

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

St Thomas Aquinas Parish presents a new **Spirituality series**. Starting in October this year, it will be held every Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center (each year each site will have its turn at hosting these sessions). We are calling this series: STA's: Spirituality Tuesday Assembly.

We want to dedicate one night a week in the parish for Spiritual development, growth and enrichment.

Each Tuesday session will revolve around these four major topics:

1. Formation & Information (catechetical and faith learning issues)
2. Sacred Scripture and Faith Sharing (based on the Sunday readings)
3. Prayer in all its forms
4. Burning Bush (burning issues, burning questions, challenging faith and religious controversies)

We invite you to attend all Tuesdays or the ones that interest you the most.

October 6th: The Catholic Response to Teen Suicide in Palo Alto (presented by our youth and a panel of experts)

October 13th: The Letter to the Hebrews and Sunday Scriptures (Fr George)

October 20th: Taize Prayer (presented by Fr Thierry)

October 27th: The New Missal and the New Prayer Translations for the Mass (presented by Diana Macalintal of the diocese of San Jose)

We hope to see you for these STA's!

(*planning team: Fr George, Fr Thierry, Deacon Bunje, Jean Ramacciotti, Sue Clingingsmith, Donna Pellizari, June Harmon, Bev & Neale Wade, Gerard McGuire*)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come one, come all animals of all sizes, shapes, breeds and species. Please join us for the annual Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, Oct. 4th. We'll be gathering at the St. Albert the Great site parking lot at 3pm. Bring your 'special' family member for that special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and don't forget to invite your friends!


Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Carson Englarot, Frankie Briggs, Barbara Franceschi, Norman Swope, Virginia Jordan, Alan Shpalo, Sarah Clear, Eva Leung, Jane Bahr, Smithy Smith, Milo Gwosden, Bobby Kerrigan, Elizabeth Hofstetter, Evaldo Nascirueuto, Fausto Araujo

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Benjamin Antonio Sr., Jim Chinn, Robert Jordan, Nancy Condon, Anthony Thalmann, Sophie Bandur, Rena del Rosario, Geraldine Thalmann, Isabel Mulcahy, Alija Jayne Schemel

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

Please note our email address: bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org
BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Oct 18 **Thu** Oct 8 noon
Oct 25 **Thu** Oct 15 noon

 Our Weekly Offering	Year To Date
September 13 \$ 8,340.71	Actual YTD . . \$ 100,507.54
Catholic Education \$ 2,263.00	Budget YTD . . \$ 104,222.31
<i>thank you for your continued generosity</i>	Variance - 3.56%

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 4:

7:30 am STA . . . Isabel Mulcahy †

9:00 am SAG . . . Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Monday, October 5:

Readings: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

8:30 am OLR . . . Bonnie Wilcox (birthday)

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

7:15 am STA . . . Dennis Dinneen †

Readings: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8:

7:15 am STA Layda Kurash †

8:30 am OLR Percy Aranha †

Readings: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 9: St. Denis and his companions; St. John Leonardi

12:15 am STA . . . Percy Aranha †

Readings: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10: Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 am SAG . . . Frank Maher †

Readings: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

To find a Mass while you're traveling, call 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-627-7846) or www.Masstimes.org

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday October 10 & 11, 2009

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Geris

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Geris

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Msgr. Boyle

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Geris

Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Aranha

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha

Sun 6:00 pm TBA

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 4: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
9:15, 10:15 am ... Religious Ed. (OLR/SESS)
3:00 pm Blessing of Animals (SAG)
4:00 pm Youth (OLRH/DC)

Monday, October 5:
9:00 pm Photo Days (OLRH)
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, October 6:
9:00 pm Photo Days (OLRH)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer (OLR)
7:00 pm Spirituality Series (SAGH)
7:00 pm YA Circle (OLR/KC)

Wednesday, October 7:
6:00, 7:30 pm ... RCIC Elem., HS (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
6:45 pm RCIA Info (PC)
7:00 pm Comm. Life (PC)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, October 8:
10:00 am Seton Board (SAGH)
10:30 am OSV Diocese Reps (PC)
7:00 pm Thomas Merton (SAGH)

Friday, October 9:
7:00 pm YAG (OLRH)

Saturday, October 10: Simhat Torah (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
9:00 am PIA (OLRH)

SAN JOSE LIFE CHAIN

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada on "Respect Life Sunday". You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! The Annual San Jose Life Chain will take place on Stevens Creek and Kiely Blvd. from 2:30-4:00pm on Sunday, Oct 4.

PSC REPORTS

To view the semi-annual reports from the STA Site Committee and the OLR Site Committee, please go to the parish website, paloaltocatholic.org.

TAKE THE ST. FRANCIS PLEDGE

I PLEDGE TO: PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable. LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change. ASSESS how we-as individuals and in our families, parishes and other affiliations-contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc. ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change. ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

RCIA INFORMATION GATHERING

6:45pm Wednesday, October 7 at the PC. If you are an adult who is interested in walking with one of our Candidates for Initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil 2010, you are invited to an information evening for potential sponsors. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone who can be a friend to and support one of our candidates on the journey over the next months.

HELP NEEDED FOR SVDP IN EAST PALO ALTO

Help Wanted: Reasonably strong backs (some stacking and lifting required), willing spirits and warm hearts - to stock shelves at the Food Closet at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Weekdays, 3-5pm or 4-6pm. Pick a day or several or whatever you can handle. Call G. Chippendale 650 856 6350.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following food items: crackers, fruit cups, plastic spoons, tuna, "hearty chunky" soups. Please bring the food to the vestibule of the church on Sundays.

JUSTFAITH NONVIOLENCE SEMINAR

You are cordially invited to attend a monthly seminar on nonviolence on one Monday a month from October through May. Nonviolence is a way of life first laid out by Jesus Christ in the Beatitudes in His Sermon on the Mount. It is not passivity; Ghandi called it "holding to the truth." As each one of us learns nonviolence, all of our lives will be improved. Meetings begin on October 19 at the Pastoral Center. You can join the seminar by sending a check for \$25 made out to St. Thomas Aquinas which is for the book produced by Pace e Bene. For questions and more info, phone Patricia Markee at 493-6242 or e-mail pmmarkee@hotmail.com or Susan Adams, 321-5565, susan.m.adams@comcast.net.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Widowers are invited to an Octoberfest Barbecue Afternoon Dinner Party. Parishioners Roland Quintero and Vic Befera invite all men who are widowers to be their guests at a gala Octoberfest Barbecue, Friday, October 16th. Starting at 3:30 p.m. at Roland's "Biergarten", in Palo Alto. Map will follow. A NO cooking, NO charge day, just bring a beer mug or Bierstein if you have one, of any size. For reservations (required) AND directions please call Vic at (650) 328-3936 or email rolquinmac@me.com. Deadline is October 12th.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reflection for Families: Mark 10:2-16 : Jesus clearly lets us know that the Kingdom of God is a gift, given to us freely by God.

Children, if we let them, will show us how freely and innocently we can accept this gift. Parents, pay special attention to your child(ren) over the next few days and see if you can pick up any of their wisdom about the gift God offers each of us.

Sunday Morning Classes: Registration, Emergency Forms and Calendar are available in the back of the church. You can also e-mail or call and we'll gladly e-mail them to you. We are still in need of a few special project leads! Welcome to Melissa Cagampan & Lauren Graf (Youth) and Heike Enders for volunteering to be Aides!

Children's Catechumenate R.C.I.C.: For children 3rd grade through high school who have not received Baptism and/or 1st Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact my office for details.

Mark Your Calendars: Oct. 4th Reg. Classes // Parent Meeting during children's class time (Required for Sac. Prep. Parents!)

Oct. 4th Blessing of the Animals // SAG parking lot // 3pm

Oct. 11th & 18th Reg. Classes

Oct. 18th 4th & 5th Grade Annual Bowling Party

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

New this year are monthly youth Masses, dinner for the students, and youth group sessions. The next Mass, dinner and youth session will be a 6:00 pm on Sun., October 11, 2009. Sessions in October meet on Oct 4 at 7pm, Oct 11 at 6pm, Oct 18 at 7pm (6pm for Confirmation) and Oct 25 at 7pm.

Middle School: the theme until December is Social Justice. Our sessions focus on a weekly topic, ranging from Image and Likeness of God, to War and Peace, and Getting Involved. This year we are utilizing a new curriculum, The Edge, from Lifeteen.org. We welcome all 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth.

High School: the theme for the year is three in one, with a focus in the fall on God the Father. Weekly programming includes icebreakers, praise and worship time, small groups, among other activities. All are welcome!!!

The first confirmation session is scheduled for Oct. 18, 2009 at 6 pm. Dinner will be served. If you have a child in grades 8-12 that wants to be confirmed, and has not registered, please let us know right away at: Stayouth@paloaltocatholic.org

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