

# First Sunday of Lent

## VOLUNTEERS FIESTA

Our Pastor George and Father Thierry and the staff once again thanks all the volunteers for their work and participation at the Volunteers Fiesta.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 21:  
10:30 am OLR . . . Frances Hipp †  
*Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;  
Lk 4:1-13*

Monday, February 22:  
7:15 am STA . . . Joseph Schembri †  
8:30 am OLR . . . Thanksgiving -Tina Reyes  
*Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19*

Tuesday, February 23: St. Polycarp  
8:30 am OLR . . . Michael Antonio Cummins  
(special intention)  
12:15 pm STA . . . Harriette Biggs †  
*Readings: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15*

Wednesday, February 24:  
8:30 am OLR . . . Richie Cazepon †  
12:15 pm STA . . . William Gretz Sr. †  
*Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32*

Thursday, February 25:  
12:15 pm STA . . . Harriette Biggs †  
*Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12*

Friday, February 26:  
*Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26*

Saturday, February 27:  
5:00 pm STA . . . Betty Lusten Berger †  
*Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48*

## SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS ASSEMBLY

"A call to holiness!"  
Spirituality Tuesdays Assembly:  
February 23 at SAGH "Burning Bush"  
Topic: "Emotions and Spirituality"  
with Veronica Schneider, LMFT  
Veronica Schneider is a Marriage  
and Family Therapist. She is an  
internationally published author of  
devotions for children, adults, and  
those in ministry. Veronica is the  
Work/Life Coach for professors at  
Santa Clara University. She will talk

about the important relationship  
between emotions and spirituality,  
and she will show how that  
relationship can bring relief, comfort,  
and ongoing peace. Refreshments and  
fellowship follow.

"Looking ahead: Tuesday March  
2 --"Rediscovering Baptism" with  
Deacon Carl Bunje and Gerard  
McGuire.

## WE REMEMBER

Barbara Franceschi, a long time  
receptionist at the Pastoral Center  
sadly passed away Feb. 7. Please keep  
Barbara and her family in your prayers.

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday Feb. 28 & March 1, 2010

St. Albert the Great  
Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Geris  
Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester  
Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Fr. Rubio  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Geris  
Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary  
Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Geris  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha  
Sun 6:00 pm . . . . . TBA



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Mary Harvey,  
Rita McAlester, Carson Enghardt, Frankie Briggs, 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 Geerwicks, Jane Bahr, John Herndon, Margaret Dutton,  
Bernie Hoffacker, Clare Mynderse, Patricia Nittler Gareiu, George Falkenthal, Frances Hipp, Catharina Kriek,  
Sally Sullivan, Catherine McCosker, Luara Vaughan, Vivian Bouton, Barbara Franceschi  
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)

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

BULLETIN . . . . . ARTICLE DUE  
Mar 7 . . . . . **Thu** Feb 25 noon  
Mar 14 . . . . . **Thu** Mar 4 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

January 31 . . . . . \$ 9,503.11  
St. Vincent de Paul . . . . . \$ 5,164.00  
Residual Haiti relief . . . . . \$ 2,501.00

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 373,506.79  
Budget YTD . . . \$ 378,566.49  
Variance . . . . . -1.34 %

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 21: First Sunday of Lent  
9:15, 10:15 am .. Rel. Ed. (OLRH/SAGH)  
9:15, 10:15 am .. Rel. Ed. Parents (OLRH/  
SAGH)  
6:00 pm ..... STAYouth (SAGH)

Monday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter;  
Washington's Birthday  
6:00 pm ..... Spiritual Care Train. (OLRH)

Tuesday, February 23:  
8:30 am ..... Diocesan Round Table (SAGH)  
10:00 am ..... New Year Lunch (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Tuesday (SAGH)  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Prayer Group (OLR)  
7:30 pm ..... Human Concerns (OLRH)  
7:30 pm ..... Knights of Columbus (OLRH)

Wednesday, February 24:  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)  
7:30 pm ..... STA Remodeling Comm.  
(SAGH)

Thursday, February 25:  
10:00 am ..... Main. Comm. (PC)

Friday, February 26: Abstinence  
7:00 pm ..... Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, February 27:  
8:00 am ..... Hispanic Volunteer  
Retreat (OLRH)

## UNDIE SUNDAY A WOW!

Great results from our 7th annual Undie Sunday collection! "A monstrous haul, Thanks to y'all" who shopped or dropped (off) checks and cash totaling \$1,723 and 440 donated articles. Thanks to the more-than-a-dozen people who staffed the collection points. Thanks especially to Nancy Ng and her family for the planning, logistics and visual aids. Wow! – *Human Concerns Committee*

## CALLING ALL THOSE NEW TO OUR PARISH

Please join Fr. George, Fr. 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. **Sunday, Feb. 28th** from 2:30-4pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall. Questions? Call Jeanne Ramos (324-8788) or Beverly Wade (856-9339)

## FEBRUARY 27 AND BEYOND: FAMILY ORIENTED RECONCILIATION PROCESS

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. 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.

## DO YOU HAVE SAG SOUVENIRS?

Did you attend the dedication of St. Albert the Great (SAG) church almost fifty years ago? If so, did you happen to save a copy of the Dedication Programme? Please consider donating your SAG Dedication Programme, and material related to SAG's history to the Parish Archives. We're collecting SAG archival material (correspondence, photographs, meeting minutes, etc.) in preparation for the 50th anniversary of SAG. You may drop off your archival material at the Pastoral Center (Mon-Fri, 9:30am-4:00pm) until Feb 26, 2010. Or, if you have questions, contact Mary Beth Lefebvre at [mbstuddy@yahoo.com](mailto:mbstuddy@yahoo.com).

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thank you for your commitments to date. We know that the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish are generous and compassionate people. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is the time to contribute to the support of the diocese, which provides services that the parishes cannot. There are packets in the back of the church, if you don't see any, please ask one of the ushers. All funds contributed in excess of our parish goal are returned to our parish general fund. We need everyone's help to meet our goal and bring back funds to assist parish needs. Cumulative Totals (Our Parish Goal: \$118,850) Week 3: \$64,585 (pledged by 115 families) – 54% of goal

## GET READY TO SHOP FAIR-TRADE

Once again, the Human Concerns Committee will be sponsoring a gift sale of "fair trade" chocolates, coffee and other gift items with an Easter theme. The dates are tentatively set to be the weekends of Mar 6/7 (STA), Mar 13/14 (SAG), and 20/21 (OLR). Everything will be sold at cost, because we are trying to raise awareness, rather than funds. Please stay tuned for more info to come. If you have special requests, please direct them to [lauraleechiu@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleechiu@gmail.com).

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sending Forth : 2 of our Children's Catechumenate will be presented to the Bishop today during the Rite of Election. Please keep Carlos Leon-Zuniga and Raphael Laprais in your prayers as they continue on their journey in asking for full-initiation into the Catholic faith.

2nd Grade Retreat : Reminder that the 2nd grade & Children's Catechumenate retreat will be on Sat., Mar. 6th from 9am – noon. We'll gather in the Dermody Ctr. Parents welcome to stay.

Family Oriented Reconciliation Process : Remember, on the 4th Sat. of every month we're offering a Family oriented Reconciliation process.

Mark Your Calendars:

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

Feb. 24: Children's Catechumenate Class (RCIC) – DC

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

Feb. 28: 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.a*

## AGE OF AQUINAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have found someone to moderate the Age-of-Aquinas Yahoo Group! We're still looking for volunteers to: organize events, maintain web pages, make flyers, send out bulletin announcements, etc. Age of Aquinas Coordinator and founder, Randy Jones, is getting married, and is resigning as leader. If you're interested in finding out more about this important ministry, email Randy at [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org) or call: 408.739.2881. Thank you!

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Everyone's A Son (Or Daughter) Of Erin On St. Patrick's Day! Only a week to go until tickets are on sale for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. They are sure to disappear faster than clover blossoms in a Kerry pasture. Enjoy an inflation-resistant family evening out, dedicated to Irish American and parish traditions: Celtic music by Four Shillings Short and dancing by the Rosemary Turco School, the best corned beef and cabbage dinner on the Peninsula, home-made soda bread, Guinness available. More importantly, there will be welcoming hospitality in a safe environment. Adults: \$15.00, Children under 12: \$5.00. Sales after Masses 02/27 & 02/28 and 03/06 & 03/07 or at the Pastoral Center during the week -- until they're gone! Always an early sell-out! Want to volunteer? Contact Joe Kinsella: 650-619-3750.