

Second Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

After the success of the Shrines of Italy tour last November, I would like to invite you and your friends to our next planned trip with a spiritual touch. Its called: BEST OF GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES in the steps of St. Paul. It will be an 11 day tour from October 28 to November 7, 2008, covering Athens, Corinth, Rhodes, Ephesus, Patmos, Delphi, Kalambaka and Thessaloniki, including a three day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey.

This tour will be limited to the first 40 participants. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please call the parish office at 494-2496 and ask for a brochure which will give you all the necessary information. I am happy to accompany such groups in order to create memories and spiritual experiences for life.

For this trip, there is a plan to have a four to six weeks Scripture study on the letters of St Paul for all the participants before the departure date in October. I hope you can join us.

Fr. George

EDITORS NOTE

In last week's photo, Hee-jung's last name is Kim

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 17:

9:00 am SAG . . . Vince Giovannotto †
10:30 am STA . . . George Li †
Readings: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9

Monday, February 18:

7:15 am
8:30 am Kathleen Murphy †
12:15 pm
Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 19:

7:15 am
8:30 am Maresa Poggesi †
12:15 pm
Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 20:

7:15 am
8:30 am
12:15 pm
Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 21: St. Peter Damian

7:15 am
8:30 am All Souls
12:15 pm
Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, February 22:

7:15 am
8:30 am
12:15 pm Josefa Mendez † &
Pelagio Fernando †
Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday, February 23: St. Polycarp

12:15 pm
5:00 pm SAG William Gretz Sr †
Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday February 23 & 24, 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. Marini
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

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 Chandler, John Patrick Kullman, Robert Gaspich, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, John Christensen, Marian Partelow, Andrea Binger

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
Mar 2 . **Thur** Feb 21 noon
Mar 9 . **Thur** Feb 28 noon



Our Weekly Offering

February 10 \$ 10,321.12
Church in East. Europe \$ 1,444.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

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

February 17, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 17: Second Sunday of Lent
9:15 am Parent Meeting, Religious Ed (ISP)
10:15 am Parent Meeting, Religious Ed (SESS/H)
10:30 am RCIA – Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion (STA)
7:00–8:30 pm . . . STAY High School (DC/OLRH)

Monday, February 18: Presidents' Day;
Pastoral Center Closed

Tuesday, February 19:
10:00 am Maintenance Comm (PC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (PC)

Wednesday, February 20:
5:00, 6:30 pm . . . Childrens Cath. (DC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
6:30 pm Transitions (PC)
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Thursday, February 21:
10:00 am Scripture Study Group (SAGC)
7:00 pm STAYouth (SAGC)

Friday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter; Washington's Birthday; Abstinence

Saturday, February 23:
9:00 am Silent Saturday Retreat (SAGC)

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please save the date of March 1, 2008 10am-12pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center for a two-hour session reflecting on your ministry during this lenten season -- a time for prayer, a refresher of procedures, questions answered.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

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

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

ADA UPDATE

This year's ADA campaign is half over! If you have not had a chance to contribute yet, don't miss out! Over 236 parishioners have contributed more than \$110,577 so far. We are within sight of our goal. And remember, any funds over our goal will come back to our parish for our own programs. You can be a part of "SECURING THE VISION"!

RITE FOR RCIA CANDIDATES

Today at St. Thomas Aquinas church at 10:30am we celebrate the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates Who Are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist, and Who Are Preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

These eight adults have asked to be able to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. They have had months of catechesis and preparation for either Confirmation or Reception into the Catholic Church. Already baptized in The Light of Christ, they have reflected on the mystery of their baptism and have affirmed the presence of Christ in their lives. During the Rite, our pastor Fr. George Aranha will ask their sponsors and catechists to testify that they are ready to continue their spiritual journey towards Holy Saturday, when they will receive the Initiation sacraments they seek.

Linda Larsson and Mickey Adams are seeking Reception into the Catholic Church. Seeking to complete their Catholic initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation are Angela Nardi, Justin Brocata, Wil Jarvis, Peter Robison, Merideth Flattery and Ryan Donahue.

We thank their sponsors for supporting them and guiding them along the way. Please keep these candidates in your prayers. – *Jean Ramacciotti*

RITE OF ELECTION FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Last Monday our priests, catechists, and their sponsors sent the three catechumens to the Bishop at the Cathedral for the celebration of The Rite of Election. After months of preparation for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the eucharist, they were considered ready to enter into the life of the Church and be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil in March.

The three--Andrew Clark, Dominic Lucha, and Hee-jung Kim--first inscribed their names in the parish Book of Elect. The Book was carried to the cathedral where Bishop McGrath, after welcoming them and blessing them, affirmed their enrollment as members of The Elect by placing his signature on the same page. Please include them in your prayer and affection as we move toward Easter.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

Save The Date, Monday, May 19, for the Thirteenth Annual Seton Scramble for Kids, a golf benefit for St. Elizabeth Seton School. It takes place on a renowned and beautiful course, the Stanford Golf Course, and a lot of fun is had by all. For details please call Tom and Pat Foy, 493-8478, or the Seton Development Office at 326-1258.

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/

Happy Lent! No STAY sessions this Sunday night in honor of Presidents' holidays.

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.

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!

Diocesan Immersion Trips – Tijuana, Mexico (July 21-25...HS soph thru senior) and San Jose Urban Plunge (Aug. 4-8...any HS student). For all trips, please contact Deacon Steve Herrera at 408-832-7666 or ImmersionDSJ@aol.com

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

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

Bowling Night – Sun, Feb. 17, 7:00pm Strike Cupertino (the former Vallco)

Googling God – Thurs, Feb. 21 & 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. Friends and co-workers are welcome.

Young Adult Mass – Tues, Feb. 26 – 7:30pm @ theIntersection Teen Center near St. Nicholas School in Los Altos. Come join us for an intimate liturgy with introductions, YA music ministry, a dialogue homily, and fellowship after mass.

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

Wanna play softball? – Our diocesan co-ed softball season resumes April thru August on Sundays. Contact Rob if you wish to play.

Diocesan Immersion Trips – Puebla, Mexico (June 22-30) and Fort Apache: Native American Reservations (July 6-13). For all trips, please contact Deacon Steve Herrera at 408-832-7666 or ImmersionDSJ@aol.com

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.

Parishioners are 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

IRISH TENORS NEED APPLY!

VOLUNTEER RANKS STILL OPEN!

The St. Patrick's Day evening is on the calendar – Saturday, March 15, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton School, 1093 Channing Ave. Many volunteer opportunities remain, including ticket sales, song leading, set-up, food service, clean-up, car service for home bound, and many more. The service is minimal, the rewards are great. The event is planned to be a sell-out; it will be even more memorable if you are part of the program! Contact Joe Kinsella. 650-364-3705

DAY WORKER CENTER

A day worker can lighten your load and help you get jobs finished faster. Workers are available for painting, landscaping, moving, janitorial assistance, and garage, window, gutter cleaning, and house cleaning, and other skillful jobs.

We are also searching for people can teach more advanced aspects of the above jobs and who speak Spanish.

Contact Maria at (650) 903-4102, Day Worker Center, 748 Mercy Street, corner of Mercy and Hope Streets, MV 94041.