

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OBTAINING A PLENARY INDULGENCE IN YEAR OF FAITH

Catholics who participate in events connected with the Year of Faith can receive a special indulgence, according to a decree issued by the Vatican on Sept. 14, 2012. Pope Benedict established the Year of Faith to run from Oct. 11, 2012, to Nov. 24, 2013. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due for sins that have been forgiven. It can be granted on behalf of the individual petitioner or on behalf of departed souls. The plenary indulgence is being offered to those who visit designated churches and shrines, to those who participate in local events connected to the Year of Faith, and to those who may be too ill or otherwise prevented from physical participation.

According to the Vatican decree, conditions for the special Year of Faith indulgence include the normal requirements set by the church for all plenary indulgences: the person truly repents of their sins, goes to confession, receives the Eucharist, and prays for the intentions of the Holy Father. A member of the church who has fulfilled those conditions may acquire a plenary indulgence in any of the following ways:

- Each time they attend at least three sermons during a mission, or at least three lectures on the Second Vatican Council or on the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- Each time they visit by way of pilgrimage a papal basilica, a Christian catacomb, a cathedral church or a holy site designated by the local bishop for the Year of Faith [Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Oct. 7 & St. Albert the Great Church on Nov. 15] and there participate in a liturgy, or at least remain for an appropriate time of prayer and pious meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, the Creed in any legitimate form, and invocations of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, depending on the circumstances, of the holy Apostles or patron saints.

Fr. Matt, Pastor

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 29: 26th Sunday in OT  
 7:30 am STA . . . . . Isabel Mulcahy †  
 8:45 am STA . . . . . Adolph Canelo †  
 9:00 am SAG . . . . . Marian Kushner †  
*Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31*

Monday, September 30: St. Jerome  
 8:30 am OLR . . . . . Frank M Briggs †  
 12:15 pm STA . . . . . Rev. Mark Catalana †  
*Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Luke 9:46-50*

Tuesday, October 1: St. Therese Child Jesus  
*Readings: Zec 8:20-23; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 9:51-56*

Wednesday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels  
 8:30 am OLR . . . . . Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan †  
*Readings: Neh 2:1-8; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Luke 9:57-62*

Thursday, October 3: St. Cosmas & St. Damian  
 12:15 pm STA . . . . . Jennie Flores (thanksgiving)  
*Readings: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Luke 10:1-12*

Friday, October 4: St. Francis Assisi  
 8:30 am OLR . . . . . Angeles Abad †  
*Readings: Baruch 1:15-22; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Luke 10:13-16*

Saturday, October 5  
 5:00 pm SAG . . . . . Jackie Clark †  
*Readings: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37; Luke 10:17-24*

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

### 27th Sunday in OT – October 6th

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 . . . . . Msgr. Sandersfeld  
 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

Now at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish you can automate your weekly donation. You can sign-up online by visiting [www.paloaltocatholic.org](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org) and click the Online Giving icon on the homepage. Your Sunday Offertory donations, as well as gifts to our Second Collections, will be automatically transferred from either



### Our Weekly Offering

Sept. 22 Actual \$10,600 Goal \$11,000  
 Special Mexico Relief Collection \$ 3,819

your checking or savings account. Online Giving is safe, easy and convenient for you and it helps us! Questions, call Cathy Miller (650) 494-2496 ext. 24. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!

### Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerney, 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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 29

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 30

6:30 pm ..... RCIA - Adults (SAGH)

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 pm ..... Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 2

4:00 pm ..... STAY Core Team Mtgs (DC)  
6:00 pm ..... RCIA - Children (DC)  
6:00 pm ..... S. O. U. P. (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... Community Life (PC 1st Fl.)  
7:00 pm ..... Rosary Rally (TH Basement)

Thursday, October 3

10:00 am ..... Prayer Group (SAGH)  
7:00 pm ..... Hispanic 1st Comm. (PC 1st  
& 2nd Fl.)  
7:00 pm ..... Contemplative Prayer Group  
(DC)

Friday, October 4

4:00 pm ..... Wedding Rehearsal (STA)  
7:30 pm ..... Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... 1st Friday Adoration-Hispanic  
(DC Chapel)  
7:00 pm ..... EDGE Lock-in (DC)

Saturday, October 5

8:15 am ..... Environment Team (OLR)  
10:00 am ..... Memorial Mass for Gloria  
Gregoire (STA)  
2:00 pm ..... Wedding (STA)  
7:00 pm ..... South Bay Sanctuary  
Covenant (OLR)

## 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](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org) or the Pastoral Center, 650-494-2496.

## 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.

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

October 1st - 7:00 pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center

### Key Moments in the History of the Catholic Church

Our Host: **Fr. Matt Stanley**

The history of our Faith is so much more than just a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. One Tuesday evening each month, Father Matt will lead us on an amazing Epic journey to discover the roots of our Catholic faith.

### Revolutions and Modernism

We return to our epic journey through Church history leaving behind the Catholic reforms and the Council of Trent. The Church is faced with a new challenge. "What is Truth?" asked the Roman procurator of Jesus. "You have no hope of knowing" answers the modern philosopher! The effects of this period of "Enlightenment" are still felt today. In the name of "Reason", every last shred of Catholic heritage is torn up by its roots in France. Join Fr. Matt for the rest of the story! 7:00 pm at SAG Hospitality Room; snacks will be served.

## 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](mailto:rosal7800@gmail.com).

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayers Shawl Ministry in service to you.

You may know someone having a particularly difficult time and feel a prayer shawl would be a welcome comfort.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is able to provide a choice of several handmade shawls which have been knitted with many prayers by ladies in the St. Thomas Aquinas parish. These shawls are blessed by a priest at a parish Mass and prayers are said for the healing, love and comfort of the recipient.

Please feel free to contact the church office 650-494-2496 ext. 22 for Mary Fong or Pat Dietrich of the Pastoral Home Ministry for information. We would be pleased to be of service to you and your friend.

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The St. Thomas Aquinas Saint Vincent de Paul bank account is in need of your help! We are greatly in need of funds to help our less fortunate neighbors. For the month of September we have established an “austerity program” in which we give food bags & Safeway gift cards, one of each per person. Most of these items have been prepaid so it is not coming out of the current budget. Our St. Thomas Aquinas parish members have always been extremely generous to St. Vincent de Paul. We are urging you now to continue your good work.

## 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](mailto:jhester@stanfordmed.org).

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Recently, I received a letter from Bishop McGrath which officially assigns Rev. Mr. Jaime Garcia to serve as Permanent Deacon at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish effective September 15, 2013. I know that you join me in welcoming Deacon Jaime in his new assignment with us. He was previously assigned at St. Julie Parish since his ordination a couple of years ago.

Also, I am not sure if everyone knows, but I re-hired Sarah Landers as of September 1st to her former position as assistant to the Director of Youth Ministry. Sarah had continued assisting Alley as a volunteer during the months of July & August. We are very pleased to have Sarah back with us.

## 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
- \* October 9 - Four Days for Mary - Power of the Rosary (STA)
- \* October 26 - Eucharistic Ministers in-service (OLR)