

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

Once again we have reached and exceeded the parish goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you for your generous and timely responses.

Its not only about making our goal. Its also about 'securing the vision'. As a parish we want to do our part in helping our church in the Santa Clara Valley to grow and become strong, in the areas of youth and young adult ministry, lay leadership and social justice.

Once again thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Fr. George

## THE BURNING BUSH



Fr. George and Fr. Tony clarifying many confusions and myths of Catholicism at Sunday's Burning Bush forum at OLRH.

## 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 16:

9:00 am SAG . . . . . Vince Giovannotto †

10:30 am OLR . . . James Roddy †

10:30 am STA . . . George Li †

Readings: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Monday, March 17:

7:15 am . . . . . Ramona Lantoria †

8:30 am . . . . . Charles O'Neil †

12:15 pm . . . . . Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 18:

8:30 am . . . . . Antonio Palomo Jr †

12:15 pm . . . . . Thomas Joseph Power †

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 19:

8:30 am . . . . . Antonio Palomo Jr †

12:15 pm . . . . . Linda Medel (thanksgiving)

Readings: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 20:

8:30 am . . . . . William Hiegel †

12:15 pm . . . . . Charlotte Schultz †

Readings: *Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;*

*Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21; Lord's Supper: Ex*

*12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15*

Friday, March 21:

8:30 am . . . . . Palomo & Cummins

Family (sp. int.)

Readings: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-

16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday, March 22:

5:00 pm . . . . . Charles O'Neil †

Readings: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a];

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18];

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14;

e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday March 22 & 23, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 8:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Aranha

(concelebrating)

Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am . . . . . TBA

Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Medina

Sun 12 noon . . . . . Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 8:30 am (español) . . Fr. Medina

Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Sue Clingingsmith, Raelene Garrido, Nancy Condon, Nicholas Humy, Mary Hansen, Jack Youngs, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, John Christensen, Marian Partelow, Andrea Binger, Daniel Slevin, Jennifer Matthew, Jim Matthew, Mary Imbornone



**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Kathleen Gogarty, William Hiegel, Tom Jaworowski, Tom Drowek, Josephine Kerber, George Li, John Hartmann, Elaine Donald, Stephanie Ziegler, Charles O'Neil, Vi Missman, Helen Garratt

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  
Mar 30 . . **Thu** Mar 20 noon  
Apr 6 . . . **Thu** Mar 27 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

March 2 . . . . . \$ 11,787.53  
thank you for your continued generosity

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 452,674.46  
Budget YTD . . . \$ 444,767.89  
Variance . . . . . + 1.78%

# March 16, 2008

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 16: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9:15 am ..... Fun In the Gospel,  
Religious Ed (OLRH)  
10:15 am ..... Fun In the Gospel,  
Religious Ed (SESS/H)  
3:30-6:00 pm ... Thomas Merton (SAGC)  
7:00-8:30 pm ... STAY HS (DC/OLRH)

Monday, March 17: Monday of Holy Week; St. Patrick's Day

7:00 pm ..... Stanford Hosp. Vol. (OLRH)

Tuesday, March 18: Tuesday of Holy Week

10:00 am ..... Maint. Comm. (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Centering Prayer (PC)

Wednesday, March 19: Wednesday of Holy Week

5:00, 6:30 pm ... Childrens Cath. (DC)  
6:30 pm ..... Seder Dinner (OLRH)  
7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, March 20: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins; Purim (the Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset; Spring begins

10:00 am ..... Scripture Study (SAGC)

Friday, March 21: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence; Pastoral Center Closed

Saturday, March 22: Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil

## BRING YOUR BELLS

Bring your bells to the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 22 starting at 8pm. If you have bells at home, bring them with you to our Easter Vigil service (but keep them quiet until we sing the Gloria). We want the church filled with a joyful noise but only during the Gloria to celebrate the rising of our Lord.

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## EASTER VIGIL

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH HOLY WEEK 2008

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
*March 15 & March 16*

Spanish Mass at OLR begins at 8:30am  
All other Masses and Church sites are the same as regular weekends  
Procession with Palms – Dry weather, starts outside; wet weather, starts in vestibule

PARISH COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Monday March 17*  
7:00pm Our Lady of the Rosary (Bi-lingual)

CELEBRATION OF THE SEDER MEAL  
*Tuesday March 18*  
6:30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Hall

TENEBRAE SERVICE *Wednesday March 19*  
8:00pm St. Anne's Chapel, with the Gregorian Choir

HOLY THURSDAY *March 20*  
Morning Prayer 7:15am St. Thomas Aquinas  
8:30am Our Lady of the Rosary  
All Parish Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:30pm Our Lady of the Rosary (Multi-lingual) Chapel stays open until 10:00pm for quiet personal prayer

GOOD FRIDAY *March 21*

Morning Prayer 7:15am St. Thomas Aquinas  
8:30am Our Lady of the Rosary  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion  
12 noon to 3:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas  
5:30pm St. Thomas Aquinas (Gregorian)  
7:30pm Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish)  
Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Our Lady of the Rosary  
7:00pm St. Albert the Great

THE EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY *March 22*  
8:00pm St. Albert the Great (Multi-lingual)  
Reception follows in St. Albert Hall  
The Easter Vigil continues at St. Thomas Aquinas Church 11:00pm (Gregorian)

EASTER SUNDAY *March 23*  
The Spanish Mass at OLR begins at 8:30am  
All other Masses and Church sites are the same as regular weekends

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K – 5TH GRADE

Let The Children Come To Me: Today we hear the Passion of Christ in preparation of the week to come. The week is filled with such richness of our faith traditions. Take some time with your family this week and choose one or two of the great liturgies to participate in.

Children's Stations of the Cross: A big thank you to all who came and shared the experience of the Stations of the Cross with our children on 03/07. I want to especially thank Chris and Ethan for being our candle bearers, Jim Chin for set-up and clean-up, John Clingingsmith for taking pictures and all of the participants who read a station.

Parents Sac. Prep. Mtg. & Parent Q&A Gatherings: A great big 'Thank You' to the following two ladies for sharing their time and talent with our parents; Jean Ramaciotti during the last OLR Parent Q&A Gathering and Jenna Clingingsmith during the Parent Q&A Gathering and the Parent Sac. Prep. meeting.

Mark Your Calendars : F.I.G.: Fun in the Gospel – today during regular class times. No classes 3/23rd & 3/30th for Easter break.

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.

Please keep the following children in your prayers this week as they complete their preparation for Easter Vigil: Elect: *Dominik Lucha, Andrew Clark*. Candidates: *Allison & Brianna Beiber, Maegan Chew, Jack Forrest, Emily Nelson, and Ryan Reed*.

*Susan Clingingsmith, 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/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

STAY Sunday, 3/16. MS – OLR Hall. HS – Meet at Pastoral Garden behind Dermody Center for outdoor Way of the Cross. No STAY session on 3/23 or 3/30. We will gather next on April 6.

*We hope to see our youth & families during Holy Week* (Sacrament of Reconciliation service Mon @ OLR; Seder Meal Tuesday @ OLR; Holy Thursday Mass @ OLR; Good Friday; and Easter Vigil Saturday night. Please consult your parish Holy Week schedule for details.

Good Friday Stations of Cross at Stanford “Dish”...Come experience nature and Jesus’ last hours 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 [www.dsj.org/tahoe/](http://www.dsj.org/tahoe/) \$300 total cost; \$100 deposit. Deadline for monies/forms to Rob is March 31, 2008. All applications henceforth are “wait-listed” because we have already filled our parish allotment of student slots.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adults [www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

Annual Seder Meal – Tues, 3/18 – 6:30pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. Come join other YA and fellow parishioners during Holy Week for this annual tradition of an authentic Jewish Passover meal. Please RSVP to Rob to reserve a seat.

Monthly YA Mass – Tues, 3/25 – 7:30pm @ the Intersection at St. Nicholas School site on El Monte in Los Altos. Introductions, dialogue homily, meet & greet other YA over refreshments after Mass.

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](http://www.spiritsite.org) using a credit card.

Theology On Tap “Slam” coming in April (7 sessions total) [www.totsiliconvalley.com](http://www.totsiliconvalley.com)

**DEANERY 2 YOUNG ADULTS** [www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://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](mailto:STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org)

## HOLY WEEK ST. ANN CHOIR

*The St. Ann Choir invite you to sung liturgies of Holy Week & Easter at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and St. Ann Chapel in Palo Alto*

PALM SUNDAY, March 16 — 12:00 noon. St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mass.

Procession with Palms and Sung Mass, with chanting of the St. Mark Passion and motets by Morales, Tallis, and Victoria; (lasts 1 3/4 hours). 6:15 p.m. St. Ann Chapel, Latin Vespers of Palm Sunday.

WED OF HOLY WEEK, March 19 — 8:00 p.m. St. Ann Chapel, Tenebrae. Matins and Lauds of Holy Thurs. in Latin (anticipated the evening before). Lamentations of Jeremiah by Victoria (1 3/4 hrs.)

HOLY THURS, March 20 — 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas, Mass. Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Washing of feet, and Procession of Blessed Sacrament. Music of Byrd, Tallis, Ciconia, and Dufay. (1 1/2 hrs.)

GOOD FRIDAY March 21 — 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Liturgy. Solemn afternoon liturgy: Chanting of the St. John Passion, Adoration of the Cross, and Communion. Music of Victoria. (1 3/4 hrs.)

HOLY SATURDAY March 22 — 11:00 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Easter Vigil.

The Solemn Proclamation of Easter, the Prophecies, and Midnight Mass of the Resurrection. Music of Palestrina, Morales, and Marenzio (lasts 2 hours)

EASTER SUNDAY March 23 — 9:25 a.m. St. Ann Chapel, Lauds of Easter Sunday, sung in Gregorian chant. 12:00 noon, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mass. Festive Sung Mass of Easter. Lasso, Missa Osculetur me for double choir (lasts 1 hour 20 minutes). 6:15 p.m. St. Ann Chapel. Latin Vespers of Easter Sunday, sung in Gregorian Chant.

*St. Ann Chapel is on Melville at Tasso in Palo Alto. More information: 650-493-7933*

## EVERYBODY’S IRISH...

...On St. Patrick’s Day. Many thanks to the parish community for another successful annual St. Patrick’s Day event. Of course, we value the dedicated volunteer organizers and tireless workers who served food, entertainment, and hospitality for a memorable evening of Irish American culture. Special regards to Sr. Adella Armentrout of St. Elizabeth Seton School, who allowed us to use the convenient facility. But most of all, we thank the many parishioners who bought tickets, participated in this legacy, and provided the inspiration for this mission of personal outreach and a connection to our past. *Slainte!*

## 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

## EWTN HOLY WEEK SERVICES

*During Holy Week, EWTN, the 24/7 Catholic television station, will broadcast the following:* From the Vatican, EWTN will telecast Pope Benedict XVI conducting the following Holy Week liturgies:

+ Palm Sunday, 16 March at 5:00pm  
+ Holy Thursday, 20 March at 9:00pm  
+ The Way of the Cross, 21 March at 5:00pm  
+ Easter Vigil Mass, 22 March at 9:00pm  
+ Easter Sunday Mass, 23 March at 9:00am  
+ Easter Message & Blessing, 23 March at 10:30am

From the National Shrine in Washington D.C.:  
+ Holy Thursday, 20 March at 2:30pm  
+ Easter Vigil Mass, 22 March at 5:00pm  
EWTN television is available on Comcast channel 229, DISH channel 261, and Direct TV channel 370.