

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

## CONFIRMATION AT OLR

Confirmation at Our Lady of the Rosary on August 24. Nancy Ng is the sponsor of her daughter Minji Ng and Laura Forrest with sponsor Mark Kreutzer.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 7:

9:00 am OLR . . . . Moynihan Family  
 10:30 am OLR . . . . Carmen Lamb †  
 10:30 am STA . . . . Pat Slevin †  
*Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20*

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

7:15 am . . . . . Norman Swope (health)  
 8:30 am . . . . .  
 12:15 pm . . . . .  
*Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]*

Tuesday, September 9: St. Peter Claver

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm  
*Readings: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19*

Wednesday, September 10:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm  
*Readings: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26*

Thursday, September 11:

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm  
*Readings: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38*

Friday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm  
*Readings: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42*

Saturday, September 13: St. John

Chrysostom  
 12:15 pm, 5:00 pm  
*Readings: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 13 & 14, 2008

St. Albert the Great  
 Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Gutiérrez  
 Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha

St. Thomas Aquinas  
 Sun 7:30 am . . . . . Fr. Hester  
 Sun 8:45 am . . . . . Fr. Marini  
 Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Gutiérrez  
 Sun 12 noon . . . . . TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary  
 Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Gutiérrez  
 Sun 10:30 am . . . . . Fr. Aranha



### 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 Iozik, Virginia Kreutzer, Ann Ackerman, Chet DiLauro, Cypress Winters, Sophie Bandur

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Virginia McCosker, Doña Francisca Camarena de Medina, Margaret Watkins, Joseph Kehret, Pat Slevin, Jack Youngs, Carmen Lamb, Ruth Arnold

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 21 **Thur** Sept 11 noon  
 Sept 28 **Thur** Sept 18 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

August 17 . . . . . \$ 9,438.20  
 Africa . . . . . \$ 2,597.00  
 August 24 . . . . . \$ 8,970.16

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 74,626.23  
 Budget YTD . . . \$ 74,551.28  
 Variance . . . . . + 0.10%

# September 7, 2008

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 7: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

9:15 am ..... Religious Ed. (OLRH)  
10:15 am ..... Religious Ed. (SAG)  
3:00 pm ..... Jovenes (OLRH)  
6:00 pm ..... STAYouth (OLRH)

Monday, September 8:

Tuesday, September 9:

9:00 am ..... Thomas House (PC)  
1:00 pm ..... YLI (OLRH)  
6:00 pm ..... Baptism Class (PC)

Wednesday, September 10:

7:00 pm ..... PSC (OLRH)

Thursday, September 11: National Day of Mourning and Remembrance

11:00 am ..... Seton School Dev. Board (SAGC)  
7:00 pm ..... Thomas Merton Board Meeting (SAGC)

Friday, September 12:

7:00 pm ..... Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 13:

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

**SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE** Saturday, September 13, 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! More information: Visit <http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html> or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org). \*\*\* Hikes are every Saturday \*\*\*

**TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP: SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER** Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 7:30 pm. 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.

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. We have a small lending library of helpful books you may borrow, keep, or pass on to others. Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, 94306. More information: <http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html> or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, [transitions@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:transitions@paloaltocatholic.org). \*\*\*Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays\*\*\*

**FREE SHADY SHAKESPEARE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008, 6:00 PM** Join your Age of Aquinas friends to watch Shakespeare's "The Comedy Of Errors" under the redwoods and the stars in Saratoga's idyllic Sanborn Park. With two sets of twins running around town, no wonder the citizens of Syracuse can't keep anything straight. The play starts at 7:00 pm. However, plan to be there by 6:00 to get a seat and parking at a reasonable distance, or contact Kathy to arrange for carpooling. Bring a picnic dinner to eat before the show. Dress in layers - it can get cooler as the evening advances. Admission: FREE!! Parking is \$6.00 per car, so contact Kathy to arrange for carpooling. Time: 6:00 pm at the park to get a good seat. The play starts at 7. Location: Sanborn Skyline County Park, 16055 Sanborn Rd, Saratoga, CA 95070. Directions: From downtown Saratoga, go through town and continue up Hwy 9 about 4.5 miles. Turn left onto Sanborn Rd immediately after the Saratoga Springs sign. Follow Sanborn Rd about 2 miles and turn right at the Sanborn Park entrance. More information: Visit <http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html>, or contact Kathy [kathy\\_gannon@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy_gannon@yahoo.com), or Randy Jones, [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org), 408.739.2881..

**FREE RETREAT: EXERCISES OF IGNATIUS LOYOLA** The Spiritual Exercise of Ignatius Loyola, a 30 week retreat is being offered from Sept. 2008 – May 2009 at Most Holy Trinity Parish, San Jose, the Jesuit Parish. Find out what you really want from life, contact Sr. Patricia Galli, 408 729-0101 ext. 117 or [pgalli@mht-church.org](mailto:pgalli@mht-church.org)

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

**AGE OF AQUINAS LADIES NIGHT OUT** Saturday, September 13, 2008, 8:00pm till ? (Men please disregard!) Come join Mabel at her home then go out together to the hottest dance club in Silicon Valley. If you haven't been to the Blue Pheasant Lounge you must go!!! Music is from the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s. Meeting Time: 8 pm at Mabel's place, to depart for the club no later than 8:15! If you live near Cupertino and would like to meet the group there, let Mabel know so she can look for you. Time: 8:00 arrive at Mabel's house to leave by 8:15. Please RSVP to Mabel by email! Cost: No cover charge... drinks, etc are pay as you go. Location: Mabel's: 5226 Myna Ct, San Jose, CA 95123. Call 408.623.2763 if you get lost. Blue Pheasant Lounge: 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 94014. More info: Contact Mabel by email: m-ngo@sbcglobal.net or visit [paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html), or email [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@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/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

TONIGHT Sun, 9/7: Youth BBQ @ 5pm before special Sunday evening mass @ 7pm OLR Church. Desserts and STAY sign-ups after mass.

Sun, 9/14: Back-to-STAY Night (Parents only; youth off). Middle School parents in OLR Hall; High School parents in Dermody Center.

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

• Parish Picnic 11am-3pm @ SAG site. Games for/by youth & teens. 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]** [www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

Wed, 9/17: "Mary Magdalene: History & Myth" featuring Sr. Mary Criscione from Santa Clara University. Final installment of our Summer Speaker Series. St. Albert the Great Center, 1095 Channing Ave., Palo Alto, 94301. 7:00pm social; 7:30pm talk. More info on our Young Adult Circle website (see below).

Tues, 9/30: Monthly Young Adult Mass – 7:30pm at St. Nicholas School in Los Altos (theIntersection Teen Chapel). Presider is Fr. Ken from St. Nicholas. Join us for a more intimate liturgy of introductions, young adult musicians, dialogue homily, and community-building after mass. Friends and co-workers welcome.

The Circle's Annual Fall Retreat returns, Fri 11/7 to Sun 11/9. Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park. Open to Young Adults (20s to 30s, single or married). More information upcoming.

**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 and greatest info.

*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.