

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith. Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 29:

8:45 am STA..... Michael McCarthy †
 9:00 am SAG Felisa Antonio † & Basilia Fernandez †
 10:30 am OLR Frank Giarratana † and John Bohler †
 10:30 am STA..... Maria Pravisano †
Readings: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus

7:15 am
 8:30 am The Dalton Brothers (living and deceased)
 12:15 pm John Dalton †
Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:15 am, 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Philip Gualdoni †
Readings: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:15 am, 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Edda Ritson †
Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard

7:15 am
 8:30 am John Dalton †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 3: First Friday

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 4: St. John Mary Vianney; First Saturday

12:15 pm Agnes Derzay †
 5:00 pm SAG
Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Family is growing as we recently welcomed:

- Sabine & Andre Rohe with Leni Maria, Emma Zita and Maya Leeloo
- Amulya & Gillian Athayde with Joshua
- Catherine Bradford
- Thibaut & Florence de Bretagne with Zoe, Domnin
- Laura & Bonn Donniss Frigotto
- Patricia Holmes
- Mark & Theresa Peek with Andrew, Emily, Olivia, Grace
- Jeff & Corrie Sid with Zoe, Bry
- Elena & Dan Tindall with Ariana, Maria Rayne

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, Laury, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Nicholas Humy, Sadie Young, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Berwald-Jones, Carmen Fuentes, Norman Swope, Bob Carlstead, Paul Deschamps, Olivia Isabell Baum, Paul, Veronica, Vendetta Nieman, Bonnie Weigsn

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 Lau, Bea Gasser, Ron Hoffman, Fran Hiser, Mary Woodside, John Dalton

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 4 & 5, 2007

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha
 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. Aranha
 Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. Fr. Medina
 Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Medina

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 Aug 12... **Thu** Aug 2 noon
 Aug 19... **Thu** Aug 9 noon



Our Weekly Offering

July 22 \$ 8,541.58
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 37,502.24
 Budget YTD ... \$ 36,041.76
 Variance..... + 4.05%

July 29, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 29: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 30:

Tuesday, July 31:

Wednesday, August 1:

Transitions will resume meeting in September

7:00 pm..... Parish Picnic Meeting
– Community Life (PC)

Thursday, August 2:

7:00 pm..... Communications
Ministry Board (PC)

Friday, August 3:

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult
(OLRH)

Saturday, August 4:

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul serves all who come to us for help. The service we give comes in many forms: rent help, help with utilities, food, clothing, referrals to other agencies. St. Vincent de Paul service is intended to be emergency service.

A disabled man who is paralyzed came to us for help with food. He lives in Palo Alto & receives assistance from SSI. This week he was running short. He was given a food voucher.

A couple who live in one of the low cost hotels in Palo Alto needed help for one night's rent. They support themselves by panhandling, collecting cans and other odd jobs. St. Vincent de Paul paid for the one night's rent.

These two cases are examples of people who are managing their lives as well as they are able and most of the time they are self-sufficient. Occasionally they run short and St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul is there to assist them on these occasions.

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

THURSDAY AUGUST 16TH – WIDOW AND WIDOWER Watch the Sunset over the Pacific Ocean – Thursday, August 16, at 5:30 p.m. will be a dinner at Miramar Beach Restaurant in Half Moon Bay. For the menu and information the URL is www.miramarbeachrestaurant.com Call Peg Herzig for information (650) 948-3295.

PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday August 1st, 7pm at the Pastoral Center. All parishioners are invited to attend the planning meeting. We are gratified to have William Akey and Ted Baer chair the Picnic which will be held September 23rd at OLR. Any questions, please call Julie Crozier (650) 856-6854.

UPDATE ON "ROOTED IN FAITH – EMBRACING OUR FUTURE"

Our Diocese of San Jose Capital Campaign "Rooted in Faith – Embracing Our Future" reached a remarkable milestone on June 22 when total pledges received totaled over \$107 million dollars -- over the \$100 million dollar goal. These pledges have come from over 18,000 families, showing the widespread willingness of our church to adequately provide for its future needs.

The Campaign will soon begin winding down, but it is not too late to contribute if you have not had a chance to. Our own parish had **509 pledges** totaling **\$2,06,493**, which represented 164% of our parish goal of \$1,255,000. Because our parish exceeded 150% of our goal, any contributions at this point come ***50%*** back to our parish, to invest and spend for our parish needs.

The total share our parish is set to receive as pledges are redeemed over the next 5 years is \$559,000. These monies will be used to fund such large expenditures as the re-roofing and painting of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and a new immersion baptismal font at St. Albert the Great. *Thank you all for your financial support of our Diocese and parish.*

DRIVERS STILL NEEDED TO HIDDEN VILLA SUMMER CAMP

Three children per week from East Palo Alto have scholarships to attend the Hidden Villa Day Camp in Los Altos Hills. Drivers are needed for the three remaining weeks of camp, 7/30, 8/6, & 8/13. The three children need to be picked up at their homes in East Palo Alto to arrive at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills at about 8:45 am. The pickup for the return to their homes is at 4 pm. The children stay overnight on Thursday so there is no Thursday evening nor Friday morning pickup. The Friday return pickup is at 11:45 a.m.

The hope is that the three evening or 4 morning pickups will be by one driver, but adjustments can be made. Please consider helping to ease the transportation problem in making Hidden Villa available to the children of East Palo Alto. For more information call George Chippendale at 856-6350.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS eBULLETIN

In an effort to supplement the weekly printed Bulletin with a communications vehicle that can have a later publication deadline, our parish Communications Board has initiated a **St. Thomas Aquinas eBulletin**. The intent is to publish the eBulletin **every Friday morning via email** to interested parishioners. The eBulletin is intended to carry brief reminders for the upcoming weekend and coming week, including event reminders, 2nd Collection notices, last minute changes of venue or schedule, etc.

To subscribe, send an email request to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org, and your email account will be added to the email list. When submitting events and other notices to the printed Bulletin (sent to bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org) consider also sending a copy to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org for inclusion there. The submission deadline for the eBulletin is 6:00 p.m. Thursday evenings, for publication the following morning. – *STA Communications Board, submitted by Chris Lundin*

WELCOME REFUGEES

This summer the number of refugees entering our country legally will be over 30,000. 60 families are expected here in our county. You may remember the Lost Boys of the Sudan and the people who came from Bosnia a few years ago. Once again, we have the chance to welcome our brothers and sisters.

Catholic Charities asks you to partner with them – organize your community to help with supplies of household goods, clothing, bus passes, gift cards, school supplies and toiletries. Raise money for rent for several months. Offer your time to drive them to ESL classes, doctor appointments, and grocery shopping. Spend time telling stories and playing games. Catholic Charities provides a case manager for each family. To help welcome a refugee family contact Reza at REZA@ccsj.org or Archana at asharma@ccsj.org or 408 325-5215.

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.

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

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