

Third Sunday of Lent

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

Father George and Father Thierry greeted some of the newcomers in the parish at the Sunday reception.



AGAPE MEAL

On Sunday February 14, the St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul Conference celebrated Valentine's Day with an Agape Meal. According to the Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church (Oxford University Press 2005), the agape feast was a religious meal that seems to have been closely related to the Eucharist. It is considered to be the forerunner of the Holy Eucharist. St. Valentine lived during the early days of the church & almost certainly attended the Agape feasts.



Back Row: Chris Lada, Marcello Di Bello, Roberta Uebbing, Fr. Thierry, Cliff Herndon;
Front Row: Suzanne Ribbe, Mary Fong, Ruth Chippendale, Laurie Vavuris, Carol Lilledahl

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 7:

9:00 am SAG . . . Vince Giovannotto †

10:30 am STA . . . Frank Yung †

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday, March 8: St. John of God

8:30 am OLR . . . Eva Vda Martinez (health)

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9: St. Frances of Rome

8:30 am OLR . . . Pearl, Parryl & Jennifer

Cazapon † (special intent.)

Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10:

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

12:15 pm STA . . . Harriette Biggs †

Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11:

8:30 am OLR . . . Tina's thanksgiving

Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 12:

Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 13:

Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

STAYOUTH

Join us for our next Youth Mass

at Our Lady of the Rosary

on March 21st at 6pm.

And for our Youth Dinner

7-7:30pm in the hall after Mass

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday March 13 & 14, 2010

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 Fr. Aranha

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Geris

Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Allen

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Allen



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, Jeanette Scott, Karen LeMoine, Mary Heckler, Brian Dooney, Michael Dooney, Robert & Judy Koop, Maryhelen Macpherson

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Betty Streep, Raoul Geeuricks, Jane Bahr, John Herndon, Margaret Dutton, Bernie Hoffacker, Clare Mynderse, Patricia Nittler Gareia, George Falkenthal, Frances Hipp, Catharina Kriek, Sally Sullivan, Catherine McCosker, Luara Vaughan, Vivian Bouton, Barbara Franceschi, John Berwald

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
Mar 21 . . . **Thu** Mar 11 noon
Mar 28 . . . **Thu** Mar 18 noon



Our Weekly Offering

February 14 \$ 10,717.55
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 396,369.19
Budget YTD . . \$ 388,938.31
Variance +1.91%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 7: Third Sunday of Lent;
Girl Scout Sunday

9:15, 10:15 am ... Rel. Ed. (OLRH/SAGH)
7:00 pm STAYouth (SAGH)

Monday, March 8:

6:00 pm Spiritual Care Train.
(OLRH)
6:30 pm JustFaith (PC)

Tuesday, March 9:

7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesday
(SAGH)
7:00 pm Sp. Prayer Group (OLR)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus
(OLRH)

Wednesday, March 10:

6:00, 7:30 pm ... RCIC (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm PSC (SAGH)

Thursday, March 11:

10:00 am Seton Dev. Board (SAGH)
12:00 pm School 30th Anniversary
(OLRH)
6:00 pm Dancesize & Potluck (SESS)
7:00 pm Catechist Mtg (DC)
7:00 pm Merton Board (PC)

Friday, March 12: Abstinence

7:00 pm Sp. Young Adults (OLRH)

Saturday, March 13:

9:30 am PIA Loc Mtg (OLRH)
6:00 pm St. Patrick's (OLRH)

HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be taking food to the homeless during the first two weeks of April. They will be staying at the Church of Christ on Middlefield Road during this time. I will be signing folks up after the Sunday Masses during the month of March. Please check your calendars and decide when it would be convenient for you to help. Thanks! Questions? Please contact Ruth Chippendale, 650 856-6350.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS ASSEMBLY

"A call to holiness!" Spirituality Tuesdays Assembly: The Passion of Jesus" with Fr. George Aranha Tuesday, March 9, 7:00pm at St. Albert the Great Sanctuary.

The season of Lent is a special time for spiritual growth for all Catholics. For the Spirituality Tuesday session of March 9th, 2010, please join Fr. George and our fellow parishioners and friends for a Prayer Service, talk and a celebration of the

Stations of the Cross on "The Passion of Jesus." It will be held at St Albert the Great Church. Refreshments will be served after the Prayer Service. Make this Lent special for yourself and for your families!

Looking ahead on March 16 – Tuesday Spirituality Assembly: "Sacred Healing and Hands-on Healing Prayer" with Sr. Joan Prohaska, O.P.

RCIA

The First Rite of Scrutiny is today at 10:30am at St. Thomas Aquinas church. For those seeking baptism at the Easter Vigil, three rites of scrutiny are celebrated during Lent. At each one, the gathered assembly prays for and with The Elect that they may be freed from sin and purified and strengthened as they approach the sacraments of initiation. "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good." (RCIA rite book #141.) The gathered with The Elect reflect on both their sinfulness and on their gifts, and pray for guidance by God's Spirit of truth and love. This Sunday's scrutiny focuses on our thirst for God and our desire to receive the living water of Baptism just as Jesus promised living water to the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. Please pray for our adult and children Elect as their celebration of the Initiation sacraments approaches: Raphael, Carlos, Dorene, Sally, Daniel, Natalie and Nuwan.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Your support of the ADA has gotten us to 72% of our goal and that's with only 10.4% of parishioners participating to date! If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, look for pledge packets in the back of the church or ask the ushers. It is important for every parishioner to respond in order to achieve our goal. There is no gift too small! Please consider what you are able to contribute; remember that your pledge can be met over the next nine months. Thank you in advance for your participation.

EASTER GIFT SALE STARTS THIS WEEKEND AT OLR!



Please come by the Easter Gift table set up by the Human Concerns Committee this Sunday at OLR after both Masses. There are chocolates from Ghana, coffee from Columbia, organic tea and handicrafts from Vietnam, as well as cocoa mix from the Dominican Republic. All items are certified "Fair Trade" and are produced by farmers and artisans being offered fair wages and access to healthcare and education. With each purchase, you help these workers maintain steady work and a sustainable income so they can provide for their families. (This sale will be repeated @ SAG on Mar 13-14 and @ STA on Mar 21.)

March 7, 2010

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Classes

- March 7th Reg. Classes // Parent Gathering (All Welcome but required for Sac. Prep. Parents)
- March 14th Reg. Classes - F.I.G. project to be sent home
- March 21st Reg. Classes
- March 24th 1st Eucharist Mtg. w/ Fr. George (6pm - OLR)
- March 28th Reg. Classes

Children's Catechumenate Classes

- March 3rd Children's Catechumenate (RCIC) – Dermody Ctr.
- March 10th Children's Catechumenate (RCIC) – Dermody
- March 17th Children's Catechumenate (RCIC) – Dermody
- March 24th Meeting w/ Fr. George (6pm - OLR)

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ARE YOU GREEN TOO?

The parish Green Committee wants to hear from you. We've offered suggestions about saving energy, polluting less and generally taking better care of our environment and planet. (See the link to the Green Committee website in www.paloaltocatholic.org). We bet a lot of you are already pretty green. Will you tell us practices you've found that use less, save more or mess less? We'd like to put them in our bulletin and on our website. Our committee will publish them on the website and choose one as Tip of the Week for the bulletin.

Send your tips to Laura Chiu (lauraleechiu@gmail.com) or 650-283-6343. We may edit for length and similar tips may be lumped together. When you write, tell us if you want to be named or remain mysterious.

THE RAINBOW DESCENDS AGAIN

This is the last weekend before the Sat., March 13, annual parish St. Patrick's Day celebration -- an evening of music, song, step dancing, Celtic cheer, tradition, and the best corned beef and cabbage on the Peninsula -- not to mention genuine Irish soda bread to remind you of buttermilk and your dear Grandmother back home. Tickets are going as fast as 3 year olds at the Tralee Races: \$15 - Adults, \$5 - children under 12. The event is always a sellout, so pick up yours after Mass or during the week at the Pastoral Center. Location? The Seton School auditorium -- 1093 Channing Ave. Want to join the Green Brigade as a volunteer? Always room for one more! Contact Joe Kinsella: 650-619-3750. Failte.