

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP – Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 19:
 9:00 am SAG Vince Giovannotto †
 12:00 pm STA Joseph Schembri †
Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday, August 20: St. Bernard
 7:15 am Frances Podlovits †
 8:30 am Emilia Ragon †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 21: St. Pius X
 7:15 am Communion Service
 8:30 am Communion Service
 12:15 pm Communion Service
Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 22:
 7:15 am
 8:30 am Bonnie Wilcox (health)
 12:15 pm Marjorie Webb † &
 B. Gasser †
Readings: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima
 7:15 am
 8:30 am Ray Marovich †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 24: St. Bartholomew
 7:15 am
 8:30 am All Souls
 12:15 pm Manuel C. Luz (birthday)
Readings: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Saturday, August 25: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary
 12:15 pm YLI
 5:00 pm SAG
Readings: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 25 & 26, 2007

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha
 Sun 9:00 am TBA

St. Thomas Aquinas
 Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
 Sun 8:45 am Msgr. Boyle
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Medina
 Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary
 Sun 9:00 am (español) .. Fr. Medina
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring plunged into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called bullae after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the Pescatorio, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the Pescatorio as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents. —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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 Kopernvas, Mary Ann Rundell, Barbara Woods, Phillip Chang, Mary Imbomone, Devin Wakefield, Crescentia, Jennifer Wagner, Laury, 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, Venetia 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
 Sept 2... **Thu** Aug 23 noon
 Sept 9... **Thu** Aug 30 noon



Our Weekly Offering

August 12 \$ 9,182.02
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 64,071.05
 Budget YTD... \$ 63,073.08
 Variance..... + 1.58%

August 19, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 19: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 20:

Tuesday, August 21:
7:15 pm JustFaith (PC)

Wednesday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Transitions will resume meeting in September
7:30 pm STA Site Committee (STAH)

Thursday, August 23:

Friday, August 24:
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 25:

*Faith makes all things possible—
it does not make them easy.*

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the ten shoppers who took a child from East Palo Alto on a shopping spree donated by Mervyn's in Millbrae. Our great shoppers were Simon and Laura Chiu, Barbara Kent, Kay Williams, Anna Jaklitsch, Fran McVittie, Melody McLaughlin, Ann Idzik, Chris Lada and Tom Jaworowski.
— Ruth & George Chippendale

BOOK DRIVE FOR TOTS

Several 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 ccsj "Raising a Reader" on memo line.



UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22ND – AGE OF AQUINAS SAN JOSE GIANTS

BALLGAME & FIREWORKS 5:00-11:00 pm Take yourself out to the ballgame! The San Jose Giants ("Little Giants") are playing the Visalia Oaks and after the game there will be FIREWORKS! We will gather in the picnic area along the 3rd base line before the game. Turkey Mike's BBQ has great fare (eg BBQ Tri-tip for about \$10... enough for 2 at least)! If we get there early enough, we can save seats in the stands and sit together.

Cost: \$9.00. This is the general admission price (\$6 if you're 65+ or 12-). Order your tickets online for will-call at www.sjgiants.com (click on the Single Game Tickets box on the left) or call 408.297.1435. Parking next to the stadium is \$6.00. Location: San Jose Municipal Stadium, 588 E Alma Ave, San Jose, CA 95112. Directions: Take I-280 to the 10th/11th St exit. Go south on 10th St (it's one-way). Alma is the 2nd light. Turn left. The parking lot and stadium are on the left. More information: <http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html> or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.



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SUNDAY AUGUST 26TH – AGE OF AQUINAS EMBARCADERO WALK

9:15 am - 3:15 pm We'll start in Mountain View at the San Antonio CalTrain Station, purchasing our day passes to board the 9:23 train to San Francisco. From the CalTrain depot, we'll walk down Townsend Street to the Embarcadero. Then we'll walk along the Embarcadero to Pier 39 (Fisherman's Wharf). Estimated round trip walk time is 3 hours. For lunch, we may stop at the South Beach Café on the way back. We'll depart on the 2:00 pm train arriving back in Mountain View at approximately 3:10 pm.

Cost: \$11.50 for the CalTrain day pass. Location: Meet at the San Antonio CalTrain Station at 9:15am. This train arrives at San Francisco Station at approximately 10:36 am if you'd rather meet us there. More information: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or Ron Wipfler, 408.772.0852, wipf7585@juno.com.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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/

STAY resumes September 9 with a special Sunday evening Mass at 6:30pm @ 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.

STAY unification at Our Lady of the Rosary site – Both Junior High (OLR Hall/Church) and Senior High (Dermody Center) will meet Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm at our OLR site, as approved by parental survey last spring.

Registration – 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.

Help Needed for Vacation Bible School – Service Hours granted to help Religious Education launch its new VBS program. August 23 & 24 from 9am-Noon at St. Albert the Great / Seton School grounds. Contact Sue Clingingsmith to volunteer.

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

HOPE LIVES!

Refugees are people of hope. This summer Catholic Charities is working with several refugee families who are newly arrived. We need your help - the help of individuals, families, and parish communities - to make hopes come true. In addition to donations, large and small, we need volunteers to spend a few hours helping with transportation, practicing English, going shopping, and getting acquainted with the community. To help welcome a refugee family contact Reza at REZA@ccsj.org or Archana at asharma@ccsj.org or 408 325-5215.



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