

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.

FR. GEORGE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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 Pedersen at the Pastoral Center at (650) 494-2496.v

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 12:

10:30 am OLR . . . Charles A. Pilsbury †
 10:30 am STA . . . Suzanne Constance Say †
Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10].

Monday, October 13:

7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Communion Service
Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 14: St. Callistus I

7:15 am
 8:30 am Communion Service
 12:15 pm
Readings: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus

7:15 am
 8:30 am Lolita Menezes †
 12:15 pm Leo Rosso †
Readings: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, October 16: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:15 am
 8:30 am Leo Rosso †
 12:15 pm Lolita Menezes †
Readings: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm
Readings: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 18: St. Luke

12:15 pm
 5:00 pm Vince Giovannotto †
Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday October 18 & 19, 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. Rubio
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha
 Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Gutiérrez
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Gutiérrez



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Sue Clingingsmith, Nancy Condon, Nicholas Humy, Mary Hansen, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, Marian Partelow, Mary Imbornone, Mary Lee Hagen, Virginia Kreutzer, Chet DiLauro, Cypress Winters, Sophie Bandur, Arlen Hagen, Fr. Charlie Maceda, Carole Stuart, Mary Harvey, Michael Fong

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Joseph Kehret, Pat Slevin, Jack Youngs, Carmen Lamb, Ruth Arnold, Mary McNulty, Leona McGann

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 26 . **Thur** Oct 16 noon
 Nov 2 . **Thur** Oct 23 noon



Our Weekly Offering

September 21 \$ 10,443.81
 St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 3,483.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 114,214.76
 Budget YTD . . \$ 112,126.92
 Variance + 1.86%

October 12, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 12: Twenty-eighth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 13: Columbus Day;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins
at sunset

Tuesday, October 14:
9:00 amBaptism Class (PC)

Wednesday, October 15:
6:00 pmSOUP (OLRH)
7:30 pmTransitions (PC)

Thursday, October 16:

Friday, October 17:
7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult
(OLRH)

Saturday, October 18:
8:00 pmAge of Aquinas Dance
(SAGC)

Second Collection this weekend:
.....St. Elizabeth Seton School
Second Collection next weekend:
.....World Mission Sunday

HOLD THE DATE

Saturday, November 15
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Retreat
St. Albert the Great Site
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 7:30 pm:
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.
Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto,
94306. More information: Visit <http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html> or contact
Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org. Meetings are the
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

AGE OF AQUINAS HALLOWEEN DANCE Saturday, October 18, 2008 @ 8:00
pm: It's Halloween time and this promises to be a spooky evening filled with
the groovy sounds of Dave the DJ back for a return engagement! Dress this time
is tricky so use your imagination and come in your favorite costume! Time:
Doors open at 8:00 pm. Dave will start playing music at 8:30 till 11:00. Cost:
Still only \$10.00 (cash only, no checks please). Treats will be provided. Location:
St Albert the Great Community Center, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto, 94301.
More information: Contact Mabel by email: m-ngo@sbcglobal.net, or Tom by
phone: 408.298.2064, or visit <http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html>

SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE Saturday, October 18, 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. This is a hike on mostly level, mostly paved paths. 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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

THE CATECHUMENATE

The Second Vatican Council's document on missionary activity, *Ad gentes*, reminds
us that The Catechumenate is not “a mere expounding of dogmas and precepts”. It
describes the RCIA as an apprenticeship or a school for discipleship.

The RCIA is not solely a course in Catholic teaching. As a school for discipleship
it takes the dogmas and precepts of the Catholic church and places them into
conversation with the lived experience of those adults seeking any of the Initiation
Sacraments. And this is dynamic!

One way candidates and catechumens learn what Catholics do is through the
relationship with a sponsor. Sponsors are people who have walked the way of
Christian discipleship and are able simply to share that experience, in words and
actions, with a catechumen or candidate. Sponsors are not asked to teach in a formal
way. They are asked to teach by the witness of their own Christian lives– to walk with
someone who is interested in becoming a part of that way of life.

Would you like to walk with one of our Candidates?

Jean Ramacciotti, Director of the Catechumenate (RCIA), 650 494-2496 ext. 34, pajeann@yahoo.com

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Seton School will be holding its 6th Annual Walk-A-Thon on Friday, October 17th. This is a wonderful event, and we hope you will stop to say hello to Seton students who will be outside after mass on October 11th and 12th requesting sponsors for the Walk-A-Thon. Thank you!

NEW GRIEF GROUP STARTING

Thursdays 10-2-08 until 12-11-08. The grief recovery class will be starting at St. Simon's Rectory in the conference room on Thursday afternoon from 3pm until 5pm. It will run for 10 weeks. St. Simon's @ 1860 Grant Road in Los Altos, tel. 650-967-8311. Any questions call Arlene Dean at 650-968-7556.

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, 10/12: STAY Social Night...MS movie night in OLR Hall; HS hot chocolate in Dermody.

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/

Sun, 10/12: Mass and a Meal returns...join us for 10:30am mass at St. Thomas Aquinas church (751 Waverly St.), then lunch afterward in beautiful downtown PA. Mark your calendars for Nov. 16 & Dec. 14 also.

Wed, 10/29: Young Adult Halloween Mass and Party, 7:30PM, Fr. Doyle Hall, St. Joseph Church, 582 Hope St, Mountain View

Our Halloween tradition continues. Join us for Mass (celebrated by Fr. Bob Moran) in the basement of St. Joseph Church followed by a Halloween party with treats provided by the Young Adults of Deanery 2. Contact Bernadette, youngadultjoseph@yahoo.com

The Deanery 2 Young Adult 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.

Rob Manfredy, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org

FR. DANIEL KIRITI IN PALO ALTO

Come to one of the several evening coffees this month at which Fr. Daniel Kiriti of Naivasha, Kenya, will be speaking—about the need for girls' high schools in Kenya and relevant political topics. Fr. Kiriti lived in our parish in the 90s while he was studying at Santa Clara University. Currently he is pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Naivasha, Kenya, where he is building a girls' high school, runs a boys' high school and an orphanage. His projects have benefited from generous support offered by many parishioners here in STA.

Call the hostess noted to let her know you are coming and for information on the location.

Thursday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.: hostess Anita Dippery, Menlo Park, 650-325-9936.

Friday, October 17, 7:30 a.m. (yes, a.m.): Women at the Well, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, 1069 East Meadow Circle, Palo Alto (Directions at www.itp.edu/contact.cfm).

Sunday, October 19, 3:00 p.m.: hostess Margo McAuliffe, 650-322-0821.

Saturday, October 25, 4:00 p.m.: hostess Diane Mavica, Menlo Park, 650-327-5818.

Sunday, October 26, 8:45 a.m.: Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church: Fr. Kiriti will celebrate this Mass.

Sunday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.: Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela, Palo Alto (off Arastradero Rd. at Foothill Expressway), co-sponsored by Congregation Kol Emeth and TMC. All are welcome.

For more information about Fr. Kiriti's October schedule, please contact Margo McAuliffe, 650-322-0821.