

# Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

## 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.

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday September 20th as the Parish celebrates and commissions those dedicated men, women, and youth who have responded to the call to share their faith through our formation programs.

## HOTEL DE ZINK

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful, generous parishioners who brought food to the homeless guests at the Christian Reformed Church during the month of August. The parishioners of the church, as well as the guests, are most appreciative. — *Ruth Chippendale*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 13:

10:30 am OLR . . . Ferike Hajosne †  
*Readings: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35*

Monday, September 14:

*Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17*

Tuesday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am OLR . . . . . Thanksgiving for Blessings  
*Readings: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35*

Wednesday, September 16: St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

7:15 am STA. . . . . Layda Kurash †  
*Readings: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35*

Thursday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

*Readings: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50*

Friday, September 18:

12:15 pm STA . . . Vince Giovannotto †  
*Readings: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3*

Saturday, September 19: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm SAG . . . . . Ronald Short †  
*Readings: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15*

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

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 19 & 20, 2009

St. Albert the Great  
 Sat 5:00 pm . . . . . Fr. Geris  
 Sun 9:00 am . . . . . Fr. Allen

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

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, Frankie Briggs, Barbara Franceschi, Norman Swope, Virginia Jordan, Laura Simeone, Alan Shpalo, Sarah Clear, Eva Leung, Jane Bahr, Smithy Smith, Milo Gwosden, Jim Abler, Bobby Kerrigan

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — 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](mailto:fongmt@hotmail.com)

Please note our email address:  
[bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org)

BULLETIN . . . . . ARTICLE DUE  
 Sep 27 . . . **Thu** Sep 17 noon  
 Oct 4 . . . . **Thu** Sep 24 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

August 23 . . . . . \$ 8,586.39  
 Mission Coop . . . . . \$ 6,457.00  
*thank you for your continued generosity*

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 73,155.64  
 Budget YTD . . . \$ 75,961.68  
 Variance . . . . . - 3.69%

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 13: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day  
9:15 am ..... Religious Ed (OLR/SESS)  
**11:30 am ..... Parish Picnic (OLR)**

Monday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
7:30 pm ..... Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, September 15:  
7:00 pm ..... Hispanic Prayer (OLR)

Wednesday, September 16:  
6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)  
6:00 pm ..... RCIC Orientation (DC)  
7:30 pm ..... RCIA (PC)  
7:30 pm ..... Transitions (PC)

Thursday, September 17:  
6:00 pm ..... Youth Speaker (SAGC)  
7:00 pm ..... Thomas Merton (OLRH)

Friday, September 18: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5770) begins at sunset  
7:00 pm ..... Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 19:  
9:00 am ..... PIA (OLRH)

## JUSTFAITH

**A FEAST FOR HUNGRY HEARTS**  
The program starts this month. It's a faith formation process that deepens faith, spirituality and compassion. It is invigorating and challenging. Go for it! If you're interested there is an orientation meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. at St. Athanasius on Rengstorff (in the school.) Questions? Patricia 493 6242 or Walt 493 3578.

## 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. 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.

## DOROTHY DAY & CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT CALL UPON US TODAY

The Catholic Worker Movement was founded seventy-six years ago by the American activist Dorothy Day and a French Christian Brother, Peter Maurin. They devoted their lives to serving the poor, resisting war, and organizing collective worker movements in urban centers and on farms across North America.

In May of 1960 Catholic priest Eugene Boyle interviewed Dorothy Day on Pacifica Radio Station KPFA in Berkeley, and for the first time in half a century this interview will be publicly aired before an audience. Monsignor Eugene Boyle will share his reflections looking back on that day, and Larry Purcell of the Catholic Worker House in Redwood City will discuss how the movement has changed people's lives.

Thursday, September 17 @ 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Donations requested to benefit the Catholic Worker House. Donations of money, food, toiletries, laundry detergent, garbage bags, brooms, tools, bicycles, binoculars, and working computers are all welcome. Please be as generous as possible.

Donations may be made out to: Catholic Worker House, 545 Cassia Street, Redwood City, California 94063. (650) 366-4415. [www.catholicworker.org](http://www.catholicworker.org). Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Community of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**WORKING POOR FAMILIES** can boost their income at tax time as Catholic Charities hopes to open a free tax preparation site in Mountain View in February 2010. The Earned Income Credit (EIC) is a federal program. Volunteers with some accounting or finance background are urgently needed both as a supervisor and also E-filing tax assistants. Some training is involved as well as some Saturday mornings during tax time. For more information on this rewarding program and job descriptions phone Janet Hayter (650) 968-2650.

## ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Seton School welcomed its students back on August 26, and all are eagerly adapting to their new classes and looking forward to the coming year. Please look out for some of our students stationed beside our school banner at the Parish Picnic, who will be handing out flyers and seeking sponsors for their fun upcoming event, the Seton Walk-A-Thon. The Walk-A-Thon will be held on Friday, October 16. Do stop by to say hello and chat with our children at the picnic – thank you!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following food items: plastic baggies (small), crackers, fruit cups, plastic spoons, tuna, "hearty chunky" soups. These foods are bagged for people who come to the Pastoral Center in need of food.

Please remember the Auto Donation Contest recently published in the bulletin. If you have a car you want to dispose of call 1-800-937-7837 & they will come & remove it for you, running or not. Be sure to mention St. Thomas Aquinas Conference so we get the credit.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Gospel Reflection For Families / Mark 8:27-35:** All parents want the very best for their children! They willingly make sacrifices to provide the best opportunities for our children. They might sacrifice a career to stay at home with their children, or they might take on an extra job to save for college tuition. Parents often wish we could take the illness or discomfort from their children. They cannot stand to see their children suffer. Today's Gospel cautions us to do that very thing. Like parents, we must give of ourselves for others. Remember, the best way to show each other how to live is by our example.

**Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family:** Around the dinner table ask each family member, 'Who do you say Jesus is?'. As each member gives their answer, encourage them to include the name of someone who has helped them recognize Jesus and how they did that.

**Sunday Morning Classes:** Begin Today! 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.

**Children's Catechumenate:** We offer a process affectionately called R.C.I.C. to children 3rd grade through high school who have not received Baptism and/or 1st Eucharist and Confirmation. *Parent/child Orientation is Weds., Sept. 16th from 6pm-7pm at Dermody Center.* If you have a child that has this need, please contact my office for details.

**Additional 'Finger Lickin' Thanks:** I wanted to thank some additional people who volunteered their time and energy (especially in the clean-up!) during our Annual Pancake Breakfast: Philipe Napaa, Claire & Patrick McCole, Laura Chui and Melinda Jeffries. These devoted volunteers once again made our Annual Pancake Breakfast a great, and yummy success!

### Mark Your Calendars:

- 13th 1st Day of Sunday Morning Classes –**AND- Mandatory** Parent Mtg.
- 13th Parish Picnic – OLR Site // Rel. Ed. Sponsored Craft Booth
- 20th Reg. Classes // Catechetical Sunday (Commissioning of Cats. at 9am SAG & 10:30 OLR masses)
- 27th No Classes // Local Holiday

*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.*