

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Next weekend, our parish is celebrating a communal Anointing of the Sick. What is the Anointing of the Sick? It is one of the seven sacraments, which are visible channels of grace flowing from Jesus Christ. The Anointing of the Sick is one of two healing sacraments (the other being Confession), and it is administered to members of the parish community who have fallen ill or are suffering from physical, emotional or other types of distress. During this sacrament, the priest anoints the recipient's head with the Oil of the Sick, which has been blessed by our Bishop at the annual Chrism Mass held prior to Holy Week. The benefits of this sacrament include an outpouring of grace, alleviation of pain, and peace of mind and body.

The Anointing of the Sick has been practiced by the Catholic Church since the beginning. St. James encourages all Christians to observe this sacrament, which is recorded in the New Testament: "Is anyone sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has any sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14-15). Please plan ahead and bring a relative, neighbor or friend who might join us for this special celebration.

Fr. Matt, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 22: 25th Sunday in OT
8:45 am STA... Adolph Canelo †
9:00 am SAG ... Marian Kushner †
Readings: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8;
1Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Monday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina
8:30 am OLR ... Frank M Briggs †
12:15 pm STA .. Rev. Mark Catalana †
Readings: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6;
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24
Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25
8:30 am OLR Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan †
Readings: Ezr 9:5-9; (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 26: St. Cosmas & St. Damian
12:15 pm STA .. Jennie Flores (thanks-giving)
Readings: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul
8:30 am OLR Angeles Abad †
Readings: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 28: St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruis & companions, martyrs
5:00 pm SAG Jackie Clark †
Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13;
Lk 9:43b-45

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

26th Sunday in OT – September 29th

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. Marini
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Luong
Sun 12 noon (Gregorian) TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sun 9:00 am (Spanish)... Fr. Gammad
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas
Sun 6:00 pm Fr. Valenton

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of August. Our average weekly collection for the 2nd month of this new fiscal year was \$10,203 (\$9,543 in 2012). Here is a breakdown according to Mass per Sunday for Jul & Aug: SAG 5pm \$758; SAG 9am \$1,371; OLR 9am \$744; OLR 10:30am \$2,175; STA 7:30am \$1,379; STA 8:45am \$650; STA 10:30am \$543; STA Noon \$344; Online Giving \$966. If we could increase those numbers by 5-10%, we could achieve our weekly goal. Our budget for Jul-Aug was \$88,000; our actual is \$82,000. This represents a shortfall of \$6,000. If we project this deficit out 12 months, we come short \$30,000. What you commit to God's work here at St. Thomas Aquinas will significantly impact our programs, ministries, services, staffing, buildings and grounds. 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" we have received. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!



Our Weekly Offering

Sept.15 Actual \$11,500 Goal \$11,000
Catholic Education \$ 2,750

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerny, 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 Rolf, Dale Rolf, Jeffrey Abel, Robert Matthews, George Avagyan

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 22

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-Confirmation
Hispanic (DC)
4:00 pm..... EDGE (DC)
7:00 pm..... LifeTeen (DC)

Monday, September 23

6:30 pm..... RCIA - Adults (SAGH)
7:30 pm..... Green Comm. (PC 2nd Fl.)

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus (TH B)

Wednesday, September 25

9:30 am Bldg & Equip Maint (PC 1st
Fl.)
4:00 pm STAY Core Team Mtgs (DC)
6:00 pm RCIA - Children (DC)

Thursday, September 26

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (STA)
7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Group
(DC)

Friday, September 27

10:00 am SESS Mass w/ Bishop
McGrath
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (STA)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 28

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
9:00 am Hispanic Volunteer retreat
(OLRH)
10:00 am Memorial Mass for Simona
Sanchez (SAG)
10:30 am Baptism Class (PC 1st Fl.)
2:00 pm Wedding (STA)
4:30 pm Wedding (STA)

FAMILY MASS SAG & OLR

We offer a family Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month at SAG 9:00am Mass and OLR 10:30am Mass. We would like to develop a children's choir at OLR for these Masses and expand our children's choir at SAG. If you have a child (3rd Grade and up) interested in singing, please contact Susan Olsen at suolsen@dsj.org or the Pastoral Center, 650-494-2496.

PARISH PICNIC UPDATE

What a wonderful Parish Picnic! We worked, played, and prayed as a faith community rejoicing and celebrating God's many blessings. On behalf of the entire parish, as your Pastor, I extend our deepest appreciation to our Community Life team, our Knights of Columbus and the many other volunteers who joined with them.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

September 24th - 7:00 pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center

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. By federal law any minor exploited by prostitution or pornography is considered trafficked. It is estimated that annually 27 million persons are trafficked globally: 80% are women and children. Human trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal activity. Please join us for this informative evening.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – SEPTEMBER 29TH

In anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, on Sunday, September 29th at 1pm we will celebrate our traditional blessing of animals in the parking lot area outside the main doors of St. Albert the Great Church. Bring your pets, in a cage, on a leash, or in a bowl. This is a great time to reinforce to our children the gifts of their pets and the responsibility we all have in caring for God's creatures.

FOUR DAYS FOR MARY

Four Days for Mary is a program that will give you a deeper understanding of Mary and the power of the Rosary as a spiritual aid. It will teach you about Fatima and inspire you to take action. This four day program begins on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm at the Thomas House Basement with a movie about the Fatima message. On Thursday and Friday at 7:00 pm in STA church there will be a talk about the history and spiritual power of the Rosary followed by the recitation of the Rosary. The program will conclude with the Rosary Rally at Lytton Plaza on Saturday, October 12 at 1pm. immediately following the noon Mass. For further information, please visit the parish website, grab a flyer at the vestibule of the church, or contact Rosa Lawley at 650-521-6350 or via email at rosal7800@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION NEXT 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 next Sunday's 2nd collection will assist our own local conference of St. Vincent de Paul to help our neighbors in need.

September 22, 2013

50 YEARS OF ST. ANN CHOIR IN PALO ALTO

For 50 years St. Ann Choir of Palo Alto has sung Gregorian Chant and masterpieces of Renaissance polyphony in weekly Catholic liturgies. Celebrate the St. Ann Choir's 50th Anniversary Sunday October 6, 2013, at the 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 751 Waverly St. (at Homer), Palo Alto, CA 94301. The choir will sing William Byrd's Mass for Four Voices. A reception follows the Mass in Thomas House next door to the church.

SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT

An Orientation for those who might like to join us on a Delegation to El Salvador in Feb., will be held Sat., Oct. 19, 3:30 - 5 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. Also, a special program on GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY IN EL SALVADOR, will be held on Sun, Oct. 20, at First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT STANFORD HOSPITAL

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 trained; 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 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 - SAG (revised site)
- * October 9 - Four Days for Mary - Power of the Rosary (STA)

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