

The Ascension of the Lord

TODAY'S MESSAGE

CONTINUALLY PRAISING GOD

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ's glorious ascension into heaven. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God's right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today's readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: "[W]ith great joy . . . they were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:53).



How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" in order to know Christ clearly (Ephesians 1:17). We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered.

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Tony Medina's 25th Anniversary of his ordination will be celebrated Friday June 8 at St. Albert the Great. Mass is at 6:30 pm followed by a reception in the Seton Auditorium. Please join us in this special day for Fr. Tony.

MUSIC MINISTRY AT 5:00 PM ST. ALBERT MASS

There have been some changes in the music ministers serving the 5:00 p.m. Saturday night Mass at St. Albert the Great. The group "Crossroads" (Brian Yoshi, Regina Mercado and Ophelia Tsui), which had provided music for about two years, has slipped away over the past few months due to other commitments. Jamie Cook (guitar) and Andrew Boyle (bass) have continued to provide music ministry, and now Chris Lundin and Paul Prochaska (both music ministers at other parish liturgies) are joining them on an alternating basis, according to their availability. The parish Liturgy Board has discussed this matter, and is exploring the possibility of finding a cantor to serve every week in addition to the musicians. However, we are not contemplating securing another music group at this time. If you have thoughts or suggestions about the music ministry at this Mass, please send them to Chris Lundin, Liturgy Board chair at clundin@stanford.edu or talk to a member of the St. Albert Site Committee.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 20:

7:30 am STA Patricia Gildea Vaden †
 9:00 am SAG Vince Giovannotto †
 10:30 am OLR Ramon Espiritu †
*Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or
 Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20*

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

7:15 am
 8:30 am Peter Lau †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 23:

7:15 am, 8:30 am
 12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 24:

7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Monique D. Luz
 (Happy Birthday)
Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 25: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 26: St. Philip Neri

12:15 pm Patricia Gildea Vaden †
 5:00 pm SAG Frank Ellis † and
 Helen Zielinski †
Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 26 & 27, 2007

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha
 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. 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 PRAY

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — David Simmons, Tina Reyes, Marian, Mary Lou, Marian Partelow, Laurie, Dave Carlson, Chet Maksim, Mary Hansen, 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 Imbomene, 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, Rev. Isaiah Jones, Norman Swope

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

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 June 3 . . . **Thu** May 24 noon
 June 10 . **Thu** May 31 noon



Our Weekly Offering

May 6 \$ 10,824.58
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

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

May 20, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 20: The Ascension of the Lord
9:15 am Religious Ed (OLRH)
10:15 am Religious Ed (SAG)
10:30 am Spanish Confirmation (DC)
3:00 pm Burning Bush (OLRH)
7:00 pm STAY High School (DC)

Monday, May 21:

Tuesday, May 22: Shavuot (Jewish observance)

1:00 pm YLI (OLRH)
7:00 pm Hispanic Board (PC)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, May 23:

5:30 pm ICF (SAGC)
6:30 pm RCIC (DC)
7:30 pm RCIA-Mystagogy (PC)
7:30 pm STA Site Comm (STAH)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, May 24:

7:00 pm Spanish Parents & Children (PC)

Friday, May 25:

12:30 pm STAY Board (PC)
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, May 26: Vigil of Pentecost

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

PARISH PHOTOGRAPHY

Pictures of the Holy Communion Celebrations at St. Albert the Great and Our Lady of the Rosary are now up at the website of our photographer. You may enjoy and order the photos at the site or if you wish them corrected please contact him with the numbers and they can be custom composed and corrected at the same price you would pay at the website. If you select many images you may prefer to order printed booklets at just \$24.95. Booklets will be composed of a minimum of 20 images. Call 650-208-3682 for more information. Ask your coordinators to see our new booklets.

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Thank You – SAG is grateful to Juliane Dorward for her work these past two years as an altar linen minister. Juliane's relinquishment of her position created an opportunity for a new volunteer, which Carmen Schembri has offered to fill. Carmen has been serving as an altar linen minister at STA, and now will add SAG's linens to her workload. "I love to do these things," she says. Carmen joins with Joan Copenhagen in the washing of SAG's linens. SAG is grateful to Joan for her faithful service as altar linen minister, and wishes both women well in their service to the church.

Another "thank you" goes to Beverly Webb and Mary Stratton for helping with SAG's altar linens until Carmen stepped in to fill the volunteer vacancy.

Volunteers Needed – There is a great need at SAG for lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If enough parishioners volunteer to serve, the commitment could be once a month. If you are interested in serving in either role, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Mary Sullivan, at 494-2496 Ext. 15.

Medical Volunteer Info – Brochures describing the Santa Clara County program entitled "Medical Volunteers for Disaster Response" recently have been made available in each worship site. If you have a medical background and would like to have a brochure mailed to you, please contact volunteer coordinator Mary Sullivan, 650-494-2496 Ext. 15 or volcoord@paloaltocatholic.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (PK-5TH GRADE)

Congratulations! To all of the children who received their 1st Communion these past few weeks. So many hours of love and compassion went into this year's preparation especially by the incredible Catechists, Aides and Class Helpers.

Thank You – Rachel Vasquez and Lexie DeStefano for babysitting during the Burning Bush series. Ladies, you were AWESOME with the children! Thank you so much for your time and energy!

Sending God's Love Throughout the World – The SAG first grade R.E. class raised \$380 through an organized bake sale after mass for the Heifer Project. The Heifer Project buys animals for people living in 3rd World Countries giving them food and ways to make a living. The children decided to buy a goat, a llama, 2 flocks of chicks and 2 flocks of geese and honey bees with the money. A thank you to the parents for helping the children and supporting their enthusiasm for this worthwhile project.

Mark Your Calendars: Today is the last day of classes for this year! Please make sure to pick up a registration form for the 2007-08 school year and return it to the office ASAP. We want to make sure we have enough books & supplies when classes start up again in Sept.

F.I.G.! Fun in the Gospels will be on Sun, June 3rd: 9:15-10:15am OLR Hall and 10:15-11:15am SAG site. Come join in the fun as we share scripture using all of our senses!

Catechist Appreciation Luncheon – Catechists, Aides and class helpers: mark your calendars for a special Garden Tea to say "Thank You" for all of your hard work this year. We'll meet in the Pastoral Center Garden on Sunday, June 3rd from 1pm – 3pm.

Mini Vacation Bible School – Come join the fun on Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 23rd & 24th at the SAG site for our 1st VBS! We'll meet from 9am – noon for fun, games, song, crafts, great snacks etc! Watch for more info. in the weeks to come!

Any questions, please contact Susan Clingingsmith, Dir. of Rel. Ed., 650-494-2496 x25, SusanC.DRE@sbcglobal.net or youth@paloaltocatholic.org

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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. Checks and cash will be gratefully accepted. 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

THANK YOU CCD

The SAG first grade CCD class raised \$380 through an organized bake sale after mass for the Heifer Project. The Heifer Project buys animals for people living in 3rd World Countries giving them food and ways to make a living. The children decided to buy a goat, a llama, 2 flocks of chicks and 2 flocks of geese and honey bees with the money. A thank you to the parents for helping the children and supporting their enthusiasm for this worthwhile project.

STAYOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Youth (STAY) www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

Registration for 2007-08 – Please see the special bulletin inserts of STAY Letter/Calendar and STAY registration form for next year. Let's carry on the tremendous positive momentum and energy we have built for years to come. Updated STAY information & forms are also available via the STAY web site.

Junior High and **Senior High** do meet this weekend. No sessions on May 26-27th because of Memorial Day Holiday. No formal sessions on June 2 & 3 in lieu of Confirmation. End-of-Year parties on weekend of June 9-10.

Confirmation – Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors Friday, June 1 at SAG Church at 7:00pm. Confirmation Mass with Bishop McGrath and Fr. George Saturday, June 2, at our parish 5:00pm vigil Mass at SAG Church. Confirmation candidates & their sponsors must arrive at church by 4:00pm. Reception with Bishop McGrath to follow next door in SAG Center, sponsored by our 6th & 7th grades.

Service Opportunities – 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.

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

Our **Deanery 2 Young Adult** web site is www.YoungAdultCircle.org Young Adults from our local parishes gather regularly for social, spiritual, service, and sports.

Monthly 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. Invite your friends to this special Mass with our bishop. Reception to follow.

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

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.

Thanks to all who have pledged including contributions from these parishioners:

Wilma Missman
Virginia Missman
Virginia Pirrotta
Viviana Barrera
William Debord
Zoila Garcia Esparza
Garcia Family
Ismael
Pinto Family
The Moley Family
John & Linnea Ernes
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Don & Nickie Andrews
Michael & Olga Ortiz Power
Dennis & Peggy Burke Boyle
Roberto & Rachel Alvelais
Nancy & Rick Barry
Robert & Rita O'Conner
William & Roberta Cambell
Luis & Roxana Valdez

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