

# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS TIME AND TALENT FAIRE

The St. Thomas Aquinas Site Committee welcomed dozens of parishioners during the morning and early afternoon on October 11 at the Time and Talent Faire and Garden Party in the garden adjacent to the church. Beginning with the 7:30 Mass and concluding after the 12:00 noon Mass, fourteen (14) brand new volunteers signed up, and many returning volunteers filled out the volunteer form re-committing themselves to their ministries. Peet's coffee, Hobee's coffee cake, and fresh fruit and juice provided the incentive for folks to walk past all the ministry tables to the food. The weather cooperated and representatives from the many ministries enthusiastically discussed their work and needs with old and new parishioners. The same enthusiasm will carry the ministers to St. Albert the Great on October 17 and 18 for the Time and Talent Faire there.



— Kay Williams, STA Site Committee chairperson

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 18:  
 9:00 am SAG . . . Vince Giovannotto †  
 12:00 pm STA . . . Helen Braun †  
*Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16;*  
*Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]*

Monday, October 19: St. John de Brébeuf,  
 St. Isaac Jogues, and their companions  
*Readings: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21*

Tuesday, October 20: St. Paul of the Cross  
 7:15 am STA . . . Margaret Gross †  
 8:30 am OLR . . . Florencio & Maria Nieves  
 Pedron †  
 12:15 pm STA . . . Stella Moss †  
*Readings: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk*  
*12:35-38*

Wednesday, October 21:  
 8:30 am OLR . . . Layda Kurash †  
*Readings: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48*

Thursday, October 22:  
*Readings: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53*

Friday, October 23: St. John of Capistrano  
 12:15 pm STA . . . Clotilda Cesano †  
*Readings: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59*

Saturday, October 24: St. Anthony Mary  
 Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary  
 5:00 pm SAG . . . Angel P. Alberto † &  
 Frank Lozano †  
*Readings: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday October 24 & 25, 2009  
 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. Geris  
 Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Geris  
 Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary  
 Sun 9:00 am (español) . . . TBA  
 Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

For all those parishioners who have died over the past year and in loving memory of all deceased relatives and friends of our parishioners.  
**November 14,** 2009 5:00pm St. Albert the Great Church. A reception sponsored by the Windows and Widowers group will follow in the Hospitality Center.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Robert Victor Miole  
 Ayellee Ecarma  
 Justin Wong  
 Carlos Cantolugo  
 Hal & Joleen Roach  
 Lawrence & Michelle Fung  
 Jean Baptiste Cossart  
 Brian Adam  
 Rosa & Scott Lawley  
 Jennifer & Luke Wagner



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Carson Enghardt, Frankie Briggs, Barbara Franceschi, Norman Swope, Virginia Jordan, Alan Shpalo, Sarah Clear, Eva Leung, Jane Bahr, Smithy Smith, Milo Gwosden, Bobby Kerrigan, Elizabeth Hofstetter, Ewaldo Nascimento, Fausto Araujo, Joan Copenhagen, Ann Bisacca, Karen LeMoine

**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, Harriett Biggs, Fr. Charles Macedo, Vivencio Ilaio

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  
 Nov 1 . . . **Thu** Oct 22 noon  
 Nov 8 . . . **Thu** Oct 29 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

September 27 . . . . . \$ 8,257.41  
 St. Elizabeth Seton Sch. . . \$ 3,267.00  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 119,388.42  
 Budget YTD . . \$ 123,062.73  
 Variance . . . . . — 2.99%

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 18: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday 9:15, 10:15 am .. Religious Ed. (OLR/SESS) 4:00 pm ..... Youth (OLRH/DC)

Monday, October 19:  
6:30 pm ..... JustFaith (PC)  
7:30 pm ..... Medjugorje Group (KC)  
7:30 pm ..... Merton Education (SAGH)

Tuesday, October 20:  
6:00 pm ..... Baptism Class (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Spirituality Series (SAGH)  
7:30 pm ..... JustFaith (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... YA Circle (OLR/KC)

Wednesday, October 21:  
6:00, 7:30 pm ... RCIC Elem., HS (DC)  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... STA Site Comm. (SAGH)  
7:30 pm ..... RCIA (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, October 22:  
10:00 am ..... Main. Comm. (PC)

Friday, October 23:  
7:00 pm ..... YAG (OLRH)

Saturday, October 24:  
7:00 pm ..... Age of Aquinas Dance (SAGH)

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks to all of you who have given generously to our parish food closet. We now have a very adequate supply of crackers and utensils. Our food closet is presently in need of tuna and fruit cups. Please bring your donations to the vestibule of the church.

## OPPORTUNITY CENTER

NEW/USED BUT CLEAN BLANKETS you may have been storing at home will be collected Sunday, November 1st near the main entrance of our three Parish churches. The Opportunity Center in Palo Alto really needs your help providing warmth to their clients this coming winter. Thanks for your help. Sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee. Call Terry 650-714-2131

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Please come prepared to give to the St. Vincent de Paul collection we will have next Sunday Oct. 25. Because no envelopes were sent in the regular mailing of envelopes, there will be envelopes available to you in the pews, or you can simply deposit your offering in the second collection basket.

A 55 year old woman came to SVDP asking for one night's lodging. All she wanted was a good night's sleep in a comfortable place. She had spent most of her nights in the shelter & wanted a break from the very unpleasant & oppressive atmosphere there. A serious accident had damaged the discs in her back & now she is unable to work. Up until the time of the accident she had her own place to live and was gainfully employed. Medical expenses used up all her savings. She is waiting for her SSDI to be activated so she can find appropriate housing. This unfortunate situation is typical of many of the people we help here in our parish SVDP conference. When the collection basket comes around, try to imagine the struggle this woman has, just to survive, & give generously to our parish St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

## BLESSING OF NEW LIFE FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

This year, Bishop Patrick J. McGrath invites all expectant mothers and their families and friends to a special prayer service and blessing of the new life they carry. This annual blessing will take place during Respect Life month, on Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph (80 South Market Street, San Jose). This simple, ecumenical prayer service will include a blessing and gift for all expectant mothers. Expectant mothers of all ages, walks of life, and faiths are invited to participate. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Bernard Nemis, BNemis@dsj.org or (408) 983-0126. For a flyer and Cathedral parking information, go to: <http://bit.ly/dsjnewlife>.

## AGE OF AQUINAS DANCE

**Sat., October 24, 2009, 8:00 pm:** Harvest/Halloween Dance. Come join the festivities celebrating the fall harvest and Halloween! The Sharp Nines, will be playing for us again with new additions to their repertoire. Doors open 8:00 pm, music starts around 8:30 pm till about 11. \$10.00 (Cash only, please, no checks)! Snacks and beverages will be provided. St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center, Email: Ron, wipf7585@juno.com or call 408.772.0852 (cell).

## 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.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family: Make plans as a family to serve someone else. Think of someone you know whose load is heavy right now. Each time you serve one person, think about what you will do next as a servant of God.

4th/5th Grade Annual Bowling Party: Today is our Annual 4th & 5th Grade Bowling Party. We'll meet at Palo Alto Bowl on El Camino from 2pm – 4pm. Cost is \$15 and includes shoes, bowling, pizza & soda. All 4th & 5th graders are welcome – and remember, bring a friend to share in the fun!

Children's Catechumenate R.C.I.C.: children 3rd grade through high school who have not received Baptism and/or 1st Eucharist and Confirmation. If you have a child that has this need, please contact my office for details.

Mark Your Calendars:

Oct. 18th – Reg. Classes

18th – 4th & 5th Grade Annual Bowling Party

25th – F.I.G. (Fun in the Gospel) – Family Activity at SAG Hall during reg. class time

25th – Reg. class sessions for OLR families due to Time & Talent set-up (F.I.G. Activity Packets will be sent home for OLR families)

*For info 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.*

## DON'T BE ALARMED

On Saturday, October 24, beginning at 11am until noon, church bells will ring, north to south through town, including those of our own St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Albert the Great. Total peals: THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TIMES! The number 350 is the maximum concentration of carbon dioxide measured in parts per million (PPM), which a NASA study finds to be compatible with "a planet on which civilization developed" and to which "life on earth is adapted." The bad news (:-( - current concentration is about 390 PPM! We have to cool it - individuals, parishes, cities, states, businesses, industries and nations. This rolling symbolic action on the 24th is part of a much bigger global project ([www.350.org](http://www.350.org)) aimed at pressuring the world leaders into taking more drastic actions when they attend the upcoming December Copenhagen conference to draw up the new climate treaty, a successor to The Kyoto Protocol. (Our parish Green Committee will be offering some cool ideas in the near future.) This event is being organized by the City of Palo Alto's Community Environmental Action Partnership with support from the Santa Clara County of Churches.