

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Vatican Issues 'Ten Commandments' for Drivers

The Vatican has issued a set of "Ten Commandments" for drivers, saying motor vehicles can be an "occasion of sin". A document titled "Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road" said driving can unleash road rage and other immoral behavior, including excess speed, reckless passing, cursing and just plain rudeness. The warning about driving came in the first part of the 59-page instruction, released June 19 by the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers. Drivers need to remember that even when there is no one sitting next to them, they are never alone. "Driving a vehicle is basically a way of relating with and getting closer to other people and of integrating within a community of people. This capacity for coexistence, of entering into relations with others, presupposes certain specific qualities in a driver: namely self-mastery, prudence, courtesy, a fitting spirit of service and knowledge of the highway code," it said.

Accidents can occur anytime, and when they do motorists have a moral responsibility to stop and help others, it said. The document cited statistics to demonstrate the risks of driving. In the 20th century, about 35 million people lost their lives in road accidents, and 1.5 billion people were injured. In the year 2000 alone, traffic deaths reached nearly 1.3 million, and 90 percent of the accidents were due to human error. "The harm caused to the families of those involved in accidents, as well as the protracted consequences for the injured, who all too often are permanently disabled, should also be borne in mind," it said. The "Ten Commandments" for drivers, as listed in the document, are:

1. You shall not kill.
2. The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm.
3. Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events.
4. Be charitable and help your neighbor in need, especially victims of accidents.
5. Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination and an occasion of sin.
6. Charitably convince the young and not so young not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so.
7. Support the families of accident victims.
8. Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness.
9. On the road, protect the more vulnerable party.
10. Feel responsible toward others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 1:

9:00 am SAG Welner (Bing) Tully †
 10:30 am OLR James † & Edith Dubbs †
 10:30 am STA..... Lois & Otto Niehues †
Readings:

Monday, July 2:

7:15 am Bill Carlstead † (10th Anniversary of Death)
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm
Readings: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 3: St. Thomas

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday, July 4: St. Elizabeth of Portugal

7:15 am James Joseph Kinsella †
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm
Readings: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Thursday, July 5: St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Soledad Reyes †
Readings: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 6: St. Maria Goretti

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 7:

12:15 pm
 5:00 pm SAG
Readings: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday July 7 & 8, 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. Medina
 Sun 12 noon TBA

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, 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, Sadie Young, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Berwald-Jones, Carmen Fuentes, Norman Swope, Bob Carlstead, Paul Deschamps, Olivia Isabell Baum

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Dean Miller, Patricia Gildea-Vaden, Renata Wood, John Fontaine, Elizabeth Cunningham, Patricia Leu, Alamtaj Shirazian, Sue Lubaise, Hal Lesser, Welner (Bing) Tully, William McGillivray

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 July 15... **Thu** July 5 noon
 July 22.. **Thu** July 12 noon



Our Weekly Offering

June 17 \$ 9,398.50
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 612,332.56
 Budget YTD .. \$ 586,296.00
 Variance..... + 4.4%

July 1, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 1: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Canada Day

Monday, July 2:
7:00 pm..... Spanish Youth (OLRH)

Tuesday, July 3:

Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day
Pastoral Center Closed

Thursday, July 5:
7:00 pm..... Communications
Ministry Board (PC)

Friday, July 6: First Friday
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult
(OLRH)

Saturday, July 7: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Fabian Martinez** who was confirmed by Bishop McGrath at the Cathedral on Sunday May 27th.

We welcome our new catechumen **Taylor Warren** who celebrated The Rite of Acceptance on Sunday June 17th at the noon Gregorian Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

SPIRIT TALK

Fr. Jose Rubio STD is the guest of Jean on "Spirit Talk" on channel 30 until July 14. Check the Daily News for times or go to Community Media Center. His topic "The Changing Landscape of Religion in Santa Clara County."

PARISH PHOTOGRAPHY

Pictures from Communion and Confirmation are on the Web and the Group picture of Confirmation is at the following special location: www.shutterfly.com/pro/PALOALTOPHOTOG/STA2/Confirm2007

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

THURSDAY JULY 5TH – WIDOW AND WIDOWER PICNIC AND GARDEN TOUR Thursday, July 5, Sunny Foothill Park will be the place for fun, food and friendship at the St. Thomas Widow/Widower annual picnic beginning at 2 p.m. Bring your own cold beverage and phone Joan Meyn (650) 494-3467 about the food you will contribute. Newcomers and other parish guests are welcome. On Wednesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m., we will enjoy a guided tour and lunch at scenic Filoli estate in Woodside with its 16-acre formal gardens and historic house museum. \$12 admission. Phone Vic at (650) 328-3936 by July 23 for directions and carpooling. June activities included a Peninsula Pops concert, dinner plus show at Stanford Theatre and brunch at the Crowne-Plaza.

HOTEL DE ZINK

This is an excerpt from the Sunday Bulletin of the Palo Alto Church of Christ - "Thank you Saint Thomas Aquinas Church. We wanted to give a special Thank You! to Saint Thomas Aquinas Church (and Parish) on Waverley Street in downtown Palo Alto. They were instrumental in feeding those staying with us during April for the Hotel de Zink program. St. Thomas covered the last half of the month by bringing hot evening meals. They also supplied fruit, milk, and items our guests could take with them for lunch. And they always did so with a cheerful friendly attitude."

I will be signing folks up this July to bring food to the Christian Reform Church during August. Thank you - *Ruth Chippendale*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Multitude of Baptisms at Our Lady of the Rosary on the Feast of John the Baptist

Greg and Liat Duerr with their three newly Baptised children Cole, Nathan and Abby



(l-r) Grace Kathleen with Brian and Kirsten Missett and Nina Rosa with Tricia and Philippe Joublin

Congratulations to those who also received the Waters of Baptism during June: Luke Rey Rosenberg, Alexander Francisco G. Tabler.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

IMMIGRATION REFORM FORUM AND UPDATE, MONDAY, JULY 2

"Myths and Realities in a Nation of Immigrants", 1st United Methodist Patio and Sanctuary, 625 Hamilton Ave. Refreshments 6:30pm, Program 7:00 pm. Speakers include Richard Hobbs, Director of county Human Relations Office and representative from Congresswoman Lofgren's office. . . . (Have you transmitted your views to our Senators yet?) – *Human Concerns Committee, Walt 493 3578*

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Natural Family Planning is a class taught by certified instructors, Dr. Tom and Debbie Lenz.

Dates: July 28 and August 25; September 22 and October 27; November 24 and December 22. Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Our Lady of Peace Church, Family Learning Center, Rm. 1201

For registration, call (925) 672-0727 or email tlenzmd@aol.com. There is a \$75 fee for the Natural Family Planning Kit.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS

You may qualify for an exemption from the Creek and Flood Protection tax if you own and occupy your single-family home, condo or town home and are 65 or older with a total household income of \$38,000 or less. Pick up an information sheet in the vestibule.

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 – Updated STAY information for fall, session calendar, registration form, and maps to our church/meeting sites are available via the STAY web site under the appropriate link. Please pre-register so we may plan and purchase materials. Checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish; submit forms & checks to the Pastoral Center. Our first session will be September 9.

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.

Summer Speaker Series – *Is God A Creationist? Creationism, Darwin, and the Bible* – Wednesday, July 18 – SPEAKER: Prof. J. David Pleins of Santa Clara University. Doors 7:00pm; Talk 7:30pm at St. Joseph's, 582 Hope St., Mountain View. Spread the word and invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Monthly Deanery Mass – Tuesday, July 31 - 7:30pm - theIntersection 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 intimate young adult Mass with personal introductions and dialogue homily with our presider, Fr. Patrick, pastor of the Catholic Community at Stanford. Reception to follow.

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Highlights of the Communications Ministry's Report to the PSC for the period of July, 2006 – June, 2007

Continued to revise and enhance the parish Website and to post the monthly calendar, weekly bulletins, bios and photos of stewardship honorees. Posted to the Website ministry profiles for the Time/Talent Faire.

Interviewed and composed bios of all stewardship honorees.

Taught a parishioner to use calendar software for creating the monthly parish calendar.

Printed and distributed additional flyers from STA for local motels.

Created guidelines for submissions to the parish bulletin.

Edited and submitted for publication in the bulletin all PSC quarterly reports that were submitted.

Created posters for each worship site advertising special events.

Created a 29-page parish booklet for newcomers.

Created a parish eBulletin to communicate late-breaking parish news.

Submitted by Mary Sullivan

FR. TIM MEIER'S NEW ADDRESS

Fr. Tim Meier is in basic training in the Army this summer, preparing for his new ministry of Army chaplain. He would love to hear from his Palo Alto friends. Write to him at:

Chaplain Basic Officer Course (CH-BOLC)

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