

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parish Family,

In this Year of St. Paul, 44 of us went to Greece and Turkey. It was a wonderful and memorable trip. We were inspired by the courage and faith of St. Paul, as we followed in his footsteps.

We divided ourselves into groups of 6 or 7 and called ourselves: Corinthians, Ephesians, Galatians, Romans, Colossians, Philippians and Thessalonians. Thanks to this spiritual journey, our faith has been deepened and enriched forever.

Fr. George, a.k.a. Paul!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 16:

10:30 am STA ... Mary Gaffney †

10:30 am OLR ... Elza Guedes †

Readings: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Monday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:15 am

8:30 am Thanksgiving Palomo Family

12:15 pm

Readings: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 18: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19:

7:15 am

8:30 am Robert & Luisita

Mercado †

12:15 pm James & Edith Dubbs †

Readings: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20:

7:15 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm Godwin Abohwo (special intention)

Readings: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 am

8:30 am Communion Service

12:15 pm Helen Pardee (healing)

Readings: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22: St. Cecilia

12:15 pm

5:00 pm Grace Berndt †

Readings: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

TODAY'S MESSAGE

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be only one Mass (bi-lingual) on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. There will be no other Masses that day.



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, Elayne Bollier Doyle, Beatrice Espicha, Sarah Ann Washburn

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



PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 22 & 23, 2008

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha

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. Rubio

Sun 12 noon Fr. Aranha

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Nov 30 **Wed** Nov 19 noon
Dec 30 **Wed** Nov 26 noon



Parish Finances at Sept. 30, 2008

Total YTD Act Rev ... \$ 323,507	YTD Budget Rev. + \$ 311,128
Total YTD Act Exp ... \$ 333,265	YTD Budget Net + \$ 331,471
Actual Net Result - \$ 9,758	Budgeted Net Result - \$20,343

November 16, 2008

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, November 16: Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Religious Ed. (OLRH)

10:15 am Religious Ed. (SAG)

6:00 pm STAYouth (OLRH)

Monday, November 17:

7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, November 18: The Dedication of
the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul
in Rome

7:00 pm Centering Prayer (PC)

7:00 pm JustFaith (PC)

Wednesday, November 19:

7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, November 20:

7:00 pm First Communion (PC)

Friday, November 21:

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult
(OLRH)

Saturday, November 22:

Second Collection this weekend:

..... *St. Elizabeth Seton School*

Second Collection next weekend:

..... *Campaign for Human
Development*

FOOD DRIVE HELP NEEDED

Thanks to all of the generous parishioners who have been contributing food donations to the STA parish wide food drive. Volunteers are needed at OLR to help sort, move and store these donations at Dermody Center at either of these two events: Sunday, November 30th right after the 10:30 Mass and Saturday, December 6th starting at 9 am. Volunteers should meet in the foyer of OLR. Thank you!

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP 7:30 pm at the Pastoral Center. 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. www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – THANKSGIVING DINING OUT 4:00 pm. 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. David's Restaurant, 5151 Stars and Stripes Ave, Santa Clara. Time: 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 (drinks extra). More info: Contact Jim Chinn, 650.948.1144, <mailto:jy.chinn@sbcglobal.net> or Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

EVERY SATURDAY – AGE OF AQUINAS HIKE & COFFEE Meets every Sat. at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We always hike, rain or shine! More information: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wow! We had so many saints visit us last weekend! Thank you to all of the children who came dressed as their favorite saint. The children reviewed and were given cards relating to All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Mark Your Calendars: Nov. 20th – Rel. Ed. Board Meeting, 7pm – 8pm in the Dermody Center – All are welcome!

Nov. 23rd – Advent Family Day // Come and enjoy us as a family as we prepare for the upcoming Advent Season. We'll meet during regular Sunday morning class times in the respective halls.

Nov. 30th – No regular Sunday morning classes; enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend!

Dec. 7th – Reg. Sunday morning classes resume. ALSO the Parents Mtg. will be held in the respective halls while the children are in class. There will be faith sharing and classroom needs etc. discussed. These meetings are important for ALL PARENTS of all grades.

SAG Site Coord: Thank you to Anna Zara who has stepped forward to be the new Site Coordinator at St. Albert the Great site on Sunday mornings. Anna will be replacing Sue Yasuda who has had a family commitment come up that will no longer allow her to fill this role. Thank you Sue for being there and helping the beginning of the school year run smoothly! Please make sure you approach Anna, welcome her and let her know where you are willing to help!

Children's Catechumenate: Is your child/ren are over the age of 7 and in need of Baptism and/or First Communion? Then come join us in the Children's Catechumenate process. We meet on Weds. from 6pm – 7pm in Dermody Center. Call or e-mail (listed below) for more information.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

SETON SCHOOL'S THANK YOU

St. Elizabeth Seton School's **Sixth Annual Walk-A-Thon** was a great success! A big thank you to all the generous parishioners who sponsored our students outside masses the weekend prior to October 17th. The day was bright, spirits were bright, every child wore an attractive T-shirt designed by one of our gifted students, and parents cheered them on. It's a fun occasion, and we're grateful to all those who've supported us.

St. Elizabeth Seton School held a wonderful **Open House** evening on October 29th to celebrate the opening of its brand new Science Center. By good fortune the Science Center has been completed at the beginning of our year-long celebrations for our 30th year as Seton School. An especially welcome surprise guest was Anna Eshoo, who presented the school with a flag that has flown over the Capitol, and spoke of the critical need for science education for the future of our trained work force in California. Seton School warmly thanks all those in the parish who have supported the exciting addition of a Science Center on our campus.

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, 11/16 Fr. George talks to all STAYouth about St. Paul and his recent trip to Greece. 7:00pm OLR Church. Parents and community welcome also.
- Sat, 11/22 STAY COOL at EPA St. Francis Church. 9am – 1pm. Service hours available. Wear your white STAY COOL t-shirts.
- Sun, 11/23 Sunday night mass with Fr. George. 7pm OLR Church. Open to entire parish community. Refreshments & treats afterward.

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 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.

Sat, 12/6 Annual Deanery 2 Young Adult Circle Holiday Party & Early Holiday Liturgy at Stanford. Join us at St. Albert the Great hospitality center at 7:30pm for food and fun, then proceed to Memorial Church at Stanford for 11:00pm mass with carols, led by Stanford musicians & choir.

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

ADVENT REFLECTION

Nancy McGaraghan to lead Advent morning of reflection: "What Are You Waiting For?" Advent draws us into the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The themes of this season open us to mystery, growth and deep joy. A morning of prayer and reflection to celebrate the gifts of this sacred season, led by Nancy McGaraghan, will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008, from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 3233 Cowper Street, in Palo Alto, sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center of Palo Alto. Good will donations are invited; no one turned away.

Nancy McGaraghan earned a Master's Degree in Theological Studies from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. She has taught Spirituality, planned and directed retreats and works in hospital ministry. Nancy is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Palo Alto. She is currently continuing her study of Ignatian spirituality in the Pierre Favre Program at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. Wife mother, and grandmother, Nancy is also a member of the Palo Alto Weekly's Board of Contributors, writing occasional columns on contemporary family and social issues with rare insight into the everyday lives we lead. Her articles are compiled on her website: www.chezmcg.com.

For information about Nancy McGaraghan's Advent retreat, contact Kay Williams at (650) 328-2781, email to kaywill@pacbell.net, or write to TMC, P. O. Box 60061, Palo Alto, CA 94306.