

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

I would like to cordially invite you to join me and fellow parishioners in visiting the Holy Land from March 9 to March 18, 2009. Come join me and other pilgrims to tour the places, the reasons and the emotions that are the foundation of our faith in Jesus Christ.

After arriving in the Holy Land, we will first visit Caesarea with its Crusader Fortress and Roman Amphitheater. Then, we will proceed to Megiddo (Armageddon), site of the final battle mentioned in the Book of Revelation. We will proceed to Haifa and visit Elijah's cave and then drive to Tiberias.

From Tiberias we will discover familiar names and places like Capernaum, Galilee, Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the Mount of Beatitudes and Caesarea Philippi, where Peter identified Jesus as Messiah.

Then to Cana and Nazareth we travel. We will visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Jordan River ending in Jerusalem. We will spend a few days in Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea, the Caves of Qumran, Bethany etc. and visit and pray at all the important and inspiring sights of our faith, details of which you will find in our brochure.

For a copy of the brochure, with information, prices and itinerary, please call Sandra at the Pastoral Center, at 494-2496 ext 27.

This is once in a lifetime opportunity to strengthen our faith and to appreciate where we have come from in our spiritual journey. Come join us to pray, to do pilgrimage and to give thanks for our tremendous gift of faith, in the Holy Land.



Sincerely,
Fr George

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 31:

10:30 am OLR... Carmen Lamb †

10:30 am STA... Pat Slevin †

Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2;

Mt 16:21-27

Monday, September 1:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 2:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 4:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 5:

7:15 am James & Edith Dubbs †

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 6: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm, 5:00 pm

Readings: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 6 & 7, 2008

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 — 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, Carmen Lamb

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
Sept 14 **Thur** Sept 4 noon
Sept 21 **Thur** Sept 11 noon



Our Weekly Offering

August 10 \$ 9,009.78

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 56,217.87

Budget YTD... \$ 55,913.46

Variance + 0.54%

August 31, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 31: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting) begins this week

..... Annual Pancake Breakfast (OLRH/SAGC)
3:00 pm..... Jovenes (OLRH)

Monday, September 1: Labor Day; *Pastoral Center Closed*

Tuesday, September 2:
9:00 am Thomas House Meeting (PC)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (PC)

Wednesday, September 3:
11:45 pm STAY Youth (PC)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, September 4:
7:00 pm Widow Widowers (SAGC)

Friday, September 5: First Friday
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 6: First Saturday

BRIDGE

A thank you to Anne Ackerman and Pat Tighe for beginning and for running this group for the past 10 years. Now it is time to start the new year. Bridge play will begin in October. Please consider joining the group or continuing for another year. Call Anne Ackerman at 328-1336 or Nickie Andrews at 494-2152 before Sept. 15th to register for the new year of bridge.

CAMP DRIVERS!

So many thanks to those of you who assured 81 children from East Palo Alto had an enriching experience at Hidden Villa Summer camp this summer.

The logistics were formidable but all the children were transported! As drivers, your ministry was MOST appreciated. Thank you, thank you!

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

PARISH PICNIC Our annual parish picnic will be held **Sunday September 21** from 11 am until 3 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton School/St. Albert the Great. The Knights of Columbus will be barbecuing again! For the potluck, if your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad or side dish; if N-Z, please bring a dessert. Refreshments are provided. There will be games and crafts for the children throughout the day. Please see the poster in the vestibule for more details.

WIDOWER AND WIDOW JOIN OUR SEASON LAUNCH A potluck dinner, beginning at 5:30 on Thursday, Sept. 4 will launch our new season of fun activities at the home of Valerie Kockelman. For reservations, phone Valerie at (650) 326-5201. Our current leaders, Georgette, Jean, and Carmen have done an outstanding job and we are looking for similar enthusiastic helpers to continue the traditions of our many enjoyable and fun activities for this eighth season. We only need two or three more volunteers. YOU will definitely have fun contributing and implementing your ideas for our many future social and cultural activities and can rely on the outgoing leaders for help in fulfilling this rewarding experience.

Newcomers are invited and welcome at all times. For information, Phone Carmen (650) 851-8844. The W/W group offers companionship, healing, support, and "a little fun in your life" to those who have lost a spouse.

SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE Saturday, September 6, and every Saturday, 9 am: Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We will gather near the breezeway between the café and the Aquatic Center. We always hike, rain or shine! Visit www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

EDGEWOOD PARK HIKE AND BREAKFAST Saturday, September 6, 2008 @ 9:00 am: Meet at the entrance to Edgewood Park at 9 am. There are several choices within minutes of Edgewood. We'll decide where to go after the hike. We always hike, rain or shine! Visit www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html, or contact Josephine, 650.619.4024, josephine.dorval@oracle.com or 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.

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UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

STAR PARTY AND PICNIC DINNER Saturday, September 6, 2008, 7:00-10:30 pm: Bring your telescope and/or binoculars (if you have them) and a picnic dinner. While the sun sets and twilight deepens, we'll have our picnic and get our telescopes set up. Dress warmly in layers. Meet at the Park'n'Ride at I-280 and Page Mill Rd west of Palo Alto at 7:00 pm to carpool to Foothill Park. Any car with a telescope or a Palo Alto resident aboard gets in free. www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or Carrie Karnos, ckarnos@yahoo.com.

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday, September 3 and 17, 2008, 7:30 pm: Transitions 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. Special Speaker September 17: Fr. George Aranha will give a talk on Annulments. He will talk about the Annulment process: what it involves, how to initiate it, what it costs. He will also address the spiritual and emotional stages one goes through. St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org.

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/

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.

Fri, 9/5: Taize Prayer @ Mercy Center. 8:00-9:30pm every First Friday of each month. Simple Christian phrases/chants set to music and sung in community, with veneration of the cross. Largest ecumenical Taize in Bay Area. 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame. Come pray for yourself & your peers with new school year beginning.

Sun, 9/7: 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.

YOUNG ADULTS [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s - single/married; w/, w/o children]

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adults www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

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Rob Manfrey, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, 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. Cost of the program is nominal—the cost of Xeroxing the articles we read each week.