

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians. Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Sunday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

## ADULT CANDIDATES WELCOMED LAST SUNDAY

Adult candidates in The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) were welcomed last Sunday at St. Albert the Great by Fr. George and the congregation. Four candidates already baptized in other Christian traditions are seeking to be in Full Communion with the Catholic Church: **Terry Atkinson, Linda Larsson, Michele Adams (Mickey), and Grace Yakimura.**

Five Catholic candidates seeking Confirmation and/or First Eucharist, thereby completing their Initiation sacraments: **Orlando Cuesta, Angela Nardi, Justin Brocata, William Jarvis and Peter Robison.**

They have all completed the first step in the RCIA process -- The Inquiry -- and on Sunday expressed their desire to continue towards celebrating the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on March 22.

The following sponsors testified that their candidate is ready to continue on the spiritual journey and the Catechumenate process: **Felipe Garcia, Carlo Nardi, John St. Clair, Jim Davis, Letitia Roddy, Mario Veloro, Patty Robison, Maureen McLaughlin, Laura Simeone, and Cliff Herndon.**

Fr. George presided over the Signing of the Senses by the sponsors. This consisted of the sponsors making the sign of the cross on their candidates' forehead, eyes, ears, shoulders, heart, hands, and feet while beautiful music played in between each signing. The gathered community affirmed the goals of the candidates, prayed with them, and welcomed them to the parish with much enthusiasm. -- Jean Ramacciotti

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 20:  
10:30 am OLR . . . William Hiegel †  
*Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34*

Monday, January 21: St. Agnes  
7:15 am . . . . . James † & Edith Dubbs †  
8:30 am . . . . . William Hiegel †  
12:15 pm . . . . . Escolastico † & Geronima Luz †  
*Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22*

Tuesday, January 22: St. Vincent  
7:15 am . . . . .  
8:30 am . . . . . Cummins Family  
12:15 pm . . . . . All Holy Souls  
*Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28*

Wednesday, January 23:  
7:15 am . . . . . Maresa Poggesi †  
8:30 am . . . . .  
12:15 pm . . . . .  
*Readings: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6*

Thursday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales  
7:15 am . . . . .  
8:30 am . . . . .  
12:15 pm . . . . . Bertha Gretz †  
*Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12*

Friday, January 25:  
7:15 am . . . . .  
8:30 am . . . . . William Hiegel †  
12:15 pm . . . . .  
*Readings: Acts 2:23-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18*

Saturday, January 26: Ss. Timothy and  
12:15 pm . . . . . Blanca Martinez Reyez  
(Birthday)  
5:00 pm SAG . . . Crystal Lee (Thanksgiving)  
5:00 pm SAG . . . . .  
*Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday January 26 & 27, 2007

St. Albert the Great  
Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Medina  
Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester  
Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Fr. Rubio  
Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha  
Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

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

## PLEASE PRAY

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Sophie Bandur, Sue Clingingsmith, Hong Chang Liu, Raelene Garrido, Nancy Condon, James Dalton, Nicholas Humy, Mary Hansen, Jack Youngs, Joel Roberts, Jerry Martinson, Carole Smith, Danny Schandler, John Patrick Kullman, Robert Gaspich, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, John Christensen, Marian Partelov

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Paul Piskaty, Stewart Greene, Kathleen Gogarty, Alvin Fischer, Tom Jaworowski, Tom Drewek, Josephine Kerver

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  
Feb 3 . . . **Thur** Jan 24 noon  
Feb 10 . . **Thur** Jan 31 noon



## Our Weekly Offering

December 30 . . . . . \$ 10,126.35  
St. Vincent de Paul . . . . . \$ 4,087.00  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

## Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 260,634.00  
Budget YTD . . . \$ 262,436.00  
Variance . . . . . - 0.69%

# January 20, 2008

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am ..... Fun in the Gospel  
Religious Ed (ISP)

10:15 am ..... Fun in the Gospel  
Religious Ed (SESS/H)

7:00-8:30 pm ... STAY High School (DC/  
OLRH)

Monday, January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 22: Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person

1:00 pm ..... YLI (OLRH)

Wednesday, January 23:

7:30 pm ..... RCIA (PC)

7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, January 24:

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

Friday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

7:00 pm ..... Spanish Young Adult  
(OLRH)

Saturday, January 26:

*Second Collection this weekend:*

..... St. Elizabeth Seton School

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks to all the generous parishioners who supported the Christmas giving in East Palo Alto. The giving of your time and energy packing and delivering food and toys was so helpful. The generous donations of money and wonderful toys made such a difference for so many families and brought them much Christmas joy. Thanks a million! –Ruth & George Chippendale

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

What a great start! Parishioners have already pledged more than \$31,685 towards this year's ADA goal! Join our early birds with a pledge of your own. Thank you for your generous support and your confidence in SECURING THE VISION.

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

**TUESDAY JANUARY 22ND – PRO-LIFE MASS & PRAYER WALK** A Pro-Life Mass at St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos on Tuesday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m. will mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Following the mass, a silent Prayer Walk will proceed eight blocks to the Los Altos City Hall at 12:30pm. St. Nicholas Church is located two blocks south of Main Street on the frontage road west of Foothill Expressway. For more information, please call St. Nicholas Church at (650) 948-2158.

**SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH – PARISH POTLUCK** Community Life invites everyone to a potluck to welcome new parishioners on Sat., Jan. 26th following the 5 PM mass, from 6 to 8 PM at the St Albert the Great Hospitality Center, 1095 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto 94301. Bring a favorite dish to share; beverages will be provided. Please let us know if you and your family plan to attend by calling Barbara Kent (323-0879), Micky Martin (494-0119) or Marguerite Purcell (327-6051) or email at [bakent@earthlink.net](mailto:bakent@earthlink.net). Come celebrate our growing parish family!

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH – MARDI GRAS FISH FRY** The Knights of Columbus and S. O. U. P. will be sponsoring a Mardi Gras Fish Fry on February 5 at the OLR Church Hall. The fun starts at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00. There will be a prize for the best mask or costume. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at Mass on Sunday, February 3 or by calling 494-3572.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION RECEPTION

In appreciation for all that parish volunteers do throughout the year, Fr. George, Fr. Tony and the parish staff invite all volunteers and their guests to a reception on Saturday, February 16, 2008, at SESS auditorium following the 5:00 Mass. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Volunteers are asked to sign up for the event by calling the office of the volunteer coordinator, 650-494-2496 Ext. 15, and leaving on voice mail their name and the number of people in their party who will be attending. This phone registration will continue until Saturday, January 19.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K – 5TH GRADE

**Let The Children Come To Me:** Jesus is the Light of the World. We see this in many, many ways. He lights our world through the love of our family and friends, and through the graces of sacraments and prayer just to name a few. Where do you see Jesus as the Light of the World in your life? How will you light your light shine for Him this week?

**Mark Your Calendars** for Jan.: Today – F.I.G. // 01/27th – reg. classes

**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 Clingingsmith, Director of Religious Education, 650-494-2496 ext. 25, [youth@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:youth@paloaltocatholic.org)*

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL MASS & OPEN HOUSE

**Catholic Schools Week – January 27 – February 2, 2008** You are invited to St. Elizabeth Seton School's School Mass on Monday, January 28th, 2008. Mass will be at 9:15a.m. at St. Albert's. We will have an Open House on Thursday January 31st., parents are welcome to visit the classrooms from 8:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. Some of the activities during Catholic Schools Week include: Fruit baskets and thank you notes delivered to community service organizations Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day, Religious Appreciation Day, Cultural Appreciation Day, Community Day, Parent Appreciation Day and Student Appreciation Day. Color Day, movies, games and special treats. Science Fair on Thursday January 31st, 2008 from 7:30 – 9:00p.m.

*Non-Discriminatory Policy: St. Elizabeth Seton School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, and does not discriminate on the basis of race color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic programs and other school-administered programs.*

## SAVE THE DATE

St. Patrick's Day on the Horizon – The St. Pat's Rainbow is beginning to arc over Palo Alto's Green Fields to land on Saturday, March 15! Circle the date on your Calendars! Fetch your green ensembles from the moth balls to freshen them up for a unique parish evening of hospitality, entertainment, food, and tradition. Volunteers always welcome! (If interested, contact Joe Kinsella: 364-3705.)

## 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 High School and Middle School **meet next** on Jan. 27 at 7pm OLR site. No session on Jan. 20 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Next Youth Mass** on March 2 at 7pm OLR. This is in conjunction with our 8th grade confirmation retreat that same day, also at OLR.

### **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/)

**STAYyoung Adults** – Thurs., Jan. 24 – 7:00pm social; 7:30 session. St. Albert the Great Center, 1095 Channing Ave., PA, 94301. This month we will begin the brand new book about the young adult demographic called "Googling God" by Mike Hayes of NCYAMA, our national Catholic young adult association.

**Theology On Tap returns...**Sun., Jan. 27 – "Learning Forgiveness", featuring Sr. Rebecca Shinas from St. Simon. 6pm Dinner; 7pm Talk @ MacArthur Park, 27 University Ave., Palo Alto, 94301. We need our local Catholics and friends to represent our own city!

**Monthly YA Mass** – Tues, Jan. 29 – Teaching Mass w/ Fr. Nathan from the Catholic Community at Stanford. 7:30pm, St. Nicholas School. Join us for a more intimate liturgy with introductions, music ministry, dialogue homily, and fellowship after mass. See the young adult page of our STAY web site for a map link.

**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 Manfredy, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org*

## A SWEATSHOP-FREE CITY

Valerie Orth, an activist/artist who led a 56-organization coalition to pass the nation's strongest Sweatfree Procurement Law in San Francisco in 2005, will join us for a conversation on Sunday, January 27, 4 – 5:30 p.m., at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center.

Since 2000, Valerie has organized to stop labor abuses worldwide and to promote an alternative model of trade based on economic justice. She was the Sweatfree Campaigns Organizer at Global Exchange. It was her work with labor, faith-based, student and community groups to pass the S.F. sweatfree procurement ordinance that resulted in the city of San Francisco being prohibited from purchasing goods made in sweatshops. Valerie is currently the chairperson of San Francisco's Sweatfree Procurement Advisory Group, working towards enforcement of the law.

Before Global Exchange, Valerie represented industrial laundry workers in California with UNITE Local 75 (Union of Needletrades, Industrial, and Textile Employees.) She was also a grassroots organizer with Green Corps (the field school for environmental organizing) where she worked on legislative and corporate campaigns nationwide.

In addition to her activist credits, Valerie is a musician (guitarist) and says that her music remains integrally tied with her activism. She has co-founded an organization called WomenRock, supporting independent female artists in a male-dominated industry. WomenRock organizes benefits for good causes: for example, on January 5, they played at Bottom of the Hill (in San Francisco) to raise money for Girls Rock Summer Camp, empowering girls and young women to express themselves through music.

Valerie has a Women's Studies degree from Tufts University. Her presentation is sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center. For more information: Kay Williams, [kaywill@pacbell.net](mailto:kaywill@pacbell.net), or (650) 328-2781.