

Fourth Sunday of Easter

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

Happy Easter!

I wanted to thank *Joe Kinsella, Helen Baumann, Ted Baer* and all their helpers for a wonderful St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. I'm sure you will enjoy the beautiful pictures taken by *Roland* that can be seen in our church vestibules.

I am happy to announce that *Fr. Tony* will become the pastor of St. Martin parish in Sunnyvale. Although we had him for a short while, we are going to miss him and wish him the very best in his new assignment, which he will start on July 1.

To take his place and become our new parochial vicar will be the former pastor of Sacred Heart church in San Jose, *Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez*. We welcome him warmly and he, too, will start his assignment July 1.

2008 has been declared by the Pope to be the Year of St. Paul. As you may have heard, I will taking a group of parishioners to Greece, Turkey and to the Greek Islands to follow in the steps of St. Paul.

Our trip is planned to start October 28th to November 7th. We already have 35 people signed up for the trip. We can accommodate 5 to 7 more. *If you are thinking about the trip, now is the time for you to sign up.* You can get more information by calling the Pastoral Center at 650-494-2496 and ask for Sandra. After we get the required number, we may keep some more on standby. So, please call as soon as possible.

Once again, Happy Easter!

Fr. George



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 13:
9:00 am SAG Mary Schembri (birthday)
10:30 am STA . . .
Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

Monday, April 14:
7:15 am
8:30 am Holy Souls
12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 15:
7:15 am
8:30 am
12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 16:
7:15 am
8:30 am
12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 17:
7:15 am
8:30 am
12:15 pm Amanda MacDonald †
Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 18:
7:15 am
8:30 am Duane Christiani †
12:15 pm Vince Giovannotto
Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 19:
12:15 pm
5:00 pm Vilma Missman
Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday April 19 & 20, 2008

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Medina
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Medina

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

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



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Sue Clingingsmith, Raelene Garrido, Nancy Condon, Nicholas Humy, Mary Hansen, Jack Youngs, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, John Christensen, Marian Partelow, Andrea Binger, Daniel Slevin, Jennifer Matthew, Jim Matthew, Mary Imbonone, Mike Shpall, Dolores Stevens, Elizabeth Smider, Betha Cervantes, John Braun, Carole Smith, Danny Chandler

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Kathleen Gogarty, William Hiegel, Tom Jaworowski, Tom Drewek, Josephine Kerber, George Li, John Hartmann, Elaine Donald, Stephanie Ziegler, Charles O'Neil, Vi Missman, Helen Garratt, Dorothy Duca, Rosalia O'Grady, Mary Ann Morgan

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 27 . . **Thu** Apr 17 noon
May 4 . . **Thu** Apr 24 noon



Our Weekly Offering

March 30 \$ 8,563.68
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 4,187.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 517,404.06
Budget YTD . . . \$ 509,345.14
Variance + 1.58%

April 13, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 13: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Good Shepherd Sunday; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:15 am Banner Workshop (OLRH)

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2:00 pm Community Life (OLRH)

6:00 pm STAYouth (DC/OLRH)

Monday, April 14:

3:10 pm After Sch. Activity (SAGH)

Tuesday, April 15: Income Tax Day

7:00 pm Maint. Comm. (PC)

Wednesday, April 16:

5:00, 6:30 pm . . . Children's Cath. (DC)

6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)

7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, April 17:

10:00 am Scripture Study Group (SAGC)

7:00 pm Children's Sp. Cath. (OLRH)

Friday, April 18:

10:00-4:00 pm . . . Angels Among Us Exhibit (SAGC)

Saturday, April 19: Passover begins at sunset

all day 5th Grade Retreat (DC)

10:00-6:30 pm . . . Angels Among Us Exhibit (SAGC)

THE NEXT BURNING BUSH

"An Afternoon of Angels" will be the theme of the Burning Bush on Sunday, April 20, from 3-5 p.m. at OLR Hall. Members of the Communications Ministry will present a brief history of the Church's outlook on these heavenly beings, photos of artistic renderings of angels taken by physicist and photographer Ludmila Vodopyanov, personal testimonies of encounters with angels, faith-sharing, and a display of angel memorabilia arranged by Community Life...not to mention wine, cheese and angel food cake. Come join us. It should be heavenly!

AN AFTERNOON OF ANGELS

Angel Artwork Wanted: To enhance the milieu of the April 20 Burning Bush at OLR, "An Afternoon of Angels," Laurie of Community Life requests that anyone wishing to display their angel figurines or artwork at the event to call her by April 16. 494-3572.

Angelic Parishioners Wanted: To safeguard the angels on display at OLR, Laurie of Community Life is requesting volunteers to relax among the angels while listening to angelic music and perhaps pursuing a leisurely activity such as reading, needlework, meditating, etc. Parish angels may choose to stay one or more hours. They will also have the opportunity of welcoming various tourists such as schoolchildren, seniors, and other interested parties. The hours available include: Thursday, April 17, 12-4 p.m.; Friday, April 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. To earn your halo, call Laurie at 494-3572.

MARKING 20 YEARS OF THE RCIA

This year 2008 marks the 20th anniversary of the official promulgation of the English translation of the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" in the United States. Twenty years is a very short time when one considers the fact that the church has been initiating new members into the life of Christ for over two millennia.

In our parish we will use this milestone as a time to re-organize and re-new our current initiation practice and find strategies that will include more parishioners as leaders in our catechumenate processes.

According to the Second Vatican Council's documentary on missionary activity--"Ad Gentes"--we are reminded that the catechumenate is not "a mere expounding of dogmas and precepts." The catechumenate is described as an apprenticeship or a school for discipleship. According to the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.. "When initiation ministers grasp this difference, all kinds of exciting possibilities open up." Paul Turner, author of "The Catechumenate Answer Book", states: "The catechumenate stands out among all other forms of catechesis. It brings someone from outside to inside the Body of Christ. It concerns full conversion: a turning around. It takes those pointed west and faces them east. It changes those committed to worldly pursuits into disciples of Christ."

We are looking for committed initiation ministers who are willing to dedicate at least two years to taking responsibility for one of the many parts of RCIA process.. The Diocese Catechumenate Team will help train any volunteer for this ministry. Contact Jean Ramacciotti, Director of the RCIA if you feel called to this rewarding work of the Lord. 494-2496 X34.

WE'RE OUT FOR BLOOD! YOURS WILL DO NICELY.

Diocesan Blood Drive, Friday, April 18, 2008. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. St. Clare Parish Hall, corner of Lafayette and Lexington Streets, Santa Clara.

To make an appointment to give blood, visit www.beadonor.com and type in the sponsor code: DOSJ. If the appointment time you wish is unavailable online, contact Linda Tully at tully@dsj.org or (408) 983-0144. To share with others why you donate blood, send your story to tully@dsj.org.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

AGE OF AQUINAS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008: TRANSITIONS: 7:30 PM Transitions is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couple-hood 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. Occasionally we will have a special guest speaker on a topic of interest. We have a small lending library of helpful books you may borrow, keep, or pass on to others. Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center. More info: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008, 9 AM: SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about an hour, meeting back at the café for coffee, tea and/or brunch about 10:15 or so. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! We always hike, rain or shine! More info: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, email age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

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/

STAY meets throughout all April Sunday nights...4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

Pope Benedict XVI comes to America – April 15-20. www.pflaum.com/popesvisit

YOUNG ADULTS [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s – single/married; w/, w/o children]
St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adults www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

STAYoung Adults – Thursday, 4/24 @ 7:30pm OLR Hall

Theology On Tap “Slam” – 7 TOT sessions throughout April totsiliconvalley.com
6:00 Dinner; 7:00pm Speaker. Theology-on-Tap is a lecture and discussion series for people in their 20's and 30's, single or married, sponsored by parishes in the Silicon Valley area from Palo Alto to Gilroy. We meet at local hot spots for food, drink, and lively discussions about our Catholic faith. The next 4 sessions:

- Sun 4/13 “Living Our Faith thru Social Action” by social justice panel; Sonoma Chicken Coop, 200 E. Campbell Ave., Campbell 95008
- Mon 4/14 “Should Catholics be Republican or Democrat?” by Fr. Dan Derry; Sonoma Chicken Coop, 5925 Almaden Expr., San Jose 95120
- Sun 4/20 “Dating & Marrying a Non-Catholic” by Sr. Rebecca Shinas and interfaith panel, including our own Ian & Charlene Temple; Sonoma Chicken Coop, 200 E. Campbell Ave., Campbell 95008
- Mon 4/21 “Marriage, Divorce, & Annulments” by Frs. Rick Rodoni and Engel Gamad; Monte Carlo, Castro Street, downtown Mountain View.

DSJ Softball Season begins 4/13 with our first game of the new season. Come cheer for your Circle All-Stars @ 12 Noon; Santana Park in SJ, near Santana Row and Valley Fair.

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 Manfredy, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

Please, join the Daughters of Charity - Rosalie Rendu Center, celebrating 10 years of breaking the cycle of poverty and planting seeds in East Palo Alto by teaching English to parents of SESS students. Breakfast: Tuesday April 22, 2008. Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast is free. Please, RSVP by April 15 to lem@mkline.com or (650) 473-9522.

PARISH PHOTOGRAPHY

As promised, pictures from Christmas Pageant, New parishioners, to Easter images are now at the Photography website (9 different albums just uploaded), accessible at www.shutterfly.com/pro/PALOALTOPHOTO/SpecialR1 or directly through the parish website by clicking on “Photos by the Parish Photographer.” Please bookmark and check back often. Most prices have been greatly reduced to help at this time. You may order custom printing by contacting Photography@paloaltocatholic.org. For questions please call 650-208-3684. Group pictures will be available shortly.



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.