

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE LANGUAGE OF MASS

Embracing What It Means to Be Catholic -

Vatican II did not abolish the use of Latin, which remains the language of the Church to this day. It did however make it possible for everyone to hear and pray in his/her own language. But what language should that be? Many would, of course, say that the national language in this country is English, and that is the language we have in common and can share in our worship. But look around. In this parish we have many, many people for whom English is a second language, whose first language is Spanish, French, Italian, German, Tagalog, and others. If we participate in diocesan events, we find that the range of languages expands even further: Vietnamese, Chinese, and languages from Africa, India, the Middle East and other parts of Asia.

“Catholic” means universal, and Pope Francis has called on us to open our arms to welcome everyone into our church. One way we can do that is to be open to hearing and being comfortable with other languages, allowing ourselves to be open to some singing and praying in both the language of the Church (officially still Latin), the occasional prayer in Greek (like the Kyrie), and sometimes even in the language of others: to welcome our Hispanic, Filipino, Vietnamese and European parishioners by sharing in the language that is native to them. As we recognize the beauty of prayer in these other languages, we open ourselves to recognizing the true universality of our Church in its diversity of culture and tradition.

Benedicite! Deus det nobis suam pacem! (May God bless you! May God grant us His peace.)

Susan Lee Olsen, Director of Catechetical Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 17: 33rd Sunday in OT
8:45 am STA. Adolph Canelo †
10:30 am OLR Bob Sutter †
Readings: Malachi 3:19-20a; Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Monday, November 18: Dedication
Basilica Sts Peter Paul, Apostles
8:30 am OLR Palomo Family(sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA Marianne Kelly †
Readings: 1Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 19
8:30 am OLR Bobby Kerrigan †
12:15 pm STA All Souls †
Readings: 2Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 20
7:15 am STA Narcisca Gonzales †
8:30 am OLR Frank M. Briggs †
12:15 pm STA All Souls †
Readings: 2Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:15 am STA . . . All Souls †
8:30 am OLR . . . All Souls †
12:15 pm STA . . All Souls †
Readings: 1Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Luke 19:41-4

Friday, November 22: St. Cecilia
8:30 am OLR . . . Hattie & Stephen Tokan †
12:15 pm STA All Souls †
Readings: 1Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 23: St. Clement, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
12:15 pm STA All Souls †
Readings: 1Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9:2-4, 6, 16 & 19; Luke 20:27-40

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Christ the King – November 24

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Luong
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Valenton
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. Stanley
Sun 12 noon (Gregorian) Fr. Ramelow, O.P.

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of October. Our average weekly collection for the 4th month of this new fiscal year was an all-time record of \$12,305 (\$10,560 in 2012). Our budget for Jul-Oct was \$187,000; our actual is \$187,000. This is an incredible achievement! Let's continue this good work of stewardship. What you commit to God's work here at St. Thomas Aquinas will significantly impact our programs, ministries, services, staffing, buildings and grounds.

May our good and generous God guide you. 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.



Our Weekly Offering

October 27 Actual \$12,000 Goal \$11,000
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$3,000

Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerney,
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. Jeannette Donnelly, Kaleen Abel, Terry Flynn, Leticia Revilla

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

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 17

- 9:15 am Faith Form. Classes (OLRH)
- 10:15 am Faith Form. Classes (SESS)
- 10:30 am Catechesis Pre-Confirmation Hispanic (DC)
- 10:30 am Catechesis Hispanic (OLRS)
- 4:00 pm EDGE (DC)
- 7:00 pm LifeTeen (DC)

Monday, November 18

- 10:30 am TMC Book Club
- 6:30 pm RCIA - Adults (SAGH)
- 7:00 pm Computer Class (DC)

Tuesday, November 19

- 7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (DC)
- 7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)
- 7:00 pm Hispanic Board Mtg (PC 1st Fl)

Wednesday, November 20

- 9:30 am Bldg & Maint. Comm (PC 1st Fl)
- 4:00 pm STAY Core Team Mtgs (DC)
- 6:00 pm S.O.U.P. (OLRH)
- 7:15 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Thursday, November 21

- 10:00 am Prayer Group (SAGH)
- 7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Grp (DC)

Friday, November 22

- 7:30 pm Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, November 23

- 8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
- 10:30 am Baptism Class (PC 1st Fl)

BULLETIN DEADLINES

The holidays are coming, and our bulletin publisher has given us different deadlines than we normally have. Please note the changed deadlines for articles for these bulletins:

- Dec 1 bulletin - deadline is Nov. 20
- Dec 22 bulletin - deadline Dec 11
- Dec 29 bulletin - deadline Dec 17
- Jan 5 bulletin - deadline Dec 23

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAY

November 19-Pope Francis; A man of humility

Our Special Guest speaker: Deacon William Ditewig Ph.D.

Co-sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center of Palo Alto

On March 13, 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was elected by his fellow cardinals as the 266th pope. The first Jesuit pope, he took the name Francis, after the beloved St. Francis of Assisi. Known as a man of simplicity, he brings to the papacy a renewed emphasis on Gospel living. Our first "New World" pope: What gifts does he bring to the Chair of Peter? Please join us and learn more about our new pope from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Saint Albert the Great Hospitality Center.**

Deacon William T. Ditewig currently serves as Dean's Executive Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Santa Clara University and as director of Faith Formation, Diaconate and Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Monterey. He has a BA in Philosophy, an MA in Education, another MA in Pastoral Theology, and a Ph.D. in Theology from Catholic University of America. He has written a number of books, chapters and articles. He is a sought after speaker and we are happy to have him with us.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The Christmas Story (a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite) and **Songs & Dances to Prepare Us for Christmas** will be presented by **Dance for Joy** and **Soaring Spirit Dance Ensemble**, choreographed by Susan Lee Olsen, featuring a performance by **Young Sounds of Praise**, our parish's newest music group. Performances at St. Elizabeth Seton School Auditorium at St. Albert the Great Church, 1095 Channing Ave., on Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. All proceeds go to the carpet fund for St. Albert the Great Church. Tickets are available at the Pastoral Center and at the door. If you miss that weekend, you can also see them on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Community Center at Holy Family Parish, 4848 Pearl Ave., San Jose. Dec. 14th proceeds go to Holy Family Parish.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2nd Collection Next Sunday, November 24 - CCHD is the official domestic anti-poverty agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and works to break the cycle of poverty by helping people help themselves. CCHD also educates on poverty and its causes. This strategy of education for justice and helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves reflects the mandate of Scripture and the principles of Catholic social teaching. CCHD provides Catholics concrete opportunities to live out love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation. CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Envelopes for All Souls Day will also be placed with this Book near the Easter Candle.

November 17, 2013

SACRIFICIAL GIVING INTENTION CARDS – #3

Thanks to the 114 parishioners who turned in their Sacrificial Giving Intention Cards totaling \$3,898 each week to the Sunday Offertory

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

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

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

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

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

5 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 the Human Concerns Committee are collecting gently used backpacks, sleeping bags and rolling suitcases for the Opportunity Center and Innvision Shelter Network. Of the 100 items requested, we have collected less than 30. If you happen to have those kinds of used equipment and no longer need them, please consider to "recycle" them for the benefits of the homeless in Palo Alto. Collection bins are at all three church sites as well as the Pastoral Center.

UPDATE – 2013 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Our ADA totals as of November 1, 2013 are:

Total pledged: \$138,483

Total paid: \$132,652

Total Refund: \$12,652

Potential Refund: \$18,000

Number of Donors: 357



Please keep making your regular payments. When all our pledges have been paid, St. Thomas Aquinas will receive a much needed rebate to help us pay for improvements of our parish facilities. Thank you for your support of Bishop McGrath and our local church.

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION

It's not too early to make your Thanksgiving Day plans— November 28th. Our Mass that day will be at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary. We invite you to bring bread for you dinner tables to that liturgy. Before the dismissal, we will bless your families' bread. Also, we invite your gifts of non-perishable foods, which we will bring forward during a special procession of gifts. Finally, our "cash collection" will be for our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference.