

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secretkeeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes: he was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 15:

9:00 am SAG . . . Fr. Barry Freyne †

10:30 am OLR . . . Brian Franklin †

Readings: *Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31*

— 11:1; *Mk 1:40-45*

Monday, February 16:

7:15 am . . . . . James & Edith Dubbs †

Readings: *Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13*

Tuesday, February 17:

7:15 am . . . . . Rita Kramer †

Readings: *Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21*

Wednesday, February 18:

7:15 am . . . . . Anthony Schembri †

8:30 am . . . . . Special intention for Anjali and Asha

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

Readings: *Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26*

Thursday, February 19:

7:15 am . . . . . Joan Copenhagen (thanksgiving)

8:30 am . . . . . Maria Teresa Poggesi †

Readings: *Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33*

Friday, February 20:

7:15 am . . . . . Tony & Brothers †

8:30 am . . . . . Special intention for Montana

Readings: *Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1*

Saturday, February 21: St. Peter Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 pm STA . . . Tony Schembri †

5:00 pm SAG . . . Thanksgiving from Susan Mendez Lee

Readings: *Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13*

## 2009 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



As we enter the third week of the 2009 Annual Diocesan Appeal we would like to formally thank all those who are "Growing in Faith Together" and have pledged their support for the ministries and services of the parish and Diocese. To date, 91 families have made pledges and gifts of over \$39,852. We are 34% of the way to reaching our goal of \$116,250. We doing great, however, we need everyone's participation in order to be successful. Please make your pledge today. Pledge envelopes and brochures can be found in the vestibule area of the church.

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday February 21 & 22, 2009

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Gutiérrez

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

St. Thomas Aquinas

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

Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Fr. Marini

Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Gutiérrez

Sun 12 noon . . . . . Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Gutiérrez

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



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Nancy Condon, Nicholas Humy, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, Cypress Winters, Sophie Bandur, Fr. Charlie Macedo, Carole Stuart, Mary Harvey, Michael Fong, Brian Dooney, Rita McAlester, Sherry Kruep, Carson Enghardt, John Martin, Joseph Seebach

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Beatrice Espicha, Sarah Ann Washburn, Mary Hansen, Mary Imbornone, Donald Ewart, Susa Langdon, Marian Partelow, Jerry Chu, Rita Kramer, Brian Franklin, Alan McPherson, Lena DeFrenza, Fr. Charles Dougherty, Fr. Barry Freyne, Frances Kral

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 1 . . . **Thu** Feb 19 noon  
Mar 8 . . . **Thu** Feb 26 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

February 1 . . . . . \$ 10,325.11  
thank you for your continued generosity

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 373,036.92  
Budget YTD . . . \$ 395,413.47  
Variance . . . . . — 5.66%

# February 15, 2009

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 15: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am ..... Rel. Ed. Sac. Prep. (OLR)

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Monday, February 16: Presidents' Day

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

Tuesday, February 17: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

Wednesday, February 18:

6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)

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

Thursday, February 19:

7:00 pm ..... First Communion (PC)

Friday, February 20:

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

Saturday, February 21:

*Second Collection next weekend:*

..... St. Elizabeth Seton School

*Second Collection next Wednesday Feb 25:*

..... Ash Wednesday

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Volunteers Needed In The Spiritual Care Program, Stanford University Hospital:** The Spiritual Care Service at Stanford Hospital is seeking Catholic volunteers to visit, pray and offer the Eucharist to patients and families. Volunteers must be willing to commit two hours a week for a year.

A Training Program will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto on Monday evenings: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please respond by calling the Spiritual Care Service office at 650-723-5101 or email [ghollingsworth@stanfordmed.org](mailto:ghollingsworth@stanfordmed.org) and listing your name and phone number. Interviews begin in February.

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. BARRY FREYNE AND FR. CHARLIE DOUGHERTY** At 7:30 pm, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, on Thursday, February 12, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for these two fine men who ministered to us. All are encouraged to attend, to remember the work these priests did in our parish, and to thank God for their contributions to our parish.

## OBITUARY FOR REV. BERNARD K. FREYNE

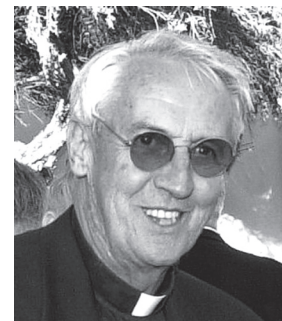
Reverend Bernard Kevin Freyne, our former pastor from 1996 to 2002 and a retired priest of the Diocese of San Jose, died in the peace of the Lord on Monday, February 2, 2009 of a heart attack in his hometown, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon, in Ireland, at the age of 73.

Popularly known as Fr. Barry, he was born on August 10, 1935 in Ballaghaderreen to Bernard Freyne and Mary Phillips. He finished his elementary education at De La Salle School and his high school and college education at St. Mary's College, both in Ballaghaderreen. In 1953, he joined the St. Patrick's Missionary Society and received his seminary education at St. Patrick's Missionary College in Kiltegan, County Wicklow. He was ordained a priest of St. Patrick Missionary Society on April 17, 1960. Following ordination, he served as a missionary in Africa working primarily in the Diocese of Eldoret in Kenya. He worked in Kenya for ten years as teacher, pastor, retreat master, diocesan procurator and bishop's consultant. In 1970, the Superior General of the St. Patrick Fathers appointed Fr. Barry to work in mission promotion of the Society and was stationed in Saratoga, California for seven years. From January 1978 to June 1980, he served as director of pastoral care at St. Mary Community Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington in the Diocese of Yakima. He returned to the area and applied to the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

In June 1980, Archbishop John Quinn appointed him associate pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Sunnyvale, where he served for seven years. During his assignment at Resurrection, the Diocese of San Jose was created in March 1981. Father Freyne was incardinated to the new Diocese on April 16, 1984. His first pastorate in the Diocese was at St. John Vianney Parish in San Jose where he served from June 1987 to June 1996.

He was transferred to Palo Alto and appointed pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish on July 1, 1996 and remained in that assignment until his retirement from active ministry on June 30, 2002. Aside from parish ministry, Father Barry served in many diocesan and deanery ministries. He was chair of the Council of Priests, a member of the Board of Consultors and the Clergy Personnel Board, and Dean. Father Freyne belonged to a large family and since his retirement, upon returning to Ireland, he had lived with his sister Aileen. Letters and notes of condolences may be sent to the family through his sister: Mrs. Aileen Phillips, Bellevue House, Church Street, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscomon, IRELAND.

Father Freyne requested in his will that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Palo Alto. The funeral services are being held in Ireland over the weekend and a Memorial Mass in the Diocese of San Jose will soon be scheduled. Please pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace in the Lord.



# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## UNDIE SUNDAY

The parish Human Concerns Committee thanks you for your generosity in past years and announces Undie Sunday to be held at all the masses on February 14 and 15. Please bring warm new or very gently used underwear to the boxes in the vestibules. Especially needed are: Women's underpants, bras and socks—sturdy, warm items preferred. Men's white tees sizes XXL and XL and L; boxers sizes Med (34-36), and small (32)—dark colors preferred; and thermal underwear (especially important these freezing nights) and socks. No time to shop? Cash or checks made out to "STA Parish; note: Undie Sunday" gratefully accepted. All donations will be given to the Clothes Closet located at the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto.

## AGE OF AQUINAS

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30 pm at the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center. Transitions is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couple-hood to single-hood. More info: [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, [transitions@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:transitions@paloaltocatholic.org)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE** Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park near the breezeway between the café and the Aquatic Center at 9 am. We always hike, rain or shine! Randy, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or 408.739.2881.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – FREE FINANCIAL TALK** The topic is Financial Wisdom For Mid-Lifers, and the talk is free. Ms. Edmunds-Zediker is a Certified Financial Planner specializing in financial planning, financial education, and insurance planning. She is currently Financial Advisor for Foothill Securities. Time: 7:30 pm till about 8:30 pm with Q&A time afterward. Cost: FREE! Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Mabel if you plan to attend. Location: St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301 More information: Email Mabel [m-ngo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-ngo@sbcglobal.net) or [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org), or visit [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html).

## YOUNG ADULTS

**Deanery 2 Young Adults** [[www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://www.YoungAdultCircle.org)] The Young Adult Mass this month is Tues. 2/24, 7:30pm. Held at the St. Nicholas Teen Center (aka the Intersection) at 12816 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos Hills, (West of Foothill Expwy, just before I-280)

### **YOUNG ADULTS [20s to 30s, single or married]**

Join us as we begin Lent on Fat Tuesday with Fr. Larry of St. Nicholas as celebrant. Come and meet young adults from the parishes of Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos for our monthly celebration of the Eucharist and a fun Mardi Gras fellowship afterwards. Please park in the parking lot of St. Nicholas School and walk over to the Intersection Center. A map is posted on our website, [www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://www.YoungAdultCircle.org)

Young Adult Board Game Night, Sat, 2/28, 7:30PM, Fr. Doyle Hall, St. Joseph Church 582 Hope St, Mountain View. Join Young Adults from this and other Deanery 2 parishes for a longtime Circle tradition. Bring your favorite board game and a snack or drink to share. Contact Larry, [hudat@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:hudat@stanfordalumni.org)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Archives project is now up and running! A group of dedicated volunteers has begun organizing materials from our parish life and history. Materials from different ministries are being collected and organized, with the goal of preserving the documents and making them available for future use or research.

It is exciting to work with our Parish's "historical" documents and artifacts, and we need more helping hands! If you can volunteer for 2-3 hours each week in the coming year, we would love to have your assistance on materials related to: - pastor, staff, parishioner photos; - community life and social activities; - historical write ups

In addition, we're looking for expertise related to database creation, and database entry. If you can help or have questions, contact Mary Beth Lefebvre at [mbstudy@yahoo.com](mailto:mbstudy@yahoo.com) or 650-323-4781.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT

### **LIVE THE LEGACY ON A PARTICIPATION-FRIENDLY BUDGET!**

Our annual parish program of Celtic culture, food, and hospitality is a mere month away! Not too soon to tuck aside a reserve for the event: \$15.00 - adults, \$5.00 - children < 12. (Same price for the past 6 years!). This evening is oriented to seniors and young families -- a multi-generation "moment" perfect for entertainment and relaxation. No need for a sitter! Plan to enjoy the world-class rhythms of Four Shillings Short, the lively Turco Dancers, and enough corned beef and cabbage to last a Springtime! Ticket sales begin in 2 weeks (02/28-03/01). Home-bound need a ride? Able to volunteer to contribute to the evening's success? Call Joe Kinsella: 364-3705.