

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.



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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 17:  
 7:30 am STA... Virginia McCosker †  
 10:30 am OLR... Ambrose & Winnie Tan †  
 10:30 am STA... Pat Slevin †  
*Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28*

Monday, August 18: St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
 7:15 am, 8:30 am  
 12:15 pm... Vince Giovannotto †  
*Readings: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22*

Tuesday, August 19: St. John Eudes  
 7:15 am... Anthony Batista Vacchiano †  
 8:30 am... Virginia McCosker †  
 12:15 pm... Carmen Lamb †  
*Readings: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30*

Wednesday, August 20: St. Bernard  
 7:15 am, 8:30 am  
 12:15 pm... Virginia McCosker †  
*Readings: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16*

Thursday, August 21: St. Pius X  
 7:15 am, 8:30 am  
 12:15 pm... Jason Abohwo (special intention)  
*Readings: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14*

Friday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 7:15 am...  
 8:30 am... Ray Marovich †  
 12:15 pm...  
*Readings: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40*

Saturday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary  
 12:15 pm, 5:00 pm  
*Readings: Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 23 & 24, 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. Rubio  
 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, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, Marian Partelow, Mary Imbornone, John Braun, Jim Cesano, Dan Alvero, Marge Dutton, Mary Lee Hagen, Mike Dennison, Ann Idzik, Virginia Kreutzer, Ann Ackerman, Chet DiLauro

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Robert Gaspich, Virginia McCosker, Doña Francisca Camarena de Medina, Margaret Watkins, Joseph Kehret, Pat Slevin, Jack Youngs

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)



Please note our email address:  
[bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org)

BULLETIN... ARTICLE DUE  
 Aug 31 **Thur** Aug 21 noon  
 Sept 7 **Thur** Aug 28 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

August 4... \$ 9,994.67  
 Mission Plan... \$ 3,595.00  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 47,208.09  
 Budget YTD... \$ 46,594.55  
 Variance... + 1.32%

# August 17, 2008

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 17: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 18:

7:30 pm..... AEP (SAGC)

7:30 pm ..... RCIA Inquiry Group (pre-catechumenate) (PC)

Tuesday, August 19:

Wednesday, August 20:

7:00 pm..... Deanery 2 Young Adult Circle (SAGC)

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

Thursday, August 21:

7:00 pm..... Deanery 2 Young Adult Circle (SAGC)

7:00 pm..... Scripture Study (OLRH)

Friday, August 22:

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

Saturday, August 23:

## 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!

## 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.

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

**TRANSITIONS: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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. The September 17 meeting will feature a special guest speaker on the topic of annulments. Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center. More info: [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, [transitions@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:transitions@paloaltocatholic.org).

### SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 9 AM

Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about an hour, meeting back at the café for coffee, tea and/or brunch about 10:15 or so. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! We always hike, rain or shine! More info: Visit [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org).

### FINANCIAL TALK - BY MARIA EDMUNDS-ZEDIKER: TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 7:30 PM

The topic is Financial Wisdom For Mid-Lifers, and the talk is free. Ms. Edmonds-Zediker is a Certified Financial Planner specializing in retirement plans for teachers and for very small business (<50 employees), and in Section 529 college savings plans. She is currently Financial Advisor for Foothill Securities. Time: 7:30 pm till about 8:30 pm with schmooze time afterward. Cost: FREE! Location: St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. More info: Visit [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html), or contact Mabel Ngo by email: [m-ngo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-ngo@sbcglobal.net) or [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org).

**FREE RETREAT: EXERCISES OF IGNATIUS LOYOLA** The Spiritual Exercise of Ignatius Loyola, a 30 week retreat is being offered from Sept. 2008 – May 2009 at Most Holy Trinity Parish, San Jose, the Jesuit Parish. Find out what you really want from life, contact Sr. Patricia Galli, 408 729-0101 ext. 117 or [pgalli@mht-church.org](mailto:pgalli@mht-church.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Laura Kreutzer Forrest and Minji Ng will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by Fr. George next Sunday August 24 at the 10:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary.

What is the sacrament of confirmation? A sacrament in which the Holy Spirit is given to those already baptized in order to make them strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom, and of understanding, the spirit of counsel, and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge, and of godliness(piety). And they shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge according to the sight of the eyes, nor reprove according to the hearing of the ears." -Isaiah 11:2-3

(The other candidates seeking Confirmation will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil in April 2009.) Contact Jean if you or anyone you know has questions about receiving any of the Initiation Sacraments--Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation.

Perhaps you would like to come into Full Communion with your Catholic community!

*Jean Ramacciotti, Director of the Catechumenate (RCIA), 650 494-2496 ext. 34, [pajeannr@yahoo.com](mailto:pajeannr@yahoo.com)*

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSES

Saturdays: September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20. Part I: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Part II: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Our Lady of Peace Parish, Family Learning Center, Room 1201, 2800 Mission College Boulevard Santa Clara, CA 95054

Natural Family Planning is taught by certified instructors, Dr. Tom and Debbie Lenz. There is a \$135.00 fee for the Natural Family Planning Kit which is payable at the time of the class. Make checks payable to: Couple to Couple League (CCL). Please call or email the Lenz's for registration: (925) 672-0727 or tlenzmd@aol.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/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

We are proud to welcome Mrs. Kristy Rozsnyoi (pronounced Roz-nee) as our new part-time, paid Middle School Coordinator. She and her newlywed husband Frank (who recently joined the Church himself thru the RCIA catechumenate) are new to Palo Alto from the San Diego area. Kristy has recent background in counseling young adolescents and works now full-time at Notre de Namur University in Belmont. They are proud to claim St. Thomas Aquinas as their new faith home, hopefully for years to come.

Servant Leadership Institute (Aug. 23 & 24, one overnight) for our HS Youth Leadership Team [YLT]. theIntersection Teen Center, St. Nicholas School site, Los Altos.

Another exciting year of STAYouth kicks off again Sunday night, September 7, with our youth-centered 7pm mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Registration forms 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/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

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.

Annual Circle Wine Trip, all day - Sat, 8/23. Join us for a day of fun & sun in beautiful wine country. This year is a joint wine trip with the St. Dominic's (San Francisco) Young Adult group. We will charter a bus up to Sonoma for the day. We will leave in the morning and return by dinner time. We will taste wine at several wineries and do some cheese tasting as well. Cost for the bus is about \$30.00 (tasting fees and lunch is extra). Reserve your seat today by emailing Scott at [wildcatman1@earthlink.net](mailto:wildcatman1@earthlink.net)

**DEANERY 2 YOUNG ADULTS** [www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://www.YoungAdultCircle.org) Young Adults from our local parishes gather regularly for social, spiritual, service, and sports. Register online to receive our weekly e-newsletter for the latest info. Watch for exciting Summer of Fun events and our monthly Summer Speaker Series, from June- September.

*Rob Manfrey, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, [STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org)*

## RECOVERING PARADISE RETREAT

Kathleen P. Deignan, CND, PhD, theologian, sacred songwriter, and professor of religious studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, will present a retreat celebrating Thomas Merton's creation spirituality in word and song on Saturday, September 6, at Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills.

Welcome and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m.; the retreat concludes at 3:00 p.m. Participants should bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Pre-registration is required due to space limitations at Hidden Villa; registration is requested by August 30. Registrants will receive further information and directions to Hidden Villa by September 2. There is no charge for the retreat, but donations are gratefully accepted (\$30 suggested).

This retreat is sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center of Palo Alto, a non-profit religious education organization of lay Catholics, which aims to enhance spiritual development through education, spiritual practice and social outreach. The Merton Center ([www.thomasmerton.org](http://www.thomasmerton.org)) sponsors regular Roman Catholic Sunday and other liturgies, adult education programs and community development activities.

To pre-register for the retreat, email to [anna.jak@accesscom.com](mailto:anna.jak@accesscom.com), (include name, address, and phone number) or call Anna Jaklitsch at (650) 327-0978 (leave message--please spell your first & last name, address, phone number and email address), or write to Thomas Merton Center, PO Box 60061, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) has inspired and challenged generations of spiritual seekers in the sacred dimensions of personal, social, and political lives.