

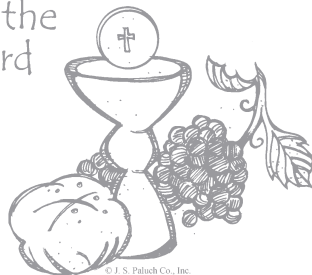
# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

Taste and see the  
goodness  
of the  
Lord



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 16:

7:30 am STA. . . . Joan Copenhagen  
(birthday)

9:00 am SAG . . . Elisabeth Quintero †

10:30 am OLR . . . Florencio & Maria Nieves  
Pedron †

Readings: *Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58*

Monday, August 17:

Readings: *Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22*

Tuesday, August 18:

8:30 am OLR . . . Ambrose & Winnie Tan †

12:15 pm STA . . . Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: *Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30*

Wednesday, August 19: St. John Eudes

8:30 am OLR . . . Elisabeth Quintero †

Readings: *Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16*

Thursday, August 20: St. Bernard

Readings: *Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14*

Friday, August 21: St. Pius X

8:30 am OLR . . . Ray Marovich †

Readings: *Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40*

Saturday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm SAG . . . Jim Chinn †

Readings: *Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12*

### LOVE THEM BOTH

*We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it. —Thomas Aquinas*

## HOLD THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, PARISH PICNIC

We could write a good bit about how nice it is to spend time relaxing with parishioners, taking time to catch up in ways we often can't do after mass, and how fun it is to see how many different kinds of potato salad are arrayed on the pot-luck table, and how tasty a freshly BBQ'd hot dog or hamburger (by the famed Knights of Columbus BBQ and Drill Team!) can taste, but really all we need to tell you is that our annual parish picnic is planned for Sunday, September 13 at Our Lady of the Rosary, and that we'd love for you to hold that date and plan to join us!

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 22 & 23, 2009

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. 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 Swope, Virginia Jordan, Laura Simeone, Alan Shpalo, Sarah Clear, Eva Leung, Jane Bahr, Smithy Smith, Rena del Rosario

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Maria Nieves Pedron, Irene Placone, Ed Paczkowski, Allen Erickson, Chet Maksim, Antoni Bozynski, Gilbert Huesca, Rosalie Martin-Veque, Benjamin Antonio Sr., Jim Chinn, Robert Jordan, Nancy Condon, Anthony Thalmann

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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

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BULLETIN . . . . . ARTICLE DUE  
Aug 30. . . . . **Thu** Aug 20 noon  
Sep 6. . . . . **Thu** Aug 27 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

July 19 . . . . . \$ 9,554.70  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 26,864.21  
Budget YTD . . . \$ 28,260.63  
Variance . . . . . - 4.94%

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:45 am ..... Hands On Healing Prayer (OLRH)

3:00 pm ..... Young Adult Retreat – Encuentro (OLR)

Monday, August 17:

7:30 pm ..... Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, August 18:

Wednesday, August 19:

7:00 pm ..... STA Site Committee (SAGH)

7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, August 20:

7:00 pm ..... Young Adult (SAGC)

Friday, August 21:

7:00 pm ..... Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 22: Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting) begins this week

9:00 am ..... Catechist Retreat (OLRH)

## HELPER NEEDED

*God is a good worker; but loves to be helped. —Basque proverb*

## THANK YOU

We have a word of thanks from Catholic Charities following its recent annual diocesan collection. In this grim year of recession, parishioners gave or pledged \$21,301 - an amount greater (by 10.6%) than we did last year. May God bless your faithful giving.

## TRANSITIONS

Wednesday 7:30 pm at Pastoral Center. Transitions is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couple-hood to single-hood. [paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, [transitions@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:transitions@paloaltocatholic.org)

## STAYOUTH MINISTRY IS RECRUITING CORE TEAM MEMBERS

Both the Middle School and High School Youth Ministry programs are in need of core team members to help plan and facilitate the STAY sessions on Sunday evenings. We are primarily looking for young adults, or adults who are young at heart. The year long commitment will include 2 hours on Sunday evenings for STAY sessions and an additional once a month core team member meeting. MS will be utilizing the Edge curriculum. Training is available through the Diocese or one on one. Interested individuals, who share a love of Christ and an interest to minister to either MS or HS youth, should contact Kristy Rozsnyoi at [kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com)

## HEALING PRAYER TRAINING

Healing of the whole person is a vital component of The Good News, the Gospel message of Jesus. Scripture instructs us to "pray for one another so that you may be healed." Even though the many difficulties we face are often beyond our understanding, each of us is called to intercede in faith for one another and to pray for one another's healing.

Would you like to know more about hands-on-healing prayer? Those interested are invited to join Jean Ramacciotti and a few others on the healing prayer team for a teach-in on the history and update of this form of prayer. Attendees will participate in laying on of hands and praying over each other for healing.

Our Lady of the Rosary Hall--Sunday August 16 at 11:45am.

St. Albert the Great Center--Sunday August 23 at 10:15am.

## S.T.A. BRIDGE 2009-10

Time to sign up for the new season of bridge. Please notify Ann Ackerman at 650-326-1336 or Nickie Andrews at 650-494-2152 if you plan to play again this year. Give us your correct current phone # and address. Newcomers are always welcome to the group. We play bridge in the afternoon once a month from October through June. Please call one of us by Sept. 10th so we can set up a schedule and get them mailed to you.

## STAYOUTH

STAYouth Ministry; MS (6-8th grade) and HS (9-12th grade)

Mark your calendars. The STAYouth Ministry program will be hosting a Back to STAY BBQ and Mass on Sunday September 13, 2009, from 6:00-8:30pm at OLR. All interested MS and HS youth, returning or new, and their families are invited to attend. All MS/HS Youth, if you would like to participate in the Mass, please contact Kristy at [kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com).

Information regarding the STAY program and Confirmation sessions for 2009-2010 will be emailed to returning families during the month of August. Attachments will include the STAY Registration form, Commitment Contract, Parent Volunteer Form, and STAY calendar. Information and forms will also be available on the STAY website at <http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/stay>. New families, please contact Kristy Rozsnyoi at [kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com) to be added to our list.

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## POPE DECLARES YEAR OF THE PRIEST

"Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests" is the theme of the Year for Priests announced by Pope Benedict XVI, according to a statement from the Holy See Press Office.

Priestly ordination creates new men who are bestowed with the gift and office of sanctifying, teaching and governing, said the Pope.

The pope said he was calling for the special year for priests in an effort to foster the priest's yearning "for spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends."

Care must also be taken to ensure permanent and consistent doctrinal and spiritual formation for seminarians and priests, he said, specifying the importance of passing down, especially to younger generations, "a correct reading of the texts of the Second Vatican Council, interpreted in the light of all the church's doctrinal heritage."

Priests must also be "present, identifiable and recognizable -- for their judgment of faith, their personal virtues and their attire -- in the fields of culture and charity which have always been at the heart of the church's mission," he said.

It must be a year that is both positive and forward looking in which the Church says to her priests above all, but also to all the Faithful and to wider society by means of the mass media, that she is proud of her priests, loves them, honours them, admires them and that she recognises with gratitude their pastoral work and the witness of their life. Truthfully priests are important not only for what they do but also for who they are." — Cláudio Cardinal Hummes, Prefect-Congregation for the Clergy.

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## YOUNG ADULT SPEAKER SERIES

Faith and Intimacy: Talk by Fr. Carl Schlichte, OP, parochial vicar of the Catholic Community at Stanford.

Young Adult Speaker Series, Thursday, 8/20, 7:30pm, St. Albert the Great, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto. Looking for love but settling for less? We'll take a look at finding real intimacy in the appearance-obsessed modern world.

Part of the the Circle Summer Speaker Series 2009.  
Bios of the speakers and more info are on our site  
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