

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

BALANCE

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God. That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We had sixteen hundred years' experience with one Eucharistic Prayer in our repertoire, and the liturgical reforms of the Council of Trent shaped the way we worshiped for four hundred years. In the last years of the Tridentine Mass, the early 1960s, we tended to see children as miniature adults. Fully rooted in the Sunday assembly by the decision of Pope St. Pius X to push Communion back to the age of seven or so from the standard age of twelve to fourteen years during the early 1900s, children were still more tolerated than acknowledged. The Mass was in Latin, and by the 1960s the people had begun to regain their voices in the "dialogue Mass," so the focus was on training little children to recite or sing in Latin.

The new attention to the experience of children, their ability to enter into ritual, their spontaneity, their ability to grasp key concepts in faith, felt "untraditional." Yet we can trace in our tradition the ways in which children have long been given a special place in the assembly. From earliest times, boys have served in choirs and certain ministries in monasteries and in parish churches. Girls were sometimes entrusted to nuns, learning liturgical chants and the arts. Yet, in our day, the formation of a Lectionary for children and Eucharistic Prayers suited to them are truly tremendous breakthroughs in our treasury of prayer.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 26:

10:30 am OLR . . . Joan Baker †

Readings: *Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40*

Monday, October 27:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

Readings: *Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17*

Tuesday, October 28: Ss. Simon and Jude

7:15 am

8:30 am Mary McNulty †

12:15 pm Felicísimo Fuentes Jr †

Readings: *Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16*

Wednesday, October 29:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm Communion Service

Readings: *Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30*

Thursday, October 30:

7:15 am

8:30 am Communion Service

12:15 pm

Readings: *Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35*

Friday, October 31:

7:15 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm Communion Service

Readings: *Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6*

Saturday, November 1:

12:15 pm Fina, Gastaldi, Woods, & Lastovic †

5:00 pm Lily D. Luz (birthday)

Readings: *Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 1 & 2, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Gutiérrez

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Mikalonis

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Msgr. Boyle

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Mikalonis

Sun 12 noon Fr. Gutiérrez

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, Mary Gaffney, Elaine Bollier Doyle

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
Nov 9 . **Thur** Oct 30 noon
Nov 16 . **Thur** Nov 6 noon



Our Weekly Offering

October 5 \$ 10,557.70
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 134,565.98
Budget YTD . . \$ 132,152.31
Variance + 1.83%

October 26, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 26: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

9:15 am Religious Ed. Fun in the Gospel (OLRH)

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6:00 pm STAYouth (OLRH)

Monday, October 27:

Tuesday, October 28:

7:30 pm HCC (OLRH)

Wednesday, October 29:

2:00-8:00 pm ... Seton Science Center Open House (SAGH)

7:00 pm Retreat Planning (PC)

Thursday, October 30:

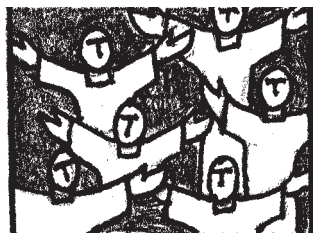
7:00 pm First Communion (PC)

Friday, October 31: Halloween

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, November 1: All Saints; First Saturday

10:30 am RCIA Sponsor Training (SAGH)



EMERGENCY APPEAL

During times of severe economic hardship, it is the most vulnerable in our society who are most adversely affected. The parish SVDP treasury is extremely low & so we are appealing to the parishioners for emergency financial help. We are experiencing increased requests for rent and utility help. Many people are facing eviction because after losing their jobs, they are unable to pay their rent. The colder weather is ahead of us. When the collection basket comes your way, please try to imagine yourself without warm housing & be generous in your giving.

PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION AND SHARING

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, the Catholic Community of Palo Alto, invites you to a day of reflection and sharing on The Spirituality of Saint Paul

Using St. Paul's powerful sense of living "in Christ", you will have the opportunity to explore, reflect and discover anew your own awareness and inner relationship with Jesus Christ.



Saturday, November 15

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Seton School Auditorium

St. Albert the Great Site, 1095 Channing Avenue
Palo Alto

Two ways to register:

1. Complete the form below and place it in the designated baskets at all the church sites, or drop it in the collection basket during Mass
2. Register via email: send your name and number of attendees to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

Registration Deadline: **Monday, November 10**

We will be accepting donations to defray the expense of food and the expenses of the retreat providers.



The Spirituality of Saint Paul

Our Parish Day of Reflection and Sharing
Saturday, November 15, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: **Monday, November 10**

Please drop in the designated baskets at all the church sites, or in the collection basket at Mass.

Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would appreciate child-care.

No. of children and ages: _____

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

SETON SCHOOL'S FALL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, November 18th, 12:00-2:00 – St. Elizabeth Seton School would like to invite St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners to our annual Fall Luncheon and School Tour. Social time and lunch will begin at noon, followed by a student-led school tour. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to the Development Office at 326-1258 or rsvp@stelizabethseton.com, by November 12.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT

Come on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 5:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. Celebrate with those who have participated in the Sanctuary Movement since it started in 1983. The executive Director of Voices on the Border, Roddy Hughes, will be speaking on "El Salvador at a Crossroads".

This will also be a Fund-raiser for grassroots self-help programs in Salvadoran communities. The suggested donation is \$20/adult and \$15/student, including a delicious dinner. Please call 650-494-8340 to RSVP.

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/

Youth / Teens continue to meet every Sunday night from 7:00-8:30pm at OLR site.

Wed, 11/5 XLT (Exult) Praise & Worship music, Talk, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament. 7:30pm Holy Family Parish, 4848 Pearl Ave., San Jose, 95136. Our own Rob Manfrey sings in the band.

Sun, 11/9 STAY High School goes to Golfland USA in Sunnyvale to challenge St. Simon LifeTeen from Los Altos.

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

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? Led by Fr. David Geib, OP, formerly of the Catholic Community at Stanford. Fri, Nov. 7, 8pm thru Sun 11/9, 2pm. Vallombrosa Retreat Center. www.vallombrosa.org Cost: \$140 (subject to change; financial aid available) Contact Larry, hudat@stanfordalumni.org for more info or to sign up. More info 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 Manfrey, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, 650-494-2496 ext. 21, STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org

FR. DANIEL KIRITI IN PALO ALTO

All are invited to hear Fr. Daniel Kiriti of Naivasha, Kenya, speak tonight, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela, Palo Alto (off Arastradero Road at Foothill Expressway), co-sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center and Congregation Kol Emeth. Fr. Kiriti brings news on the progress of the building of St. Francis Xavier Girls' High School in his parish, as well as a report on the results of the youth decision-making seminars which he has held for boys and girls in Naivasha. Many STA parishioners have supported Fr. Kiriti's work and projects since he was a resident in our parish in the late 90s while studying at Santa Clara University. For information, contact Margo McAuliffe, 650-322-082, margomca2@sbcglobal.net.

SHORELINE PARK HIKE

Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park near the breezeway between the café and the Aquatic Center at 9 am. Afterwards gather at the café around 10:00 for coffee or brunch. We always hike, rain or shine! www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

EDGEWOOD PARK HIKE

Meet at the INNER parking lot inside 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 always hike, rain or shine! Contact Josephine josephine.dorval@oracle.com, 650.619.4024 or visit www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or email age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.