

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

I would like to cordially invite you to join me and fellow parishioners in visiting the Holy Land from March 9 to March 18, 2009. Come join me and other pilgrims to tour the places, the reasons and the emotions that are the foundation of our faith in Jesus Christ.

After arriving in the Holy Land, we will first visit Caesarea with its Crusader Fortress and Roman Amphitheater. Then, we will proceed to Megiddo (Armageddon), site of the final battle mentioned in the Book of Revelation. We will proceed to Haifa and visit Elijah's cave and then drive to Tiberias.

From Tiberias we will discover familiar names and places like Capernaum, Galilee, Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the Mount of Beatitudes and Caesarea Philippi, where Peter identified Jesus as Messiah.

Then to Cana and Nazareth we travel. We will visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Jordan River ending in Jerusalem. We will spend a few days in Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea, the Caves of Qumran, Bethany etc. and visit and pray at all the important and inspiring sights of our faith, details of which you will find in our brochure.

For a copy of the brochure, with information, prices and itinerary, please call Sandra at the Pastoral Center, at 494-2496 ext 27.

This is once in a lifetime opportunity to strengthen our faith and to appreciate where we have come from in our spiritual journey. Come join us to pray, to do pilgrimage and to give thanks for our tremendous gift of faith, in the Holy Land.

We invite you to sign up for a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND. Fr George, our Pastor, will be the Spiritual Director of this inspiring tour of all the Holy sites that bring meaning to our Catholic faith. Spread the word to your friends, fellow-workers and family members.



This pilgrimage will take place during Lent from March 9 to March 18, 2009.

For a brochure or for more information, please call Sandra Pederesen at the Pastoral Center at (650) 494-2496.

Fr. George Aranha, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 28:

10:30 am OLR . . . Carmen Lamb †

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];

Mt 21:28-32

Monday, September 29: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

7:15 am

8:30 am Eleanor McNulty †

12:15 pm

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;

Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday, September 30: St. Jerome

7:15 am Amparo Roja †

8:30 am Mary B Mulhern †

12:15 pm

Readings: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 1: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 2: The Guardian Angels

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday, October 3:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Readings: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday October 4 & 5, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha

Sun 9:00 am TBA

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. Mikalonis

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Mikalonis



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 Abiero, 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 12 . . . **Thur** Oct 2 noon
Oct 19 . . . **Thur** Oct 9 noon



Our Weekly Offering

September 7 \$ 10,075.84

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 94,146.18

Budget YTD . . . \$ 93,189.10

Variance + 1.03%

September 28, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, September 28: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week

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

Monday, September 29: Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year 5769) begins at sunset

7:30 pm RCIA Pre-Catechumenate (PC)

Tuesday, September 30:

9:00 am Thomas House (PC)

Wednesday, October 1:

6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, October 2:

7:00 pm Widow Widowers (SAGC)

Friday, October 3: First Friday

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, October 4: First Saturday

Second Collection this weekend:

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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!

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

WIDOW/WIDOWER EVENTS CALENDAR The Widow and Widowers are starting the Fall season with a bang. First a great dessert party and then the Peninsula Pops with SUPER Carol Channing.

Oct 2 ..7 P.M. Dessert at the home Of Lorraine Dabney

Oct 16 11:30 Lunch at Michaels at Shoreline... Peninsula Pops.. Just \$20.00 Organized By Vic. Call (650) 328-3936 Don't Delay...

Oct 11 Evening Performance At Spangenberg, Gunn High With Carol Channing

Oct 12 Peninsula Pops.. In Los Gatos With Carol Channing

Note... Lorraine Dabney has graciously taken the helm and will need help to make this year a success. Tell her you would like to give her a hand... when you see her on October 2nd..or Call her now at.. 494-6488

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 need of St. Vincent de Paul workers. The work requires a commitment of about four hours per week. We answer the calls of people in need who come to the Pastoral Center for help. We make home visits to families in need. We give many different kinds of emergency help: food, clothing, rental and utility help, bus tokens, gas cards, payment for prescriptions. Doing St. Vincent de Paul work is fulfilling Christ's will for us. 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).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Today is Catechetical Sunday: Jesus Christ is the life and mission of the church. Please join us as we celebrate those men and women who serve the parish by bringing the Word of God into the hearts of others!

Our Programs Are Growing By Leaps and Bounds!: We are always in need of help in all areas, especially a 5th grade Co-Catechist for the St. Albert the Great site. There are 16 children anxiously waiting! Andrea Saliba has graciously offered to instruct the children every other week. Now we need someone to instruct the 5th graders on the opposite weeks! If you feel the Holy Spirit tugging at your heart strings or just want to join the fun working with the children, let's talk! Remember, we're not just calling parents; we have a place for anyone in Middle School through great-great-grandparents! Call me, Sue Clingingsmith, DRE at 650-494-2496 x25 or e-mail youth@paloaltocatholic.org.

Thank You!: To all who helped in the Rel. Ed. sponsored Craft Booth during the Parish Picnic last weekend!

Mark Your Calendars: TODAY! Bring your pets for the Blessing of the Animals. We'll gather at Our Lady of the Rosary parking lot at 3pm (time change) this afternoon. Ask a friend to bring their pets for this special blessing!

- Oct. 8th: First class for the Children's Catechumenate. These classes are for those children who are 3rd grade and older who have not been baptized or did not received their 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. We will be meeting in the Dermody Center from 6pm – 7pm.

- Oct. 12th: No Rel. Ed. classes on Oct. 12th; it's a local holiday!

Susan Clingingsmith, Dir. of Rel. Ed. at youth@paloaltocatholic.org or 650-494-2496 x25

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

PARISH PICNIC

Our Parish Picnic celebrating the beginning of our year: great food by Knights of Columbus, balloon toss, dancers, fire truck, welcoming of new families, and the the first for Father Jeronimo.



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, 9/28: • 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/parents help to promote and advertise for STAYouth and Young Adult ministries. We are seeking spirit-filled, dynamic, and youthful individuals who enjoy sharing themselves and their faith with youth and teenagers.

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 (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.

Fri, 10/3: Taize Prayer @ Mercy Center. YA Mass & Social 6:30-7:45pm; Taize 8:00-9:30pm every First Friday of each month. Simple Christian phrases/chants set to music and sung in community, with veneration of the cross. Largest ecumenical Taize in the Bay Area. 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame.

The Circle Retreat 2008: The Dwelling Place of God: Where does God live in you, in me, and in the world? Scripture calls us the temple of God. How do we recognize the divine within us and in

those around us? How do we work to promote the kingdom of God on earth? Fri, Nov. 7, 8pm thru Sun 11/9, 2pm. Vallombrosa Retreat Center (250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park). <http://www.vallombrosa.org> Cost: \$140 (subject to change; financial aid available) Contact Larry, hudat@stanfordalumni.org for more info or to sign up. More information on our site <http://www.youngadultcircle.org/retreat.html>

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.

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