

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

This note was in our suggestion box recently:

"I attend the 12:15 pm mass at St Thomas during the week, which I thoroughly love. However, at times there is no priest. And a devout older male assumes the role of the priest, and uses his unordained hands to bless the hosts, pray, sing Christmas carols, and give a sermon about himself. I think this is beyond his lay minister role. Thank you."



RESPONSE: Communion services are generally not encouraged by the church because of the confusion it may create with the celebration of Eucharist. Yet, in practical terms, with two priests and three daily Masses in our parish, it is sometimes difficult to have a priest present to celebrate daily Mass. Vacations or sickness are good examples that lead to celebrations in the absence of a priest, or Communion services.

There is a book in each sacristy that gives the proper order of service to be followed for a communion service. The minister of a communion service cannot bless or consecrate the hosts or even offer a blessing at the end. The hosts have been consecrated from previous Masses, and simply distributed by the eucharistic minister. The minister is also challenged to provide a reflection on the word of God and not necessarily to give a sermon about themselves. They are there to serve the people in the absence of a priest.



Our goal is to have as few Communion services as possible during the liturgical year.

May Communion services only increase our longing for the full celebration of Eucharist each day.

Fr. George

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 24:

10:30 am OLR ... Carmen Lamb †

10:30 am STA ... Pat Slevin †

Readings: *Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20*

Monday, August 25: St. Louis of France;  
St. Joseph Calasanz

7:15 am .....

8:30 am ..... Manuel Luz (birthday and retirement)

12:15 pm ..... Alfred Polido †

Readings: *2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22*

Tuesday, August 26:

7:15 am .....

8:30 am ..... Denise Gaynor †

12:15 pm .....

Readings: *2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26*

Wednesday, August 27: St. Monica

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm ..... Gloria Del Rosario †

Readings: *2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32*

Thursday, August 28: St. Augustine

7:15 am .....

8:30 am ..... Holy Souls †

12:15 pm .....

Readings: *1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51*

Friday, August 29: The Martyrdom of  
St. John the Baptist

7:15 am ..... Fred Hagen †

8:30 am .....

12:15 pm ..... Annabelle & Sam Levey †

Readings: *1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29*

Saturday, August 30: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm ..... John Thomas (special intention)

5:00 pm ..... Tom Power & Lupe Damian †

Readings: *1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 30 & 31, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm ..... Fr. Gutierrez

Sun 9:00 am ..... Fr. Mikalonis

St. Thomas Aquinas

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

Sun 8:45 am ..... Fr. Marini

Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Mikalonis

Sun 12 noon ..... TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. Fr. Gutierrez

Sun 10:30 am ..... Fr. Gutierrez



### 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  
Sept 7 . **Thur** Aug 28 noon  
Sept 14 **Thur** Sept 4 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

August 10 ..... \$ n/a

### Year To Date

Actual YTD ..... \$

Budget YTD ..... \$

Variance ..... + %

# August 24, 2008

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 24: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3:00 pm ..... Jovenes (OLRH)

Monday, August 25:  
5:00 pm ..... New Parent Night (OLRH)

Tuesday, August 26:  
9:00 am ..... Thomas House (PC)  
7:00 pm ..... Age of Aquinas (SAGH)  
7:30 pm ..... HCC (OLRH)

Wednesday, August 27:

Thursday, August 28:

Friday, August 29:  
7:00 pm ..... Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 30:

*Second Collection this weekend:*  
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## THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful, generous parishioners who brought food to the homeless guests while they were staying at the Christian Reformed Church. The folks from the church, as well as those staying there, were most appreciative of all the good food that was provided. – *Ruth Chippendale*

## FALL GREECE TRIP

We still have a few openings for the fall Greece trip in the steps of St Paul: October 28th to November 7th, 2008, conducted by Fr. George. If you are interested, please call the parish office and talk to Sandra at 494-2496, as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

### WIDOW AND WIDOWER OUTING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 6 PM

Peruvian Dining out - Guys, enjoy a tasty bit of exotic Peru and meet other widowers and widows at Estampas Peruvian restaurant. Free city parking in the rear after six o'clock. Carmen Biland, who lived in Peru, has selected a superb menu including a choice of beef, chicken, red snapper, and prawns. The complete dinner with appetizers, entrée, dessert and coffee or tea, for only \$24, including tax and tip. Call Carmen for reservations, address and directions by August 19th to be included in her count. (650)851-8844

### 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: [mngo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mngo@sbcglobal.net) or [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org).

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Three children between the ages of 5 months & 5 years; no money coming in; a \$100 payment overdue on the utility bill; a \$400 payment overdue on the phone bill. Angela had been doing well managing her life. She had child care & financial help from the college she was attending and she and her children were living in subsidized housing. Then she became involved in a domestic abuse incident with her ex-husband. She stopped attending classes because her face was badly disfigured from the beatings she received from her ex-husband. Consequently she no longer was eligible for financial assistance. Her closely related family members have all died. She has asked for help from our St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Our St. Vincent de Paul workers in the parish will provide her with emergency assistance. We will recommend social agencies that can provide assistance on a long term basis. Think of the heavy burden this woman is carrying and remember the dependent children that are involved in this tragedy. Please give generously when the collection plate comes your way.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Today we share in the grace filled celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation of Laura Forrest and Minji Ng. They will be receiving the extra grace of the Holy Spirit as Fr. George blesses them and anoints the two with the holy oil; and as the faithful who are present join in prayer for them.

Thanks to their sponsors Mark Kreutzer, Laura's father, and Nancy Ng, Minji's mother, for all the spiritual support and encouragement of their daughters.

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

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Seton School welcomes its new Development Director, Marcy Black, this month. Marcy has been a volunteer with young students in East Palo Alto for the past 4 years, and we are happy that she is bringing her skills and knowledge to Seton School, with its very similar population. She can be reached between Monday and Thursday at our Development Office, 326-1258.

## 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.

Sun, Sept 7: Youth BBQ @ 5pm before special Sunday evening mass @ 7pm OLR Church. Desserts and STAY sign-ups after mass. We are in need of any and all youth liturgical ministries of greeting, lector, usher, Eucharistic Ministers, musicians, etc.

Sun, Sept 14: Back-to-STAY Night (Parents only; youth off). Middle School parents in OLR Hall; High School parents in Dermody Center.

Sun, Sept. 21: • Catechetical Sunday (all STAY catechists/volunteers) at either 9am SAG or 10:30 OLR masses.

• Parish Picnic 11am-3pm @ SAG site. Youth/Teen related booth and games. SERVICE HOURS FOR SCHOOL AND PARISH!!!

• First Night of STAYouth sessions 7:00-8:30pm; Middle School in OLR Hall & High School in Dermody Center.

### **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 - Thanks to everyone who came to our World Youth Day / Fort Apache retrospective night on August 20. Our final Summer talk will be Wednesday, September 24, at St. Albert the Great Center, featuring Sr. Mary Criscione speaking about Mary Magdalene. Mark your calendars.

Monthly Young Adult Mass – Tues 8/26 – 7:30pm at St. Nicholas School in Los Altos (the Intersection Teen Chapel). Presider is Fr. Casey, pastor of St. Athanasius in Mountain View. Join us for a more intimate liturgy of introductions, young adult musicians, dialogue homily, and community-building after mass. Tell and bring friends and co-workers.

**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)

## FAITH FORMATION

Climate Change: Impact And Response, an 8-Session Program Starting 9/16, 7:00-9:30 pm, at the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center

St. Thomas Aquinas parish invites you to join this faith formation experience that will teach you about your “carbon footprint,” how climate change is impacting people around the world, and what we all can do to mitigate global warming. The group begins Sept 16, and meets Sept 30, Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18, and Dec 2 & 16 in the Pastor Center at 7:00 pm.

Prepared by JustFaith Ministries this program is based on the work of the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change and the Catholic bishops’ Environmental Justice Program. The eight 2 1/2 hour sessions will cover:

- Catholic theology on the environment—our place in and responsibility for God’s creation.
- The science of climate change—and how do we deal with our fears and feelings of powerlessness.
- Climate change and the poor—in terms of social justice, environmental racism, and the impact on the poor of global warming.
- Border-crossing experience. This is an action or field trip that sheds light on the implication of climate change and what we can do to address it. It is an opportunity to learn about our sources of energy and what is our local “carbon footprint”.
- Where do we go from here? What actions are we committed to taking so that all can live in a sustainable future, strengthened by our faith community?

For more information or to sign up, call Joan Meyn at 494-3467, or call or e-mail Michelle Hogan at 4493-8452 or [myhogan@earthlink.net](mailto:myhogan@earthlink.net). Cost of the program is nominal—the cost of Xeroxing the articles we read each week.