

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

Although we are going to visit Poland, Prague and the Passion Play of Oberammergau (Germany) next September (2010), I want to make sure that those who are still thinking of joining us on this pilgrimage will hopefully decide soon, so that limited tickets may be booked for this spiritual event that takes place once every ten years.

The other piece of good news is that a half day side trip has been added to our itinerary free of cost that will take us to two important pilgrim sites: The Divine Mercy Shrine of St. Faustina and the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, who will soon also be proclaimed a saint by our church.

So, come join us for a pilgrimage of a lifetime.



In Christ's love,
Fr. George

PARISH PICNIC

This year's Parish Picnic will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, on Cowper Street, Sunday September 13th from 11:30 until 3pm. Tasty burgers will be barbecued to order by the Knights of Columbus. Please bring a side dish or salad to share if your last name begins with A-M; desserts will be brought by those with N-Z. Beverages will be provided. There will be games and crafts for the kids, including a piñata of treats. Face painting will be available for children of ALL ages. Come one, come all! For more details see the poster in the vestibule.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 30:

9:30 am SAG Robert Jordan †

10:30 am OLR . . . Calvin Knowles †

Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday, August 31:

7:15 am STA. . . . Thomas J. Schmidt †

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1:

8:30 am OLR . . . T.J. Marovich †

12:15 pm STA . . . Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2:

Readings: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great

Readings: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 4:

8:30 am OLR . . . Aloise Raymann †

Readings: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5: Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm SAG . . . Jim Chinn †

Readings: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

To find a Mass while you're traveling, call 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-627-7846) or www.Masstimes.org

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 5 & 6, 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 Msgr. Boyle

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha

Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Geris

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Geris



Please Pray



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Mary Harvey, Rita 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, Roy Oneyewuenyi

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Irene Placone, Ed Paczkowski, Alden Erickson, Chet Maksim, Antoni Bozynski, Gilbert Huesca, Rosalie Martin-Veque, Benjamin Antonio Sr., Jim Chinn, Robert Jordan, Nancy Condon, Anthony Thalmann, Sophie Bandur, Rena del Rosario, Geraldine 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

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Sep 13 . . . **Thu** Sep 3 noon
Sep 20 . . . **Thu** Sep 10 noon



Our Weekly Offering

August 9 \$ 8,903.16
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 54,495.34
Budget YTD . . . \$ 56,521.26
Variance - 3.58%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 30: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Pancake Breakfast (SESA)
11:30 am Pancake Breakfast (OLRH)
3:00 pm Young Adult Retreat – Encuentro (OLR)

Monday, August 31:

4:00 pm Back to School (OLRH)
7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry (PC)
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, September 1:

7:00 pm Comm. Life (PC)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer (OLR)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Wednesday, September 2:

Thursday, September 3:

Friday, September 4: First Friday

6:30 pm Adoration – Spanish (OLR)
7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 5: First Saturday

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.

BOXES, BAGS, BUNDLES AND...

...Bunches of Books! Woweel! Nine hundred and fifty five (955) books - at least! Thanks to all the bibliosharers for their generosity. We may do it again next year. The three top authors (by casual observation): Dick Francis, Agatha Christie. John Grisham.

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. Interested individuals, who share a love of Christ and an interest to minister to either MS or HS youth, should contact Kristy Rozsnyoi for more details at kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The South Palo Alto Food Closet is in need of volunteers. This Closet has been serving families for over 30 years. It is at Covenant Presbyterian Church near the corner of Middlefield and East Meadow Drive. Willing hands are needed for ongoing tasks of gathering/ distribution, administration, storage, scheduling decision making, working 2 hour shifts etc. If interested, please contact our parishioner Dick Freeman at 493-9024. The need is urgent.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you already baptized and would like to be confirmed? If the answer is "yes," consider joining other adults who are inquiring into the Catholic Faith at an informal, friendly gathering Monday evening, Aug. 31 at the Pastoral Center 7:00pm - 8:30pm. (3290 Middlefield)

Through the process of The Rite of Christian Initiation, adults learn how to respond to that call from God to Catholicism, not just towards the Initiation sacraments, but towards their every day living as Christians.

If you have been moved by some experience to inquire about the Catholic Church and would like to explore issues of faith, please contact Jean Ramacciotti at the Pastoral Center.

Sponsors: If you would consider sponsoring one of our adult candidates on their spiritual journey, we'd love to hear from you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul serves all who come to us for help. The service we give comes in many forms: rent help, help with utilities, food, clothing, referrals to other agencies. St. Vincent de Paul service is intended to be emergency service.

A disabled man who is paralyzed came to us for help with food. He lives in Palo Alto & receives assistance from SSI. This week he was running short. He was given a food voucher.

A couple who live in one of the low cost hotels in Palo Alto needed help for one night's rent. They support themselves by panhandling, collecting cans, and other odd jobs. St. Vincent de Paul paid for the one night's rent.

These two cases are examples of people who are managing their lives as well as they are able and most of the time they are self-sufficient. Occasionally they run short and St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul is there to assist them on these occasions.

After learning about the lives of others less fortunate than you, try to place yourself in their position & give generously when the collection plate comes your way.

August 30, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back! Hope your summer was a wonderful, blessed, safe, healthy, fun-filled one!

Gospel Summary: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 - The religious leaders criticized some of the Jesus' disciples claiming that they did not wash their hands before eating. The ritual was intended to give special care to food offered to God as opposed to regular or common food of the general population. Jesus pointed out to these leaders that they had lost sight of the purpose of the law and had become totally consumed by following the law for the sake of following the law.

Reflection for Families: A story passed on by a Native American father to his son described the torment of two wolves living inside the father's head. One wolf was evil and vicious. The other was kind and loving. When the son questioned his father about which wolf reacted in certain circumstances, the father explained that it was whichever wolf he fed. How often do we feed the wolves in our heads by letting anger, prejudices, and jealousies grow unchecked? One of the greatest things we can do for ourselves and for our children is to help them (and ourselves) put the hurtful things in our lives on the table so that they can be dealt with openly and honestly.

Pancakes with the WORKS – Bring your appetites and join us for the 6th Annual Rel. Ed. Pancake Breakfast! The griddle will be sizzlin' after the 9am mass at St. Albert the Great site and after the 10:30am mass at Our Lady of the Rosary site TODAY! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday Morning Classes: Resume Sept. 13th. Registration, Emergency Forms and Calendar are available in the back of the church. You can also e-mail or call and we'll gladly e-mail them to you. Info. listed below.

Catechists Needed! We all have a faith story to share. Won't you share yours with our children? Training, support and lots and lots of fun and excitement are waiting for you to answer the call! Don't know exactly what's expected of a Catechist? Simply logged onto <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/> on the internet; scroll down the right side to 'Helpful Resources from Joe' and choose, 'Top Ten Reasons to become a Catechist'. (Thank you Leslie Scarborough for this tip!) Then, give us a call – let's talk!

Volunteer Site Coordinator Needed! If you like talking with people, directing them, keeping order and doing a little administration work and you have a few hours on Sunday mornings, then this position is for you! St. Albert the Great is in need of the Sunday morning Site Coor. It entails opening classrooms, collecting attendance, directing children to classes etc. If interested in this very rewarding position and more details, please contact me. Contact info. listed below.

Children's Catechumenate: We offer a process affectionately called R.C.I.C. to children 3rd grade and above who have not received Baptism and/or 1st Eucharist. If you have a child that has this need, please contact my office for details. Our classes will begin in the fall.

Congratulations! To David Russ-Navarro. David received his 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion last weekend. David, we all want to welcome you to the Table of the Lord and to our community!

For information on any of the items listed, please contact Susan Clingingsmith, Dir. of Rel. Ed. at youth@paloaltocatholic.org or 650-494-2496 x25.