

Third Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S MESSAGE

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).



**Live as Witnesses
to the Risen Lord**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 26:

Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 27:

8:30 am Maureen Buckley †
12:15 pm Aurelia Baracchi †
Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 28: St. Louis Mary de Montfort; St. Peter Chanel

Readings: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena

Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30: St. Pius V

8:30 am Norman Kocikowski †
Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker

8:30 am Rosa Colozzo †
Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, May 2: St. Athanasius

5:00 pm SAG
Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

2009 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



We sincerely thank all of those who have so generously supported our parish and our local Church through the 2009 Annual Diocesan Appeal. A gift on behalf of our diocesan family benefits not only the least of our brothers and sisters but also ourselves.

To date, **346 pledges** from our parishioners have contributed **\$126,367** or **108.5%** towards our goal of \$116,520. We are very grateful for the support of all our parishioners who have been so generous. This is our once-a-year opportunity to show the Diocese our support—and we have done just that. Thank you for your help in this most important parish-wide endeavor by faithfully walking with Christ and listening to His call to share our gifts with others.

THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all the folks who kept the people staying at the Church of Christ very well fed during the first two weeks of April. They were all very appreciative of the food you provided. — Ruth Chippendale

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 2 & 3, 2009

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. Ramalow

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 — Nancy Condon, Nicholas Humy, Chet Maksim, Devin Wakefield, Cypress Winters, Fr. Charlie Macedo, Carole Stuart, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Sherry Kruep, Carson Enghardt, John Martin, Joseph Seebach, Bill Belcher, Tony Artero, Maria de Jesus Gutierrez, Jim Chinn, Maria Nieves Pedron

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Brian Franklin, Alan McPherson, Lena DeFrenza, Fr. Charles Dougherty, Fr. Barry Freyne, Frances Kral, Kirk Martin, Elayne Doyle, Jack Morrisroe, Rowena Rameris, John Ruhm

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
May 10 .. **Thu** Apr 30 noon
May 17 .. **Thu** May 7 noon



Our Weekly Offering

March 29 \$ 10,415.8
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 4,530.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD .. \$ 453,994.13
Budget YTD .. \$ 478,665.31
Variance - 5.15%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 26: Third Sunday of Easter
1:00 pm Garden Party (PC)

Monday, April 27:
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)
7:30 pm RCIA (PC)

Tuesday, April 28:

Wednesday, April 29:
7:30 pm World Peace & Justice
Mass, reception to follow
(OLR/OLRH)

Thursday, April 30:
7:00 pm First Communion (PC)

Friday, May 1: First Friday; National Day of Prayer
8:00–3:00 pm ... Teacher Appreciation
Lunch (OLRH)
7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, May 2: First Saturday
7:00 pm Age of Aquinas Dance
(OLRH)

Second Collection this weekend:
..... *Home Missions*
Second Collection next weekend:
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ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL

If it's spring, it must be time for the 14th Annual Seton Scramble for Kids! This year it takes place on Monday, May 18th, on the Stanford Golf Course. Please register by May 13th. This fun event raises funds for tuition assistance, and a good time is always had by all. For more information, please call the Development Office at St. Elizabeth Seton School 326-1258, or email development@stelizabethseton.com.

UPCOMING PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 – PARISH GARDEN PARTY TO HONOR ARLEN HAGEN

The parish has been blessed with Arlen Hagen, who created, developed and maintains the lovely garden for all parishioners to enjoy. The Iris will be in bloom and the roses too! The Community Life group invites all to come and show our appreciation to Arlen for his dedication to our parish. Save Sunday April 26th from 1 – 3 pm. Enjoy refreshments and a walk in the parish garden behind the pastoral center at 3290 Middlefield Road.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 – GIRL SCOUT COLLECTION Palo Alto Girl Scout Troop 60585 will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for their Community Service Project. The Girl Scouts will donate the stuffed animals to the charity Animal Beacons of Light. The toys will be distributed to orphanages, nursing homes and shelters where people young and old can use something soft to hug. There will be collection boxes in the vestibules of each church on Sunday, April 26. Please bring any soft toy smaller than two feet high that you can share with a person in need. Please no war themed or commercial characters. If you cannot bring the toys to Mass, they may be dropped off at 54 Morton Way. Parishioners Katie Passarello & Alix Barry thank you for your generosity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 – MASS FOR WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Church 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. Special Reflection on Immigration Justice by Fr. Jon Pedigo. People of all faiths and traditions are welcome to share this time of prayer for world peace, and understanding and just treatment for immigrants throughout the world. A reception follows. For more info. call Nora (650) 494-2496 x.14 or email: liturgy@paloaltocatholic.org. Sponsored by the Catholic Parishes of Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto and Stanford.

KENYAN SOCIAL WORKER GUEST SPEAKER

Jecinta Gakahu, social worker in Fr. Daniel Kiriti's parish in Naivasha, Kenya, will speak at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall on Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m. Ms. Gakahu will take us through a typical day of her varied and demanding job. She goes to homes in the small villages around the town of Naivasha, tending to sick and dying HIV/AIDS victims, helping get children into school, finding food or getting school uniforms. She manages the Mji Wa Neema orphanage in the parish compound, organizes groups of HIV+ adults and children to educate them about optimizing their lives. Women consult her for varied health problems, people come to her when they don't have a shilling and have no way to get any. She has a good ear, a soft shoulder and a will of iron. She will give us yet another view of life in and around Naivasha.

All are welcome to attend. Come and learn more about the people of Fr. Kiriti's parish. Many of us from the STA parish have contributed to the orphanage, helped fund student tuition fees at Archbishop Ndingi High School for Boys and St. Francis Xavier Girls' High School, as well as supporting the construction of the girls' school (which welcomed in January three grade levels of the eventual four that will be present upon completion in 2010).

For information: contact Margo McAuliffe at margomca2@sbcglobal.net, or (650) 322-0821.

April 26, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Gospel Summary : Read Sunday's gospel, Luke 24:35-48 : At the end of Luke's gospel, the disciples were still trying to understand what happened to Jesus, and Jesus was still trying to help them figure it out. Following his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples again. To help them know he was really there with them, Jesus ate a piece of fish and asked the disciples to go out into the world to tell others the Good News.

Reflection for Families : Changes take place in all of us that prevent people who have not seen us for some time from recognizing us. When friends and relatives see our children after a long absence, they almost always comment on the changes in size, height, hair color, voice, and mannerisms. While Jesus appeared changed to the disciples and we have never even seen him at all, we still know he is with us. Each week at Eucharist, Jesus appears to us. Sometimes it is we who have to change in order to recognize Jesus and receive the joy he brings us in the Eucharist.

Congratulations 1st Communicants ! : To all those who received their 1st Communion at Our Lady of the Rosary site this weekend! As a community let us continue to show them the reverence and respect we all hold dear in our hearts for our Lord each time we receive the Blessed Sacrament. And a very blessed thank you to the incredible people who helped prepare the children, especially their Catechist David Fikstad, his Room Aide Erika Cagampan and all the parents, family and friends who helped throughout the year. Please keep them and all of our Catechists in our prayers as we continue sharing and learning about our faith through the end of this school year.

April 26th Reg. Classes ~ SAG 1st Communion ~ OLR (10:30 mass – no reg. classes for OLR today)

May 3rd Reg. Classes ~ F.I.G. ~ Fun In The Gospel (not optional) & May Crowning ~ SAG 9am mass & OLR 10:30 mass

May 10th No Classes ~ Mother's Day

May 17th Reg. Classes & 5th Grade Cross-Over ~ SAG 9am mass / OLR 10:30 mass

May 24th No Classes ~ Memorial Day

May 31st Last Day of Class

A GLORIOUS THANK YOU! to the Vallbuena Family for making the very special stoles for the Children's Catechumenate this year. I know that whenever the children see them throughout the years, it will bring back wonderful memories.