane Fitzgerald, Danielle Parks, Consuelo Hernandez, , Michael Mensick, Jim Johnson, Brandon B, Tim Mauer, Anna Belle O'Toole, and Kathy Gibbs, Bev Webb, Mark Rolj, Dale Rolj, Jeffrey Abel, Robert Matthews

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Osvaldo Ng, David Christy, Hubert Lucas, Danuta Skarga-Malolepszy, Bernardina Papazian, Bonita Browne Rhodes, Simona Sanchez, Ruth Cannon

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, September 15

9:15 am Faith Form. Classes (OLRH)
10:15 am Faith Form. Classes (SESS)
10:30 am Catechesis (Hispanic) (OLRS)
10:30 am..... Catechesis Pre-Confirm -
Hispanic (DC)
10:30 am TMC Book Club (TH Lib)
11:30 am PARISH PICNIC (OLR)
4:00 pm..... EDGE (DC)
7:00 pm..... LifeTeen (DC)

Monday, September 16

10:30 am TMC Book Club (TH Lib)
7:00 pm..... TMC (TH Lib)

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 pm Hispanic Board Meeting
(PC 1st Fl)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday
Assembly (SAGH)

Wednesday, September 18

4:00 pm STAY Core Team Mtgs (DC)
6:00 pm S.O.U.P. (OLRH)
6:00 pm RCIA - Children (DC)

Thursday, September 19

10:00 am Serra Club (TH Dining)
7:30 pm STA Interior Comm. (TH Lib)

Friday, September 20

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 21

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
8:30 am Liturgy Board Mtg (SAGH)
10:00 am Baptism (STA)
2:00 pm Quinceañera (SAG)
4:30 pm Wedding (STA)

The Contemplative Prayer Group will NOT meet on Thurs., Sept. 19. We will attend the Healing Mass that day at Sacred Heart in Saratoga at 4:00pm. The Prayer Group will resume Thurs., Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm in Dermody Center (DC).

PARISH PICNIC UPDATE

Our parish picnic is TODAY, September 15, from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary at 3233 Cowper St. This is the largest social event of the year in the parish and everyone is invited. The Knights of Columbus will again be barbecuing hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and vegetables; refreshments will be provided by the Community Life group. Side dishes and desserts are potluck, so that the entire St. Thomas Aquinas community may be involved in the lunch. More information will follow next week on this event that, besides great food and hospitality, includes entertainment for both children and adults. A special feature of the event this year is the FREE-Cycle, where all are welcome to bring -- and take home free! -- small household items, books, toys, and plants and produce. This is a great chance to clean up around our homes and then to share our "stuff" with fellow parishioners. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

GREEN CORNER: 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.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY RETURNS

September 24th: **Human Trafficking –Modern Day Slavery**
Guest speaker: **Sister Caritas Foster**

Human Trafficking or Trafficking in Persons is modern-day slavery. Human Trafficking is defined as recruiting, harboring, transporting, buying or selling a person through force, fraud or coercion—physical or psychological—to exploit the person for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or both. Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal activity throughout the world. We will look at some of the forms of human trafficking within our own country and around the globe.

=====Coming up=====

October 1st : **Key Moments in Church History with Fr. Matt**

October 8th: **Msgr. Boyle : A Legend in His Own Time!**
An evening with Msgr. Boyle

ANNUAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Education Appeal will be held THIS WEEKEND; it provides financial assistance to many of our Catholic students who want to receive a Catholic education. This special collection supports the tuition aid program for elementary and high school students in our schools. Your partnership and support of the Annual Catholic Education Appeal are greatly appreciated as we make this a successful campaign for our students.

September 15, 2013

UPDATE ON 2013 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Our ADA totals as of today August 1, 2013 are:

Total pledged: \$138,253

Total paid: \$123,000

Total Refund: \$4,736

Anticipated Refund: \$20,000

Number of Donors: 354



Please keep making your regular payments. When all our pledges have been paid, St. Thomas Aquinas will receive a much needed rebate to help us pay for improvements to our parish facilities. Thank you for your support of Bishop McGrath and our local Church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT STANFORD HOSPITAL

We are in great need of volunteers in two areas of Spiritual Care:

1. Office Clerks: On Mondays and Fridays, two hours per week, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., to prepare the patient lists for visitation
2. Eucharistic Ministers: Any day: Sunday through Friday. Any Time: 11 a.m. – 7 pm. Time required: two hours

To fulfill these roles, you must complete a one-day training. Our next training is Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Stanford Hospital. You do not need to already be a Eucharistic Minister; we will train you.

We urgently need volunteers in both categories. If you feel you can help, please call Father John Hester at 650-725-3746 or email jhester@stanfordmed.org.

SAVE THE DATES

- * September 15 - Parish Picnic - OLR
- * September 24 - Spirituality Tuesday starts again - SAGH
- * September 27 - Bishop McGrath at Seton Mass and new Pre-K building dedication - SAG & SESS
- * September 29 - Anointing of the Sick (all Masses)
- * September 29 - Blessing of the Animals - OLR (revised date)
- * October 26 - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in-service meeting

1972 OLR REUNION NEWS

The Our Lady of the Rosary graduating class of 1972 is having a reunion! We are searching for classmates and reaching out to their families in order to spread the word. The reunion is scheduled for Saturday Nov 2, 2013 at Michael's at Shoreline 11:00 - 3:00 Please email Joe Teresi with any contact information jtnia@comcast.net