

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Go and Do Likewise Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. "Four detentions in two weeks are too many."

Still Matt wouldn't tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt's tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt, steadying Shawnetta as he helped lower her down the stairs and then push her to the corner bus stop. "She's a girl in my parish youth group," Matt explained to Miss Collins.

There are many ways to describe Matt's actions—a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time. Jesus would understand. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

RAISE HIGH THE ROOFBEAMS, CARPENTERS



The St. Thomas Aquinas roof replacement by Legacy Roofing & Waterproofing is moving along on schedule. The church spire is now clothed in scaffolding, making the church look a little like the shuttle launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 15:

9:00 am SAG Vince Giovannotto †

10:30 am OLR Repose of the Souls

Ambrose & Winnie Tan †

Readings: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69 or 19; Col 1:15-20;

Lk 10:25-37

Monday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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

Readings: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday, July 17:

7:15 am

8:30 am Ambrose & Winnie Tan †

12:15 pm

Readings: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 19:

7:15 am

8:30 am Maria Cecilia & Francois

Torresgrosa †

12:15 pm Escolastico & Geronimo

Luz †

Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 20: St. Apollinaris

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm Rufino Karganilla †

Readings: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi;

Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm Julia Reyes (birthday)

5:00 pm SAG

Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday July 21 & 22, 2007

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. 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 Kopernias, Mary Ann Rundell, Barbara Woods, Phillip Chang, Mary Imbomone, Devin Wakefield, Crescentia, Jennifer Wagner, Lary, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Nicholas Humy, Sadie Young, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Bernwald-Jones, Carmen Fuentes, Norman Swope, Bob Carlstead, Paul Deschamps, Olivia Isabell Baum, Paul, Veronica

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, Mary Lou, Bea Gasser



Please note our email address:
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BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
July 29.. **Thu** July 19 noon
Aug 5... **Thu** July 26 noon



Our Weekly Offering

July 1 \$ 10,136.83
July 8 \$ 9,074.20
Holy Father \$ 2,362.00

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 18,258.23
Budget YTD... \$ 18,020.88
Variance..... + 1.23%

July 15, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 15: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 16:

Tuesday, July 17:
7:15 pm..... JustFaith (PC)

Wednesday, July 18:
Transitions will resume meeting in September

Thursday, July 19:

Friday, July 20:
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, July 21:

RCIA

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!



PARISH PHOTOGRAPHY

The deadline and closing date to place orders for group Confirmation pictures will be July 18. Forms are at each church site. Later orders will be handled on an individual basis and the pricing will be different. So please order by the closing date. Prints not mailed will be distributed at Sat. July 21 5 pm Mass at St. Albert's, prior to 9 am Mass at St. Thomas and after 10:30 Mass at OLR. After that time unmailed or undelivered prints will be at the Pastoral Center. *Thanks to everyone for all their help at Confirmation.*

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*

PARISHIONER HONORED

Anne Grycz, parishioner and Director of the diocesan Institute for Leadership in Ministry, was honored recently with the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, a papal award established by Pope Leo XIII in 1888. The Cross for the Church and the Pontiff is bestowed upon laity and clergy who have been nominated by the local bishop in recognition of the exemplary service the honoree has given the Church. Anne directs the ILM, formed in 1997 to meet the growing need for competent, trained lay leaders in our Diocese. The core is a three-year program of theology, Scripture, and pastoral practice presented in two tracks -- English and Spanish. *Congratulations to Anne on this recognition of her own lay leadership -- in building lay leadership.*



FAITH BEYOND 2000

FAITH beyond 2000, part 1, a dynamic summer formation program for catechists and others interested in gaining a better understanding of their faith. 11 sessions in English will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Simon beginning Monday, June 18 and ending on July 25th. Sessions in English and Spanish will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity beginning Tuesday, June 19 and ending on July 26th. Topics include Revelation, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Church, the Creed, Scripture and Prayer. To register call (408) 983-0127. Registration available online at www.dsj.org/dsj/buildform.asp?id=46.

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.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED FOR LITERACY PROGRAM

Catholic Charities wants to get kids to love sharing books with their parents at an early age infants to 5 years. This literacy program reaches into pre-schools, day care centers, child development centers and some women's shelters county-wide - Gilroy to Palo Alto. The program provides book bags, library trips, parent involvement and the hope for a better future for children in low-income and bilingual families - it's been proven to work.

Can you donate some children's books, either in English or Spanish? How about the ones your kids loved? The kids in the program will eat 'em up! Or buy some new ones. . . or let Catholic Charities do the shopping. Write checks to the parish, putting CCSJ Raising a Reader on the memo line. Look for donation boxes in the vestibule during the summer with the Raising the Reader logo. Questions? Walt 493 3578.



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

PRESENTATION RETREAT

Presentation Center welcomes private retreatants -- individuals & couples -- as well as all types of group retreats including youth groups. If you haven't planned time away this summer, please consider a contemplative, personal retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains with the Sisters of the Presentation. Take time to walk around the lake or on the nature trail. Our chef prepares delicious, healthy meals, which include organic produce right from our sustainable, organic garden. Overnight stays for individuals cost \$80 per person/night and include meals. Group retreat rates include the cost of the meeting room and meals. We also welcome all nonprofit groups for their board retreats or planning meetings. Guided tours of our new "Green" Welcoming Center are available upon request. For more information, please call (408) 354-2346 or visit www.presentationcenter.org.

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.