

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular"? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Perhaps the most familiar traditional symbol that identifies bishops is the crosier that they carry. We see the shepherd's staff and immediately rich images from scripture come to mind, as well as the recollection that the first to respond to Christ's presence in our world were the shepherds. The staff is more than a walking stick; its crooked top is useful in snaring errant sheep but also in keeping the flock united. Bishops carry the curve outward, indicating their ministry to the wider flock, while abbots (and some abbesses, too) carry the crosier with the curve pointing in, indicating that their ministry is to the monastery alone.

The crosier was once also carried by the pope, but was phased out centuries ago. You may recall that in pre- "popemobile" days, the pope was often carried around on a portable throne called a sedia gestatoria. Since he didn't do much walking, the need for a crosier was minimal. Pope Paul VI introduced the innovation of a walking staff in the 1960s, and everyone remembers Pope John Paul II's walking staff, not a crook, but a delicately sculptured crucifix. Thus, the pope carries a "pastoral staff" rather than a crosier. Precisely because the pope's ministry is universal, to the whole world, popes will likely leave crosiers in the hands of the bishops they commission for care of specific flocks. —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 2:

9:00 am SAG Joseph Schembri †
 10:30 am STA. James † and Edith Dubbs †
 10:30 am OLR Melody Yamamura †
Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great

7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Karl Hochguerpel †
Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 4:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 5:

7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm All Holy Souls
Readings: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 6:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 7:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm
 5:00 pm SAG Elisabeth Quintero †
Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [1:18-23]

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 8 & 9, 2007

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. Medina
 Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Medina
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha



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 Imbomne, 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, Paul, Veronica, Vendetta Nieman, John Rooney, Rita McAlester, Michael McCarty, Walt Lundin, Cecilia Aranha
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, Constantino Macapagal

Please note our email address:
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BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 Sept 16 . . **Thu** Sept 6 noon
 Sept 23 . **Thu** Sept 13 noon



Our Weekly Offering

August 26 \$ 9,025.26
 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 3,379.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD \$ 80,825.41
 Budget YTD \$ 81,093.96
 Variance - 0.33%

September 2, 2007

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 2: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
All sites – STA, OLR, SAG 1st Sunday of the month: New parishioner registration
1:30–6:30 pm Hispanic Youth (OLRH)

Monday, September 3: Labor Day Holiday;
Pastoral Center Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4:

Wednesday, September 5:
7:00 pm. Community Life (SAGO)
7:00 pm. Prof. Abdul Mawgoud Dardery, Guest Speaker – Thomas Merton Center Group (OLRH)
7:30 pm. Transitions (PC)

Thursday, September 6:
7:00 pm. Communications Committee Ministry (PC)
7:00 pm. PSC Executive Board Meeting (SAGC)

Friday, September 7: First Friday
12:30–2:00 pm STAYouth Board (PC)
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 8:

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH – THOMAS MERTON GUEST SPEAKER

TMC invites the community to participate in an evening of Christian-Muslim dialogue with Dr. AbdulMawgoud Dardery on Wed. evening, Sept. 5th at OLR 7-9 pm. Dr. Dardery is Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies and Critical Discourse and Director of the Language Center for Language Teaching and Research, South Valley University, Egypt. Dr. Dardery received his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh and has spent more than 20 years teaching in the US and Egypt. He will be introduced by his host, Prof. Emeritus Jacqueline Thurston from San Jose St. University who met Prof. Dardery while she was in Egypt as a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. McKale, Director of the Institute for Ethics at Saint Francis University writes that he is excellent in addressing the important connections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. "I must say that after one month traveling in Egypt with him I have found him to be a very important voice in the quest for a "Dialogue of Civilizations."

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH – WIDOW/WIDOWER NEW SEASON The first meeting of the season for the parish widow/widower group will be Thursday, September 6, 7 p.m. at St. Albert Hall, dessert served. Georgette, Carmen and Jean invite all members and newcomers to attend with feedback and suggestions for restaurants, theatres, walks and other social activities. We enjoyed a sunset dinner and dessert at the Miramar Restaurant and The Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay. A meeting newcomer, Mary N. Jones from Lytton Gardens, joined the dinner.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH – YLI GARAGE SALE 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, 813 Sutter Ave, Palo Alto. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Charities

EVERY WEDNESDAY – TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP 7:30 pm at the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. Transitions is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couplehood 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. Occasionally we will have a special guest speaker on a topic of interest. We have a small lending library of helpful books you may borrow, keep, or pass on to others.. Cost: There is no charge. More info: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org

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.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED, AND DIVORCED WEEKEND

October 26 thru October 28, 2007, at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. For information, call La Verne (650) 355-3978, Ward (415) 821-3390, or Donna 408 371-0865, or email at sanjosebe@comcast.net. Visit our website: <http://home.comcast.net/~sanjosebe/sanjosebe.html>

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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 (Dermoddy 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. 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 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).

Junior High Dance – September 8, 7:00-9:00pm at Sacred Heart Saratoga Parish. An opportunity for neighboring programs to meet each other in fun, safe, social gathering. Our friend Victor Lecha III of Tahoe fame and speaker at last year's STAY high school retreat is now at SHS parish. Permission slip required; watch your email or contact Rob.

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.

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!

Taize Prayer around the Cross – First Fridays, September 7. Mercy Center (Adeline Dr., Burlingame,); young adult social 6:00pm; Taize 8:00pm. Simple Christian phrases/chants set to music, with veneration of the cross. Come relax, meditate, sing, and pray with us and others throughout the Bay Area.

Summer Speaker Series – The Spirituality of Sexuality – Thursday, September 19 – SPEAKER: Sr. Rebecca Shinas, O.P. from St. Simon Parish. Doors 7:00pm; Talk 7:30pm. St. Joseph Church; 582 Hope St., Mountain View. Spread the word and invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Deanery 2 Young Adult Retreat – October 5-7: THEME: Where Is God When It Hurts? Finding Faith Under Fire. Join young adults from this and neighboring parishes as we explore ways to deal with those rough patches in our spiritual journeys. Under the direction of Fr. David Geib, O.P., formerly of the Stanford Catholic Community. Contact Larry Hu, hudat@stanfordalumni.org with questions or to sign up.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Elisabeth Ann Quintero

The Spirit of Elisabeth, the loving and devoted wife of Roland Quintero (parish photographer), went forth to heaven on August 19th. She devoted many years to teaching Catechism and performing many special services for the Thomas Aquinas Parish. She graduated from Berkeley in Art History, specializing in early Christian art, and over the years, was a scholar of art, history, archeology, and religion. Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul, 3290 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, California 94306 or other charities of choice.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

TUESDAY SEPT. 11 Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado (btw. Louis and Greer), 7-8:30 pm. Co-sponsored by Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice, Peninsula Peace and Justice Center and American Muslim Voice. --*Human Concerns Committee*

HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

10TH ANNUAL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO
You're invited! September 28-30, at Riordan High School, 175 Phelan, (near SF City College). International and local speakers! Doors open at 8 am Saturday and Sunday—free Masses 7pm Friday & 3 pm Sunday—English, Hispanic and Youth tracts! Call 415 350-8677 (English & Youth) or 415 297-1709(Hispanic) for more information.