

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioner:

The past year has been filled with incredible events that have affected all of us in significant ways. However, our work as the People of God has continued to flourish and grow. Today, I write to encourage you to take up with me the task of reviewing (for the first time in a long time) our level of giving in the Sunday Offertory to support the spiritual and temporal work of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

As I promised you last June, I have been working in collaboration with the members of my advisory councils to put forth a program that will encourage every one of us to reflect on the stewardship of treasure—our planned, proportional, and sacrificial response to the goodness of God revealed in a grateful heart.

Over the next 2 Sundays, both I and members of the Finance Advisory Council will offer a reflection on the stewardship of treasure during the homily at each of our Sunday Masses.

As you know, 80% of our income is directly funded by the Sunday Offertory. I wish to thank all of you for helping us strive to reach our weekly collection goal; however, I believe that we must and can do better. I simply ask you to keep in mind how much we depend on a thoughtful and consistent level of giving from each parishioner according to his or her particular financial situation.

Finally, we are asking each family to make a prayerful and considered decision of your weekly or monthly gift to the Sunday Offertory in support of our parish. A letter from me, along with a sacrificial giving intention card will soon be sent to you in the mail. All parishioners will be invited to bring their completed cards to Mass on the weekend of October 26th & 27th. Together, let us support one another in continuing to make St. Thomas Aquinas Parish the very special parish that it is.

Fr. Matt, Pastor

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 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 your checking or savings account. Or use your credit card! A one-time enrollment will allow you to regularly contribute to St. Thomas Aquinas without remembering the extra step of writing a check and finding your envelopes. 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!



Our Weekly Offering

Sept. 22 Actual \$10,115 Goal \$11,000
St. Vincent de Paul \$6317

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 6: 27th Sunday in OT
7:30 am STA Robert O'Connor †
8:45 am STA . . . Frances Galea †
9:00 am SAG . . . Elisabeth Quintero †
Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Monday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

12:15 pm STA . . Vince Giovannotto †
Readings: Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11;
(Ps) Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 8

8:30 am OLR Special Intention
Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 9: St Denis, bishop, his companions, martyrs; St John Leonardi

8:30 am OLR Gearailt Cummins (sp. int.)
Readings: Jonah 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 10

8:30 am OLR . . . Dolores Palomo (sp. int.)
Readings: Malachi 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 11: St. Francis Assisi

12:15 pm STA . . . Rev. Mark Catalana †
Readings: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 12

Readings: Joel 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

28th Sunday in OT – October 13th

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Luong
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. Marini
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas
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. Stanley

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, and Kathy Gibbs, Bev Webb, Mark Rolf, Dale Rolf, Jeffrey Abel, Robert Matthews, George Avagyan, Robert Matthews, Ruth Chippendale, John Uebbing

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

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, October 6

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, October 7

6:30 pm RCIA - Adults (SAGH)

Tuesday, October 8

6:00 pm Hispanic Baptism (PC 1st fl.)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus (TH B)

Wednesday, October 9

10:00 am Spirituality Tues Mtg (PC 1st)
4:00 pm STAY Core Team Mtgs (DC)
6:00 pm RCIA - Children (DC)
7:15 pm Catechists' Gathering (DC)
7:00 pm Community Life (PC 1st Fl.)
7:00 pm Rosary Rally (TH Basement)

Thursday, October 10

10:00 am Prayer Group (SAGH)
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Comm. (PC 1st
& 2nd Fl)
7:00 pm Contempl. Prayer Grp (DC)
7:00 pm STA Site Committee (THLib)
7:00 pm Rosary Rally (STA)
7:30 pm TMC (TH Dining)

Friday, October 11

4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (STA)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)
7:00 pm 1st Friday Adoration-Hispanic
(DC Chapel)
6:00 pm Goretta Group (TH Basement)
7:00 pm Rosary Rally (STA)

Saturday, October 12

8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
8:30 am Liturgy Board Mtg (SAGH)
9:30 am PIA (OLRH)
10:00 am one8 Confirmation (DC)
1:00 pm Quinceañera (STA)

PRIESTS CORNER

Fr. Dat, along with many other priests from our Diocese, will be attending the annual Clergy Retreat at El Retiro in Los Altos from October 7-11. Most Rev. Sylvester Ryan, retired bishop of the Diocese of Monterey will be the retreat master. Please keep all of our priests in your prayers this week.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – OCTOBER 7

Catholics who visit a holy site designated by the local bishop for the Year of Faith and there, participate in a liturgy, or at least remain for an appropriate time of prayer and pious meditation, can receive a special indulgence, according to a decree issued by the Vatican on Sept. 14, 2012. 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. Two of our sites will be open during the day on their feast days, Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Oct. 7 from 8am – 6pm & St. Albert the Great Church on Nov. 15 from 8am – 6pm.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

October 8th - 7:00 pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center

Monsignor Boyle: A Legend in His Own Time!

Our Speaker: **Monsignor Boyle**

Spend an evening with Monsignor Eugene Boyle.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to spend an evening with Monsignor Eugene Boyle. Ordained 67 years ago, he has blended his life as a priest with his compassionate, and passionate, fight for human rights. He marched with Martin Luther King in Selma and Washington D.C. He supported the lettuce boycott and worked arm in arm with Cesar Chavez, flying a small plane to the heart of California's farmland. Come and hear about the breakfast that he shared with the Black Panthers. His is an amazing life story: fairness, justice, peace, teachings founded in Jesus and papal encyclicals guided his path. He is a remarkable witness to faith in action! SAG Hospitality Room: 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

FOUR DAYS FOR MARY – OCT 9-12

Do you believe in the message of Our Lady of Fatima, do you want to honor her for coming to us to help turn our world around, and do you want to give public witness during this year of faith? Join Fr. Matt and Fr. Dat in "Four Days for Mary," an event that will teach you about Fatima and inspire you to take action. This event begins on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00pm at the Thomas House with a movie about the Fatima message. On Thursday and Friday at 7:00pm 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 concludes with a Rosary Rally at Lytton Plaza on Saturday, October 12th at 1:00pm immediately following 12:15pm Mass. For further information, check our website, pick up a flyer in church or contact Rosa Lawley at 650-521-6350 or via email at rosal7800@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

We are the Catholic Young Adult Community (20's, 30's, single or married) of Deanery 2 of the Diocese of San Jose, California. Pure Fire Young Adult Retreat Hosted by the Diocese of San Jose Young Adult Ministry, Menlo Park Oct. 18-20. Find direction on your spiritual journey at the Pure Fire Retreat, and discover a community of faithful and faith-curious young adults from all over the Bay Area. For more info visit the website www.dsj.org/purefire or directly contact purefire@dsj.org.

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YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

This year in youth ministry we are excited to be offering a wide range of activities for our middle school and high school students. Besides our regularly scheduled youth group sessions on Sunday nights (EDGE & Life Teen), we are also offering a bible study each Wednesday from 4-5pm. All in Grade 6-12 are welcome to join us as we dive into the rich history of our sacred scriptures. All sessions are held at the Dermody Center at Our Lady of the Rosary Site.

This year our EDGE-ers are learning about the Life of Christ and taking a deeper look at the Creed and what it truly means to be Catholic. In Life Teen we are taking a semester to focus on social justice and how we can affect our local and global community as brothers and sister in Christ. In our second semester we will be studying Blessed John Paul II writings on the Theology of the Body where we will study how we are all made in the image and likeness of Christ.

Lastly, our ministry is asking for your help. We are in need of young adults (especially males) to help us with our EDGE and one8 (confirmation program). We are also looking for talented musicians to join our 6pm Youth and Young Adult Mass. Please email us at lifeteen.stay@gmail.com if you are interested. *Alley Torres, Director of Youth*

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE

October is Respect Life – “Open Your Hearts to Life”

Pope Francis’ command to “open your hearts to life” doesn’t simply speak about the attitude we should have on the serious issues of abortion or euthanasia. Rather, to open our hearts to life is to approach every person we meet with an attitude of gratitude. Every person exists because God loves them. So, whether by simply smiling at the person walking past you on the street or stopping to spend time with a loved one who perhaps has no one to care for them, you are asked by God to see the goodness of those around us, and to love them by everything you do.

UPDATE – 2013 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Our ADA totals as of September 1, 2013 are:

Total pledged: \$138,303

Total paid: \$125,553

Total Refund: \$7,353

Potential Refund: \$20,000

Number of Donors: 354



SAVE THE DATES

- * October 7 - Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary
- * October 9 - Four Days for Mary - Power of the Rosary (STA)
- * October 26 - Eucharistic Ministers in-service (OLR)
- * October 27 - Saints Parade (SAG 9am & OLR 10:30am)