

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Regular daily Masses:

7:15 a.m., St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 a.m., Our Lady of the Rosary (Fr. Thierry)

12:15 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas (Fr. George)

plus:

10:00 a.m., St. Albert the Great (Fr. George) - Seton School Mass, parishioners welcome!

6:00 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas (Fr. Jose Rubio)

7:00 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish) (Fr. Thierry)

7:30 p.m., St. Albert the Great (Fr. George)

8:00 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas, Gregorian Chant with Renaissance motets

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 14:

9:00 am SAG . . . Martha Fischer †

10:30 am OLR . . . Clare Mynderse †

10:30 am STA . . . Patricia Henckels †

Readings: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;

Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday, February 15:

8:30 am OLR . . . Fran Hipp †

Readings: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 16:

8:30 am OLR . . . Tezra & Dilan Thomas

Cummins (spec. intention)

12:15 pm STA . . . Ronnie Menezes †

Readings: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 17:

8:30 am OLR . . . Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15 pm STA . . . Dr. Jagan Ahuja †

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 18:

12:15 pm STA . . . Harriette Biggs †

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 19:

8:30 am OLR . . . Maria Teresa Poggesi †

12:15 pm STA . . . Eileen O'Rourke †

Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 20:

12:15 pm STA . . .

Readings: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS ASSEMBLY

"A call to holiness!"

Spirituality Tuesdays Assembly:

February 16 Spirituality Tuesday

Assembly at SAGH AT 7:00pm. "The

Spirituality of St. Ignatius" with

parishioner Nancy McGarahan.

Nancy has a Masters Degree in

Theology and is currently in her third

year of training as a director of the

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

She is a lector and Communion

minister, and directs retreats in

the Bay area. She will talk about St.

Ignatius and how his spirituality

and the formation of the Jesuit order

grew out of his life experiences.

Different prayer methods that

characterize Ignatian spirituality will

be presented and some time will be

spent experimenting with one prayer

practice.

Coming on Tuesday Feb. 23:

"Emotions and Spirituality" by

Veronica Schneider, MFT.



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Carson Enghardt, Frankie Briggs, Barbara Franceschi, Milo Gwosden, Bobby Kerrigan, Harry Browne, Damian Dykema, Jennifer Lamb, Nancy Crawford, Brian Temple, Emma Park, Maryhelen Macpherson, Janett Scott, Karen LeMoine

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Betty Streep, Raoul Geerwickx, Jane Bahr, John Herndon, Margaret Dutton, Bernie Haffacker, Clare Mynderse, Patricia Nittler Garcia, George Falkenthal, Frances Hipp, Catharina Kriek, Sally Sullivan, Catherine McCosker, Luara Vaughan, Vivian Bouton

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)



## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday February 20 & 21, 2010

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Aranha

Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Geris

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am . . . . . TBA

Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Geris

Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

Sun 6:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Geris

Please note our email address:  
[bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org)

BULLETIN . . . . . ARTICLE DUE  
Feb 28 . . . **Thu** Feb 18 noon  
Mar 7 . . . **Thu** Feb 25 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

January 24 . . . . . \$ 8,406.81  
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 2,933.00  
thank you for your continued generosity

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 363,673.68  
Budget YTD . . \$ 368,194.67  
Variance . . . . . -1.23 %

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 14: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day; Chinese New Year 4708

Monday, February 15: Presidents' Day  
7:00 pm ..... Merton Edu. (SAGH)

Tuesday, February 16:  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Prayer Group (OLR)  
7:30 pm ..... JustFaith (PC)

Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving  
7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, February 18:  
12:00 pm ..... Widows & Widowers (SAGH)  
7:00 pm ..... STA Remodeling Comm. (SAGH)

Friday, February 19: Abstinence  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, February 20:  
8:00 am ..... Hispanic Volunteer Retreat (OLRH)

## THE GIFT DOESN'T GO TO WASTE

The parish Human Concerns Committee thanks you for your generosity in past years and announces Undie Sunday to be held at all the masses on February 13 and 14. Please bring NEW underwear and socks to the boxes in the vestibules. Especially needed are: Thermal tops and bottoms (L, XL & larger), T-shirts (L, XL & larger), heavy socks, boxer shorts (dark colors, 34, 36, 38, 40) and women's underwear (6,7,8). No time to shop? Cash or checks made out to STA Parish with note for "Undie Sunday" gratefully accepted. All donations will be given to the Clothes Closet located at the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto.

## SOUP FOR LENT

How about making a lenten resolution to attend SOUP whenever possible during Lent? We meet at OLR hall at 6pm, usually on Wednesdays. But due to services in the church on Ash Wednesday, this week we will meet on Tuesday. Bring a bowl and a spoon, maybe some crackers, cheese or veggies. Volunteers make big pots of soup each week and some bring a bottle of wine or juice to share. It is a nice way to gather with fellow parishioners. The funds collected during Lent will be sent to Father Jack Donald, a Jesuit who grew up in our parish, and has worked in Honduras for 30 years. He is currently building a new church and will make good use of our contributions. Make checks to St. Thomas Aquinas parish. For more info, call Virginia at 493-8220.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Rite of Sending and Rite of Election Feb. 21. Next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas The Rite of Sending will be celebrated with our catechumens who are seeking baptism at the Easter Vigil. Once the testimonies of their godparents are received and acknowledged by The Faithful present, they each sign the parish Book of Elect. Fr. George Aranha then blesses them and sends them off to the Cathedral to the Bishop for the Rite of Election that afternoon in San Jose. From that time forward they are called The Elect. Please continue to pray for these future members of our community on their journey to Catholicism.

## FEBRUARY 27 AND BEYOND: FAMILY ORIENTED RECONCILIATION PROCESS

Our Bishop PJ McGrath has asked that we as the Catholic Community here in this diocese take a look at our practices regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Are we celebrating it properly or even at all? Are we giving our children the example of the importance of this sacrament? Fr. George has listened and is offering a way that might help us all reconnect with this Sacrament of Healing.

Regular Saturday confession times will remain the same, but on the 4th Saturday of every month, at 4:15 p.m. at St. Albert the Great site, Fr. George and Fr. Thierry will be offering a Family-oriented Reconciliation process. There will be a short dialog and then continue with individual confessions either face-to-face or in the confessional. Fr. George will also have available the 'how to's' for those who might need a little refresher.

All are encouraged to attend all sessions, but we're asking that if you cannot make each month, please try and bring your children to those dates when their class is assigned. The dates are: **Feb. 27th** – 4th grade; **Mar. 27th** – 2nd grade; **April 24th** – 3rd grade; **May 22nd** – all grades

We'll gather at 4:15pm at the St. Albert the Great site. We hope you and your family and friends will take advantage of this wonderful gift Fr. George is offering.

## CALLING ALL THOSE NEW TO OUR PARISH

Please join Father George, Father Thierry and Community Life (our social event coordinators) for an informal get-together with lively conversation and tasty refreshments, families welcome. Come meet and mingle in a casual atmosphere. When; **Sunday, February 28th** from 2:30-4pm. Where; Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall. Questions? Call Jeanne Ramos (324-8788) or Beverly Wade (856-9339)

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family : Read the Beatitudes carefully again as a family. Suggest ways that people might be 'poor' that don't relate to economic class. What ways can people be hungry and still have enough food to eat? What kind of sorrow would we experience without God in our lives? With a broader understanding of these terms, create a mobile or booklet where family members illustrate what the beatitudes mean for your family today. You might conclude by suggesting ways your family will practice living out the beatitudes you have illustrated.

Mark Your Calendars: Feb. 14th No Classes / Federal/State Holiday

\* Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday – Please observe with your families

Feb. 21st Reg. Classes // Parent Gathering (All Welcome but required for Sac. Prep. Parents)

\* Feb. 27th Family Oriented Reconciliation Service – 4:15pm  
SAG (all invited, 4th grade highlighted)

Feb. 28th Reg. Classes

*For information on any of the items listed, please contact Susan Clingingsmith, Dir. of Rel. Ed. at [youth@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:youth@paloaltocatholic.org) or 650-494-2496 x25.*

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT REMAINS GREEN-FRIENDLY

Take your PGA Master's Jacket out of mothballs for its annual airing -- at the legacy St. Patrick's Day event, slated this year for Saturday, Mar 13th at the St. Elizabeth Seton auditorium, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto, adjacent to St. Albert the Great Church. The evening is priced to stimulate participation, particularly for seniors and young families: \$15.00 adults, \$5.00 children. Hold onto your green in your wallet! The adults of the parish grew up with such formative events as this, emphasizing hospitality, welcoming, and service. Share the legacy with your families, so that they too will have their own cherished memories. The 6:00 - 8:30 program will be full: a stage show of Irish music and dancing, a full dinner, sing-along, merriment. Feel comfortable and safe in a familiar setting. Volunteers always welcome! Contact Joe Kinsella: 650-619-3750

## ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

Non-Discriminatory Policy — St. Elizabeth Seton School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, and does not discriminate on the basis of race color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic programs and other school-administered programs.