

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2009 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

FR. TIM MEIER SPEAKS JULY 19

Fr. Tim Meier will spend part of his brief leave here in Palo Alto, following his year as a chaplain in Iraq. He will preside at the 8:45 a.m. Mass this Sunday at St. Thomas Aquinas. Following Mass at 10:30 a.m., he will talk about his experiences as a chaplain this past year in Iraq. Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center, this conversation will take place at the Palo Alto Women's Club building at 475 Homer Ave. (corner of Homer and Cowper St.). All are welcome. Fr. Tim's next assignment as a military chaplain will take him to Kosovo in the fall. Catch up with Fr. Tim and visit his blog for more details: <http://cptdrfrtim.blogspot.com/>

PARISH PHOTOS

Pictures from the recent First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations are now available for viewing and purchasing. Visit our Parish website and click on Photos by the Parish Photographer or www.shutterfly.com/pro/PALOALTOPHOTO/SpecialR1

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 19:

10:30 am OLR . . . Grace Giglio (birthday - thanksgiving)

10:30 am STA . . . Rosalie Martin - Veque †

Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18;

Mk 6:30-34

Monday, July 20: St. Apollinaris

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

Readings: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am OLR . . . Brian Franklin †

Readings: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22: St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am OLR . . . Brian Franklin †

Readings: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, July 23: St. Bridget of Sweden

8:30 am OLR . . . Brian Franklin †

Readings: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 24: St. Sharbel Makhlof

8:30 am OLR . . . Devin Alexander Reyes (birthday)

12:15 pm STA . . . Dec. members of Carney & Bolich family

Readings: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25: St. James

5:00 pm SAG . . .

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday July 25 & 26, 2009

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Geris

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Aranha

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Fr. Marini

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Geris

Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Geris

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Cypress Winters, Fr. Charlie Macedo, Mary Harvey, Ritu McAlester, Carson Enghardt, Bobby Kerrigan, Frankie Briggs, Theodore Strotman, Barbara Franceschi, Norman Snipe, Robert Jordan, Virginia Jordan, Laura Simeone, Alan Shpalo, Sarah Clear, Eva Leung

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Rowena Ramirez, John Ruhm, Maria Nieves Pedron, Irene Placone, Ed Paczkowski, Alden Erickson, Chet Maksim, Antoni Bozynski, Gilbert Huesca, Rosalie Martin-Veque, Benjamin Antonio Sr., Jim Chinn

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
Aug 2 **Thu** Jul 23 noon
Aug 9 **Thu** Jul 30 noon



Our Weekly Offering

June 21 \$ 7,616.93
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 3,275.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 603,888.27
Budget YTD . . \$ 633,803.26
Variance - 4.72%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
all week Summer School (SESS)
3:00 pm Hispanic Young Adults (OLRH)

Monday, July 20:
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, July 21:

Wednesday, July 22:

Thursday, July 23:

Friday, July 24:
7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, July 25:

Second Collection this weekend:

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Second Collection next weekend:

..... St. Vincent de Paul

PLEA FOR SVDP WORKERS

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and visit you? Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:37-41.

During these very difficult economic times, St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul is in great need of more helpers. For anyone interested, our existing volunteers would provide you a complete orientation and allow you to sit in on a number of interactions, to actually experience how we work with our clients. If you can give four hours of your time per week to help those among us who are less fortunate, please call or e-mail Roberta Uebbing, uebbing665@sbcglobal.net or 494-2450.

CHILDREN NEED A RIDE TO SUMMER CAMP

Its July already and Hidden Villa Camp has been operating for 3 weeks. Day Camp for 27 East Palo Alto children relies on volunteer drivers. The morning drive is 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday, leaving East Palo Alto (from the child's home) around 8 am. The afternoon pick up is 3 days a week, Monday thru Wednesday, leaving Hidden Villa at 4pm plus a pick up at 11:45 am on Friday. The Day Camp children stay overnight on Thursday.

Forty overnight campers also rely on volunteer drivers for their transportation to/from the camp on Mondays and Fridays. The Monday departures from East Palo Alto are at 9 am, 11 am and 1:30 pm depending on the camp. The Friday departures from the camp are at 9:45 and 10:45 am. For more info and to schedule a time to drive, please call George Chippendale, 856-6350.

TEEN TAHOE RETREAT



Fourteen youth from our parish were among the 220 diocesan youth who attended this year's retreat Tahoe '09: Back to the Future. The excitement was high as they boarded Tahoe-bound buses bright and early Monday June 15th.

The thematic focus of this year's retreat was The Power of One. In large and small

group settings, the youth explored topics relating to the scripture passage "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13). Highlights of the week included a sunset Reconciliation Mass held lakeside and facilitated by Priests throughout the Diocese of San Jose. Favorite Tahoe social activities included the Talent Show, the dance, and the afternoon of fun in the sun by the beach.

If your child is interested in attending next year's Tahoe retreat, please be on the look-out for information disseminated to members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Youth program and their families around the beginning of February. Questions can be sent to Eileen Freyre at eileen.freyre@gmail.com.

(Back row left to right: L. Barnett, L. DeStefano, M. Lefebvre, P. Napaa, B. Gill, R. Wood, R. Alcazar, M. Freyre, J. Chu. Front row left to right: E. Cagampan, M. Alcazar, E. Howard, N. Forlenza. Not pictured: A. Ballard)

THE CATECHUMENATE (RCIA)

Adults interested in being baptized in the Catholic Tradition are invited to join the group of Inquirers who are now meeting regularly. Also invited are those adults already baptized in other Christian traditions who desire to become a Catholic by celebrating the Catholic sacraments of Eucharist, Penance, and Confirmation.

These informal Question & Answer & Faith-Sharing sessions are the first stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation. Un-catechized adult Catholics are also welcome to come and learn more about today's Catholic Church and teachings.

Contact Jean Ramacciotti if you, or anyone you know, would like to Inquire about the Church and its traditions.

We are also making a list of any seasoned practicing Catholic who is willing to sponsor one of the Candidates. Again, contact Jean for more information.

Jean Ramacciotti, Director of the Catechumenate (RCIA), 650 494-2496 ext. 34, pajeanr@yahoo.com

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WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

Do save all or part of the time from September 17 to 20 to spend at Pajaro Dunes on Monterey Bay as guests of Sybil Florant and Pat Muller. They will plan great outings to local activities. Please call by August 1 so we can arrange additional accommodations if necessary. Pat at (650) 712-1158. Sybil at (650) 494-3426

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

In this "Year of the Priest," everyone is invited to attend a weekly holy hour for priests each Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Nativity Parish. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a meditation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and benediction. Nativity Parish is located at 210 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park.

HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be taking food to the homeless guests who will be staying at the Christian Reformed Church during the month of August. We will be donating the food from August 16th thru August 31st. I will be rotating from church to church during the month of July to give parishioners an opportunity to sign up to bring food. if you miss signing up at Mass, please call Ruth Chippendale at 856-6350. Thanks for your help.

POSITION OPENING

Our parish is currently seeking a Coordinator of Youth Ministry to oversee the middle and high school youth ministry and Confirmation programs. This position is part time (30 hours a week) and includes benefits.

Interested applicants should be able to develop and lead catechetical and developmentally appropriate sessions for the youth. Applicants must have proven experience in working with youth and have an understanding of and the ability to work with the demands placed on the region's middle school and high school students. Bachelor's degree or equivalent, and experience and training in Youth Ministry required. To see a more detailed job description and learn how to apply, visit the Diocese of San Jose website at www.dsj.org, About Us, Career Opportunities, Parish Openings.

Interested applicants, please send your resume no later than July 31, 2009 to: Chuck Tully, Parish Administrator 3290 Middlefield Road Palo Alto, CA 94306 E-mail: Chuck.Tully@sbcglobal.net