

# The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

As you walk into St. Albert the Great Church through the main entrance, there will be an obstacle in your path: the construction of the New Baptismal Font. For you, is the font an 'obstacle' or a 'reminder' of how the spiritual journey starts for all of us in and through Baptism?

Here's a reminder of the catechesis, the rationale and the theology of Baptism that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers in their publication: BUILT OF LIVING STONES: ART, ARCHITECTURE AND WORSHIP.

The rites of Baptism, the first of the sacraments of initiation, require a prominent place for celebration. Initiation into the church is entrance into a eucharistic community united in Jesus Christ. Because the rites of initiation of the church begin with Baptism and are completed by the reception of the Eucharist, the baptismal font and its location reflect the Christian's journey through the waters of baptism to the altar. This integral relationship between the baptismal font and the altar can be demonstrated in a variety of ways, such as placing the font and the altar on the same architectural axis, using natural or artificial lighting, using the same floor patterns and using common or similar materials and elements of design.

Through the waters of baptism the faithful enter the life of Christ. For this reason the font should be visible and accessible to all who enter the church building.

The following criteria can be helpful when choosing the design for the font:

One font that will accommodate the baptism of both infants and adults symbolizes the one faith and one baptism that Christians share. The size and design of the font can facilitate the dignified celebration for all who are baptized at the one font.

The font should be large enough to supply ample water for the baptism of both adults and infants. Since baptism in Catholic churches may take place by immersion in the water, or by infusion (pouring), fonts that permit all forms of baptismal practice are encouraged.

Because of the essential relationship of baptism to the celebration of other sacraments and rituals, the parish will want to choose an area for the font that visually symbolizes that relationship. Placing the baptismal font in an area near the entrance or gathering space where the members pass regularly and setting it on an axis with the altar can symbolize the relationship between the various sacraments as well as the importance of the Eucharist within the life and faith development of the members.

May our new baptismal font remind us of our own baptism and faith journey and inspire us to welcome new members into our community and into our Church.

Fr. George

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 14:

9:00 am SAG . . . Juana Celaya †

10:30 am OLR . . . Enrique Palenzuela †

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

3:13-17

Monday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm . . . . . Maria & Francis Casey (health)

Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Jn 19:25-27

or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

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

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

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

Readings: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18:

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm . . . . . Vince Giovanotto †

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 19: St. Januarius

7:15 am . . . . .

8:30 am . . . . . Ronald Short †

12:15 pm . . . . .

Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and their companions

12:15 pm, 5:00 pm

Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

## PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 20 & 21, 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 Albero, Marge Dutton, Mary Lee Hagen, Mike Dennison, Ann Izik, Virginia Kreutzer, Ann Ackerman, Chet DiLauro, Cypress Winters, Sophie Bandur, Arlen Hagen, Fr. Charlie Maceda

**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 28 **Thur** Sept 18 noon  
Oct 5 .. **Thur** Sept 25 noon



### Our Weekly Offering

August 31 . . . . . \$

### Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . . . \$

Budget YTD . . . . . \$

Variance . . . . . + %

# September 14, 2008

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:15 am ..... Religious Ed. (OLRH)

10:15 am ..... Religious Ed. (SAG)

3:00 pm ..... Jovenes (OLRH)

6:00 pm ..... STAYouth (OLRH)

Monday, September 15: Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30 pm ..... AEP (SAGH)

Tuesday, September 16:

9:00 am ..... Thomas House (PC)

7:00 pm ..... JustFaith (PC)

Wednesday, September 17:

6:00 pm ..... SOUP (OLRH)

7:00 pm ..... Deanery2 Young Adult Circle (SAGC)

7:00 pm ..... Parents Sac Prep (DC)

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

Thursday, September 18:

7:00 pm ..... Deanery2 Young Adult Circle (SAGC)

7:00 pm ..... Scripture Study (OLRH)

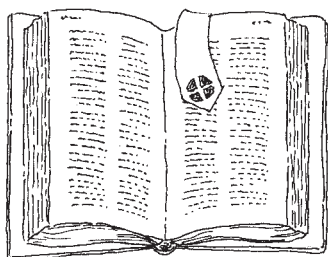
Friday, September 19:

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

Saturday, September 20:

## PASTORAL HOME MINISTRY TRAINING

There will be a training session for new ministers on Sept 22, 10:00am - 12 noon at the Pastoral Center. All interested parishioners are welcome. All ministers who are interested in refreshing their training or sharing their ministry are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to the Pastoral Ministry at 494-2496 X22.



## 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.

**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\*\*\*

**SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE** Saturday, September 20, 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 \*\*\*

**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)

## HOW ABOUT SOME SOUP?

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from fall to spring, some of us gather for SOUP. A few people bring a pot of soup, and few bring a bottle of wine or juice and we have a social gathering while enjoying this meal. We each put some money in a box, to be distributed at the end of the year to various charities that feed hungry people. This year our contributions were down, since several of our regulars are no longer able to attend. We hope you will consider joining us!

One of our beneficiaries is Fr. Ed Figueroa, who works in Brazil. He needs a well for pure water, and has had 30 meters dug, but needs money to dig to 100 meters! During Lent we meet each Wednesday, and those funds are sent to Father Jack Donald, SJ, who grew up in our parish and has worked in Honduras for many years. The other beneficiaries are local groups.

How about joining us? We meet at OLR hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. The first SOUP will be on September 17th. Bring a bowl, a spoon, and if you wish, some crackers or bread. If you have any questions, call Virginia at 493-8220 or Laurie at 494-3572.

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## CONCERT AT SAINT SIMON PARISH

Saint Simon Parish invites you to a Concert/Retreat with Tony Alonso! Concert is October 3, 7:00 p.m., Retreat is October 4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., followed by luncheon. Click here: [Map of St Simon Catholic Church, 1860 Grant Rd Los Altos, CA by MapQuest.](#) All Parishes, all ages welcome. Admission is free. For information, please contact Amy Stacke, [astacke@stsimon.org](mailto:astacke@stsimon.org) or Suzanne Fitzgerald, [Litmusic@aol.com](mailto:Litmusic@aol.com). Tony Alonso is one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music today. He is the author of several books, music collections and CDs and has presented at many conferences and events throughout the US and Europe. In addition to his passion for sung prayer, Tony has a deep interest in engaging young people in the life and liturgy of the church. He currently serves as Director of Music for the Campus Ministry Team at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

## 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/)

Sun, 9/14: Back-to-STAY Night (Parents only; teen YLT meets in Dermody Center). OLR Hall 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Sun, 9/21: • Catechetical Sunday (all STAY catechists/volunteers) commissioning 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 (the Intersection 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. Mark your calendars.

**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.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

Now that the kids are back in school, how about a refresher course for mom and dad? Marriage encounter is an enriching and revitalizing experience to help make a good marriage even better. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 24-26 in San Jose. For more information call Manuel and Rory Dominguez at (408) 846-7070 or visit [www.rekindleyourmarriage.org](http://www.rekindleyourmarriage.org).

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord’s Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but today the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ’s victory. In its deepest origins, it is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the “true cross” discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and “went missing” for fifteen years. Today’s feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It’s a good day to look around your house or office: Don’t those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?