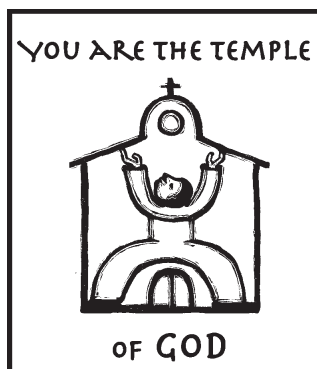


The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

TODAY'S MESSAGE

HOLY PLACES, HOLY LIVES

Roman Catholics in the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century have had more than their share of experiences of unholy things going on in holy places. And, in light of the extreme reaction that Jesus has to this phenomenon at the Temple in today's Gospel, it may seem unusual to be celebrating what, on the surface, seems to be a feast of a building: the pope's cathedral church for his role as the bishop of Rome, the cathedral of St. John (the Baptist) Lateran. Throughout time, human beings have come to discern, through the Spirit, various physical locations for the work and activity of God: creation, the Ark of the Covenant, the Jerusalem temples, the womb of a Galilean girl, a cross and tomb, an upper room. All these physical places have the potential to be sources of holy things, of God's ongoing grace in the world. As we hear in today's Gospel, we must always look to Christ, the one, eternal, always-holy dwelling place of God. Then we who are baptized must pray that we always be guided to lead holy lives in holy places, in all places, at all times.



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HOLY LAND TOUR

Fr George will be leading a tour of the Holy Land from March 9th to the 18th in 2009. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit all the Holy places associated with our Catholic faith. The Deadline for Registration is **November 30th**. If you need a brochure that comes with a registration form, please call Sandra Pedersen at the Pastoral Center at 650-494-2496, ext 27. Spread the word about this Holy Land trip to your friends, families, fellow-parishioners and Co-workers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 9:
 10:30 am OLR ... Justina & Baldomero Rodriguez † and Maria & Vicente Mercado †
 10:30 am STA ... Phyllis Gaffney †
Readings: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Monday, November 10: St. Leo the Great
 7:15 am Frederick Kretz †
 8:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 12:15 pm Charles Baracchi †
Readings:

Tuesday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours
 7:15 am
 8:30 am Palomo Family (special intention)
 12:15 pm
Readings:

Wednesday, November 12: St. Josaphat
 7:15 am
 8:30 am Matias & Josefa Perez †
 12:15 pm Clara Oshiomole (health)
Readings:

Thursday, November 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
 7:15 am
 8:30 am Tom Drewek †
 12:15 pm
Readings:

Friday, November 14:
 7:15 am
 8:30 am
 12:15 pm Alfred Abohwo (health)
Readings:

Saturday, November 15: St. Albert the Great; Blessed Virgin Mary
 12:15 pm
 5:00 pm
Readings:

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 15 & 16, 2008

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha
 Sun 9:00 am Fr. Mikalonis

St. Thomas Aquinas
 Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
 Sun 8:45 am Fr. Aranha
 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha
 Sun 12 noon Fr. Aranha

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, Virginia Kreutzer, Chet DiLauro, Cypress Winters, Sophie Bandur, Fr. Charlie Maceda, Carole Stuart, Mary Harvey, Michael Fong, Brian Dooney, Rita McAlester, Susa Langdon

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

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 23 **Thur** Nov 13 noon
 Nov 30 **Wed** Nov 19 noon



Our Weekly Offering

October 19 \$ 10,155.69
 World Missions \$ 3,552.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD... \$ 154,096.32
 Budget YTD .. \$ 152,965.27
 Variance + 0.74%

November 9, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 9:15 am Religious Ed. (OLRH)
 10:15 am Religious Ed. (SAG)
 6:00 pm STAYouth (OLRH)

Monday, November 10: Thirty-second week in Ordinary Time;
 7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, November 11: Veterans Day;
 Pastoral Center Closed

Wednesday, November 12:
 7:00 pmPSC (OLRH)
 7:00 pmRetreat Planning (PC)

Thursday, November 13:
 11:00 am Seton Development (SAGC);
 7:00 pm Thomas Merton (SAGC)
 7:00 pm First Communion (PC)

Friday, November 14:
 7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, November 15:
 all day Parish Day of Reflection (SESS)

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.

PARISH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Holiday Food Drive has started. Donations of non-perishable food items such as soups, peanut butter, cereal, tuna, etc., are needed. Be sure to pick up a brown paper bag on the way out of church and fill and return it to the church foyer over the coming weeks. The STA youth group thanks you for your generous donations!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Palo Alto Council #2677 of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and the citizens of Palo Alto for their donations to the Knights MRP charity. The amount raised was \$1898. The donation will go to Abilities Unlimited on Charleston Road.

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

All parishioners are invited to a Mass of Remembrance. For all those parishioners who have died over the past year and in loving memory of all deceased relatives and friends of our parishioners. November 22, 5pm St. Albert the Great Church. A reception sponsored by the Widows & Widowers group will follow in the hospitality center.

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, 11/9 STAY High School goes to Golfland USA in Sunnyvale to challenge St. Simon LifeTeen of Los Altos. Start time 7pm. Permission slip signature required.
- Sat, 11/15 Parish Day of Prayer and Reflection on Spirituality of St. Paul. 9am to 3:30pm at SAG site, including mass at 11am and lunch. Come pray/be with us.
- Sun, 11/16 Fr. George talks to all STAYouth in OLR Hall about St. Paul and his recent trip to Greece.
- Sat, 11/22 STAY COOL at EPA St. Francis Church. 9am – 1pm. Service hours available.
- Sun, 11/23 Sunday night mass with Fr. George. 7pm at OLR Church. Open to entire parish community.

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

Sun, 11/16: Mass and a Meal...join us for 10:30am mass at St. Thomas Aquinas church (751 Waverley St.), then lunch afterward in beautiful downtown Palo Alto. Mark your calendars for Dec. 14 also.

Tues, 11/18 Monthly Young Adult Mass. 7:30pm at St. Nicholas School in Los Altos (the Intersection Teen Chapel). Presider is Fr. Carl from the Catholic Community at Stanford. Join us for a more intimate liturgy of introductions, young adult musicians, dialogue homily, and community-building after mass. Tell and bring friends and co-workers. This is our last mass of this year.

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

THANKSGIVING DINING OUT

To those who don't have a place to gather with family or other friends for Thanksgiving: Join us for the 4th Annual Thanksgiving Dining Out, and we will have our own Thanksgiving at David's Restaurant in Santa Clara. Again this year The Catholic Alumni Club will join us in cosponsoring this event. It's a great way to celebrate friendship and give thanks for all our many blessings. David's Restaurant, 5151 Stars and Stripes Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95054. 4:00 pm. Please RSVP to Jim or Randy by Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Cost: We'll each pay for our own. Last year it was about \$25 per meal (complete except drinks).

More info: Contact Jim Chinn, 650.948.1144, jy.chin@sbcglobal.net or Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENT

An AFS exchange student from Italy, who is now staying with a Gunn High School family, is in need of a host family for the second half of the school year, preferably in the PA school district. If you can help, or know someone else who may be interested, please contact Peter at pmaris@afs.org

Silvia is now a senior at Gunn High School. Silvia loves learning new things, and says she reads books a lot and keeps up with the news. In Italy she was class president, and managed her school's newspaper. She likes the humanities, and to draw and write stories. Here in the US, as in Italy, she is active in a catholic community and attends services regularly. Silvia describes herself as sometimes shy, but very vivacious and funny in informal situations. Friendship is important to her, and she is very loyal and curious. She is a good student and would like to go into law or psychology. Silvia is allergic to cats.

If you'd like to know more about the AFS program, please contact: Amy Greene, 650-327-9056.