

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Some of the most comforting words in scripture come to us today in these readings. The passage from Romans is particularly comforting when we are worried about our spiritual life and fretting about it. "What will separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:35) Of course, nothing can! Christ's love, manifested in his life, death, and resurrection, was wholly for God and us, and he will not permit anything, great or small, to separate us from him. Our longing, our hunger for him is sustained by the Eucharist, and even in the darkest of times, when God seems absent and it is difficult to pray, we know by faith that God is with us. God's fidelity to us is absolute, especially when we are in darkness and confusion.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the anaphora and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome's former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city's only glory. The Romans wanted "good order" not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 3:

10:30 am OLR ... Ambrose & Winnie Tan †
 10:30 am STA ... Maria Pravisano Rosso †
Readings: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Monday, August 4: St. John Mary Vianney

7:15 am Iwatake Family (special intention)
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Mary Burke † & Family †
Readings: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 5:

7:15 am, 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Shuckley Family (special intention)
Readings: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 6:

7:15 am, 8:30 am
 12:15 pm McGuire Family (special intention)
Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Thursday, August 7: St. Sixtus and companions; St. Cajetan

7:15 am
 8:30 am Pat Taromina †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 8: St. Dominic

7:15 am
 8:30 am James & Edith Dubbs †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm Virginia McCosker †
 5:00 pm
Readings: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 9 & 10, 2008

St. Albert the Great

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

Our Lady of the Rosary

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



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, Elizabeth Smider, Betha Cervantes, John Braun, Carole Smith, Danny Chandler, Jim Cesano, Dan Alvero, Marge Dutton, Mary Lee Hagen, Mike Dennison, Ann Idzik, Virginia Kreutzer

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

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 Aug 17 . **Thur** Aug 7 noon
 Aug 24 **Thur** Aug 14 noon



Our Weekly Offering

July 20 \$ 10,353.02
 St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 3,185.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 29,072.55
 Budget YTD... \$ 27,956.73
 Variance + 3.99%

August 3, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 3: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 pm..... Jovenes (OLRH)

Monday, August 4:

Tuesday, August 5: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

Wednesday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day

7:00 pm Picnic Committee (SAGH)

7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, August 7:

Friday, August 8:

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 9: Nagasaki Memorial Day

Second Collection this weekend:

.....*Mission Co-op*

PICNIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Will meet on Wednesday, August 6th at 7 p.m. at St. Albert's Hospitality Center. If you can't attend the meeting, but would like to help at our annual Picnic, please call Julie Crozier 856-6854 or Jeanne Ramos 324-8788. This year's Picnic date: Sunday, Sept. 21st at the Seton School site.

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!

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

LADIES NIGHT OUT: SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008, 8:00PM TILL ??? This is a new monthly event on the second Saturday of every month. We go out together as a group, maybe attend a concert, dance, etc. Meet at Mabel's townhome about 8:00 pm. Ladies need to RSVP by Wednesday, August 6. Forming new friendships and having gal camaraderie is the goal of this activity! You don't have to attend every month. Only come when you have nothing better to do and would like to go out in a safe environment with a group of friends

Time: 8:00 arrive at Mabel's house till ??? depending on where we decide to go. Cost: Variable depending...Mabel's House: 5226 Myna Ct, San Jose, CA 95123. Call 408.623.2763 if you get lost. More information: Visit www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html, or contact Mabel m-ngo@sbcglobal.net, or age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008, 9

AM: Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. More information: Visit www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

TRANSITIONS: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008, 7:30 PM This 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. In September we will have a special guest speaker on the topic of annulments. We have a small lending library of helpful books you may borrow, keep, or pass on to others. Cost: There is no charge. Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, 94306. More information: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org.

BENEFITS CONCERT

Saturday, August 23, 2 p.m.: Saint Patrick's Seminary and University will hold a Benefits Concert featuring John Angotti, Catholic Music Artist at St. Mary's of the Assumption Cathedral at 1111 Gough Street in San Francisco. John is an award winning composer and recording artist. He was featured at the United States Papal visit and at World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. Performing with John Angotti will be a choir from Saint Francis High School in Mountain View and Nativity Church in Menlo Park that will be directed by Margaret Durando. The music group will be directed by: Gabriel Lucas, Our Lady of Wayside in Portola Valley. Tickets: \$75 for general admission. \$25 for students. To buy tickets online, click on John Angotti Benefits Concert at www.stpatricksseminary.org.

The benefits concert will help St. Patrick's Seminary and University address growth in enrollment for incoming seminarians as well as programs and services for priests at the Vatican II Institute. St. Patrick's is expected to enroll 30-35 new seminarians in the fall and at the same time experience huge growth in its sabbatical programs, mentoring activities, and other ongoing programs for priests. This includes programs for priests ordained within the last five years as well as English Language Programs and programs for priests who serve deaf and hard of hearing communities. Proceeds from Compact Disc sales from the concert will go to St. Patrick's and the organizations that helped put on the event. For more information, call (650) 325-5621 #104.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Period of inquiry. This is a time of introduction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for those who are not Christians. Also it is a time of reflection on one's own life in light of the values of the reign of God.

These meetings are an unstructured time of no fixed duration. An interested adult attends until they decide to take the next step in the RCIA process. For the not yet baptized adults, this is a time for questions and an opportunity for the beginnings of Christian faith to form.

Already baptized Christians seeking possible reception into the Catholic church are welcomed to learn the unique traditions and history of Catholicism, and also to explore and share their faith experiences with the others. Prayer and scripture readings are part of every meeting.

Catholics seeking to complete their Initiation Sacraments -- with Confirmation and/or First Eucharist -- are invited to these Inquiry meetings as well as those adults wanting to re-new their practicing of their Catholic religion after being away.

Contact Jean if you or anyone you know would like to attend the pre-catechumenate/inquiry meetings.

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

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/

Final Fun Summer events: • Tuesday, August 12 – free San Jose Giants baseball tickets. Nancy Pontier (Npontier@comcast.net) from St. Lucy's.

• Thursday, August 14 – Monterey County Fair & Tower of Power concert. Deepu (homedeepeu@yahoo.com) from St. Catherine's Morgan Hill.

• Saturday, August 16 – Raging Waters water slide park. Nancy Pontier (Npontier@comcast.net) from St. Lucy's.

The excitement is building for another year of STAYouth Ministry middle school and high school. We kick off again Sunday night, September 7, with our youth-centered 7pm mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Registration sheets available in church vestibules, pastoral center, or online via our middle school or high school pages.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adults www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

Sat, 8/9 - San Jose Jazz Festival - Join us for a Summer of Fun day of great music and a wonderful liturgy at the Basilica in San Jose. We'll take in the 4:30PM Jazz Mass followed by dinner downtown and music at the various stages set up downtown. There is a \$5.00 charge to enter the festival. Contact Larry, hudat@stanfordalumni.org, to sign up. Carpools can be arranged, contact Larry for the meeting place at 3:00PM or just meet at the Basilica for 4:30PM Mass.

Summer Speaker Series - World Youth Day and diocesan Fort Apache immersion Retrospective – Wed. 8/20 - Deacon Steve Herrera of the Diocese of San Jose joins a panel of Young Adults (including our own Andrew Lin and Rob Manfrey) for a look back at World Youth Day festivities and the recent DSJ Immersion Trip to the Native American reservations of the southwestern U.S. Doors open at 7PM for fellowship, Talks begin at 7:30PM. St. Joseph, Fr. Doyle Hall, 582 Hope St, Mountain View

Rob Manfrey, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Seton School is delighted to announce that our Science Center will soon become a reality. It will be a portable classroom standing alongside the far left hand side of the school. This has been much awaited and longed for, and will give our middle schoolers a great advantage in science when they enter high school. Please watch for more details.

LAY CONVOCATION

Bringing Voice to Faith, the Second Annual Northern California Lay Convocation, will be held on Saturday, September 6, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at the University of San Francisco, McLaren Center, 2130 Fulton Street.

Nationally acclaimed Parish Council expert Mark C. Fischer and locally successful Parish Council members will address "Building a Vital Parish Council: How to Nurture Collaboration at YOUR Parish" and Canon lawyer Sr. Eloise Rosenblat, RSM, and local liturgical experts will address "Celebrating the Homiletic Voice of the Laywoman and Layman." The St. Patrick's Seminary staff will address "Offering Homilies That Are Intelligent and Intelligent."

For more information and registration, go to www.NorCalLayConvocation.org or e-mail Rob Grant at robnieness@aol.com.