

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY – OCTOBER 27



Once upon a time, there was a young Jewish couple who were preparing for their son's 12th birthday. There's an ancient tradition that on the eldest son's 12th birthday, it was now the time to decide what this child was to be "when he grew up."

And so they placed a table in the middle of the living room, and on this table they placed a copy of the Torah, a \$100 bill, and a bottle wine. If the child picked up the Torah, praise God, he would become a Rabbi; if the child picked up the bottle of wine, heaven forbid, he would become a "wino." And if the child picked up the \$100 bill, well then, a prosperous businessman would he become.

Finally, little Moses was called into the room, and told to choose. Little Moses, looked over the objects on the table and picked up the Torah and put it under his left arm, then he picked up the wine bottle and put it under his right arm, and finally he bent down and picked up the \$100 with his teeth. Immediately, little Moses' mother was heard to scream: "O Lord, he's going to be a Catholic Priest!" "The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood," said Rev. Richard Vega, President of the National Federation of Priests' Councils. NFPC represents more than 26,000 U.S. priests.

On behalf of all of the priests, there are many who serve the people of St. Thomas Aquinas, I express my gratitude and thanksgiving to all of you for your support, your prayers, and your generosity. It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve you.

Fr. Matt Stanley, Pastor

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Every registered family has received in the mail a yellow **Sacrificial Giving Intention Card**. I am asking that each household spend some time in prayer and discernment, as you decide as a family your weekly or monthly gift in the Sunday Collection over the next 12 months. Please return your

Our Weekly Offering

October 20 Actual \$xx,xxx Goal \$11,000
World Missions \$xxxx

card either by bringing it with you to Mass or returning it in the mail. There are extra cards for those who did receive one in the mail in the vestibule of our churches. Thank you for sharing God's gifts.

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McNerny, Fr. Thierry Geris, 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, Robert Matthews, Ruth Chippendale, John Uebbing

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 27: 30th Sunday in OT
8:45 am STA. Adolph Canelo †
Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Monday, October 28: St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
8:30 am OLR Rev. Mark Catalana †
12:15 pm STA Antony & Shiny Family (sp. int.)
Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 6:12-16

Tuesday, October 29
8:30am OLR Special Intention
Readings: Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-6; Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 30
Readings: Romans 8:26-30; Psalm 13:4-5, 6; Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 31
7:00 pm SAG . . . For All Parishioners
Readings: Romans 8:31b-39; Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Luke 13:31-35

Friday, November 1: All Saints Day
8:30 am OLR Antonio R. Paloma †
Readings: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday, November 2: All Souls Day
12:15 pm STA All Souls
5:00 pm SAG All Souls
Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

31st Sunday in OT – November 3

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Luong
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) TBD

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 27
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 28
6:30 pm RCIA - Adults (SAGH)
7:00 pm Computer Class (OLR)
7:30 pm Green Committee(PC 2nd fl)

Tuesday, October 29
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)

Wednesday, October 30
4:00 pm STAY Core Team Mtgs (DC)
6:00 pm RCIA - Children (DC)

Thursday, October 31
10:00 am Prayer Group (SAGH)
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Comm. (PC 1st
& 2nd Fl)
7:00 pm Contempl. Prayer Grp (DC)

Friday, November 1
7:15 am Mass (STA)
8:30 am Mass (OLR)
9:00 am Mass (SAG - SESS)
12:15pm Mass (STA)
7:00 pm Mass (SAG)
7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Friday
Adoration (DC)
7:30 pm Mass (OLR) (Spanish)
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult
(OLRH)
8:00 pm Mass (STA) (Gregorian)

Saturday, November 2
8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
12:15 pm Mass (STA)
5:00 pm Mass of Remembrance (SAG)
6:00 pm Reception after Mass of

DID YOU KNOW?

On November 1st, we honor all the saints, not just those who have been officially recognized by the Church through canonization. This honors Grandpa Fred and Aunt Mary and all the members of our families and friends who are enjoying their eternal reward. These are the people we loved on earth and still do. They are the ones who have a special interest in us as their families left on earth. They are the perfect ones to pray to for assistance.

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SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

October 29 Vatican II: continuing the dialogue

Our speaker: Susan Olsen

It has been 50 years since the Second Vatican Council was convened. Today, the council is credited with essentially shaping the modern Catholic Church. We are continuing the dialogue on the ways that Vatican II has had an impact on the Church - and there is still much to discuss. Susan Olsen, our Parish Director of Religious Education, will be our guide as we explore the effect of this creative work of the Holy Spirit on our lives today.

7:00 pm at Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Room; snacks will be served.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During the month of November, a special book will be placed near the Easter Candle. You are invited to inscribe the names of your departed family members and loved ones in this book. These people will be remembered in the prayers of our parish community throughout the month. The envelopes for All Souls Day will also be placed with this Book near the Easter Candle.

ALL SAINTS DAY-NOVEMBER 1-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Friday, our Mass Schedule is as follows: 7:15am, 12:15pm, 8:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church; 8:30am & 7:30pm (Spanish) at Our Lady of the Rosary Church; 9:00am (SESS) & 7:00pm at St. Albert the Great Church.

NOVEMBER 2-ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 2nd is the day when the Church commemorates all of the faithful departed. While this has never been a day of obligation, it has always been a day of particularly fervent prayer. We will celebrate our Saturday 12:15pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas & our annual **Mass of Remembrance** at 7:00pm at St. Albert the Great church. You may bring your All Souls Day envelope to Mass then or next Sunday. These envelopes will remain near the Easter Candle throughout the month of November as we pray for all of our beloved dead throughout the month.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION TODAY

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and visit you? Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." *Matthew 25:37-41*. During these very difficult economic times, St. Thomas Aquinas St Vincent de Paul is in great need of more helpers and money. If you can give some hours of your time or put more money in, when the collection plate comes around, it would be greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Daylight Savings ends next Sunday, November 1st. Turn your clocks back one hour or you will be an hour early for Mass.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Help us prepare for our first Christmas Craft Faire on Saturday, December 14 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. We are currently collecting homemade Christmas crafts, upscale Christmas decor, vintage/costume jewelry, gift baskets, and individual items for a dollar table. Contact Natalie Lucha with questions, nlucha22@yahoo.com, 650-494-1178 or Mickey Martin to submit your donations 650-494-0119, micky1m@comcast.net.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project

Helping pregnant mothers in crisis

Through the Gabriel Project, a new program of the Diocese of San Jose, pregnant mothers who feel alone or afraid are embraced as a daughter, sister, and friend. Volunteer mentors are trained by this Diocesan program to walk a mother through her pregnancy, and local community resources are enlisted to help empower the mother to care for her unborn baby. No mother should feel alone at such a critical time in her life. Through this personal contact and care, our Catholic community is able to bring the hope and love of Christ to any pregnant mother experiencing a crisis situation. If the Gabriel Project speaks to your heart, come learn how you can be a part of this life affirming Diocesan program.

SAVE THE DATE! **The Gabriel Project Info Night**

Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit Parish
1200 Redmond Ave, San Jose. Childcare provided.
For more information, Contact: Aimee Plata at
gabrielproject@dsj.org or (408) 429-0386.

TAX VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

A few hours of your time are worth thousands of dollars to our low-income neighbors!

Could you spend a few Saturday mornings next tax filing season (end of Jan – mid April) preparing tax returns for low-income families? Can you take some time this fall to become IRS certified through classes or on-line? Fluency in Spanish is helpful but not required.

We are now organizing for the next year. 2014 will be the 5th year that the parishes in Los Altos, Palo Alto and Mountain View have collaborated to offer this program. Each year the number of low-income clients grows. Please join us in this remarkable effort to help cut poverty. For additional information please contact Paul Chestnut, (650) 493-8237.