

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

Today is the third and final scrutiny for our elect and for the whole church. This year we have focused on how we can embrace creation, and thus save our planet. In the story of Lazarus, we are asked: What needs to die in us so that we can be born to eternal life? Here are the final four ways out of the 10 simple ways to save our planet:

7. *I save, You save, We all save* – Energy, Money, Resources, and ultimately, our Planet
 - a) Turn off everything not in use: lights, TVs, computers, etc.
 - b) Lower the temperature on your water heater. It should be set at ‘warm’.
 - c) Install low flow shower heads to reduce hot water use.
 - d) Wash only full loads of laundry.
 - e) Check the furnace filter each month and clean or replace it as necessary.
 - f) Dress appropriately for the weather and set your thermostat to the lowest possible comfortable setting.
8. *Paper or Plastic?* “Neither” is the best response. Both paper and plastic bags are bad, both consume large amounts of natural resources and end up in the landfill. However, both bags can be recycled to some extent and can be reused around the house, too.
9. *Drive less – even if just a little less – and drive smart.* In the United States about half of the air pollution comes from cars and trucks. Taking fewer trips in your vehicle helps cut air pollution and adopting smart driving habits reduces your vehicle’s emissions. Try alternative modes of transportation such as carpooling, walking, riding a bike, taking public transportation or telecommuting.
10. *Make a Commitment.* Commit to educating just two people about the 10 simple things they can do to help the planet!

Together we can make a difference. Together we can make Easter happen by making sacrifices and carrying our daily crosses.

Happy Lent! Fr. George

ADA UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS! And THANK YOU! We have reached our goal! More than **299 parishioners have pledged \$131,732.00**. Some parishioners have not yet taken the opportunity to SECURE the VISION. If you contribute now, your dollars will come back to the parish for our own programs. Check in the back of the church for pledge forms or call the parish office (650.494.2496x24) - or just write a check to the Annual Diocesan Appeal and we’ll do the rest of the paperwork for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 9:

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Monday, March 10:

7:15 am Virgilio Padilla †
8:30 am Tom Drewek †
12:15 pm Holy Souls
Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41C-62]; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 11:

7:15 am Virgilio Padilla †
8:30 am Elizabeth Leon Guerrero (health)
12:15 pm Tina Reyes (birthday)
Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 12:

7:15 am Frances Ciluaga †
8:30 am Elizabeth Leon Guerrero (health)
12:15 pm
Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 13:

7:15 am, 12:15 pm
8:30 am Elizabeth Leon Guerrero (health)
Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 14:

7:15 am, 8:30 am
12:15 pm Marc & Blanca Reyes (happy anniversary)
Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 15: St. Joseph

12:15 pm Charles O’Neil †
5:00 pm Gene Kleebers
Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday March 15 & 16, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha
Sun 9:00 am TBA

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
Sun 8:45 am Fr. Aranha
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha
Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. TBA
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Medina



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – Sophie Bandur, Sue Clingsmith, Hong Chang Liu, Raelene Garrido, Nancy Condon, James Dalton, Nicholas Humy, Mary Hansen, Jack Youngs, Joel Roberts, John Patrick Kullman, Robert Gaspich, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, John Christensen, Marian Partelow, Andrea Binger, Daniel Slevin, Jennifer Matthew, Jim Matthew, Mary Imbomone

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED – Kathleen Gogarty, Alvin Fischer, William Hiegel, Tom Jaworowski, Tom Drewek, Josephine Kerber, George Li, John Hartmann, Elaine Donald, Stephanie Ziegler, Charles O’Neil, Vi Missman

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 23 . **Wed** Mar 12 noon
Mar 30 . **Thu** Mar 20 noon



Our Weekly Offering

February 24 \$ 9,971.93
St. Elizabeth Seton Sch. . \$ 3,575.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 440,886.93
Budget YTD .. \$ 435,242.14
Variance + 1.30%

March 9, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 9: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny; Girl Scout Sunday; Daylight Saving Time begins
9:15 am Parent Meeting, Religious Ed (ISP)
10:15 am Parent Meeting, Religious Ed (SESS/H)
3:00–5:00 pm . . . Burning Bush (OLRH)
7:00–8:30 pm . . . STAY HS (DC/OLRH)

Monday, March 10: Orthodox Lent begins
7:00 pm Stanford Hosp. Vol. (OLRH)

Tuesday, March 11:
8:00 am Seton Volunteer Luncheon (SAGC)
1:00 pm YLI (OLRH)
7:00 pm ASDC (SAGC)

Wednesday, March 12:
5:00, 6:30 pm . . . Childrens Cath. (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm PSC (SAGC)
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Thursday, March 13:
6:00 pm Thomas Merton (PC)
7:00 pm STAYouth (SAGC)
7:30 pm ASDC Lecture (OLRH)

Friday, March 14: Abstinence
6:30 pm Way of the Cross (OLR)

Saturday, March 15:
6:00 pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance (PC)

Second Collection this weekend:
. Catholic Relief Services

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This Sunday there will be a special collection at all masses for Catholic Relief Services. The parish human concerns committee hopes you will be generous in donating to the important work of this agency.

COME TO "THE BURNING BUSH"

This Sunday, March 9, 3-5pm Our Lady of the Rosary. "Catholicism's Myths, Confusions, and Trivia" Come and participate in the "True or False?" Quiz, Faith Discussion, Q & A with Fr. George and Fr. Tony. Wine and cheese refreshments

THE THIRD SCRUTINY

The Third Rite of Scrutiny for our Elect is celebrated today at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary. This penitential rite, the last of three which are a part of the RCIA process, relates to the Gospel of the Fifth Sunday of Lent -- Jn 11:1-45, concerning the raising of Lazarus, freed by Jesus to live a new life. We, The Faithful are part of the Rite. We join in praying for The Elect and hopefully benefit from this Lenten penitential liturgy by being inspired with new desire for purification and redemption for ourselves.

ABOUT THE SCRUTINIES The Scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose--to uncover and then heal all that is weak in the hearts of The Elect (formerly called catechumens). The three Scrutinies, or penitential rites, are also intended to give them strength in Christ for the journey ahead.

One of the difficulties that arises from calling the special rituals for these three central Lenten Sundays by the name "scrutiny" is that people can easily misunderstand who is scrutinizing whom. Since The Elect form the focus of the ritual, it is easy to think that the rest of the assembly is scrutinizing them. The scrutinizing that occurs in these rituals is twofold. The Elect scrutinize themselves, and they ask God to scrutinize their lives. The rest of us support this process with our prayers, and we are invited by their example to scrutinize ourselves and to ask God to do the same.

As a community of the faithful, we encourage and support them in their process of genuine self-knowledge and faith formation. -- Jean Ramacciotti

Second Rite of Scrutiny for our Elect: Hee-jung Kim, and Dominik Lucha with Fr. Tony Medina.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K – 5TH GRADE

Let The Children Come To Me: Friendship, misunderstanding, loss, rejoicing in rediscovering, miracles, seeing is believing! All things shared in the gospel today in the Raising of Lazarus (Jn 11:1-45) Reread the story of Lazarus with your family. How does each member respond to these or over emotions that this story of love invokes? Has your child had a friendship that was lost but restored? How did they feel during each stage of that journey?

Scrutinies: Please keep our Elect, *Dominik Lucha, Andrew Clark and Hee-jung Kim* in your prayers as they celebrate the 3rd scrutiny today during the 10:30 mass today at Our Lady of the Rosary site.

Mark Your Calendars: Parents Sac. Prep. Mtg.: there will be a required Parent Meeting today during the children's regular class time on Sunday, 03/09th. F.I.G.: Fun in the Gospel – 03/16th during regular class times.

Children's Cat. Classes (R.C.I.C.): These classes are for those children 3rd grade through high school who are in need of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Grades 3rd through 6th meet Weds. eves. at the Dermody Center from 5pm – 6pm and those 7th grade and older meet Weds. eves. at Dermody Center from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Susan Clingsmith, Director of Religious Education, 650-494-2496 ext. 25, youth@paloaltocatholic.org

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

STAYOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

YOUTH [middle school (6–8), high school (9–12), confirmation (8–high school)]

St. Thomas Aquinas Youth (STAY) www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

Huge thanks and gratitude to our priests for helping us pray, talk, and celebrate on Feb. 24 and Mar. 2.

STAY Sunday, 3/9...MS - Stations of the Cross, OLR Church. HS - Victor Lecha III (from last year's HS confirmation retreat & Tahoe).

Communal Reconciliation Services...March 14, 7pm SAG Church & March 17, 7pm OLR Church (bilingual). Important sacrament of healing for parents, youth, & confirmation candidates.

Good Friday Stations of Cross at Stanford "Dish"...We have been invited to join the greater Stanford community on Good Friday promptly at 3:00pm. Meet at ranger station at end of Stanford Ave. Open to youth & adults. Moderate hike, so please wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

Tahoe Retreat (8th grade thru HS) – June 16-20. All forms available at <http://www.dsj.org/tahoe/> \$300 total cost; \$100 deposit. Deadline for monies/forms to Rob is March 31, 2008.

YOUNG ADULTS [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s – single/married; w/, w/o children]

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adults www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

Lenten Faith Sharing / Googling God – Thurs, Mar 13 – 7:00pm social; 7:30pm book discussion / Lenten faith sharing. St. Albert the Great Center, 1095 Channing Ave. Mike Hayes of "BustedHalo.com" has written a new book on our demographic. ISBN 0-8091-4487-5 Get your copy and join us. Rob's article on the Googling God book has been published in Feb. issue of our diocesan newspaper, The Valley Catholic. www.dsj.org/dsj/valleyissue.asp?id=44&story=2209

Annual Seder Meal – Tues, Mar. 18 – 6:30pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. Come join other YA and fellow parishioners during Holy Week for this annual tradition that symbolizes our ties with our Jewish forerunners in faith. Please RSVP to Rob to reserve a seat.

First-Annual Diocesan YA Retreat – April 4-6, Friday night thru Sunday lunch, at Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. "Unlocking Your Inner Spirit", presented by SpiritSite, our diocesan spirituality center. Register online at www.spiritsite.org using a credit card.

DEANERY 2 YOUNG ADULTS www.YoungAdultCircle.org Young Adults from our local parishes gather regularly for social, spiritual, service, and sports. Register online for our weekly e-newsletter for the latest and greatest info.

Rob Manfrey, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator; 650-494-2496 ext. 21, STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org

UPDATE FROM KENYA MARCH 16

An opportunity to hear from Catherine and Joseph Wanjohi, visitors from Naivasha, Kenya, is planned for Sunday, March 16, from 4:00 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. The Wanjohis will bring us up to date on the conditions in Naivasha following the weeks of tribal violence which erupted after national elections on December 27, 2007. In addition, Catherine will talk about her work with Life Bloom Services International, and Joseph will answer questions about Panda Flowers and its fair trade status.

Catherine Wanjohi has extensive training in teaching and counseling, having earned the equivalent of our B.A. degree and teaching credential at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya and her M.A. degree in Counseling/Psychology at the University of Durham in the UK After six years of teaching and seven years as a school principal, she responded to the need she saw in Naivasha, Kenya, for counseling and support for abused women and for women in the commercial sex trade.

Following the talk, the Thomas Merton Center Board will provide a simple lasagne and salad supper. Please RSVP to Kay Williams at (650) 328-2781, kaywill@pacbell.net, if you intend to stay on for supper. If you can bring an appetizer to share, it will be welcomed by all.

EVERYONE'S IN THE "GREEN PARTY"

Get 'em while they last! Tickets for the the St. Patrick's Day Event are proving as scarce as shamrocks in a Kerry pasture! The inflation-resistant prices of \$15.00 Adults & \$5.00 Children (under 12) make the sell-out event ideal for seniors and young families. Come to enjoy the attractions of Irish heritage in welcoming surroundings from 6:00 – 8:00 at St. Elizabeth Seton School Auditorium, 1095 Channing Ave. – Irish music, Celtic dancing, a complete Irish dinner with hand made soda bread, and a night to be part of a decades-old parish tradition. Buy your tickets after Mass or during the week at the Pastoral Center (no ticket sales at the door). Still looking for volunteers to provide rides to home-bound seniors and for event clean-up! Contact Joe Kinsella: 364-3705.

GRIEF RECOVERY

A new grief recovery class will be starting March 13, 2008. It will be held at St. Simon's rectory at 3pm until 5pm. For more information call Arlene 650-968-7556.

HOLY WEEK SEDER DINNER

Tuesday March 18 at 6:30pm, OLR Hall. Reservations by Friday March 14 necessary. Phone Laurie 494-3572 or email uebbing307@sbcglobal.net. Children age 12 and under \$5, adults \$10 that night. Offering over food costs will help the work of Fr. Jack Donald in Honduras.

HOTEL DE ZINK

During the month of April, about 15 homeless folks will be staying at the Church of Christ on Middlefield Road. St. Thomas parishioners will be bringing the food during the first two weeks of the month. I will be asking people to sign up to bring food after the Masses during the month of March. If you miss signing up, please call me at 856-6350. Thank you.

- Ruth Chippendale