

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 15:

7:30 pm STA . . . Robert Langer †

9:00 pm SAG . . . Robert H. Jordan †

Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Monday, November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

8:30 am OLR . . . Percy Aranha †

Readings: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35

Tuesday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 am OLR . . . Percy Aranha †

Readings: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 18: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:30 am OLR . . . Luz Espiritu †

12:15 pm STA . . . Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23

Thursday, November 19:

Readings: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 20:

Readings: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm STA . . . Arturo Montoya †

Readings: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS ASSEMBLY & BURNING BUSH

"A Call to Holiness"

Meditation, Centering Prayer, and Contemplative Prayer

led by Jean Ramacciotti

– Experience being still to welcome the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00pm
St. Albert the Great Hall

The "Burning Bush" on next Sunday
November 22 at 3pm at St. Albert the
Great Hall. In honor of the 30th

Anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador, a movie about his life will be shown.

This will lead into the Tuesday Spirituality Assembly on November 24 at 7pm at SAGH when "The Spirituality and Challenge of Archbishop Romero" will be discussed.

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 21 & 22, 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 Msgr. Boyle

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Braverman

Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Geris

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha



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 Nascireuto, Fausto Araujo, Joan Copenhagen, Ann Bisacca, Karen LeMoine, Sally Sullivan, Harry Browne, Damian Dykema

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 Ila, Betty Streep

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
Nov 29 . . **Thu** Nov 19 noon
Dec 6 . . **Wed** Nov 25 noon



Our Weekly Offering

November 1 \$ 10,675.20
All Saints \$ 2,303.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 170,083.24
Budget YTD . . \$ 174,921.83
Variance - 2.77%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, November 15: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 pm ... Youth (OLRH/DC)

Monday, November 16:

7:30 pm ... Medjugorje Group (KC)

7:30 pm ... Merton Education (SAGH)

Tuesday, November 17:

7:00 pm ... Hispanic Prayer (OLR)

7:00 pm ... Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

7:30 pm ... HCC (OLRH)

7:30 pm ... JustFaith (PC)

Wednesday, November 18:

9:00 am ... STAY Board (PC)

6:00 pm ... 1st Recon. Mtg. (SAGH)

6:00 pm ... SOUP (OLRH)

7:00 pm ... STA Site Comm. (SAGH)

7:30 pm ... RCIA (PC)

7:30 pm ... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, November 19:

7:00 pm ... ASDC (SAGH)

Friday, November 20:

7:00 pm ... YAG (OLRH)

Saturday, November 21:

all day ... Barbershop Qrt. (SESS)

12:00 pm ... Int'l Food Festival (OLRH)

PRAYER FOR ALL OUR PRIESTS

To deepen and strengthen our awareness and appreciation of the gifts of priesthood, the five Junipero Serra Clubs of our Diocese have prepared individualized priests prayer cards. Each card will have the name of one of the 268 active and retired diocesan priests along with a special prayer. It is hoped that each household will take a card and pray for that priest every day. As 26,800 cards were printed, this is the least we can do to show our appreciation and support for our priests for dedicating their lives to help us along our journey of faith.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING

Today at Our Lady of the Rosary, at the 10:30am Mass, two Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults will be celebrated: The Rite of Acceptance for the five adult Inquirers seeking Baptism. The Rite of Welcoming for the four adults already-baptized seeking Reception and/or the sacrament of Confirmation.

The five Inquirers assemble publicly for the first time with our Catholic community. Having completed the period of The Catechumenate, they declare their intention to the Church (those gathered) and in turn the Church accepts them as potential members. The five celebrating their first consecration, by Father George Aranha: **Daniel Gianella, Sally Grantz, Dorene Kawasaki, Terra Terwilliger, Nuwan Seneratna**. Once the Rite is completed, the five are now referred to as "catechumens" and their names will be recorded in the Registry of Catechumens.

The four who are either baptized already in the Catholic tradition, or in an other Christian tradition are welcomed as they proceed on their journeys to Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Seeking to celebrate first Eucharist, first Penance and/or Confirmation: **Linda Allen, Mark Constanz, Jennifer Koop-Wagner, Jennifer Otter**. Pray for these newest members and embrace them as our own, and introduce yourself to them after Mass over the next months.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

To all parishioners who knit and/or crochet! Share your talent to create a special prayer shawl for a fellow parishioner in need of extra warmth, love and prayers at a critical time in his or her life. Your spare time can result in a beautiful gift to someone in need.

This ministry has already provided comfort to several parishioners. The prayer shawl is a simple symbol of God's love created especially by you. Please call Terry 650-714-2131.

INTERIOR REMODELING COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Interior remodeling committee for STA church will meet Nov. 18, 2009--7:30 PM at St. Alberts community room. We welcome all that are interested. Any questions, please contact Judy Foley 650-322-8650.

MORE ON 350 PPM

What causes CO₂ levels to increase? 1. Burning fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas) 2. Deforestation and agricultural practices that destroy the soil. A few helpful tips from Palo Alto's Community Action Environmental Partnership: Transportation: 1. Drive with a light foot. Accelerate and brake smoothly. Don't idle for more than 30 seconds. Watch your tire inflation. Food: 1. Buy organic (no pesticides) 2. Buy local (cut down on long haul deliveries) 3. Bringing food home: Reusable bags are "in". – *Parish Green Committee*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks for your generous donations to our parish food closet. The primary food closet needs are: Soups, Tuna, Beans, Rice, Crackers, Cereal, Canned vegetables, Canned meats, Pasta/Sauce Peanut Butter, Powdered Milk, Jelly or Jam, Canned Fruits. Please bring your donations to the vestibule of the church.

November 15, 2009

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 26, 2009, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm:
Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsored by Peninsula Volunteers.
Help support the Peninsula Volunteers help those less fortunate this Thanksgiving by coming to the "Little House" Thanksgiving dinner. Dinner Menu: Traditional Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Pumpkin Pie; Vegetarian/Vegan Menu: Baked Acorn Squash stuffed with Mixed Grains and Legumes, Caramelized Onion and Balsamic Vinegar Reduction, Baked Herb Tomato with Vegetable Medley, Pumpkin Pie. 11:30 am till 1:00 pm. \$15:00 until November 18. (Tickets are non-refundable). Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. More info: Call 650.326.2025 and ask for Aida. You must have a credit card to purchase tickets.

YOUNG ADULT MASS

November Young Adult Mass - Tuesday 11/17 7:30 PM St. Simon Church 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos

Due to Thanksgiving, we are moving the Mass from the last Tues of Nov. We will be holding the Mass in the Small Chapel at St. Simon Church, Los Altos. This month's celebrant will be Fr. Vincent Dang, Parochial Vicar at St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos. Celebrate the Eucharist and the upcoming holiday season with young adults (20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow. This is the last Mass for 2009; we won't have a Mass in December. Those interested in participating in the choir for our Masses are asked to join the choir at 6:30PM in the Chapel, or contact Adam, atmoerschell@gmail.com A map is posted on our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org

NATIVITY CRÈCHE

This year on Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6 you will have the opportunity to not only enjoy a lovely exhibit of nativity scenes, but to have yours included as well. Everyone is invited to bring their crèche from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 to the gymnasium at St. Elizabeth Seton School for set-up. They will be displayed that evening after the 5 p.m. mass and again Sunday morning from 8 a.m. until noon. It'll be a wonderful experience for all ages and we hope you'll invite your friends and neighbors, too. In order to know how many tables to set up, we ask that you please contact Monique at Llmosey131@yahoo.com or call her at 650.619.9971 if you would like to display your crèche.