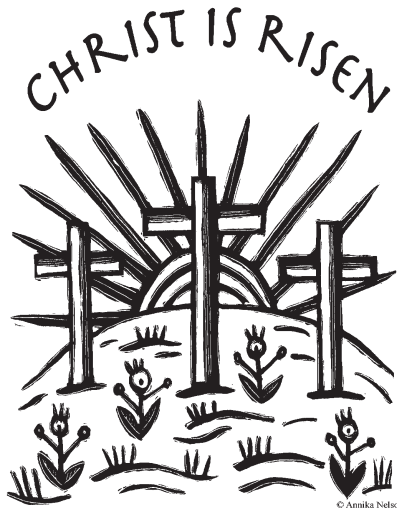


# Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!" In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 12:

9:00 am SAG . . . Vince Giovannotto †  
*Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4  
 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7*

Monday, April 13:

*Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15*

Tuesday, April 14:

*Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18*

Wednesday, April 15:

12:15 pm . . . . . Sidney McGinnes †  
*Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35*

Thursday, April 16:

12:15 pm . . . . . James & Edith Dubbs  
*Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48*

Friday, April 17:

8:30 am . . . . . Duane Christiani †  
*Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14*

Saturday, April 18:

12:15 pm . . . . . Susie Tionson †  
 5:00 pm SAG . . . Vince Giovannotto †  
*Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15*

*Second Collection this weekend:*

. . . . . *Easter Sunday*

*Second Collection next weekend:*

. . . . . *St. Elizabeth Seton School*

### NEW BORN

*For I remember it is Easter morn,  
 And life and love and peace are all new born.  
 —Alice Freeman Palmer*

## 2009 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



We sincerely thank all of those who have so generously supported our parish and our local Church through the 2009 Annual Diocesan Appeal. A gift on behalf of our diocesan family benefits not only the least of our brothers and sisters but also ourselves. To date, 312 pledges from our parishioners have contributed \$103,314 or 88.7% towards our goal of \$116,250. We are very grateful for the support of all our parishioners who have been so generous. This is our once-a-year opportunity to show the Diocese our support—and we have done just that. Thank you for your help in this most important parish-wide endeavor by faithfully walking with Christ and listening to His call to share our gifts with others.

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19, 2009

St. Albert the Great  
 Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Gutiérrez  
 Sun 10:00 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

St. Thomas Aquinas  
 Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester  
 Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha  
 Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Mikalonis  
 Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

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



### Please Pray

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Nancy Condon, Nicholas Humy, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, Cypress Winters, Fr. Charlie Macedo, Carole Stuart, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Sherry Kruep, Carson Enghardt, John Martin, Joseph Seebach, Bill Belcher, Tony Artero, Maria de Jesus Gutierrez

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Brian Franklin, Alan McPherson, Lena DeFrenza, Fr. Charles Dougherty, Fr. Barry Freyne, Frances Kral, Kirk Martin, Elaine 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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)



Please note our email address:  
[bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org)

BULLETIN . . . . . ARTICLE DUE  
 Apr 26 . . . **Thu** Apr 16 noon  
 May 3 . . . . **Thu** Apr 23 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 %

# April 12, 2009

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday:  
Resurrection of the Lord; Orthodox  
Palm Sunday

Monday, April 13: Monday in the Octave  
of Easter; *Pastoral Center Closed*  
7:30 pm ..... Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, April 14: Tuesday in the Octave  
of Easter  
6:00 pm ..... Baptism Class (PC)

Wednesday, April 15: Wednesday in the  
Octave of Easter; Income Tax Day  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)  
7:00 pm ..... STA Committee (SAGH)  
7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, April 16: Thursday in the Octave  
of Easter  
7:00 pm ..... First Communion (PC)

Friday, April 17: Friday in the Octave  
of Easter; Orthodox Good Friday  
7:00 pm ..... Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, April 18: Saturday in the Octave  
of Easter



Father George waded in the Jordan River near the site of the baptism of Jesus.

## MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note on April 19th, the Sunday morning **Mass at St. Albert the Great** will begin at **10:00 am**, NOT 9:00 am in order to accommodate all of our 2nd graders receiving their 1st Communion that day. This time change is only for this one day.

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 – TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30 pm at the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. Transitions is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couplehood to single-hood. If you or someone you know has suffered the breakup of a marriage or significant relationship, this group may be helpful. The meetings are informal and unstructured, confidential and safe. Cost: There is no charge. 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). Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.

**EVERY SATURDAY – AGE OF AQUINAS HIKE & COFFEE** Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park near the breezeway between the café and the Aquatic Center at 9 am. This is a hike on mostly level, mostly paved paths. Afterwards gather at the café around 10:00 for coffee or brunch. We always hike, rain or shine! Email: Randy, [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org), or call 408.739.2881. Shoreline hikes are every Saturday of the month.

## FIRST AID



On Saturday, March 28th, 11 parish members from all 3 parish worship sites met at OLR for the purpose of receiving instruction from the City of Palo Alto Fire Department OES instructor Barbara Cimino in disaster first aid. What to do in a disaster where loved ones and other parishioners may be injured and where immediate action can reduce loss of life and more serious injury until professional help can arrive. Additional training will be scheduled in the future for those who want to help themselves and their community.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### EASTER VIGIL 2009

We congratulate and welcome the former Elect and Candidates who celebrated the following Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist:

**James Harris, Chris Hutcheson, Brenda LeBlanc, Natalie Snyder, Colin Thom**

Received Confirmation and First Eucharist:

**Justin Christensen, Kathryn Lowe, Ashley Morgan, Brandon Smith**

Baptized Catholics Completing Their Initiation, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist:

**Monique L. Castell, Prudence Delamater, Evelia Marquez, Stephen E. McGrady, Adrian Pena, Laura Ronda, Brigitte Sequeiros, Jeanese Snyder, Noah Marriott, Patricia Valbuena, Peter Valbuena, Emma Villarreal**

*Jean Ramacciotti, Director of the Catechumenate (RCIA), 650 494-2496 ext. 34, [pajejanr@yahoo.com](mailto:pajejanr@yahoo.com)*

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**GOSPEL SUMMARY :** Read Sunday's gospel, John 20:1-9. On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognized Jesus.

**REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES :** Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behavior, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY :** Place symbols of Easter such as lighted candles, eggs, and lilies on your dinner table today. Ask some wondering questions about how these items might have become symbols for Easter. What do they suggest to us about the gospel story we read today? How can we be symbols of the Easter message to each other and those outside our family?

**CONGRATULATIONS AND ALLELUIA! :** To our newest Neophyte, Natalie Snyder and Peter and Patricia Valbuena, Noah Marriott, and Emma Villarreal who completed their initiation into the church during the Easter Vigil service. Let's keep them in our prayers as they now entire into the process of Mystagogy and continue to explore their relationship with God and others.

**1ST COMMUNICANTS :** Please keep in your prayers all of the children who have prepared so diligently during the year and are now ready to receive their 1st Communion. St. Albert the Great children will receive on Sunday, April 19th. Please note that the regularly scheduled 9am mass will be moved to 10am on April 19th. Our Lady of the Rosary children will receive their 1st Communion during the 9am mass on Sunday, April 26th.

### *Mark Your Calendars:*

April 12th No Classes – Easter! Rejoice! He Is Risen! Alleluia!

April 19th Reg. Classes at OLR Site

April 19th First Communion at SAG Site – **Sunday Mass changed to 10 am**

April 26th Reg. Classes at SAG Site

April 26th First Communion at OLR Site – During 9am mass

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

## ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

If it's spring, it must be time for the 14th Annual Seton Scramble for Kids! This year it takes place on Monday, May 18th, on the Stanford Golf Course. Please register by May 13th. This fun event raises funds for tuition assistance, and a good time is always had by all. For more info, please call the Development Office at St. Elizabeth Seton School 326-1258, or email development@stelizabethseton.com.

## FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

The funeral reception committee has an urgent need for volunteers to co-chair this important and rewarding ministry. We provide refreshments and a welcoming environment for parishioners families and friends after a funeral or memorial service. There are many willing hands to help (we can always use more). To volunteer and for more information call Winnie McGannon at 493-6823 and leave a message or e-mail to jwinnie@pacbell.net

## SERVICE AND SPIRITUALITY

Are you over 50? Do you regularly volunteer with low-income people? Do you desire to strengthen the link between your work with the poor and your faith? Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality is just completing its first year with 6 companions. A new group of companions will begin to meet monthly in the fall. You are invited to a Companions Information Night, either Wednesday April 29 or Tuesday May 26 at the Jesuit Residence at Santa Clara University. To RSVP or for more information contact Bernie Purcell, bernieandjim@comcast.net or (408) 354-8514.