

Second Sunday of Lent

CONGRATULATIONS

Sunday Morning Rite of Sending at SAG before being sent to the Bishop for Rite of Election. *L to R: Catechumens and sponsors respectively, Christopher Hutcheson & Lisa Steel, James Harris & Jim Davis, Colin Thom & Alex & Pilar McCuil.*



With Father George L to R: Linda Gargiulo sponsor, & Brenda LeBlanc, Natalie Snyder & Brandi Walters



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 8:

9:00 am SAG Jean Welenc †

10:30 am OLR... Vincent Leung †

Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday, March 9: St. Frances of Rome

7:15 am Mrs. O'Sullivan †

12:15 pm Kitty O'Halloran †

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 10:

8:30 am Robert Kerrigan Jr. (health)

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 11:

8:30 am Tina Reyes (special intention)

12:15 pm Rita Kramer †

Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 12:

7:15 am All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 13:

8:30 am Jerry Lindorfer †

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 14:

5:00 pm SAG

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Second Collection next weekend:

..... St. Elizabeth Seton School

2009 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



By following Christ faithfully in our lives, we "Grow in Faith Together." We have each been blessed with many gifts and are called to reach out in faith to share those blessings with one another. Please be as generous as you can in contributing to the 2009 ADA. To date, 185 families have made pledges and gifts of over \$72,597. We are 62.4% of the way to reaching our goal of \$116,250. Consider making your pledge today - see our ADA Tables after Mass for more information.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

Confessions before the 12:15 pm mass and the 5:00 pm mass Saturday, March 14th are CANCELLED. They will resume the next weekend, March 21st.

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday March 14 & 15, 2009

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Mikalonis

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Mikalonis

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Fr. Marini

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Mikalonis

Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. Fr. Allen

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Allen



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, Kirk Martin

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 22...**Thu** Mar 12 noon
Mar 29...**Thu** Mar 19 noon



Our Weekly Offering

February 22 \$ 9,370.45
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 3,110.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 402,808.17
Budget YTD .. \$ 426,632.91
Variance - 5.58%

March 8, 2009

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 8: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion; Girl Scout Sunday; International Women's Rights Day; Daylight Saving Time begins
9:15 am Rel. Ed. Sac. Prep. (OLR)
10:15 am Rel. Ed. Sac. Prep. (SAG)

Monday, March 9: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, March 10:
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (PC)

Wednesday, March 11:
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)

Thursday, March 12:
11:00 am Seton Dev Meeting (SAGC)
7:00 pm First Communion (PC)
7:00 pm Thomas Merton (SAGC)

Friday, March 13: Abstinence
7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, March 14:
all day St. Patrick's Day (SESS)

HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be taking the food to the homeless folks who will be staying at the Church of Christ on Middlefield Road during the month of April. Our dates will be from April 1st thru April 15th. I will be signing people up during the month of March. If you miss signing up, you may call me at 856-6350.

WHY IS THE ROTATING SHELTER CALLED HOTEL DE ZINK?

During the depression of the 1930's, the Chief of Police of Palo Alto, Howard Zink, gave shelter to folks as they passed through town. This place was called "Hotel de Zink." When the Urban Ministry started the rotating church shelter, they decided to take on this name.

— Ruth Chippendale

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

FAMILY MEMORIES WITH ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOSPITALITY No need "Looking Over a 4-Leaf Clover" if you attend the annual St. Patrick's Day event – "par-fect" for seniors, young families, and those who enjoy strong moments of parish life. The program package at the SES Auditorium (1095 Channing) includes 2 hrs of live Irish music, award-winning step-dancing, a World Class corned beef and cabbage dinner, and sing-alongs in a safe and welcoming setting – all for \$15.00 (adults) or \$5.00 for the wee ones (under 12). This event is the Genuine Article – the substance of family stories for years to come. Purchase your ticket this weekend ... or at the Pastoral Center during the week (if available). Buy early to avoid being left out! Volunteers are always needed for set-up and clean-up. (Contact Joe Kinsella 650-364-3705)

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST – LADIES NIGHT OUT Blue Pheasant Restaurant - Cupertino (Men, please disregard!) Let's do a Ladies Night Out March 21st! We will be hosting an evening of fun and dancing at The Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino. Please RSVP to Betty if you would like to come and she will coordinate meeting time and place. Time: around 7:30. Cost: No cover charge, drinks, etc are pay as you go. Blue Pheasant Restaurant: 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014. Contact Betty by email betmemer@juno.com or phone 408.244.1739, or visit www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gospel Summary : Mark 9:2-10 - The closest we can come to understanding the resurrection, is through the transfiguration of Jesus described in today's gospel. Only after the resurrection could the three disciples understand what they saw that day on the mountaintop. Peter, James, and John, often described as the inner circle of disciples, went with Jesus to a mountain. Mountains were often the places of divine revelations and the same voice that spoke at Jesus' baptism, also spoke at the transfiguration instructing the three to listen to Jesus, God's Son. The disciples were confused because as yet they did not understand the resurrection. Instead they focused on the earthly glory of Jesus and were not prepared for the suffering he predicted.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family : We see previews to many things especially at the beginning of videos, in commercials, or at the movie theater. Share ideas about how previews help us know what's coming and then see how these ideas help us understand what Jesus showed his disciples in this transfiguration reading.
Children's Catechumenate : Congratulations to Natalie Snyder. Natalie was presented to our Bishop McGrath on Tues. evening during the Rite of Election. She is in the process of preparing for full initiation on Easter Vigil.

Mark Your Calendars:

Mar. 8th	Reg. Classes ~ F.I.G. ~ Fun In The Gospel (not optional)
15th	Reg. Classes
22nd & 29th	No Classes ~ Spring Break

For information on any of the items listed, please contact Susan Clingingsmith, Dir. of Rel. Ed. at youth@paloaltocatholic.org or 650-494-2496 x25.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

LORD'S PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

Dear Parishioners, The reflections which follow these words of the Our Father were written by Fr. Rolheiser. (He writes a column for the Valley Catholic.) During the weeks of Lent we will present it in segments and then, as Lent winds down, print the complete prayer in a bulletin insert.

Why are we doing this? . . . Our world is experiencing a justice drought. Wars, fears and tears, disease, anger, mistrust, vengeance, hunger. Not the world the Creator once saw was good. Now we, as Christ's disciples, are called to be Christ-like. Like Christ! We know (we pray that we know) what Jesus would do and now we are His hands and His voice. Lent is a good time to use this prayer for self-examination. Are we seeing with Jesus' eyes and feeling with Jesus' heart? Let this prayer help us to answer these questions. —*Parish Human Concerns Committee*

Mary, Mirror of Justice, pray for us!

Our Father . . . who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn and those who, by victim of circumstance, bear the heat of the day.

Who art in heaven . . . where everything will be reversed, where the first will be last and the last will be first but where all will be well and every manner of being will be well.

— Submitted by Walt Lundin

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT ONLINE

The parish annual report for 2007-2008 now is available for viewing and downloading on the parish Website, www.paloaltocatholic.org.

Also available on the Website are the minutes of the Pastoral Stewardship Council meetings and various ministry reports.

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/

Sunday, March 8th, 7pm Youth Mass at OLR. All are welcome! Short, yet yummy, dessert social afterwards.

Sunday, March 15th High School – 7-8:30pm at Dermody Center.

Middle School – 7-8:30pm, OLR Hall – please bring your Youth Bible!

YOUNG ADULTS [college-age, 20s, 30s] www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

Deanery 2 Young Adults [www.YoungAdultCircle.org] Young Adults from our local parishes gather regularly for social, spiritual, service, and sports. Register online to receive our weekly e-newsletter for the latest and greatest info.

Calling all softball players: The Young Adult Circle will once again field a team with the DSJ Young Adult Coed Softball League. Join up with young adults from the parishes of Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos. All games played at Santana Park in San Jose. Play starts in April and runs through August. No experience necessary. Cost will run about \$50 for the whole season. Contact Larry, hudat@stanfordalumni.org

FAIR TRADE EASTER GIFT SALE

Enrich your life and change the world at the same time! You can purchase beautiful and affordable fair trade items produced by



disadvantaged farmers or artisans in developing regions. With each purchase, you help these people maintain steady work and a sustainable income so they can provide for their families. Our sale is sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee and will take place on the weekends of Mar 21/22 and 28/29. Items will be offered "at costs" at all THREE church sites after all EIGHT Mass times. For more info, please contact Laura Chiu at 650-283-6343 or lauraleechiu@gmail.com. We are also looking for volunteers to staff the sale.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Attention, all knitters and crocheters! Do you want to share your talent on behalf of fellow parishioners who are in need of extra care during times of serious illness or loss? Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry and create 20" x 60" prayer shawls which will be given to those who need prayers, love and warmth at critical times in their lives. Most handiwork is done at home with occasional get-togethers for prayers and sharing. Standards are established for patterns and types of yarn; the cost for 3 skeins of yarn is about \$18.00. Where this ministry has been active, recipients have been deeply touched by the timely blessing. Contact Terry 650-714-2131 or terryatkinson2a@yahoo.com.