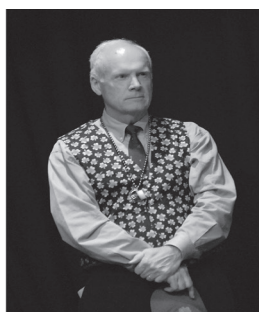


Fifth Sunday of Lent

MILLE FAUTE TO THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRIGADE

A Thousand Welcomes (and a thousand thanks) to those persons behind the scenes who contributed so steadfastly to the success of the St. Patrick's Day party. At the top of the list are the many volunteers ranging from Vic Befera and the Widow and Widowers Group to teenagers from the Middle School and High School CCD groups. Abundant thanks to Sr. Adella and the teachers and staff at St. Elizabeth Seton School, for allowing us to use their facility. Accolades go to Carol Pulliam for the many loaves of genuine soda bread from her prolific oven. Great appreciation also to our vendors! Tony Puthanpuryil of Ernie's Liquors for great prices for the beverage service and very attentive delivery. Also, kudos to Pommard Deli, who lent us a generous supply of steam table trays and prepared so many tasty pizzas for those who have not yet acquired a taste for corned beef and cabbage. A great time was had by all! Blessings on Four Shillings Short and the Turko School of Irish Dance. See you all next year! Still room for volunteers! We appreciate your feedback to make the event better!



Joe Kinsella



Deten Baumann



Cristina Anaya



Ted Back

And the Many Prisoners that Annually
Contributed their Time to Set up, Serve, and Clean up.
See POSTERS soon for all the Fun

2009 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



March 21/22: Our parish needs your help! To date, 257 families have made pledges and gifts of over \$89,414. We are 76.7% of the way to reaching our goal of \$116,250. Please make your pledge today to support our Diocese. Pledge envelopes and brochures can be found in the vestibule area of the church. A follow-up Phone-A-Thon will begin this week in order to reach all those parishioners who have yet to pledge. Thank you, in advance, for your prayerful consideration.



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, Bill Belcher, Tony Artero



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, Elayne Doyle, Jack Morrisroe
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
Apr 12 **Wed** Apr 1 noon
Apr 19 **Thu** Apr 9 noon



Our Weekly Offering

March 15..... \$ 9,830.00
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 4,085.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD .. \$ 434,481.63
Budget YTD .. \$ 457,852.35
Variance - 5.10%

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 29:

10:30 am OLR ... Brian Franklin †

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 30:

8:30 am Hal Meyn †

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41C-62]; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31:

Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1:

12:15 pm Maria Zych (special intention)

Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2: St. Francis of Paola

Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 3:

8:30 am Claude & Medeleine Labie †

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4: St. Isidore

Readings: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Second Collection this weekend:

..... St. Vincent de Paul

Second Collection next weekend:

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PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday April 4 & 5, 2009

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha

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. Aranha

Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 8:30 am (español) .. Fr. Gutiérrez

Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Gutiérrez

March 29, 2009

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent;
Third Scrutiny

Monday, March 30:
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, March 31: *Pastoral Center Closed*;
Cesar Chavez Day

Wednesday, April 1:
11:45 am STAY Youth (PC)
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm Comm. Life (PC)
7:30 pm Presentation (OLRH)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, April 2:
7:00 pm First Communion (PC)
7:00 pm Youth Group (DC)

Friday, April 3: First Friday; Abstinence
7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, April 4: First Saturday
9:30 am RCIA Retreat (SAGH)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY: Make an effort today (or sometime this week) to really see God in our lives. This may take some time and deliberation, but take a walk together and look for signs of God in the beauty of nature. Talk about ways God has helped you see with your heart, and suggest ways you can share the sight of your heart with others. You might bring some of your findings to your family's prayer space.

Mar. 22nd & 29th: No Classes ~ Spring Break

April 5th: Reg. Classes ~ All Parent Mtg. Including Sac. Prep Parents

April 12th: No Classes ~ Easter! Rejoice!

April 19th: Reg. Classes at OLR Site;
*First Communion at SAG Site

April 26th: Reg. Classes at SAG Site;
*April 26th: First Communion at OLR Site

*Susan Clingsmith, Dir. of Rel. Ed. at
youth@paloaltocatholic.org or
650-494-2496 x25.*

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK APRIL 7TH – SEDER DINNER 6:30pm you're invited to the parish Seder Dinner at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. Enjoy a traditional lamb dinner with readings and an explanation of the Seder Dinner traditions. The dinner cost is \$10 and any additional donations will be sent to Father Jack Donald who grew up in our parish and ministers in Honduras. Call Laurie at 494-3572 or email Jeanne at jeanne@ramos.be to reserve a place for dinner.

The Seder supper is traditionally the meal Jews share to celebrate when Jewish firstborn were "passed-over" by the Angel of Death and Jews were liberated from slavery in Egypt. Passover is traditionally thought of as a redemptive, liberating Holy Day. It is believed that Jesus' Last Supper was a Seder meal.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH – TULIP TIME AT FILOLI Widows and widowers are welcome to join the group on April 9 for a springtime visit to Filoli when the tulips should be in full bloom. We will meet in the main building near the restaurant at 11 a.m. for lunch. After lunch we will walk around the grounds and enjoy all the spring blooms. The restored house will also be open for those that are interested. The address for Filoli is: 86 Canada Road, Woodside, California.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL RITE AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION On Monday March 30 at St. Albert the Great at 7:30pm is the first Communal Penitential this Lent. Priests will be available for individual opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Five of our parish adults who are seeking Reception and Full Communion into the Catholic will be celebrating their first Sacrament of Penance that evening. The Church strongly recommends that all Catholics go to confession at least once a year, and it is mandatory before receiving communion if one has a serious sin on their soul.

THIRD RITE OF SCRUTINY FOR OUR SIX ELECT Today at the 9:00am Mass at St. Albert the Great, the six that are being baptized at the Easter Vigil celebrate Scrutiny #3. and fifth Sundays of Lent. The theme of this week's penitential rite is based on the Cycle A gospel "The Resurrection and The Light," about Lazarus. There are three parts to the prayer of God's presence--this pre-baptismal prayer. First, Fr. George invokes the power and presence of the Creator. Secondly, he calls upon the power and presence of the Spirit through the ancient symbol of the imposition of hands. The third movement is the prayer invoking the power and presence of the Christ. The focus of the Rite is not on the Evil One or "the devil", but on the work and presence of God that brings Light. The emphasis is on God's love, not on our sin.

TAKE A NAME and PRAY FOR A CANDIDATE Please take a name from beneath the picture poster of our many candidates that Roland Quintero, our parish photographer, created. Keep that person in your prayers as they approach their Initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil. If you see any of them at Mass, introduce yourself to them.

Jean Ramacciotti, Director of the Catechumenate (RCIA), 650 494-2496 ext. 34, pajeannr@yahoo.com

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

“You will find that charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the bowl of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give bread and soup . . . This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor. . . . They are your masters, and the more difficult they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them.”

These words, written by St. Vincent de Paul in the seventeenth century, are equally applicable today as they were during the life of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul workers serve many people with diverse problems; people who are jobless, and homeless, people who are addicts, and /or mentally ill, or people who are functioning well but have fallen behind in their rent or utility payments because of illness , family problems or other difficulties.

Interacting with Jeff is less than pleasant. He is convinced that he is a very sick man who needs specific food and specific lodging. St. Vincent de Paul workers treat him respectfully & serve him following the Vincentian guidelines. In this recession, those who are afflicted with severe personality problems will, most likely, be the first to be laid off from their jobs. This Sunday is St. Vincent de Paul Sunday. Perhaps you have someone in your family, or someone you know who has severe difficulties with interpersonal relations & is unable to work. Please remember them when the collection basket comes your way.

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/

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

Deanery 2 Young Adults [www.YoungAdultCircle.org]

March Young Adult Mass Tues, 3/31, 7:30PM Intersection Chapel, St. Nicholas School The Deanery 2 YA group celebrates its third anniversary this month. Celebrate the Easter season with young adults(20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes. The Mass is held at the St. Nicholas Youth Center (aka theIntersection) at 12816 S. El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills, (West of Foothill Expwy, just before I-280) And to help out those in need this Lenten season, we ask attendees of this Mass to donate new socks, toiletry items (like toothbrushes, combs, soap) or gift cards(Target, Safeway, Longs) which will be distributed to the less fortunate in East Palo Alto. Those interested in participating in our choir at our Masses, please arrive at 6:30PM at the Intersection; We are in need of musicians especially. Contact Larry, hudat@stanfordalumni.org for more info. A map to the Intersection is posted on our website, <http://www.YoungAdultCircle.org>

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

LORD'S PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

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, the complete prayer in a bulletin insert.

Mary, Mirror of Justice, pray for us!

And forgive us our trespasses . . . forgive us our blindness toward our neighbor, our self-preoccupation, our racism, our sexism, and our incurable propensity to worry only about ourselves and our own. Forgive us our capacity to watch the evening news and do nothing about it.

As we forgive those who trespass against us . . . help us to forgive those who victimize us. Help us to mellow out in spirit, to not grow bitter with age, to forgive the imperfect parents and systems that wounded, cursed, and ignored us.

And do not put us to the test ... do not judge us only by whether we have fed the hungry, given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimized the poor. Spare us this test for none of us can stand before your gospel scrutiny. Give us, instead, more days to mend our ways, our selfishness, and our systems.

But deliver us from evil . . . that is, from the blindness that lets us continue to participate in anonymous systems within which we need not see who gets less as we get more. Amen.