

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM – INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

For most of our parishioners, the work of Vatican II in the early 1960s is just an event in history to be studied when considering the history of the Church. There are a few, however, who have vivid memories of worship prior to the work of Vatican II and all the ensuing changes to our Mass.

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (approved by the Council on November 22, 1963 and promulgated by Pope Paul VI on December 4, 1963). The writers of this document were seeking to find a new vigor for the Mass and to recognize that the Mass was the work of the people (liturgy), not just the action of a priest witnessed by the people.

The presiding priest, accustomed to saying the Mass with his back to the people in a barely audible voice and in Latin (hence the ringing of bells to let everyone know that the consecration had taken place so they could look up from whatever private prayer they were doing to take notice), was asked to turn around and pray the Mass in dialogue with the people.

The people were called to active participation with singing, prayers, gestures and their bodily attitude (posture) as their right and duty as a priestly people. To facilitate this dialogue, the vernacular began to be used at Mass so that people could share in this dialogue in their own language.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy invites our engagement in the whole of the Mass, from the moment we gather to form a community of faith, to singing the praises of God in the Gloria to active listening to the Word of God to our dialogue in both spoken word and song **(Continued on Page 4)**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 10: 32nd Sunday in OT
8:45 am STA Adolph Canelo †
10:30 am OLR Anna Tampellini †
Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38 or Luke 20:27, 34-38

Monday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours
7:15 am STA Sr. Jeanette Donnelly (Health)
8:30 am OLR Huei-Hua Sun Chang †
Readings: Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 12: St. Josaphat
7:15 am STA James and Edith Dubbs †
8:30 am OLR Wangdue Dolma (Health)
12:15 pm STA Donald Gansheimer †
Readings: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Readings: Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 14
Readings: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Psalm 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 15: St. Albert the Great
7:15 am STA . . . For All Souls †
8:30 am OLR . . . For All Souls †
12:15 pm STA . . . For All Souls †
Readings: Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude
Readings: Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Luke 18:1-8

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

32nd Sunday in OT – November 17

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
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 TBD
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Valenton
Sun 12 noon (Gregorian) Fr. Thompson, O.P.

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (Spanish) . . . Fr. Mikalonas
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas
Sun 6:00 pm Fr. Stanley

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Please continue to turn in your Sacrificial Giving Intention cards. Your decision will decide the future of our parish. What you commit to God's work here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will significantly impact our programs, ministries, services, staffing, buildings and grounds. May our good and generous God guide your decision. We count on every parish family and household to faithfully participate in the mission of our parish by your

prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. Thank you for your past gifts, and let us look forward to the wonderful work we can accomplish by our sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure.



Our Weekly Offering

October 27 Actual \$12,000 Goal \$11,000
All Saints Day \$1,750



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerny, Fr. Thierry Geris, Consuelo Hernandez, Michael Mensick, Tim Mauer, Kathy Gibbs, Bev Webb, Mark Rolf, Dale Rolf, Jeffrey Abel, Robert Matthews, Ruth Chippendale, John Uebbing, Rosa Barajas, Jack Pfluke, Sr. Jeanette Donnelly, Kaleen Abel, Terry Flynn

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Danuta Skarga-Malolepszy, Bernardina Papazian, Bonita Browne Rhodes, Simona Sanchez, Anna Belle O'Toole, Ruth Cannon, Danielle Parks

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, November 10
 10:30 am Catechesis Pre-Confirmation
 Hispanic (DC)
 4:00 pm EDGE (DC)
 7:00 pm LifeTeen (DC)

Monday, November 11
 6:00 pm RCIA - Adults (SAGH)
 7:00 pm Computer Class (DC)
 7:00 pm Hispanic Catechists (PC 1st)
 7:00 pm TMC Liturgy Comm(THLib)

Tuesday, November 12
 7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
 7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)
 7:00 pm Spanish Baptism Class
 (PC 1st Fl)
 7:30pm Knights of Columbus (THB)

Wednesday, November 13
 4:00 pm STAY Core Team Mtgs (DC)
 5:00 pm Quinceañera Rehearsal
 (OLR)
 6:00 pm RCIA - Children (DC)
 7:00 pm Pastoral Stewardship
 Council (OLRH)

Thursday, November 14
 10:00 am Prayer Group (SAGH)
 7:00 pm Hispanic 1st Communion
 (PC 1st& 2nd Fl)
 7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Grp
 (DC)

Friday, November 15
 7:30 pm Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, November 16
 8:00 am Barbershop Quartets (SESS)
 8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
 9:00 am ISTP Open House (OLRH)
 3:00 pm Quinceañera (OLR)

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

November 15th is the Feast of St. Albert the Great. The church will be open for prayer and meditation from 8am to 6pm.

PASTORAL CENTER CLOSED

The Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, November 11 in honor of Veterans' Day. The daily Mass schedule remains unchanged.

CONSTRUCTION AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

Construction work for Phase III of the interior of St. Thomas Aquinas Church is scheduled to last for two months beginning December 30th, 2013 through the end of February 2014. Work will encompass the entire church interior and will include removing the pews and refinishing them, painting the entire interior of the church, restaining the oak flooring to match the new flooring on the 1st level of the altar platform, and recarpeting after the pews are reinstalled. The church will be closed during these two months, so that work will be continuous and done more quickly. Notice will be posted on the church entrance doors explaining where the current Masses will be held.

MASS COUNTS

The following figures have been tallied regarding our Sunday Mass attendance for the past month. A heartfelt "thank you" is extended to the many people who made this count possible. We realize, again this year, that there are far too many empty seats. We have 9 Sunday Masses and have plenty of room for more of our Catholic sisters and brothers to gather for the most important hour of our week. Please invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to join you at Mass next weekend.

MASS	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Chg frm 2012
OLR 9:00 am	420	361	365	438	460	434	(26)
OLR 10:30 am	310	302	337	267	310	245	(65)
SAG 9:00 am	244	245	244	205	174	190	16
STA 7:30 am	163	132	155	169	143	149	6
STA 8:45 am	136	114	130	131	134	133	(1)
OLR 6:00 pm				103	105	124	19
SAG 5:00 pm	140	118	107	121	96	115	19
STA 12:00 pm	112	110	90	74	81	100	19
STA 10:30 am	101	112	101	108	101	98	(3)
TOTAL	1626	1494	1529	1616	1604	1588	(16)

ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Each year the Western Association of the Order of Malta goes on Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. The pastors of the Diocese of San Jose are invited to nominate a worthy person as a malade (those who are sick). The parameters for the nomination are:

- 1) A Catholic with a strong faith dimension
- 2) Currently dealing with a serious health issue or a life-changing illness. Nominee should be physically able to make the long trip.
- 3) Nominations should be received by Nov 15, 2013

The date of the pilgrimage is April 30-May 8, 2014. There is no cost for the selected malade for this pilgrimage. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Mary Fong at fongmt@hotmail.com or 494-2496 ext. 22, or Fr. Matt Stanley, ext. 12.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

November 12: Key Moments in the History of the Catholic Church

Our host: Father Matt

As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. Please join us as we continue the journey through history. This month we move from the late 1800s to the 20th Century. Meet in St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center from 7-8:30pm.

November 10, 2013

SACRIFICIAL GIVING INTENTION CARDS – #2

Thanks to the 99 parishioners who turned in their Sacrificial Giving Intention Cards totaling \$3, 356 each week to the Sunday Offertory

27 Families have pledged \$1 -\$10 per week

43 Families have pledged \$11-\$25 per week

20 Families have pledged \$26-\$50 per week

3 Families have pledged \$51-\$75 per week

2 Families have pledged \$76-\$100 per week

4 Families have pledged over \$100 per week

Average weekly pledge is \$34

Don't Forget to Bring Your Sacrificial Giving Intention Cards to Mass Next Sunday.

COLLECTING BACKPACKS, SLEEPING BAGS, ETC.

The Green Committee and Human Concerns Committee of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will be collecting lightly-used backpacks, sleeping bags and rolling suitcases to benefit The Opportunity Center/Shelter Network which serves many needs of people in our greater community. We have been reassured that these items are in great demand.

Time: Between now and Nov 17

Where: Sat-Sun at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall inside Hall, 9 am & 10:30am Mass; St. Thomas Aquinas Church STA, at church steps, 7:30 am Mass and before 8:45 am Mass; SAG, vestibule, 5 pm Sat Mass, and before 9 am Sunday Mass. Please make sure all items (zippers, handles, wheels etc) are functioning and in fairly good condition. Questions? Please call Laura @ 650-283-6343 or email her at lauralechui@gmail.com

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with the presider during the great prayer of thanksgiving. We all come forward at Communion to receive the Precious Body and Precious Blood of Jesus, the sacred meal with which we are nourished to continue our work in the world as faithful followers of Christ. If for any reason we are not in a position to receive, our presence is acknowledged and honored with a blessing to carry us forward until such time as we can participate in this Sacrament of sacraments. Bearing the presence of Christ within us, or with the blessing we have received, we are sent out into the world to bring Christ to others. We become what we have received and share the Good News with a world much in need of this message of love.

Susan Lee Olsen, Director of Catechetical Ministry