

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

Jesus reveals his risen presence to his disciples and to us in many ways during this Easter season. His final promise to us is: "I will be with you till the end of time". This is not an empty promise. Jesus continues to be with us in real ways: physically, spiritually, in our hearts, in our minds, through our senses, in our imaginations, in our dreams, our hopes and so on. For us, Catholics, Jesus continues to reveal his presence in the Sacraments.

Last Sunday, 36 children took part in a beautiful celebration of Eucharist for the first time at St Albert the Great church. Today, more children will receive their First Communion at Our Lady of the Rosary church. And soon, this month, many more children will celebrate Eucharist through our Hispanic Community and through Elizabeth Seton School.

On June 2nd, at the Saturday 5 pm Mass at St Albert the Great, Bishop McGrath will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 70 youth from our parish.

We congratulate our children, our youth, and we rejoice with them. We thank their parents, grandparents, godparents, siblings and other family members for nurturing their life of faith and modeling for them the Christian life. Above all, we thank our entire parish family for making present in our gathering and in our living of our faith daily the glorious Risen Presence of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior.

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, indeed!

Fr George

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 6:

8:45 am STA..... Gerard F. Hagan †
 9:00 am OLR Ramon J. Espiritu †
 9:00 am SAG Eloise† & Daniel
 Murphy †
 10:30 am STA..... James † & Edith Dubbs †
 10:30 am OLR Vince Giovannotto †
*Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a;
 Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35*

Monday, May 7:

7:15 am
 8:30 am Charles Baracchi †
 12:15 pm Isabella Eve Reyes (2nd
 birthday)
Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 8:

7:15 am
 8:30 am Rosa Colozzo †
 12:15 pm Judy Woods (birthday)
Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 9:

7:15 am, 8:30 am...
 12:15 pm Miguela Valdevieso
Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 10: Blessed Damien Joseph de
 Veuster of Moloka'i

7:15 am
 8:30 am Lois † & Otto Niehues †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 11:

7:15 am
 8:30 am Ronald Short †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 12: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;
 St. Pancras

12:15 pm Lois † & Otto Niehues †
 5:00 pm SAG Clotilda Cesano †
Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to the **entire parish for helping us make our goal** for the diocesan Capital Campaign: Rooted in Faith, Embracing our Future. As of April 16 the parish has a total of **426** pledges for a total of **\$2,050,728** or **163%** of goal.

Patricia Morrissey
 Pearl Young
 R. Ornaf
 Randy Jones
 Raquel Young

Reina Flores
 Rita Shepard
 Robert Lee
 Robert Manfredy
 Rodrigo Renajfo

Regelio Gil
 Rosemary Martin
 Rufina Hernandez
 Salvador Lopez
 Sandra Cope
 Andres Perez
 Angela Chavez
 Angelica Perez
 Antonio Orozco
 Aurelio Valencia
 Barbara Narewski
 Blanca Childs
 Carmen Schembri

Carolyn Hofstetter
 Christopher Ajagu
 Consilia D'Andrea
 Cresencia Camerino
 Cruz Ramirez
 Daniel Portillo
 David Fikstad
 David Foo
 Demetrio Flores
 Donna Bouley
 Donna Dagenais
 Doris Liberatore
 to be continued...

PLEASE PRAY

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — David Simmons, Tina Reyes, Marian, Mary Lou, Marian Partelow, Laurie, Dave Carlson, Chet Maksim, Mary Hansen, Sue Lubaise, Joel Roberts, Judy Smith, Ron Price Jr, David Rapisardi, Phil Lutz, Filip Koperwas, Mary Ann Rundell, Bee Gasser, Barbara Woods, Vincent Boyle, Phillip Chang, Mary Imbomone, Devin Wakefield, Crescentia, Jennifer Wagner, Laury, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Jack Morrisroe, Nicholas Humy, Mary Lau, Darrell Adams, Sadie Young, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Bernwald-Jones, Carmen Fuentes, Hal Lesser, Rev. Isaiah Jones

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Dean Miller, Patricia Gildea-Vaden, Renata Wood, John Fontaine, Elizabeth Cunningham, Patricia Leu, Alamtaj Shirazian

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 12 & 13, 2007

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..... Msgr. Boyle
 Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Aranha
 Sun 12 noon Fr. Harris

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. Fr. Medina
 Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Medina

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 May 20 . **Thu** May 10 noon
 May 27 . **Thu** May 17 noon



Our Weekly Offering

April 22 \$ 8,708.25
 St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 2,856.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 536,185.67
 Budget YTD .. \$ 518,165.00
 Variance..... + 5.46%

May 6, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 6:

9:15 am Religious Ed (OLRH)
10:15 am Religious Ed (SAG)
10:30 am 1st Communion (OLR)
10:30 am Spanish Confirmation (DC)
10:30 am RCIA Spanish (PC/DR)
7:00 pm STAY High School (DC)

Monday, May 7:

Tuesday, May 8:

1:00-4:00 pm YLI (OLRH)
6:00-7:30 pm Spanish Baptismal
Class (PC)

Wednesday, May 9:

6:30 pm RCIC (DC)
7:00 pm PSC Mtg (OLRH)
7:30 pm RCIA-Mystagogy (PC)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, May 10:

6:00 pm Widow/Widowers
(SAGC)
7:00 pm Spanish Parents &
Children (PC)

Friday, May 11:

12:30-2:00 pm STAYBoard (PC)
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult
(OLRH)

Saturday, May 12:

8:00am-12:00 pm SESS 1st Communion
(SAGC)
6:15-7:30 pm STAY Middle School
(SAGC/SESC)

THANK YOU

Palo Alto Council #2677 of the Knights of Columbus wishes to thank the members of St. Thomas Aquinas parish for their support of their annual Crab Dinner Dance. The net return to the charities supported by the Knights is ~\$4800.

HOTEL DE ZINK

Many thanks to all the wonderful, generous folks who brought food to the homeless staying at the Church of Christ during the past two weeks. It was very much appreciated by all who were staying there. - Ruth Chippendale, Human Concerns Committee

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

SUNDAY MAY 6TH – HFA TELECONFERENCE Everybody welcome. 14th Annual HFA Teleconference, *Living With Grief: Before And After The Death*. Sunday, May 6, 2:00-4:30 pm OLR Hall. An exploration on the most current theoretical perspectives on loss and grief as experienced by persons throughout a life-limiting illness and by survivors after the death. Sponsored by Pastoral Home Ministry. Full participation of Home Ministers and the parish encouraged. For more info call the Pastoral Center at 494-2496 ext. 22 or Pat Dietrich 856-2048, Mary Fong 494-1660.

TUESDAY MAY 8TH – GUEST SPEAKER Elizabeth Zitrin, a noted speaker on capital punishment will talk on the death penalty at All Saints Episcopal Church, located at Waverley and Hamilton in Palo Alto, May 8th at 7:30 pm. She will address recent developments and the status of the death penalty in California and elsewhere in the country, and important arguments in support of abolition, and effective abolition advocacy. Her talk will be preceded by a showing of the documentary "Interview With an Executioner". For more info please contact Terry Mccaffrey, STA Human Concerns Committee, at 408-257-4611 or email: terrymc@igc.org.

THURSDAY MAY 10TH – WIDOW/WIDOWERS The St. Thomas Aquinas Widow and Widower group will meet on the second Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at St. Albert's Hall, dessert will be served. Pat Muller has invited us to her annual Potluck Brunch at her seaside home in scenic Half Moon Bay on Sat, May 19, 10:30 a.m. For reservations and your food to share, call Pat at (650) 712-1158. Our newest members are Kay Banegas, Mountain View, and Ramona Thille, Palo Alto. We welcome new members from other parishes, men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse to benefit from our friendly support, companionship and socializing at restaurants, stage productions, game nights and a variety of cultural events. For details, call Carmen (650) 851-8844.

MAY IS LAYETTE MONTH

The month of May is Layette Month. Please bring your donation items to the vestibule of the church which you attend. We also accept financial donations toward the purchase of layette items. Here is a list of items which go into a layette:

3 Receiving blankets	1 Package Disposable Diapers (Newborn)
1 Small Dress or Boy's Outfit	Newborn Hat
1 Crib Blanket	1 Small Animal or Toy
1 Hooded Infant Bath Towel	1 Fabric, Cardboard or Plastic
3 Wash Cloths	3 Undershirts (or Onesies)
3 Infant Coveralls	Pre School Book
6 Cloth Diapers	
3 Pairs Booties	

We use New or "Like New" Stain Free items for the Layette Gifts

SUPPORT A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN AFRICA

The Tanzania Health and Education Mission is a non-profit organization established by Sherry Cassidy and three other women to support the local schools and health clinics in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania. We are hosting an "Auction for Africa". Live auction includes "Aloha week" in a luxury ocean-view condominium on Kauai, "Alpine week" in west Lake Tahoe for either summer or winter season, a Yamaha motorcycle and Tanzanian artwork. Silent auction includes Gift Certificates for Spa Treatments, Restaurants, Hotels, Sports Events, as well as crafts and photographs from Tanzania.

Friday, May 11, 2007, 6:00-11:00 p.m., The Elk's Club in Redwood City, including dinner and music as well as discussion and entertainment from Tanzania. Tickets: \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. To purchase, please email or call THE Mission or contact me directly at sherrycassedy@aol.com or (650) 856-8638. *Asante (Thank you)* for your support!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

CONGRATULATIONS

Views from a Wonderful First Holy Communion at St. Albert's Church



STAYOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

STAYouth [middle (6-8), high (9-12), confirmation (8-high school)]
(STAY) www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

Junior High and Senior High meet through May on their nights, with the exception of May 26 & May 27 (Memorial Day weekend). All invited to June 2 Confirmation Mass at 5pm St. Albert the Great (no Sat. sessions on June 2 in lieu of our parish-wide celebration for our new Confirmandi). End of Year parties on weekend of June 9-10.

30-Hour Famine – Over 15 of our teens successfully starved hunger for 30 hours last weekend. Thanks to our parish community for its spiritual and financial support thru prayers and sponsorship.

Service Opportunities – May 12 Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen in downtown San Jose (VMY) from 2:30-6:30pm; May 19 – Gardening at Pastoral Center Garden

and/or St. Francis Church in EPA; May 19 – Seton School Spring Festival 10-5pm (10 total youth needed to coordinate games & activities for the children); May 26 – Handy Capables (VMY) at Seton Provincialate in Los Altos Hills from 11am-5pm. Emails to follow.

Confirmation one month away
Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors will be Friday, June 1 at SAG at 7:00pm. Confirmation Mass with Bishop McGrath and Father George will be Sat, June 2, at our standard parish 5:00pm vigil mass at SAG. Confirmation candidates & their sponsors must arrive at church by 4:00pm on that special day. Reception with Bishop McGrath to follow next door in SAG Center.

YOUNG ADULT [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s – single and/or married]
www.YoungAdultCircle.org

Young Adult Mass w/ Bishop McGrath – Tuesday, May 29, at 7:30pm theIntersection Chapel / St. Nicholas School in Los Altos. See map link on the Young Adult page of the STAY web site. Great music and great fellowship are an integral part of this liturgy, presented by young adults for young adults. Arrive early and stay late, to socialize with young adults from this and other nearby parishes. Invite your friends to this special Mass. Reception with our Bishop to follow.

Deanery Softball Team plays thru the summer at Santana Park (Monroe and Tisch Sts. in San Jose near Valley Fair Shopping Center). Next Game is May 20 1pm. Come cheer us on, meet new young adults, and make new friends.

Rob Manfred, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator,
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