

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited— invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a lifechanging invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes, this "Treasures" column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic Jeopardy. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bull*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title "servant of the servants of God," also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 9:

9:00 am SAG . . . . . Eloise † & Daniel  
Murphy †

10:30 am OLR . . . . . Evelyn Ethel Penne †

Readings: *Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;*  
*Lk 14:25-33*

Monday, September 10:

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

Readings: *Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11*

Tuesday, September 11:

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

Readings: *Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19*

Wednesday, September 12: Most Holy

Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Readings: *Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26*

Thursday, September 13: St. John

Chrysostom

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

Readings: *Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38*

Friday, September 14:

7:15 am . . . . .

8:30 am . . . . .

12:15 pm . . . . . James Masik † (birthday)

Readings: *Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17*

Saturday, September 15:

12:15 pm . . . . . Dolores Ramirez †

5:00 pm SAG . . . . .

Readings: *1 Tm 1:15-17; Jn 19:25-27 or*

*Lk 2:33-35*

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 15 & 16, 2007

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Medina

Sun 9:00 am . . . . . TBA

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 Imbomone, Devin Wakefield, Cresencia, Jennifer Wagner, Laury, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Nicholas Humy, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Scharot, Patricia Ann Bernwald-Jones, Carmen Fuentes, Norman Swope, Paul Deschamps, Paul, Vendetta Nieman, John Rooney, Rita McAlester, Michael McCarty, 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

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BULLETIN . . . . . ARTICLE DUE  
Sept 23 . **Thu** Sept 13 noon  
Sept 30 . **Thu** Sept 20 noon



## Our Weekly Offering

September 2 . . . . . \$ n/a

## Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . . . \$ n/a

Budget YTD . . . . . \$ n/a

Variance . . . . . - n/a%

# September 9, 2007

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 9: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day  
9:00 am ..... Religious Ed (SESS)  
9:15 am ..... Religious Ed (ISP)  
10:15 am ..... Site Committee (SAGC)  
12:30 pm ..... SVDP (OLRH)  
6:00 pm ..... STAY High School (DC/OLRH)  
6:30 pm ..... STAY Kickoff Mass (OLR)

Monday, September 10:

7:00 pm ..... Spanish Youth (OLRH)

Tuesday, September 11: Patriot Day

1:00 pm ..... YLI (OLRH)

6:00 pm ..... Spanish Baptism (PC)

Wednesday, September 12: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5768) begins at sunset

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

7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, September 13: Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting) begins this week

7:00 pm ..... Picnic Committee (OLRH)

Friday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

7:00 pm ..... TMC Reading Meditation (PC)

Saturday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

**TUESDAY SEPT. 11** The Palo Alto Council of the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Prayers for Peace on Sept 11 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church at 8:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Also at 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.

## LADIES BRIDGE

Anyone interested in joining the parish bridge group please phone Pat Tighe, 323-4383, or Anne Ackerman, 326-1336 no later than September 12th. We are looking forward to beginning our tenth year in October.

## PARISH PICNIC, SUNDAY SEPT. 23RD OLR

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD – PARISH PICNIC** at Our Lady of the Rosary 11:30 am–3pm, Plan on coming to our annual Picnic on Sept. 23rd which also is Fr. George's birthday! Parishioners are asked to bring salads or desserts. More information on this will appear on posters at each church. Once again, the Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Drinks will be provided. There will be games and crafts for kids and other fun activities. As always, we need volunteers to help out. Please call Julie Crozier 856-6854 or Jeanne Ramos 324-8788 if you have questions or if you can help.

## UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH – FREE SHAKESPEARE-SARATOGA** 7:00 pm, Macbeth, directed by Karen de Leon, takes us inside the mind and soul of one of literature's most notorious villains. Set in a world where women reign, men fight, and witchcraft decides one's fate, this production will rock your expectations of this classic play. Admission: FREE!! Parking \$6.00. Contact Kathy for carpool info. Location: Join your Age of Aquinas friends at Sanborn-Skyline County Park, Saratoga ([www.shadyshakes.org](http://www.shadyshakes.org)), 16055 Sanborn Rd., Saratoga. Get there by 6pm to get good parking, then follow the flags to the seating area. Look for the red balloons to join our group [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Kathy Gannon, [kathy\\_gannon@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy_gannon@yahoo.com), or Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org).

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

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH – STAR PARTY** 7:00-10:00 pm, Come to the next dark sky star party! Bring your telescope and/or binoculars (if you have them) and a picnic dinner. Dress warmly in layers. Clear nights can get chilly. FREE!! Meet at the Park'nRide at I-280 and Page Mill Rd west of Palo Alto at 7pm. We'll then carpool to Foothill Park. Just tell them at the gate that you are an amateur astronomer participating in the public star party. We will be joining the Peninsula Astronomical Society for this month's star party. [www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html) or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org), or Carrie Karnos, [ckarnos@yahoo.com](mailto:ckarnos@yahoo.com).

## LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING AT ST. ALBERT'S

Training for new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the 5pm and 9am Masses at St. Albert's will be held in September and October. The commitment is just once a month. Please attend one of the 1 hour training sessions at St. Albert the Great church. Volunteers from all sites are welcome. If you have questions or would like to schedule a different time to be trained, please call Linda Gargiulo at 650-328-8368 or email [lindag1730@yahoo.com](mailto:lindag1730@yahoo.com). *Eucharistic Minister Training* - Sun, Sept 23rd following the 9am Mass - Sat, Oct 6th at 4pm. *Lector Training* - Sat, Sept 22nd at 10am Sun, Oct 7th at following the 9am Mass. *Sacristans* - trained by appointment.

## THOMAS MERTON: SOUL OF THE AGE

"Thomas Merton: Soul of the Age" is the subject of a retreat on Sat., Sept. 15, conducted by Kathleen P. Deignan, CND, PhD, theologian, sacred songwriter, and professor of religious studies at Iona College. Sr. Deignan will lead participants in word, song and prayer through the terrain mapped by Merton's deep exploration of the soul of our age. At the Palo Alto Foothills Park Interpretive Center, 3300 Page Mill Road, 9:30 – 3:00 p.m. Bring your lunch. No cost, but donations gratefully accepted. Pre-registration required: call Kay Williams, (650) 328-2781, or [kaywill@pacbell.net](mailto:kaywill@pacbell.net), or write to: The Thomas Merton Center, P. O. Box 60061, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## DEAN LECTURE SERIES

Monday, September 17, 2007, 7:30 pm, Astronomers and space scientists discuss their work in terms not requiring a background in science. Ryan Wyatt, Director of Morrison Planetarium and Science Visualization, California Academy of Sciences, will speak on: "A Brief Tour of the Universe". Cost: Tickets are \$4.00 at the door. Parking is across the street for \$1.25/night or in the JCC garage for \$1.25/half-hour. We'll carpool! Location: During the reconstruction of the Academy, the Dean Lectures have temporarily moved to Kanbar Hall at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, 3200 California St in the City. Meet at the Park'n'Ride at I-280 and Page Mill Rd, west of Palo Alto at 6:00pm. Or meet us at the JCC. More Info: Visit [www.paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html), or contact Carrie Karnos [ckarnos@yahoo.com](mailto:ckarnos@yahoo.com), or Randy Jones, [age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org), 408.739.2881.

## 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/](http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/)

**STAY Sunday evening Youth Mass** – Sept. 9 at 6:30pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Church. STAY Orientation and dessert to follow. This Mass is open to the entire parish community to celebrate. We especially need greeters, lectors, & Eucharistic ministers. Musicians – practice after 10:30am OLR mass and then again at 5:45pm before youth mass.

**STAY sessions for Sept. 16** – OPENING NIGHT 7:00-8:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary site. Grades 6-8 in OLR Hall. Grades 9-12 in Dermody Center.

**Registration** – It's not too late. Register your middle/high school youth in person at our September 9 Mass/Orientation, in person at the Pastoral Center, or via mail soon. Forms are available in our churches or via the STAY web site.

**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).

### **YOUNG ADULT [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s – single and/or married]**

Our **Deanery 2 Young Adult** web site is [www.YoungAdultCircle.org](http://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](mailto:freakiev@comcast.net). Let's rock and roll!

**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](mailto:hudat@stanfordalumni.org) with questions or to sign up.

*Rob Manfredy, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, [STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:STAYouth@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.

## RIDES FOR SEMINARIANS

St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park is soliciting drivers for seminarians on weekends to get them to local parishes for liturgies. Many of the young men are from out of the country and do not have drivers' licenses. If you can offer a ride on some or all Sundays, please call Rev. George Schultz, S.J., at the seminary, (650) 325-5621, ext. 114.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:sanjosebe@comcast.net). Visit our website: <http://home.comcast.net/~sanjosebe/sanjosebe.html>