

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

Our **parish picnic** today (Sunday) is our annual kick-off of another parish year. Welcome back to all those individuals and families, who have been gone for the summer. We look forward to an exciting year.

During the parish picnic we will welcome *Fr Jeronimo* once again. We also warmly welcome *Kristy*, the new Middle School youth coordinator. For those who have not met *Angela*, she is the new catechetical site coordinator for Our Lady of the Rosary. We hope to welcome also new families who have recently joined our parish.

In celebration of the year of St Paul, we will have our first fall **Burning Bush** session on September 28th, Sunday, from 3-5 pm, at St Albert the Great Hospitality Center. The burning question is: *What did St Paul really say about the role of women in the church?* If there is ever a good time to find proper responses to this burning question, it would be during this Year of St Paul.

The entire month of October will be dedicated to **Stewardship** and the sharing of our gifts of Time and Talent. During the first weekend of October, we will give you our very first comprehensive Parish Report, to highlight both the activities of our various ministries during this past year, and to show accountability not only in Finances but also in the many aspects of our lives as parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas.

On November 15th we will have a **parish wide Retreat**. You have a date with your fellow parishioners so please reserve that date in November. This retreat will be geared towards the entire family and will end with a festive Mass at 5 pm.



Welcome home!

Fr George

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 21:

10:30 am OLR ... Carmen Lamb †

10:30 am STA ... Luis del Rosario †

Readings: *Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a*

Monday, September 22:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18*

Tuesday, September 23: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21*

Wednesday, September 24:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6*

Thursday, September 25:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9*

Friday, September 26: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22*

Saturday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

12:15 pm Sara Pezzimenti †

5:00 pm Teresa Salva †

Readings: *Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 27 & 28, 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 Msgr. Boyle

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

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Oct 5 .. **Thur** Sept 25 noon
Oct 12 ... **Thur** Oct 2 noon



Our Weekly Offering

August 31 \$ 8,864.11
St. Vincent De Paul \$ 4,610.00

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 84,070.34
Budget YTD ... \$ 83,870.19
Variance + 0.024%

September 21, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 21: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

9:00 am Religious Ed.
Commissioning of Catechists (SAG)
9:15 am Religious Ed. (OLRH)
10:15 am Religious Ed. (SAG)
10:30 am Religious Ed.
Commissioning of Catechists (OLR)
11 am-3pm **Parish Picnic** (SES School Grounds)
3:00 pm Jovenes (OLRH)
6:00 pm STAYouth (OLRH)

Monday, September 22: Autumn begins

7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, September 23:

9:00 am Thomas House (PC)
7:30 pm HCC (PC)

Wednesday, September 24:

10:00 am Recycling Presentation (OLRH)

Thursday, September 25:

10:00 am Facilities Committee (DC)
7:00 pm Scripture Study (OLRH)

Friday, September 26:

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 27:

9:30 am PTA Picnic (Cowper Field)

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.

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. *** Hikes are every Saturday ***

EDGEWOOD PARK HIKE AND BREAKFAST Saturday, September 27, 2008, 9:00 am. **This is a special one-time date and time.** Meet at the entrance to Edgewood Park at 9 am. This is a hike that will take you up and down, in sun and shade, amidst grasses, trees and wildflowers, for about 2 hours. Afterwards gather at a nearby eatery, about 11:30 am, for lunch or brunch. We'll decide where to go after the hike. We always hike, rain or shine! More information: Contact Josephine josephine.dorval@oracle.com, 650.619.4024 or visit <http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html> or email age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org. *** Starting in October hikes will be the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month ***

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELP NEEDED

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And Jesus answered: "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

We are in desperate need of St. Vincent de Paul workers. Doing St. Vincent de Paul work fulfills one of the important tenets of our faith. Please consider giving some of your time to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

Call Roberta Uebbing (650-494-2450) or email (uebbing665@sbcglobal.net).

"THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL" ON TV WITH FR. GEORGE

Fr. George is the guest on "Spirit Talk with Jean" on the following times, until October 18. Channel 30 and also at the same times on the internet at www.communitymediacenter.net Sundays at 10pm, Tuesdays at 6:00pm, and Thursdays at 8:00pm. He is talking about St. Paul, and singing too!

ANNUAL SAN JOSE LIFE CHAIN

The Annual San Jose Life Chain will take place on Stevens Creek Blvd. and Kiely Blvd. from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2008. This event will be one of over 1,000 life chains taking place throughout the nation on "Respect Life Sunday". It is an hour-and-a-half of prayer and peaceful witness on behalf of the unborn. Small Christian communities and others throughout the Diocese have participated in this event in the past. For information or to volunteer, please call Emy Nilsen at (408) 995-5507 or Emma Forlanda at (408) 238-8881.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

OUR PASTORAL STAFF 2008-2009

back row / L-R: Angela Leal - Sandra Pedersen - Jean Ramacciotti - Cathy Miller - Chuck Tully - Fr. Jeromino Gutierrez - Fr. George Aranha - Susan Clingsmith - Kristy Rozsnyoi - Nora Lundin - Rob Manfrey

seated / L-R: Carl Bunje - Pat Dietrich - Maria de Jesus Gutierrez-Garcia - Patricia Cruzet - Betty Gildea



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/

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

• Parish Picnic 11am-3pm @ SAG site. Games for/by youth & teens. Contact Heather to volunteer:
bigishm@yahoo.com

• First Night of STAYouth sessions 7:00-8:30pm; Middle School in OLR Hall & High School in Dermody Center.

Rob Manfrey will be away from Sept. 21-28 at his annual PSI Principia leadership seminar. He will be here for Cat. Sunday in the morning, yet missing the parish picnic and initial STAY session.

Sun, 9/28: • Burning Bush: Fr. George on "St. Paul and Women", 3-5pm SAG Center; wine & cheese to follow.

• STAY sessions: 7:00-8:30pm...MS in OLR Hall; HS in Dermody Center

Time & Talent weekends during October: Oct 12 @ STA masses; Oct 18 & 19 @ SAG masses; Oct. 26 @ OLR masses. We need youth/parent help to promote and advertise for STAYouth and Young Adult ministries.

YOUNG ADULTS [college-age, 20s, 30s] www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

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, Nov. 7, 8pm thru Sun 11/9, 2pm. Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park. Open to Young Adults (20s & 30s, single or married). More info upcoming. Mark your calendars.

Deanery 2 Young Adults [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