

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

In case we forget, or get side-tracked, the church reminds us that we are still in the Easter Season till the celebration of Pentecost. The 50 days of Easter are one Glorious Sunday Celebration of Resurrection. In fact, the Easter Season is the longest of all seasons in the church's liturgical calendar. "Don't worry, continue to be Happy".



So, today, I would like to repeat my Easter message to you just so that you will continue to experience the Joy and the Peace of Easter Glory.

### Happy Easter! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Do not be afraid.

When you forget your true identity as a beloved child of God, you lose your way in life. You become scared and start doing things, not freely but because of fear. You find yourself preoccupied trying to please others and you lose your sense of yourself. You work hard to avoid rejection, or abandonment, or loneliness and you may cling to people and places more from fear than from freedom. Making compromises you may please people but you lose touch with your original blessing, the deep and everlasting love of God.

Jesus came to announce to you, "Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly."



ALLELUIA!!! Christ is risen, and we are no longer afraid.

Happy Easter,  
Fr George

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 13:

9:00 am OLR ..... Sylvia Michel †  
 9:00 am SAG ..... Eloise † & Daniel  
 Murphy †  
 10:30 am STA. .... Bertha Gretz †  
 10:30 am OLR ..... Margaret Juranits †  
*Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14,  
 22-23; Jn 14:23-29*

Monday, May 14: St. Matthias

7:15 am .....  
 8:30 am ..... Peter Lau †  
 12:15 pm .....  
*Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17*

Tuesday, May 15: St. Isidore

7:15 am .....  
 8:30 am ..... Lois † & Otto Niehaus †  
 12:15 pm .....  
*Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11*

Wednesday, May 16:

7:15 am, 8:30 am ..  
 12:15 pm ..... All Holy Souls  
*Readings: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15*

Thursday, May 17:

7:15 am .....  
 8:30 am ..... Frank Abel †  
 12:15 pm ..... Vince Giovannotto †  
*Readings: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20*

Friday, May 18: St. John I

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm  
*Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23*

Saturday, May 19:

12:15 pm ..... Lois † & Otto Nihehues †  
 5:00 pm SAG ..... Cora Lee Olivier †  
*Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 19 & 20, 2007

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm ..... TBD  
 Sun 9:00 am ..... Fr. Aranha

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am ..... Fr. Hester  
 Sun 8:45 am ..... Fr. Wright  
 Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Medina  
 Sun 12 noon ..... Fr. Harris

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

## 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 Imbornone, Devin Wakefield, Crescentia, Jennifer Wagner, Laury, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Jack Morrisroe, Nicholas Humy, Mary Lau, Daroll Adams, Sadie Young, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Berwald-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

Please note our email address:  
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BULLETIN ..... ARTICLE DUE  
 May 27 . **Thu** May 17 noon  
 June 3... **Thu** May 24 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

May 6 ..... \$ 10,824.58  
 No Second Collection ..... \$  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 555,987.31  
 Budget YTD .. \$ 527,898.00  
 Variance..... + 5.32%

# May 13, 2007

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 13: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day  
 9:15 am ..... Religious Ed (OLRH)  
 10:15 am ..... Religious Ed (SAG)  
 10:15 am ..... Site Comm Mtg (SAGC)  
 10:30 am ..... Spanish Confirmation (DC)  
 10:30 am ..... RCIA Spanish (PC/DR)  
 7:00 pm ..... STAY High School (DC)

Monday, May 14:

Tuesday, May 15:

10:00 am ..... Maintenance Comm (PC)  
 7:15 pm ..... JustFaith (PC)

Wednesday, May 16:

6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)  
 6:30 pm ..... RCIC (DC)  
 7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, May 17:

7:00 pm ..... Spanish Parents & Children (PC)

Friday, May 18:

7:00 pm ..... Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, May 19:

6:15-7:30 pm ..... STAY Middle School (SAGC/SESC)

### THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips  
 and in the  
 hearts of little children.  
 —William Makepeace Thackeray

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Our Parish Family joyfully received through the Waters of Baptism during April:*  
 Lindsay Ava Holman,  
 Grady Michael O'Brien

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

*"The two shall become one."  
 In the bond of love and marriage, we welcome joyfully during April:*  
 Crystal Bothan & Erick Arenas

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

**SATURDAY MAY 19TH – AGE OF AQUINAS STAR PARTY** 7:00-10:00 pm. Bring your telescope (if you have one) or binoculars, and a picnic dinner. While the sun sets and twilight deepens, we'll have our picnic and get our telescopes set up. Dress warmly in layers. Admission: FREE! Meet at the Park'n'Ride at I-280 and Page Mill Rd west of Palo Alto at 7:00 pm. We'll carpool to Foothill Park. Anyone with a telescope aboard gets in free and does not need to be a Palo Alto resident. Just tell them at the gate that you are an amateur astronomer participating in the public star party. We will be joining the Peninsula Astronomical Society for this month's summer star party. More info: [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or Carrie Karnos, ckarnos@yahoo.com.

**MONDAY MAY 21ST – SETON SCRAMBLE FOR KIDS** St. Elizabeth Seton School's Twelfth Annual Seton Scramble for Kids will be held at Stanford Golf Course, Monday, May 21. 9 am: contests, 11 am: shotgun start, 4 pm: wine party, prizes, jazz band and auction. A fun day for all, benefiting the scholarship fund for our children from East Palo Alto and nearby low income neighborhoods. \$300 general; \$225 for seniors 65 or over. Call the Development Office **before May 16**, 650-326-1258.

**SATURDAY JUNE 2ND – COMING OF AGE THE FIRST ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LAY CONVOCATION** Saturday, June 2, 9AM-3:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Mary, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. Join in This History-Making Lay - Convened Event. Learn and celebrate the Church's early tradition and post-conciliar focus of lay leadership. Bring our voices to the table to discuss the successes and challenges of the present. Develop strategies for increased lay voice in the Church of the future. Registration info: [www.NorCallayConvocation.org](http://www.NorCallayConvocation.org).

## 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 (checks or Cash) toward the purchase of layette items. List of items which go into a layette:

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|-------------------------------|--|
| 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*

## WHO SOUP IS HELPING

We have only one more SOUP night, this Wednesday at OLR at 6pm. If you haven't been to SOUP, you might wonder about it's purpose. Each week we put a donation in a box, and at the end of the year, the funds are divided. Lenten proceeds are sent to Father Jack Donald, SJ, a parishioner who is a Jesuit missionary in Honduras, to help him in his work there.

The rest of the funds are sent to these groups: Urban Ministry, St. Anthony of Padua Dining Room, the Ecumenical Hunger Program, the St. Joseph the Worker Day Worker Center, and Father Ed Figueroa, who feeds hungry people in Brazil. Last year, we raised over \$3900. Our funds to be divided are a little lower this year, so if you would like to help this cause, please put a check in the collection basket marked "SOUP". Many thanks!

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## CONGRATULATIONS

### A Most Holy Communion at OLR



## STAYOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

### **Happy Mother's Day from STAY!**

**STAYouth [middle (6-8), high (9-12), confirmation (8-high school)]**

[www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

**Junior High** and **Senior High** do meet this weekend. All are invited to June 2 Confirmation Mass at 5pm St. Albert the Great (no Saturday 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.

**Confirmation** – Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors will be Friday, June 1 at SAG Church at 7:00pm. Confirmation Mass with Bishop McGrath and Father George will be Saturday, June 2, at our parish 5:00pm vigil mass at SAG Church. 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, sponsored by our 6th and 7th grades.

**Service Opportunities** – May 19 – Gardening at Pastoral Center Garden from 10am-11pm; May 19 – Seton School Spring Festival 10-5pm (10 total youth to coordinate children's games & paint faces); May 20 – STAY C.O.O.L. gardening at St. Francis Church in EPA. May 26 – HandiCapables (VMY) at Seton Provincialate in Los Altos Hills from 11am-5pm. Emails to follow.

**YOUNG ADULT [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s – single and/or married]**

[www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://www.YoungAdultCircle.org)

**Young Adult Mass** w/ Bishop McGrath – Tuesday, May 29, at 7:30pm the Intersection Chapel / St. Nicholas School in Los Altos. See map link on

the Young Adult page of the STAY web site. Great music and fellowship are an integral part of this monthly liturgy, presented by young adults for young adults on the last Tuesday of every month. 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.

**Our Circle All-Stars** softball team plays thru the summer at Santana Park (Monroe & Tisch Sts. in San Jose near Santana Row). Next Game is May 20 1pm. Come cheer us on, meet new young adults, and make new friends.

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