

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE RITE OF WELCOMING

The Rite of Welcoming and Signing of the Senses with the Cross for Our adult Candidates who will receive the Initiation Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. (below l to r): *Wil Jarvis, Mickey Adams, Angela Nardi, Justin Brocato, Peter Robison, Linda Larsson.*



(below l to r -- with Fr. George in the middle): *Merideth Flattery and sponsor, and Ryan Donahoe and sponsor.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 3:
10:30 am OLR . . . Elisa Mesa Villasenor †
Readings: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday, February 4:
7:15 am
8:30 am James & Edith Dubbs †
12:15 pm
Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 5: St. Agatha
7:15 am
8:30 am William Hiegel †
12:15 pm
Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 6:
7:15 am
8:30 am William Hiegel †
12:15 pm Ken & Jan Foster †
Readings: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 7:
7:15 am Joan Copenhagen
(thanksgiving)
8:30 am
12:15 pm James Pease †
Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 8: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
7:15 am
8:30 am William Hiegel †
12:15 pm Carney & Bolich families
(special intention)
Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 9:
12:15 pm, 5:00 pm SAG
Readings: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday February 9 & 10, 2008

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. Wright
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Medina
Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

February 6, 2008

- 7:15 am – St. Thomas Aquinas ... TBA
- 8:30 am – Our Lady of the Rosary ... Fr. Medina
- 9:15 am – St. Albert the Great ... Fr. Medina
- 12:15 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas ... Fr. Aranha
- 6:00 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas ... (Thomas Merton)
- 7:00 pm – Our Lady of the Rosary (bilingual)
- 7:30 pm – St. Albert the Great ... Fr. Aranha
- 8:00 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas (Gregorian)

ASH WEDNESDAY



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, Carole Smith, Danny Schandler, John Patrick Kullman, Robert Gaspich, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, John Christensen, Marian Partelow*

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — *Paul Piskaty, Stewart Greene, Kathleen Gogarty, Alvin Fischer, William Hiegel, Tom Jaworowski, Tom Drewek, Josephine Kerver, George Li, John Hartmann*

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
Feb 17 . . . **Thur** Feb 7 noon
Feb 24 . **Thur** Feb 14 noon



Our Weekly Offering

January 20 \$ n/a
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD \$ n/a
Budget YTD \$ n/a
Variance - n/a %

February 3, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Carnival Sunday; Boy Scout Sunday; World Day for Consecrated Life
9:15 am Lenten Family Day (ISP)
10:15 am Lenten Family Day (SESS/H)
7:00-8:30 pm . . . STAY High School (DC/OLRH)

Monday, February 4:

Tuesday, February 5: Shrove Tuesday; Mardi Gras
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (PC)

Wednesday, February 6: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
7:45 am WASC (SAGC)
6:30 pm Transitions (PC)
7:30 pm RCIA attending Mass at SAG (PC)

Thursday, February 7: Chinese New Year 4706
7:45 am WASC (SAGC)
10:00 am Chinese New Year
Childrens Lunch (OLRH)
11:00 am Seton Development Board (SAGC)
7:00 pm Widows/Widowers (SAGC)

Friday, February 8: Abstinence
7:45 am WASC (SAGC)
6:00 pm 1st Reconciliation (OLRH)

Saturday, February 9:

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Fr. George, Fr. Tony and the parish staff wish to thank all those who responded to the invitation to the volunteer recognition reception of Saturday, February 16, 6-8 p.m. at SESS auditorium. All those who registered may look forward to an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

THANK YOU

St. Elizabeth Seton School would like to express warmest appreciation to everyone who took part in recent Second Collections on our behalf, and in particular those who contributed at the December masses – thank you! This makes a great difference in what we can do for our children.

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

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.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Daily Meditations – Pick up a daily Lenten meditations (black) book in the vestibule.

Anointing of the Sick – Please bring the sick and / or those who can't get to church on their own for Anointing of the Sick at all Masses on Saturday evening February 9th and Sunday, February 10th.

Individual Confessions – Saturdays 11:30 am–12:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas; Saturdays 4:15 pm–4:45 pm St. Albert the Great

Youth Mass – Sunday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Rosary

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday after the 12:15 pm Mass - St. Thomas Aquinas; Every Friday except Good Friday 6:00 pm Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish); Stations For Children, March 7th at 7:00 pm St. Albert the Great

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K – 5TH GRADE

Family Lenten Day: TODAY : Come as a family and share time getting ready for Lent. Our Lady of the Rosary hall 9:15–10:15am -or- St. Albert the Great auditorium 10:15–11:15am.

First Reconciliation: It is that time of year when our children are prepared and ready to receive their First Reconciliation. The children have designed a heart to symbolize their relationship with God. This weekend, the children from Our Lady of the Rosary will be placing half of their heart on a cross in the church to represent how sin separates us from God. On Friday, 02/08th, the children from Our Lady of the Rosary will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation. Next Sunday, you'll see that their hearts are whole again symbolizing the healing process of Reconciliation.

Congratulations to the children from the St. Albert the Great who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation on 02/01/08. Please remember to say a special prayer for these children as they experience this sacrament of healing and joy for the first time.

F.I.G.: Many thanks to all of the people who helped make our Fun In the Gospel gathering a great success! We hope to see you all there at the next F.I.G. scheduled for Sun, March 16th.

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.

Mark Your Calendars: Parents, on Sunday, 02/10th, we will gather for Faith Sharing during the children's regular class time. Have you always given up something for Lent out of habit? Let's discuss what is truly asked of us during this time as we prepare for Easter.

There will not be classes on Sunday, 02/17th to celebrate Presidents weekend. We will resume classes on Sunday, 02/24th. Remember Sac. Prep. Parents, there will be a required Parent Meeting during the children's regular class time on Sunday, 02/24th.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

INVITATIONS TO ALL WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

If you have lost your spouse, we warmly invite you to come to the St. Thomas Aquinas Widow and Widowers group for dessert and a little friendly conversation on Thursday, February 7, 7 p.m. at St. Albert's Hall, 1095 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto. Formed in 2001 we offer support, companionship, healing and some fun in your life. We have a full program of social and cultural activities that include attending theatre productions, restaurant dinners, sports events, trips, garden tours and picnics. We share tips on financial planning, taxes, home maintenance and health. No dues, officers or obligations. Meetings on First Thursdays of month. Join us for dinner at Scott's Seafood, Palo Alto, Wednesday, February 20. Bring \$26 cash, includes tax and tip. Beverages not included. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. Reservations by February 13, call Jean Gac, (650) 858-1832. We hope to meet you.

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/

Middle School does not meet Feb. 3, yet will be using this time for Lenten preparation and home catechesis with their parents. The next 8th grade confirmation break-out session will be Feb. 10.

High School will meet Feb. 3 for a social, yet will still hold a "lite night" session. Confirmation attendance is key going forward.

Confirmation – During Lent on March 2, we will hold our 8th Grade Retreat, from 4:00pm onward at OLR followed by a special youth mass in their honor at 7:00pm at OLR Church. This mass is open to the entire parish community. Come see, celebrate, and pray for & with our middle school and high school candidates.

Parents & Sponsors – Please continue praying for your teens as they journey with and toward the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all parents and sponsors who attended our initial Jan. 23 meeting. Please keep reading, praying, and sharing your brand-new materials with your teens and family.

Sunday Night Youth Mass – March 2 @ 7pm OLR Church. This mass is open to the entire parish community. Come see, celebrate, and pray for & with our middle school and high school confirmation candidates. Mark your calendars and join us!

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

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

Theology On Tap - Sun., Feb. 10 – "Women's Role in the Church: Past and Future", featuring Sr. Gloria Loya, PBVM, from Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. 6pm Dinner; 7pm Talk @ Sonoma Chicken Coup, 200 East Campbell Ave, Campbell, 95008.

Googling God – Thurs, Feb. 21 – 7:00pm social; 7:30pm book discussion / Lenten faith sharing. St. Albert the Great Center, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto, 94301. Mike Hayes of "BustedHalo.com" has written a new book on our demographic. ISBN 0-8091-4487-5 Get your copy and join us. Friends and co-workers are welcome.

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

THE "BURNING BUSH"

The "Burning Bush" of April 20th will be hosted by the Communications Committee, and the topic will be angels.

There will be a presentation highlighting Catholic thought and dogma regarding these heavenly beings, snippets of saint's experiences with angels, and discussion of the roles of angels in our lives. There also will be a slide show by Ludmila Vodopyanov, Russian physicist and photographer, who has photographed images of angels in different countries.

Enhancing the ambience will be a display of parishioners' angel collections, and there will be faith-sharing and testimonials of personal encounters with angels.

Parishioners are now invited to submit testimonials about individual encounters with angels. These may be sent anonymously or signed. Some of these will be selected to be read at the session.

Please send your story to the Pastoral Center c/o Fr. George, Angel Project. It will then be passed along for review by members of the Communications Committee. The deadline for submissions is February 29.

Questions? Call Mary Sullivan, 328-3498 or e-mail Maryfran11@msn.com

PARISH IRISH TRADITIONS

The St. Patrick's Day Event organizers would like to dedicate a segment of the Saturday, March 15, program for special recognition to parishioners who have contributed to the evening over the many years that it has thrived in the parish. Under the shadow of the Celtic Cross at St. Albert's, the night of Irish music, dancing, and food has entertained and satisfied generations of young and old! We hope that those of you who preserved this event over the past decades will give Joe Kinsella a call (364-3705) for a brief interview and networking call. Many thanks! See you on Saturday, March 15th.