

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

Here's the reflection that many of you asked about where I tried to show in my homily how the work of the Holy Spirit and the work of our mothers who invisibly build Cathedrals are connected. What mothers do very often is invisible like the work of the Holy Spirit.

I'm invisible... It all began to make sense, the blank stares, the lack of response, the way one of the kids will walk into the room while I'm on the phone and ask to be taken to the store. Inside I'm thinking, 'Can't you see I'm on the phone?' Obviously not. No one can see if I'm on the phone, or cooking, or sweeping the floor, or even standing on my head in the corner, because no one can see me at all. I'm invisible.

Some days I am only a pair of hands, nothing more: Can you fix this? Can you tie this? Can you open this? Some days I'm not a pair of hands; I'm not even a human being. I'm a clock to ask, 'What time is it?' I'm a satellite guide to answer, 'What number is the Disney Channel?' I'm a car to order, 'Pick me up right around 5:30, please.'

I was certain that these were the hands that once held books and the eyes that studied history and the mind that graduated summa cum laude - but now they had disappeared into the peanut butter, never to be seen again. She's going .. she's going ... she's gone!

One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating their turn of a friend from England. Janice had just gotten back from a fabulous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. I was sitting there, looking around at the others all put together so well. It was hard not to compare and feel sorry for myself as I looked down at my out-of-style dress; it was the only thing I could find that was clean.

My unwashed hair was pulled up in a banana clip and I was afraid I could actually smell peanut butter in it. I was feeling pretty pathetic, when Janice turned to me with a beautifully wrapped package, and said, 'I brought you this.'

It was a book on the great cathedrals of Europe. I wasn't exactly sure why she'd given it to me until I read her inscription: 'To Charlotte, with admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees.' In the days ahead I would read - no, devour - the book.

And I would discover what would become for me, four life-changing truths, after which I could pattern my work: No one can say who built the great cathedrals - we have no record of their names. These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished. They made great sacrifices and expected no credit. The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 8:

Readings: Hos 6:3-6; Ps 50; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13

Monday, June 9: St. Ephrem

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 10:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 11: St. Barnabas

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 12:

7:15 am

8:30 am Richard D. Crosby †

12:15 pm

Readings: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 13: St. Anthony of Padua

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm Tony Razzano †

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, June 14: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm

5:00 pm James Cesano Sr. †

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday June 14 & 15, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Medina

Sun 9:00 am TBA

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Fr. Aranha

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha

Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

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

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — 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, Virginia McCosker, Doña Francisca Camarena de Medina

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 22 **Thu** June 12 noon
June 29 **Thu** June 19 noon



Our Weekly Offering

May 25 \$ 8,463.49

St. Elizabeth Seton Sch. .. \$ 2,961.00

thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 604,524.55

Budget YTD .. \$ 587,051.14

Variance + 2.98%

June 8, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, June 8: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Shavuot ("Weeks"), the Jewish festival of the giving of the law, begins at sunset
1:00 pm..... Catechist Luncheon (PC)
3:00 pm..... Jovenes (OLRH)
6:00 pm..... STAYouth (DC/OLRH)

Monday, June 9:
7:30 pm..... RCIA Inquiry Group (PC)

Tuesday, June 10:
1:00 pm..... YLI (OLRH)
7:00 pm..... ASDC (SAGC)

Wednesday, June 11:
7:00 pm..... PSC (SAGC)

Thursday, June 12:
7:00 pm..... Thomas Merton (SAGC)

Friday, June 13:

Saturday, June 14: Flag Day
8:00 am..... Spanish Prayer Group
Retreat (OLR/H)

HELP NEEDED

If you haven't signed up to drive children from East Palo Alto to camp this summer, please do so this week! We will need drivers from June 16th until August 15th. 85 children have scholarships for this extraordinary camp.... let's all do our part to make certain they can get to and from Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills. If you can help, please call George Chippendale, 856-6350

THANK YOU

St. Elizabeth Seton School would like to express a big Thank You to the parish for its hearty support of our Thirteenth Annual Seton Scramble for Kids golf tournament. Many parishioners come to this unmissable "same time next year" event at the Stanford Golf Course, where our 8th graders provide cheerful help at the bag drop, mulligan table and putting and chipping contests. Much appreciation to all the parish golfers!

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

WIDOW AND WIDOWER EVENTS – THURSDAY JUNE 19TH: Members and their guests are invited to the Drop-in Dinner at the Cheesecake Factory restaurant, University avenue in Palo Alto. Social hour starting at 5 p.m. No reservations necessary. **THURSDAY JULY 17:** Also Save this date for our Festive Picnic Barbecue at Foothill Park, Bring appetizer, salad or dessert and beverage. Join the fun of board games and sports. Coordinate food choice by calling Joan Meyn 650-494-3467.

Reserve today so see the hilarious production of "The Full Monty" matinee in Half Moon Bay **SUNDAY JULY 27.** It will surely be a sellout. Call Pat Muller by June 13th (650) 712-1158 for tickets (\$15). Enjoy a Pre-Theater Pot Luck Brunch hosted by Pat at her ocean front home. **WHAT'S COOKIN?** Pat Muller invites members and friends to a cooking class by Casey's Café and Catering in Half Moon Bay. Cost is \$35 each for 6 or more students, who get to feast on the menu. Call Pat for availability and interest (650) 712-1158.

UPDATE: Many members enjoyed a superb lunch at the Trellis restaurant in Menlo Park this month. Welcome to our newest members, Marge Nelson from Michigan, Roland Quintero from our Parish, and also to Ione Hartley, Mary Jones, Lawrence Goff and Lynn Hamilton.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K – 5TH GRADE

A Fond Farewell: This time each year we as staff are asked to look at our department structure and see where it is feasible to help the parish use its resources effectively. Next year, our parish income will be less than in years past; one reason for this budget adjustment results from our parish losing some rental income that has helped us meet our budget in the previous years. As a result of this process and as hard as it is to come to this decision, we will be reorganizing the St. Albert the Great site and thereby releasing Teresa Sun as the Site Coordinator.

Teresa Sun has been in this position for the past few years at St. Albert the Great. She has worked closely with families and Catechists throughout those years helping the Rel. Ed. process to flourish and grow. Please join us in thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication; it has been appreciated by all and she will truly be missed. I will be letting you know how this will affect the SAG site in the next few weeks.

Fr. Tony: Even though we are so happy for you with your new assignment, know that you will always be in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for all of your love and support throughout this year!

Our Programs Are Growing By Leaps and Bounds!: We are always in need of help in all areas, working with the children on Sunday mornings, planning events, working with office staff etc. If you feel the Holy Spirit tugging at your heart strings or just want to join the fun working with the children, let's talk! Remember, we're not just calling parents; we have a place for anyone in Middle School through great-great-grandparents! Call me, Sue Clingsmith, DRE at 650-494-2496 x25 or e-mail youth@paloaltocatholic.org.

2008-2009 registration forms are available in the vestibule of all sites. Please complete and return ASAP. This not only helps us plan for next year but 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.

There will be no VBS this year do to uncontrollable circumstances.

Wishing you all a very safe, fun-filled blessed summer!

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Have you ever thought of being a sponsor for one of our adult candidates for Confirmation or/and Full Reception? If the answer is "yes" please contact Jean Ramacciotti at 494-2496 X34 for more information.

And... The pre-catechumenate/inquiry group is now meeting. If you are an adult interested in baptism, confirmation or reception into the Catholic Church please contact Jean at the above phone number or at pajeannr@yahoo.com.

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/

Thanks to all for another fantastic year! Watch your email, parish bulletin, and of course the STAY web site for exciting summer happenings.

2008-09 STAY Registration Form & color-coded Calendar now available via the HS & MS pages of the STAY web site. Registration forms also available in hard-copy yellow at our church vestibules or at our Pastoral Center on Middlefield. Early registrants will be entered into a special drawing.

Tahoe Retreat student/parent meetings – Sun 6/8 from 1:00-2:30pm at St. Frances Cabrini in San Jose or Tues 6/10 from 7:00-8:30pm at Holy Family in San Jose. Pray for our 21 teens and 2 adults at our annual Tahoe Retreat on June 16-20.

Santa Cruz: Concert on the Beach w/ Herman's Hermits – Fri 6/27 @ 6:30pm & 8:30pm, sponsored by St. Catherine's Parish in Morgan Hill.

YOUNG ADULTS [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s – single/married; w/, w/o children]

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adults www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

June is a big month for Young Adults in our area; mark your calendars...

- Your Circle All-Stars softball team resume league play at Santana Park in San Jose on Sundays, 6/8, 6/22, & 6/29.
- First Friday 6/6 - Monthly Taize Prayer at Mercy Center in Burlingame; 6:00-7:45pm young adult social; 8:00pm. Outing afterwards.
- Summer Speaker Series kickoff - Wed 6/18 – "Living in Eternity Now" by Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P., of Stanford. 7:00pm social. 7:30pm talk. St. Joseph Parish. 582 Hope St., Mtn Vw.
- Board Game Night – Sat 6/21 – 7:30pm @ St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto.
- Monthly Young Adult Mass – Tues 6/24 – 7:30pm at St. Nicholas School in Los Altos (the Intersection Teen Chapel). Presider is our own Fr. Antonio Medina, as we bless him as he leaves our Deanery 2 to become pastor of St. Martin's Parish in Sunnyvale, effective July 1.

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 monthly Summer Speaker Series, running from June thru September.

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

A legendary story in the book told of a rich man who came to visit the cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, 'Why are you spending so much time carving that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof? No one will ever see it.' And the workman replied, 'Because God sees.'

I closed the book, it was almost as if I heard God whispering to me, 'I see you, Charlotte. I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does. No act of kindness you've done, no sequin you've sewn on, no cupcake you've baked, is too small for me to notice and smile over. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become.'

When I really think about it, I don't want my son to tell the friend he's bringing home from college for Thanksgiving, 'My mom gets up at 4 in the morning and bakes homemade pies, and then she hand-bastes a turkey for three hours and presses all the linens for the table.' That would mean I'd built a shrine or a monument to myself. I just want him to want to come home. And then, if there is anything more to say to his friend, to add, 'You're gonna love it there.'

As mothers, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible women.

I have had the privilege of knowing all the women (I'm sending this email to) and I have shared the sentiment of 'You're gonna love it there.' or 'I just love going to her home it is so filled with LOVE.' 'She makes everyone feel so at home.' 'Her door is always open and so is her ever loving heart and I'm one of the lucky ones who can call her my friend.'

I hope you all recognize yourselves as builders of Great Cathedrals!