

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm, at St Thomas Aquinas Church, we have Mass followed by Benediction. During Benediction, we sing the familiar Latin hymns composed by our very own Patron Saint: Thomas Aquinas. We encourage more and more of our parishioners to receive this weekly blessing.

Right after Benediction we recite the Rosary (led daily by our faithful Ann Masik) and then people stay afterwards for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking for someone to coordinate this sacred time of prayer and adoration. Normally, we end the time for adoration at 4 pm. If you or someone you know can help to coordinate this adoration time from 2 to 4 pm, we can continue to offer this precious blessing to all our parishioners.



Please contact the Parish Office at 494-2496 for more information and also to sign up if you are willing to coordinate this Wednesday afternoon for Prayer and Adoration.

In Prayer and in Ministry, Fr. George

TODAY'S MESSAGE

OUR FATHER IN FAITH — The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called “father” in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God’s call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham’s faith was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

MISSION CO-OP 2ND COLLECTION

August 18-19 will be the Mission Co-op 2nd Collection and a visit to our parish by Maryknoller Missionaries. Let us welcome them!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 12:

7:30 am STA..... Patti Dalton and Family
(Living & Deceased)

8:45 am STA..... Ronald Short †

9:00 am SAG Eloise † & Daniel
Murphy †

Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
[1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

Monday, August 13: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

7:15 am

8:30 am Dorothy Anderson †

12:15 pm

Readings: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 14: St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

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

Readings: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 15:

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm All Holy Souls (Living & Deceased)

Readings: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday, August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary

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

Readings: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 17:

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm Patti Dalton and Family
(Living & Deceased)

Readings: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 18: St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm

5:00 pm SAG Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 18 & 19, 2007

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Medina

Sun 9:00 am Maryknoll
Missionary

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am..... Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am..... Fr. Rubio

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 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, Lairy, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall,

Nicholas Humy, 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, John Rooney

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, Bonnie Weigan, Beth Gubisch

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Aug 26.. **Thu** Aug 16 noon
Sept 2... **Thu** Aug 23 noon



Our Weekly Offering

August 5 \$ 9,266.05
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD..... \$ n/a
Budget YTD \$ n/a
Variance..... + n/a%

August 12, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 12: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:15 am Site Committee Meeting (SAGC)

Monday, August 13:
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Tuesday, August 14:
1:00 pm YLI (OLRH)
6:00 pm Spanish Baptism Class (PC/DR)

Wednesday, August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Holy Day of Obligation*
Transitions will resume meeting in September
12:00 pm PA Ministerial Assoc Meeting (SAGC)
6:00 pm Deanery 2 (SAGC)
8:00 pm Gregorian Mass (STA)

Thursday, August 16:
6:00 pm Deanery 2 (SAGC)

Friday, August 17:
12:30 pm STAYouth (PC)
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 18:
12:00-9:00 pm ... Corchado 50th Wedding: Mass, Reception at Hall (OLRH)

NEW PRESIDER AT SUNDAY MASS

Fr. Francisco Nahoe Mulloy, O.F.M., is our new regular presider at the 12:00 noon Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Fr. Nahoe is a native of Rapa Nui (Easter Island), son of a native of Rapa Nui and an Irish woman whose parents were archeologists on Rapa Nui. A 1980 graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, MA, Fr. Nahoe earned a degree in Philosophy from Pomona College in Claremont, CA, and also has a degree in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Seraphicum in Rome, Italy. Ordained in 1990, he has been a Franciscan friar of St. Joseph of Cupertino Province, serving in Arroyo Grande, CA. Welcome, and thank you, Fr. Francisco!

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

THURSDAY AUGUST 16TH – WIDOW/WIDOWERS SUNSET DINNER

Widows, widowers and guests will gather for a sunset dinner, Thursday, August 16, 5:30 p.m. at Miramar Beach Restaurant, Half Moon Bay. For reservations call Peg at (650) 948-3295. For menu information check their website: www.miramarbeachrestaurant.com

Our first meeting of the season will be September 6, 7:00 p.m. at St. Albert Hall, new members are invited. Recent activities included dinner and show in San Francisco, tour of Filoli House and Gardens with twelve members including newcomer Herb Ekland and a memorial mass for Peg's daughter Celine. For membership info, phone Vic at (650) 328-3936.

SETON'S SENSATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School for Grades K-5 at St. Elizabeth Seton was filled with fun and academics. Grades 2 through 5 focused on a novel approach by reading works such as "Esperanza Rising" and "Sadako and A Thousand Cranes." Through dramatizations in morning assembly, students brought their novels to life and included topics from their nutrition and mathematics classes, as well as the Seton Student Learning Expectations.

After school activities included painting with watercolor, making beaded jewelry, and creating masks, mosaics and kites. The 4th and 5th graders sewed their own individual quilts, and the finished products were nothing short of mini-masterpieces. The final hurrah was an enthusiastic Talent Show.

For School info please contact: Sue Riggs, Associate Development Director, St. Elizabeth Seton School, 650 326-1258, sriggs@stelizabethseton.com



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AGE OF AQUINAS STAR PARTY

Next star party: **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**, 2007, 7:00-10:00 pm. To boldly go where only a few have gone before... all you have to do is come to the next Age of Aquinas Star Party! Bring your telescope and/or binoculars (if you have them) and a picnic dinner. While the sun sets and twilight deepens, we'll have our picnic and get our telescopes set up. Dress warmly in layers. Clear nights can get chilly. Admission: FREE! Location: Meet at the Park'n'Ride at I-280 and Page Mill Rd west of Palo Alto at 7:00pm. From there we'll carpool to Foothill Park. Anyone with a telescope aboard gets in free and does not need to be a Palo Alto resident. Just tell them at the gate that you are an amateur astronomer participating in the public star party. We will be joining the Peninsula Astronomical Society for this month's summer star party. Directions: Take I-280 to the Page Mill exit. The Park 'n' Ride is west (south) of the interchange. More information: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or Carrie Karnos, ckarnos@yahoo.com.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT, INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL ISSUES

The Human Concerns Committee's website now has several new commentaries on some troublesome issues: domestic violence against women, the position of U.S. bishops on the Iraq war, the recent immigration raids, and the Bishops' position on climate change. There is also a page called "Recent Reports from the Vatican;" the latest report regards an address to the U.N. Human Rights Council.

To get to the site, go to the Parish web site (www.paloaltocatholic.org). Click on "Click to Enter." You arrive at the "Home Page." At the top of the page, there is a list of sites. The second one from the right is "Human Concerns." Click on that one. First, you see the Mission Statement of the HCC. Then there is a list of links. The first one is "Who We Are," which tells of several of the initiatives of the Human Concerns Committee. There are various other links, including those cited above. *Paul Chestnut, Human Concerns Committee*

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 STAY 2007-08 – 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 register ASAP. Checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish; submit forms & checks to the Pastoral Center.

STAY resumes September 9 with a special Sunday evening Mass at 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Junior High and Senior High parents/students welcome and encouraged to attend. STAY Orientation to follow. This Mass is open to the entire parish community.

High School "Faith Full" Retreat – Saturday, Nov. 3 at 9am thru Sunday, Nov. 4 at 4pm. \$90 cost. Redwood Glen Camp in Scotts Valley. We have 10 spots reserved, yet could take more. RSVP to Rob as space will go fast.

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 – The Problem of Evil – Thursday, August 16 – SPEAKER: Deacon Steve Herrera from the Diocese of San Jose. Doors 7:00pm; Talk 7:30pm at St. Albert the Great Hall. Spread the word and invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Monthly Deanery Mass – Tuesday, August 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. Reception to follow.

New DSJ Bowling League - Wednesdays, starting September 12, 6:30 weekly; Moonlite Bowl in Santa Clara. Individuals and Teams of 4 welcome. Contact Scott Vestnys at freakiev@comcast.net

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Catholic Charities invites you to work with case managers to welcome refugee families into our community. Each gift of household items or bus passes, each offer of a ride, each invitation to a family picnic, each hour of practice with the English language is valuable. To help welcome a refugee family contact Reza at REZA@ccsj.org or Archana at asharma@ccsj.org or 408 325-5215.

BOOK DRIVE FOR TOTS

Four weeks into this effort we're doing well. The boxes will remain in our vestibules until Labor Day. Keep 'em coming! Age-appropriate 0-5, new or slightly scuffed. If you prefer Catholic Charities to shop for you, write checks to parish; put ccjsj "Raising a Reader" on memo line.



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.