

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

By now, most, if not all, of our families must be back from summer vacations and travels. I hope all those who were away had a wonderful, safe, and memorable time. Welcome back home!

There are two important matters I wish to share with you today. The first is regarding our Parish Mission Statement. A Mission Statement should proclaim to the world who we are and what we are about. At the same time, as one of our parishioners put it, a Mission Statement ought to be 'pithy' and 'pregnant'. Only if it is 'pithy' can we claim to remember it and only if it is 'pregnant' can we claim that it is substantial and truly represents us as a Christian faith community. Our Pastoral Stewardship Council created a sub-committee to come up with a possible mission statement for our parish. When the Pastoral Stewardship Council looked at the proposed statement, after some discussion, a second statement emerged with slightly different words. These two statements then went to all the ministries and boards of our parish and a third statement was added. Members of the PSC volunteered to visit these three statements and agree on one final statement. This is the final statement that you will find in the attached flyer. Today we invite you to have a look at this statement and how it is worded. The words in parentheses are alternatives to make the language more in tune with our times. In the lines below the statement on the flyer, please note any observations and comments you have and put them in the collection basket. You can also place them in the suggestion boxes at each church site or mail them to the Pastoral Center by September 9th. We hope to publish our final Mission Statement by September 23rd, when we have our annual Parish Picnic.

The second issue is regarding the Tridentine Mass. For our instruction Professor Bill Mahrt will show us the differences between the Tridentine and the Gregorian liturgies (the 12 noon Mass we celebrate at STA on Sundays). As you know, on July 7th, Pope Benedict XVI issued his Apostolic letter, *Summorum Pontificum*, in which he addressed the use of the Roman liturgy prior to the reform of 1970. The norms of the Apostolic letter come into force on September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This form of celebration of the Eucharist or other sacraments is referred to as the *Forma extraordinaria*. As Pastor I am expected to report to the Bishop's office all requests I receive from the faithful for celebration in this *Forma extraordinaria*. Also, all priests on diocesan assignment, or with residence in the Diocese of San Jose or who are visiting the Diocese are to inform the Bishop of the occasions in which they celebrate the mass or other sacraments using the *Forma extraordinaria*.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, the Eucharist in this *Forma extraordinaria* is now celebrated regularly at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ORATORY, 1298 Homestead, Santa Clara, CA 95050-5405

I hope the information above is useful as we begin another new year in the life of our parish community. — Fr. George

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 26:

Readings: *Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30*

Monday, August 27: St. Monica

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22*

Tuesday, August 28: St. Augustine

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26*

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

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *1 Thes 2:9-13; Mk 6:17-29*

Thursday, August 30:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51*

Friday, August 31:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13*

Saturday, September 1: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm

5:00 pm SAG Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: *1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 1 & 2, 2007

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm TBA

Sun 9:00 am TBA

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am TBA

Sun 8:45 am TBA

Sun 10:30 am TBA

Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. TBA

Sun 10:30 am TBA

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 Koperwas, Mary Ann Rundell, Barbara Woods, Phillip Chang, Mary Imbomone, Devin Wakefield, Cresentia, Jennifer Wagner, Laury, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Nicholas Humy, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Bernwal-Jones, Carmen Fuentes, Norman Swope, Bob Carlstead, Paul Deschamps, Paul, Veronica, Vendetta Nieman, John Rooney, Rita McAlester, Michael McCarty, Walt Lundin, Cecilia Avanha

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, Elisabeth Quintero



Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Sept 9... **Thu** Aug 30 noon
Sept 16 .. **Thu** Sept 6 noon



Our Weekly Offering

August 19 \$7,729.10

Mission Co-op \$6,656.00

thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 71,800.15

Budget YTD ... \$ 72,083.52

Variance..... - 0.39%

August 26, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 26: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 27:

Tuesday, August 28:

1:00 pm YLI (OLRH)

7:30 pm Human Concerns Committee (OLRH)

Wednesday, August 29:

Transitions will resume meeting in September

Thursday, August 30:

Friday, August 31:

12:30 pm STAYouth (PC)

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 1: First Saturday

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our Parish Family is growing as we recently welcomed: Ajay Jose; Margaret & Jack Lawrence, and Catie, Jack, Maggie, Tara; Jeanine & David Sarello, and Alex, Caroline

HEALING PRAYER

The Healing Prayer Team will be available for hands-on healing prayer at 11:45 am Friday September 7 before the 12:15 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

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.

SATURDAYS IN SEPTEMBER – SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE

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, every Saturday!

Directions to Lakeside Café: From northbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit (CAUTION: slow down! tight off-ramp curve!) and turn right at the light (NOTE: no right on red!). From southbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit and turn left at the light. Once on Shoreline Blvd, follow it about 2 miles, through the entrance to the park, to the Lakeside Café parking lot. We will gather near the breezeway between the café and the Aquatic Center. More info: Visit www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

"RAISING A READER" BOOK DRIVE ENDING

Next Sunday will end our book collection. More than 400 books have been donated thus far. NICE WORK, PARISH! THANK YOU. (For money donation, please write check to STA, put "ccsj "Raising A Reader" on the memo line.)

GRIEF RECOVERY CLASS

New Grief Recovery Class starting September 6th from 6 to 8pm on Thursday evenings. Come to St. Simons Rectory Conference Room. St. Simons is located at 1860 Grant Road in Los Altos, 04924-6843. Contact Arlene Dean for more information 650-968-7556.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CLUB

The Catholic Professional and Business Club invites you to our next monthly breakfast meeting to celebrate our fifth season – Thursday, September 13th at the Holiday Inn, 1740 N. First Street, San Jose, at 7:30am. Our new chaplain will be Fr. Tony Mancuso. Guest speaker, Fr. Peter Pabst, SJ, President of Sacred Heart Nativity School. His topic will be "The Nativity School Movement - Catholic Education for Low-Income Kids". Cost is \$20 Members, \$35 Non-Members. Contact: Jessica King at 408-491-9229 or cpbcinfo@gmail.com or www.sjcatholicprofessionals.org

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS eBULLETIN

In an effort to supplement the weekly printed Bulletin with communications that can have a later publication deadline, our parish Communications Board has initiated a **St. Thomas Aquinas eBulletin**. Published **every Friday morning via email** to interested parishioners, the eBulletin is intended to carry brief reminders for the upcoming weekend and coming week, including event reminders, 2nd Collection notices, last minute changes of venue or schedule, etc.

To subscribe, send an email request to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org, and your email account will be added to the email list. When submitting events and other notices to the printed Bulletin (sent to bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org) consider also sending a copy to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org for inclusion there. The submission deadline for the eBulletin is 6:00 p.m. Thursday evenings, for publication the following morning.

– STA Communications Board, submitted by Chris Lundin

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 to celebrate.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation – 8th grade thru high school. Weekly preparation sessions begin September 9 with our kickoff mass & orientation. Register soon as space fills up fast. Our parish date for Confirmation is May 17, 2008, 5pm Mass at St. Albert the Great Church, with Bishop McGrath presiding (as he did with us in June).

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 28 - 7:30pm - the Intersection Chapel / St. Nicholas School in Los Altos. Our presider is our own Fr. Antonio Medina! See map link on the Young Adult page of the STAY web site. Invite all you know to this special intimate young adult Mass with personal introductions and dialogue homily, with reception to follow. Meet and greet old and new friends.

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 (from DSJ softball) at freakiev@comcast.net. Let's form a parish/deanery team!

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

"SOUL OF THE AGE"

Kathleen P. Deignan, CND, PhD, theologian, sacred songwriter, and professor of religious studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., will present a retreat based on the writings of Thomas Merton on Saturday, September 15.

Born in London of Irish parents, Sister Kathleen is a member of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She initiated, and formerly directed, the Iona College Institute for Peace and Justice Studies in Ireland and the Iona College Spirituality Institute's Celtic Spirituality Pilgrimage to Ireland which has fostered and focused her scholarly and creative interests on the richness of her Celtic inheritance. One of Kathleen's current projects is exploring the images and metaphors of Celtic ways of prayer and song.

Sister Kathleen is also engaged in the contemporary ministry of interreligious dialogue as a form of peace-making, and her interfaith engagements with Jews, Muslims and Buddhists have taken her around the world.

The Sept. 15 retreat location is Palo Alto Foothills Park Interpretive Center, 3300 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto. 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 entry requirements at Foothills Park; registration must be submitted by September 10. Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center of Palo Alto, the retreat is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Call Kay Williams at (650) 328-2781 (leave message-- please spell your first and last name and leave a phone number), email to kaywill@pacbell.net, or write to TMC, P. O. Box 60061, Palo Alto, CA 94306