

The Most Holy Trinity

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE INEXPRESSIBLE MYSTERY

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today's scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It is often heard that today's observance is an "idea feast," and that it is somewhat difficult to grasp its meaning. Other great solemnities, such as Christmas and Easter, have an easily grasped core. Yet, even though the Trinity is at the heart of our faith, firmly declared in the Creed since the Council of Nicea in 325, we are used to having people shrug and say, "Well, it's a mystery."

Perhaps it is more helpful to think of this as a "relationship feast," since it unveils our deepest identity. Dorothy Day was a great social reformer, pacifist, and ardent lover of the Trinity. When people told her that she would certainly be canonized one day (the process is indeed underway), she protested dismissively by remarking that people were raising a fuss just because she was not afraid to talk about God. She loved the Trinity, and treasured the traditional icon for the feast, also known as "The Hospitality of Abraham," depicting the three angelic beings seated at a table tilted toward the viewer and laden with bread and wine. For her, the Trinity revealed the heart of the Catholic life, three C's if you will: community, communication, and communion. That was not an "idea" for her, but what it means to be created in the image of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 18:

9:00 am SAG Vince Giovannotto †
Readings: *Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18*

Monday, May 19:

7:15 am Art & Fran Adams
(thanksgiving)
8:30 am
12:15 pm Carney Family
Readings: *Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29*

Tuesday, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

7:15 am
8:30 am Margaret Juranits †
12:15 pm
Readings: *Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37*

Wednesday, May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes and his companions

7:15 am
8:30 am
12:15 pm Anthony Hanley
(thanksgiving)
Readings: *Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40*

Thursday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

7:15 am
8:30 am
12:15 pm Mary Twilley †
Readings: *Jas 5:1-16; Mk 9:41-50*

Friday, May 23:

7:15 am
8:30 am Monique D. Luz
(birthday)
12:15 pm
Readings: *Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12*

Saturday, May 24: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm Thanksgiving
5:00 pm Anne Jewell †
Readings: *Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 24 & 25, 2008

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 Fr. Marini
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Medina
Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

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 — Sue Clingingsmith, Nancy Condon, Nicholas Humy, Mary Hansen, Jack Youngs, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, Marian Partelow, Andrea Binger, Daniel Slevin, Jennifer Matthew, Jim Matthew, Mary Imbornone, Mike Shpall, Delores Stevens, Elizabeth Smider, Betha Cervantes, John Braun, Carole Smith, Danny Chandler, Jim Cesano

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, Frank Kelly, Robert Gaspich

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
June 1 . . **Thu** May 22 noon
June 8 . . **Thu** May 29 noon



Our Weekly Offering

May 4 \$ 12,323.31
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 575,214.68
Budget YTD . . \$ 558,473.89
Variance + 3.0%

May 18, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 18: The Most Holy Trinity
9:15 am..... Rel. Ed. (ISP)
10:15 am..... Rel. Ed. (SESS)
11:30 am..... SVDP (OLRH)
2:00 pm..... Burning Bush (OLRH)
6:00 pm..... STAYouth (DC/OLRH)

Monday, May 19: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
3:10 pm..... After Sch. Activity (SAGH)
7:30 pm..... RCIA Inquiry pre-catechumenate (PC)

Tuesday, May 20:

Wednesday, May 21:
6:00 pm..... SOUP (OLRH)
7:30 pm..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, May 22:
10:00 am..... Scripture Study Group (SAGC)
7:30 pm..... STAY Young Adults (OLRH)

Friday, May 23:

Saturday, May 24:

CONGRATULATIONS

St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Tom Brosnan was chosen Volunteer of the Year for Stanford Hospital from among 1,500 volunteers. Congratulations!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Each year our parish supports the organization Bread for the World through a letter-writing campaign to our Congresspersons. This weekend is "letter-writing weekend" in our parish; after each Mass, we are urging everyone to sign a letter to a Congressperson. Tables will be set up, stationery and pens will be provided, and sample letters will be available. We hope you will take a few minutes after mass to sign a letter to our elected representatives urging them to take action to support these most needy in our world. You can also read more about Bread for the World at <http://www.bread.org/BFW-Institute/>.

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY MAY 21ST – 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 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.. Cost: There is no charge. More info: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org

SATURDAY MAY 24TH – AGE OF AQUINAS HIKE & COFFEE Meets every Sat. at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We always hike, rain or shine! More information: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K – 5TH GRADE

Congratulations! To our 5th Grade students from Our Lady of the Rosary site for completing their faith studies through the Rel. Ed. process. Today the students experienced their 'Cross-Over' in which they will now be exploring and sharing their faith through the STAYouth Ministry here at our parish.

Our Lady of the Rosary 5th Grade Class

<i>Riya Antony</i>	<i>Eliot Elias</i>	<i>Emily Nelson</i>	<i>Elan Richardson</i>
<i>Nicole Banda-Shule</i>	<i>Jordan Ford</i>	<i>Anna Claire</i>	<i>Ofelia Romero</i>
<i>Sean Bashaw</i>	<i>Catherine Gonzalez</i>	<i>Perlmutter</i>	<i>Christopher</i>
<i>Natalie Byun</i>	<i>Jack Hallatt</i>	<i>Claire Priestley</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
<i>Megan Colford</i>	<i>Christin Kruep</i>	<i>Jocelyne Puentes</i>	<i>Michael Schuur</i>
<i>Kastania Dahlen</i>	<i>Elizabeth McCole</i>	<i>Sarah Putulin</i>	<i>Sarah Wittenauer</i>
<i>Ryan Dubois</i>	<i>Michael Mensick</i>	<i>Jose Recinto</i>	

1st Reconciliation Make-ups: There will be a make-up celebration for those children who missed their 1st Reconciliation this year or any other year. It will be held on Weds., May 21st from 5pm – 6pm at the Dermody Center. Please contact Susan Clingingsmith if you plan on attending, youth@paloaltocatholic.org.

Mark Your Calendars:

-Today is the last classroom day for the year! (F.I.G. will still be happening on 06/01!) Please pick up a 2008-2009 registration form near the Rel. Ed. bulletin boards, complete and return ASAP. This not only helps us plan for next year but also, our publisher gives a discount if we order books early. This is a great opportunity to save money on books and have it available in other areas for the children next year.

- F.I.G. / 06/01: Fun In The Gospel is a gathering of all students and families in the appropriate halls to experience the gospel through our different senses. Times: OLR / 9:15am – 10:15am and SAG 10:15 – 11:15. Come join the fun and end the year while praise and worshipping Jesus together as a community!

- Vacation Bible Sch: There will be no VBS this year do to uncontrollable circumstances.

Susan Clingingsmith, Director of Religious Education, 650-494-2496 ext. 25, youth@paloaltocatholic.org

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

FAITH BEYOND 2000

FAITH beyond 2000, part 2, a twelve-session catechist formation series, is being offered again this year. Sessions in English will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity beginning Tues., June 17- July 24. Topics include Liturgy, Sacraments, Morality, Social Justice, The Learner and Family, Culture and Church. Catechists, youth ministers, people who may be thinking about becoming catechists or and adults interested in a basic understanding of their faith are encouraged to register by calling (408) 983-0127 or by visiting the Diocese of San Jose at www.dsj.org. Registration available at www.dsj.org/dsj/buildform.asp?id=20.

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/

Congratulations to our 50 new confirmandi, confirmed by Fr. George on May 17 at our 5pm mass at St. Albert the Great. Please see their names in our special bulletin insert this weekend.

STAY - High School meets twice more, 5/18 (special guests from our parish men's prayer group) & 6/1. Newly-confirmed 8th graders are welcome and encouraged to join HS sessions. Middle School meets once more for our STAY "finale" on June 1.

Cross-over "promotion" Masses for incoming 6th graders. 5/18 @ 10:30am OLR mass for OLR 5th grade. 6/1 @ 9:00am SAG mass for SAG 5th grade, with receptions to follow. Welcome to Middle School youth ministry!!!

World Youth Day Pancake Breakfast parish fundraiser – June 1 @ OLR site from 9:30am – 1:00pm. Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by the WYD Team to support parishioner Jason Schembri and other diocesan youth & young adults going to World Youth Day this July in Sydney, Australia, with Pope Benedict XVI. Open to all worship sites; invite family and friends.

STAY registration info now available for 2008-09 academic year. Watch your email and the STAY web site for details, including the 08-09 STAY Calendar. Early registrants by June 1 will be entered into a special drawing. Please encourage your friends to join us too!

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 – Thurs, 5/22 @ 7:30pm OLR Hall. Come join the Young Adults of Palo Alto on 2nd and 4th Thursdays for faith, fellowship, food, and fun; bring your bibles. New YA parishioners and visitors welcome.

Monthly Young Adult Mass – Tues, 5/27 @ 7:30pm St. Nicholas School (theIntersection teen center), off El Monte Road and Highway 280 in Los Altos. Join us for a more intimate liturgy of introductions, YA choir/music, dialogue homily, and community-building afterward.

DEANERY 2 YOUNG ADULTS www.YoungAdultCircle.org Young Adults from our local parishes gather regularly for social, spiritual, service, and sports. Register online to receive our weekly e-newsletter for the latest and greatest info. Watch for exciting Summer of Fun events and our Summer Speaker Series.

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

SVDP 175TH ANNIVERSARY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is celebrating the 175th year of its founding this year. The Society was founded in Paris, France in 1833. The first conference of 7 members was started by Blessed Frederic Ozanam on his 20th birthday. Blessed Frederic, a husband and father, was a very holy and learned man. He also was appointed a full Professor at the Sorbonne at the age of 27, the youngest professor in the history of the institution. Sister Rosalie Rendu, a daughter of Charity experienced in working with the poor of Paris, mentored the 7 original members of the first conference. Frederic named the Society after St. Vincent de Paul who lived in the 1600s and championed the cause of the poor.

The Society grew very rapidly. By 1883, fifty years later, there were 4,000 conferences with 76,500 members. The Society was started in the United States in 1845 and the U.S. now has 120,000 members serving about 15 million needy people. Those members actively serving the needy are called Vincen-tians. Those who donate to St. Vincent de Paul are Contributing Members.

We will be showing a 9 minute video about SVDP in the hall after Mass. Please come and see our video presentation and look at our literature. Come and learn about how your donation money is being spent!

SCU INFORMATION NIGHT

Visit Santa Clara University for an Information Night and learn about our academic programs in the School of Education, Counseling Psychology, & Pastoral Ministries. On May 22 at 6:00 p.m., Arts and Sciences Building, Santa Clara University. Please RSVP at <http://www.scu.edu/ecppm/rsvp.cfm#>.