

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

## WELCOME FATHER JERONIMO

My name is Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez. I was born and raised in a small town in Lerdo, Durango, Mexico. I went to the seminary (both minor and major) in Durango City and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Durango on the 8th of December, 1981.

I was appointed associate to several parishes and also joined the Seminary of Durango Team Formation in 1982 and 1987. I taught: "Introduction to Philosophy" and "Introduction to Sacred Scripture".

I came to the Diocese of San Jose, CA in 1989 and before my current assignment I have been at St. Patrick Parish in San Jose (associate); St. Joseph Parish in Mountain View (associate); St. Mary Parish in Gilroy (associate); and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in San Jose (Pastor).

I am very excited about this assignment and looking forward to meeting all of you.

Blessings,  
Fr. Jeronimo Gutiérrez



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 13:

10:30 am OLR... Paul Ruel †

Readings: *Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]*

Monday, July 14: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

7:15 am ..... Virginia McCosker †

8:30 am ..... Souls in Purgatory

12:15 pm .....

Readings: *Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1*

Tuesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure

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

Readings: *Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24*

Wednesday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm ..... Renate Bridgman (birthday)

Readings: *Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27*

Thursday, July 17:

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

Readings: *Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30*

Friday, July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis

7:15 am .....

8:30 am ..... Escolastico & Geronima Luz

12:15 pm ..... Vince Giovanotto †

Readings: *Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8*

Saturday, July 19: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm, 5:00 pm

Readings: *Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday July 19 & 20, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm ..... Fr. Aranha

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. Gutiérrez

Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Gutiérrez



### 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, Delores Stevens, Elizabeth Smider, Betha Cervantes, John Braun, Carole Smith, Danny Chandler, Jim Cesano, Dan Alvero, Marge Dutton, Mary Lee Hagen

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Robert Gaspich, Virginia McCosker, Doña Francisca Camarena de Medina, Margaret Watkins, Joseph Kehret

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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

Please note our email address:  
[bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org)

BULLETIN ..... ARTICLE DUE  
July 27 **Thur** July 17 noon  
Aug 3 **Thur** July 24 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

June 15 ..... \$ n/a

### Year To Date

Actual YTD ..... \$

Budget YTD ..... \$

Variance ..... + %

# July 13, 2008

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 13: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3:00 pm..... Jovenes Retreat Prep (OLRH)

Monday, July 14:

Tuesday, July 15:

Wednesday, July 16:  
7:00 pm..... Young Adult Circle (SAGO)  
7:30 pm..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, July 17:  
7:00 pm..... Young Adult Circle (SAGO)

Friday, July 18:  
7:00 pm..... Spanish YA (OLRH)

Saturday, July 19:  
6:30 am..... Age of Aquinas (SAGO)

## HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be providing food for the homeless guests staying at the Christian Reformed Church on Arastradero Road from July 25th through August 12th. I will be signing people up after Masses during the month of July. Please check your calendar and decide what date would be convenient for you to bring food. If you miss me after Mass, please call Ruth Chippendale at 856-6350 if you would like to participate. Thank you!

## THANK YOU

Jason Schembri and the St. Simon Life Teen would like to thank all parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas who attended the pancake breakfast at OLR on June 1st to help their trip to Australia for World Youth Day and those who gave donations. It was very successful and \$600.00 was made as profit. May God bless all of you.

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

### EVERY 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY – 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](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, [transitions@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:transitions@paloaltocatholic.org)

## TORTURE IS WRONG

(From Catholic News Service 6/26/08): Two hundred prominent individuals have signed a declaration of principles about torture and have asked to president to issue an executive order that would ban any interrogation method the U.S. would not find acceptable if used against U.S. personnel. The suggested order would also ban "renditions".

Besides 100 religious leaders (among them Bishop Wenski of the USCCB and Cardinal McCarrick), signers include 3 former Sectys. of State (Shultz, Albright, Christopher), 3 former Sectys. of Defense (Brown, Cohen, Perry), 3 former National Security Advisers (Brzezinski, Lake, Berger) and more than 30 retired generals, admirals and former CIA officers.

(From Christian Science Monitor 6/27/08): The signers said such an order would improve national security, strengthen alliance with coalition partners and recommit to American values.

Suggestion: If you agree, write or call the White House. – *Human Concerns Committee*

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

With the many adult candidates currently seeking Reception and/or Confirmation we are creating a list of parishioners who might consider being a sponsor. Also, we often need to provide a godparent for one of our adults seeking Baptism.

Would YOU like to have this most rewarding spiritual experience?

Here are a few particulars about being a sponsor or a godparent:

Godparents are for candidates that are not yet baptized. They walk with the new Christian along their spiritual path all their life.

Sponsors are spiritual companions to candidates who are already baptized, accompanying them until they complete their initiation sacraments.

The sponsor/godparent needs to have strong faith and to be a practicing Catholic with an active prayer life. They must be over 16 years of age, and confirmed.

They do not need a vast knowledge of the Catholic tradition or the Bible, but be willing to share their own faith, and ready to be a friend to their candidate.

If you would like to know more about accompanying one of our adults on the next step in their faith journey, please contact Jean.

*Jean Ramacciotti, Director of the Catechumenate (RCIA), 650 494-2496 ext. 34, [pajejanr@yahoo.com](mailto:pajejanr@yahoo.com)*

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Seton School is holding another Sensational Summer School this July. Under the very able guidance of Samantha Moorner, who was our Director last year as well, 163 willing students are returning for our 4-week program for K-6, which is running from 8:00-3:00, June 30 through July 25. They will consolidate the gains they have made during the year in phonics, reading, writing, math, physical education and, in the older grades, studying a novel. In addition they will have a quilting class, creative activities, a Talent Show and – it's safe to say – a lot of Fun!

## 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/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Ministry (STAY) has an immediate need for a paid, part-time 10 hrs. per week, "Youth Ministry Associate / Middle School Coordinator". Responsibilities include catechetical oversight of our Sunday evening middle school ministry (grades 6-8) and teaching/directing our Confirmation preparation process. Applications are now being accepted as soon as possible. If interested, please contact Rob Manfrey, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator, for details at 650-494-2496 x21 or stayouth@paloaltocatholic.org

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. STAYouth kicks off the new academic year on Sunday night, September 7, with its youth-centered 7pm mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Please watch your email, parish bulletin, and of course the STAY web site for exciting summer happenings.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adults [www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

- 7/16 Summer Speaker Series – "An Author's Perspective" by Tobias Wolff of Stanford University, talking about his writing and his life. 7:00pm Social; 7:30pm Talk. St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto. This is the second talk of our 4-month series from June thru Sept.
- 7/19 Shakespeare in the Park in Cupertino. Join us for "Pericles" performed for free by The San Francisco Shakespeare Company. We'll gather at 6:00PM at Cupertino's Memorial Amphitheatre (corner Mary and Stevens Creek, Cupertino). Contact Larry, [hudat@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:hudat@stanfordalumni.org)
- Monthly Young Adult Mass – Tues 7/29 – 7:30pm at St. Nicholas School in Los Altos (the Intersection Teen Chapel). Presider is Fr. Carl from the Catholic Community at Stanford. Join us for a more intimate liturgy of introductions, young adult musicians, dialogue homily, and community-building after mass.

**DEANERY 2 YOUNG ADULTS** [www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://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 info. Watch for exciting Summer of Fun events and our monthly Summer Speaker Series, from June– September.

Rob Manfrey, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, [STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org)

## WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

"Women of the Bible," an exploration in art, prose, and poetry by 56 artists of faith, will be exhibited at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church concurrent with Menlo Park's annual Connoisseur's Marketplace on July 19-20, 2008, from 10 a.m. - 6 P.m on Santa Cruz Avenue.

## SEARCHING FOR OLR ALUMNI

If you attended Our Lady of the Rosary Elementary School from 1954-1979 you are cordially invited to an all classes reunion on Friday August 1 at the Crying Room, OLR, in Palo Alto. The event is casual, and is from 7 pm - 11 pm. \$5.00 at the door.

Details can be found at [classmates.com](http://classmates.com) and reservations can be made by emailing Annette Anderson at [OLR2008Reunion@live.com](mailto:OLR2008Reunion@live.com).

## SUMMER WORKSHOP

Summer Soul-stice...a workshop with Jack Jezreel, Saturday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Los Altos United Methodist Church at Magdalena and Foothill Expwy. in Los Altos. Renew your soul in an ecumenical gathering that focuses on the Gospel teaching us to love our neighbor. Jack Jezreel is the founder of JustFaith Ministries and a nationally recognized justice educator. The cost is \$20 per person. For information contact Elizabeth Lilly at Catholic Charities, (408) 325-5262 or [elilly@ccsj.org](mailto:elilly@ccsj.org).

## DRIVERS FOR CAMP

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to drive campers from East Palo Alto to Hidden Villa camp in Los Altos Hills. Camp continues thorough the week of August 11th, so drivers are STILL needed! Please call George Chippendale. 856-6350