

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

PEACE The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today's readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the "LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the "peace and mercy" on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 8:

9:00 am SAG Eloise † & Daniel
Murphy †

Readings: *Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66; Gal 6:14-18;*
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

Monday, July 9: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and
his companions

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm William J. Keeney †

Readings: *Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26*

Tuesday, July 10:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm All Holy Souls

Readings: *Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38*

Wednesday, July 11: St. Benedict

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm Lois † & Otto Niehues †

Readings: *Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt*
10:1-7

Thursday, July 12:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Readings: *Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15*

Friday, July 13: St. Henry

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Readings: *Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23*

Saturday, July 14: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha;
Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm

5:00 pm SAG

Readings: *Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday July 14 & 15, 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. Aranha

Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. Fr. Medina

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Medina

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What do you say when you arrive at church and see a font prepared, a baby in the wings, the paschal candle burning? Well, maybe you will say that "we're having a Baptism today," or maybe you say "we are having a Christening." The proper term is Baptism, since that is the name of the sacrament. Baptism, an ancient word, is from the Greek meaning to dip or to dunk. Christening is an Old English word that describes perfectly well that more than getting splashed with water, the person being Baptized is being "Christed." No matter what you call it, there's always water involved, and then an anointing with chrism—fragrant olive oil consecrated as a sign of Christ's presence—poured upon the brow as we say, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."

So, in being Christ-ed, you are conformed to his image, your life is expected to be a retelling of his life in miniature and you—even though you may be squirming or sleeping—are commissioned to be a priest, a prophet, a king. This means that you are called to be one who worships, you are called to speak the truth, you are called to shape the world and exercise right judgment. That is the deepest treasure of our tradition, and every time you gather to celebrate a Baptism, you renew your vows precisely so that you can be more "Christ-ed." No matter what vocabulary you assign to the liturgy, the key is transformation of the human person in the community of the Body of Christ. —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



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, Phillip Chang, Mary Imbonone, Devin Wakefield, Cresentia, Jennifer Wagner, Laury, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Jack Morrisroe, Nicholas Humy, Mary Lou, Sadie Young, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Bervald-Jones, Cammen Fuentes, Norman Swope, Bob Carlstead, Paul Deschamps, Olivia Isabell Baum, Paul

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

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
July 22.. **Thu** July 12 noon
July 29.. **Thu** July 19 noon



Our Weekly Offering

June 24 \$ 9,017.83
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 3,316.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 621,825.39
Budget YTD .. \$ 596,050.00
Variance..... + 4.32%

July 8, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 8: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:15 am..... Site Committee (SAGC)

Monday, July 9:

7:00 pm..... Spanish Youth (OLRH)

Tuesday, July 10:

1:00 pm..... YLI (OLRH)

6:00 pm..... Spanish Baptism Classes (PC/DR)

Wednesday, July 11:

7:30 pm..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, July 12:

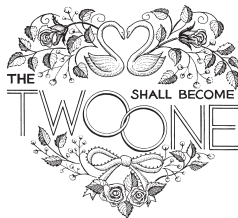
Friday, July 13:

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, July 14:

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

*"The two shall become one."
In the bond of love and marriage, we welcome joyfully during June:*



Donella Braganza & Bryan D'Souza,
Eucharía Ajagu & Christopher Ajagu

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)

Chaplain (CPT) Timothy J. Meier, S.J.
10100 Lee Road
Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090
soberdiver@yahoo.com

For more information: Kay Williams,
kaywill@pacbell.net

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – CASINO TRIP Casino Trip to Laughlin, NV, **September 25-28, 2007.** Optional trip to Las Vegas. Trip **sponsored by Palo Alto YLI and Menlo Park ICF.** Cost: \$190.00 double; \$225.00 single. Bus pick-up at OLR, Dermody Center. Call Betty Gildea (650) 494-7496 or Theresa Genevro (650)324-0421 for reservations or information before August 1st.

HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be providing food for the guests staying at the Christian Reformed Church at 685 Arastradero Road from August 1st thru August 15th. I will be rotating from Mass to Mass during the month of July to give parishioners a chance to sign up. Please check your calendars and see when it's convenient for you or give me a call at 856-6350. Thanks! - Ruth Chippendale



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Inquiry group is starting again. If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving the sacrament of Baptism please call Jean at the Pastoral Center 494-2496 x34. We will meet and address any questions you have about the Catholic Church. Adults seeking Confirmation or wanting to be received into the Roman Catholic Church are also welcome!

Inquiry

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual retreat of the Parish Stewardship Council was held on June 16th at the Presentation Center in Los Gatos. 23 attendees were present including Fr. George, Fr. Tony, and at least one member from each of the thirteen ministries involved in the major activities of the parish and two from the parish staff.

The retreat provided a time for assessing the progress made toward the parish goals for 2006-07, which were established during the last year's PSC retreat and for formulating the goals for the parish during the 2007-08 year. The retreat began with Mass celebrated by Fr. George for the successful outcome of the efforts by those assembled there.

Nick Wagner, the guest speaker, presented ideas and methods for attaining a great parish, including the creation of a plan and strategies for motivating and training individuals to perform the tasks necessary for improving parish activities - spiritual, compassionate, social, etc.

After lunch, groups of four or five individuals discussed improvements and new directions desired for the parish. These suggestions were collected and listed so that everyone present could consider and discuss the ideas submitted by these small groups. These ideas will be submitted to all the members for their consideration and action if pertinent to their mission. A new set of goals for the coming year will be set by the PSC and published to the parishioners.

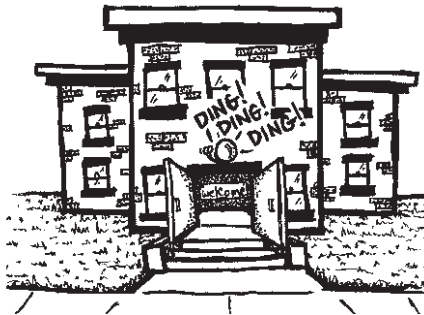
- Tom Jaworowski

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL NEWS

St. Elizabeth Seton School extends a big thank you to the St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners for another year of faithful support. Your generosity gives low-income, minority children the gift of a private, Catholic elementary education.

The tranquil St. Elizabeth Seton School campus, which is tucked behind St. Albert the Great Church, has been filled with activities and excitement as the school year draws to a close. The entire student body entertained family and friends at the annual Spring Musical Concert. The second graders made their First Holy Communion. The eighth grade students graduate June 8, and will continue their education at the fine local public and private high schools including Eastside Prep, Menlo Atherton, Menlo School, Notre Dame High School, Sacred Heart Prep, Serra High School, St. Francis High School and Woodside High. Many friends of Seton School enjoyed a gorgeous day at Stanford Golf Course participating in the Seton Scramble for Kids Golf Tournament. The event was a big success and raised funds for scholarships.



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.

ROB Away – Rob Manfrey will be away from July 8-15 (DSJ young adult immersion to the Apache Reservation in AZ) and July 16-20 (DSJ San Jose Urban Plunge youth immersion).

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

SUCCESSOR SOUGHT

We're seeking a St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner, or two, or three, to take over leadership of the "Age of Aquinas" 40+ singles group. Event planning skills are a plus, but not necessary. And it's not even a requirement to be single! But you should have a calling to the "older" (40 to 60 and beyond) singles ministry. If you're interested in finding out more about this important ministry, please contact me, Randy Jones, email: age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, phone: 408.739.2881. Thank you!

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."

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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.

DONATE A VEHICLE...

And Change a Life... Support St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul. Vehicle Donations support: St. Vincent de Paul Ministries, Jobs for Day Workers, Referrals to Community Services We accept most vehicles: cars, boats, trailers and RV's, running or not. Free pick up usually within 24 hours or at your convenience. We handle all DMV paperwork. Compliance with current IRS regulations. For more information or to arrange a pick-up call 408-971-9281. St. Thomas Aquinas will receive some remuneration if you give the agency the name of our parish.