

All Saints

TODAY'S MESSAGE

WE LONG TO SEE GOD'S FACE

"Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." This antiphon for today's responsorial psalm offers the focus for today's readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We, too, long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, are washed "white in the blood of the Lamb." The passage from John's first letter offers further assurance: we are God's children who will one day see God. But today's Gospel pulls us past longing and reassurance into action. Jesus clearly tells us what we must do to be counted among the saints. We must be poor in spirit, hungry for holiness, merciful, singlehearted, and peacemakers! Then we, too, will see the face of God.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS ASSEMBLY

This Week: Rediscover the Mass

- Come and learn about the History of the Mass - DVD presentation
- Examine the various parts/rites/elements, their function and purpose
 - Fr. George
- Explore the difference between Attending vs Celebrating the Mass
 - Deacon Carl Bunje

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

All parishioners are invited to a 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 Widows and Widowers group will follow in the Hospitality Center.



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, Jane Bahr, Smithy Smith, Milo Gwosden, Bobby Kerrigan, Elizabeth Hofstetter, Evaldo Nascruento, Fausto Araujo, Joan Copenhagen, Ann Bisacca, Karen LeMoine, Sally Sullivan, Harry Browne

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Jim Chinn, Robert Jordan, Nancy Condon, Anthony Thalman, Sophie Bandur, Rena del Rosario, Geraldine Thalman, 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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 1:

10:30 pm STA ... Carmen Madrigal †
 Readings: *Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a*

Monday, November 2: Commemoration of

All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
 7:15 am STA ... Aurelia Baracchi †
 8:30 am OLR ... Lily D. Luz (birthday)
 12:15 pm STA ... Vince Giovannotto †
 Readings: *Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016*

Tuesday, November 3: St. Martin de Porres

8:30 am OLR ... Luz Espiritu †
 Readings: *Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24*

Wednesday, November 4: St. Charles

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 8:30 am OLR ... All Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Readings: *Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33*

Thursday, November 5:

7:15 am STA ... James & Edith Dubbs †
 12:15 pm STA ... Harriett Biggs †
 Readings: *Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10*

Friday, November 6: First Friday

12:15 pm STA ... Angelo Baracchi †
 Readings: *Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8*

Saturday, November 7: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm STA ... Percy Aranha †
 5:00 pm SAG ... Scott Zumwalt †
 Readings: *Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 7 & 8, 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 Fr. Rubio
 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. Braverman

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 Nov 15... **Thu** Nov 5 noon
 Nov 22.. **Thu** Nov 12 noon



Our Weekly Offering

October 11 \$ 8,983.58
 St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 3,877.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD .. \$ 140,000.83
 Budget YTD.. \$ 143,806.37
 Variance - 2.65%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, November 1: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends

9:15, 10:15 am .. Religious Education (OLR/SESS)

9:15, 10:15 am .. Religious Education Parents Meeting (OLRH/SAG)

4:00 pm Youth (OLRH/DC)

Monday, November 2:

7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, November 3: Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; Election Day

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer (OLR)

7:00 pm Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

7:00 pm Young Adult Circle (SAGH)

Wednesday, November 4:

4:00 pm St. Elizabeth Seton School (SAGH)

6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)

7:00 pm Comm. Life (PC)

7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, November 5:

8:00 am St. Elizabeth Seton School (SAGH)

6:30 pm Family Fun Night (SESS)

7:00 pm Comm. Board (PC)

Friday, November 6:

10:00 am Mass (SAG)

11:00 am Rendu Meeting (SAGH)

6:30 pm Spanish Adoration (OLR)

7:00 pm YAG (OLRH)

Saturday, November 7: First Saturday

8:30 am Liturgy Board (SAGH)

9:00 am RCIA Retreat (OLRH)

PARISH-WIDE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY

The Holiday Food Drive has started. Donations of non-perishable food items such as soups, peanut butter, cereal, tuna, etc., are needed. Be sure to pick up a reminder card for your wallet on the way out of church. Food donations can be left in the church foyer over the coming weeks. The STA youth group and St. Vincent de Paul thank you for your generous donations!

ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON

St. Elizabeth Seton School invites you to get to know our program and our students at our Annual Fall Luncheon on Thursday, November 5. It will take place at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center, beginning with social time at 11:30, a buffet lunch and short program at 12:00, and a tour of the campus with our middle schoolers at 1:00. Your RSVP is requested, please, by Thursday, October 29 by calling 326-1258 or via email at development@stelizabethseton.com.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Come join us for our Third Annual Family Fun Night. (Everyone can find just 1 hour for fun!) It's time to cut-loose and be a kid with the kids! Giant checkers ~ Giant Hang-Man ~ Crafts ~ Wacky Olympics ~ Are You Smarter Than ...? All age groups, family & friends are welcome! St. Albert the Great Site Auditorium, Thursday, 11/05, 6-7pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

To help low income working families file and claim their Earned Income Credit (EIC) benefits, we are working with Catholic Charities to open a tax preparation site at St. Joseph School, Mountain View, during tax time 2010. Volunteers with some accounting or finance background are needed. Some training is involved as well as five Saturday mornings in Feb./March. More background information is on the Peace and Justice table. Phone Janet Hayter (650) 968-2650.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS DINNER REMINDER

Time for our Fall Potluck dinner is 5:30 p.m. at Winnie's Home on Thursday, November 5th.. All are to call her for food assignment information... as soon as possible. Leave your name, phone number, and food if she does not answer. She will get back to you to verify as necessary. Respond not later than November 2 to (650)493-6823 Thank you.

NATIVITY CRÈCHE

The erecting of Nativity scenes, or the crèche, is a tradition attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). For many of us, the crèche (which is French for "manger") is an important part of the Advent and Christmas season. This December we're inviting all of St. Thomas Aquinas parish to display their beloved crèches after the St. Albert the Great mass on Saturday, December 5, 5 p.m., and again after the Sunday, December 6, 9 a.m. mass. Details to follow, but if you would like to display your crèche (and we hope you will!) please email Monique at Llmosey131@yahoo.com or call 650.619.9971.

November 1, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Fun Night: Come one; come all to our Family Fun Night. Enjoy an hour of fun and laughter while we play through games and community builders. We'll gather at SAG auditorium on Thurs. Nov. 5th from 6:00pm – 7pm. All are welcome!

Annual 4th/5th Grade Bowling Party: Our Annual Bowling Party was a great success! Strikes and spares were flying from students; even those not using the bumpers! A big 'thank you' to Julie Sanford, David Loftus, Josphine Andrews and Analisa Valbuena for helping chaperone this event.

Children's Catechumenate: We offer a process affectionately called R.C.I.C. to 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:

Nov. 1st Reg. Classes // Parent Gathering Mtg // Saints Parade
Nov. 5th Family Fun Night at SAG Auditorium 6pm – 7pm
Nov. 8th & 15th Reg. Classes

*For info 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

The **middle school** program is thrilled to have 61 6th-8th grade students join our STAY MS group this year, as well as 9 Core Team members. We have our first STAY social on November 22, 2009. Details to follow.

The **high school** program has 40 registered teens lead by a Core Team of 6 adults and 8 teens. Ice breakers and Praise and Worship are part of every session- come join us!

Please make sure you don't miss the Diocesan-wide **Tahoe Reunion Mass** this Sunday, November 1 at 6 pm! All STAY Families are invited to attend! The event will go from 5 until 8 pm, with ice breakers at 5, mass at 6, and dinner at 7 pm.

The next **Confirmation** session will be held on Sunday, November 15 at 6:00 until 8:30 pm. The session will focus on the symbols and meaning of Confirmation.

All youth and their families are encouraged to participate in the parish-wide food drive which kicks off the first weekend in November. To learn more about the food drive, please visit the STAY Website or contact Eileen.freyre@gmail.com.

*Chris Miller, Director of Youth Ministry and
Kristy Rozynyoi, coordinator, Middle School Program*