

Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S MESSAGE

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

THANK YOU

George and Eileen Falkenthal receives service award from Fr. George Aranha.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 17:

9:00 am SAG . . . Cora Tinio

Special Intention

Readings: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;

1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or

Jn 17:11b-19

Monday, May 18: St. John I

8:30 am OLR . . . Deceased & Living

Members Matignas Family

12:15 pm STA . . . Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday, May 19:

8:30 am OLR . . . Margaret Juranits †

12:15 pm STA . . . Mary Twilley †

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 21:

Readings: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 am OLR . . . Monique D. Luz (Birthday)

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 23:

5:00 pm SAG . . .

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday May 23 & 24, 2009

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. Cwiekowski

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, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Carson Enghardt, John Martin, Joseph Seebach, Bill Belcher, Tony Artero, Jim Chinn, Bobby Kerrigan, Frankie Briggs

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Lena DeFrenza, Fr. Charles Dougherty, Fr. Barry Freyne, Frances Kral, Kirk Martin, Elayne Doyle, Jack Morrisroe, Rowena Ramires, John Ruhm, Maria Nieves Pedron

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 31 . **Thu** May 21 noon
Jun 7 . . . **Thu** May 28 noon



Our Weekly Offering

April 19 \$ 9,879.08
St. Elizabeth Seton School \$ 2,803.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 519,041.10
Budget YTD . . \$ 540,144.94
Variance - 3.91%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm Burning Bush (SAGH)

Monday, May 18:
6:00 pm Stanford Hospital –
Fr. Hester (OLRH)
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, May 19:

Wednesday, May 20:
6:00 pm SOUP (OLRH)
7:00 pm STA Site Comm. (SAGH)
7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, May 21:
10:00 am Main. Comm. (Thomas
House Basement)
1:00 pm Wills & Estate Planning
Workshop (SAGC)
6:30 pm Wills & Estate Planning
Workshop (OLRH)
7:00 pm First Communion (PC)
7:00 pm Spring Concert (SAGH)

Friday, May 22:
7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, May 23:

Second Collection this weekend:
..... Catholic Charities
Second Collection next weekend:
..... St. Elizabeth Seton School

TRAVELING ABROAD

In a world of questions and uncertainty, Jesus is still the answer. Please join Fr. George on another faith adventure as we visit the Best of Poland and Prague, and experience the Passion of our Lord in Oberammergau, Germany. Although many people have responded, there are still tickets available for this opportunity of a lifetime. Brochures can be found in the vestibule of each church, or at the pastoral center.

DIOCESE-SPONSORED SEMINAR

A seminar sponsored by the Diocese of San Jose on Wills, Probate Avoidance and Tax Reduction will be held Thursday, May 21st from 1:00 pm to 3:45 pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center and repeated that evening at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall from 6:30pm to 9:15pm. Please RSVP your attendance by calling the Pastoral Center.

ST. THOMAS INTERIOR REMODELING COMMITTEE

The St. Thomas Aquinas interior remodeling committee's next meeting will be May 20th at 7:30 PM in the community meeting room at St. Albert the Great. We have been addressing various projects that would enhance this beautiful Historic Church. Come and drop into our next meeting and see if it is something you would like to be a part of. We welcome one and all.

LAYETTE DRIVE

The St. Thomas Aquinas 8th grade confirmation class is conducting the Layette Drive for our Parish's Layette Program through May 31st. Please see details and the Layette Package list on the cribs or basket at any of the STA sites. All donations are greatly appreciated!

YOUNG ADULTS

Mark Your Calendars! Young Adult Mass with the Bishop, Tues, 5/26 7:30PM Intersection Teen Chapel, St. Nicholas School Young Adults(20's to 30's, single or married): Join up with your peers from the parishes of Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos to celebrate the Eucharist. Our special presider this month is the Bishop of our Diocese, the Most Reverend Patrick J. Mcgrath. Held at the St. Nicholas Teen Center at 12816 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos Hills, Those interested in participating in the choir for the Bishop's Mass, please contact Adam atmoerschell@gmail.com We are in need of both singers and musicians. www.YoungAdultCircle.org

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Please take a few minutes after Mass this weekend (5/16-17) to sign three letters, one to each of our elected Congresswomen urging them to support those most needy in our world—by fostering economic growth in low-income countries and supporting the efforts of poor people to lift themselves out of poverty and become self-sufficient. The Human Concerns Committee is working together with the Bread for the World's letter campaign to ask our Congresswomen to unify and simplify our nation's foreign assistance programs and thus use our national donations more efficiently. Bread for the World is an ecumenical Christian organization that lobbies Congress to end hunger at home and abroad. —*The Human Concerns Committee*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, May 16-17, is the annual Catholic Charities collection. "Help the poor hold on" is Charities' theme this year. Its campaign to cut poverty comes at a crucial time, as we well know all too well. Our contributions can help stop the slide into deeper poverty, help turn the tide. In some instances what we give will activate matching funds from other donors. We'll be learning more about the poverty campaign in the coming months. A thousand mile journey begins with a single step. Let's find our stride.
—*Human Concerns Committee*

May 17, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Gospel Summary John 15:9-17: A complete circle of love is found in this gospel reading. God loved the Son, Jesus. The Son loves his followers, and the followers show their love for God through their love for one another. It is clear in this reading that while we are part of this circle, we are only part of it because God chose us to be. Our response to God's choice for us is simply to show our love for God through the love we show to other human beings.

Reflection for Families : The lives of parents are very full and busy. It's like juggling apples and catching each falling one to prevent it from splatting to the floor while tossing the others high in the air. But sometimes we need to think beyond the immediate demands of jobs, family, and home. When we widen the circle of those we include in our love, our children see first hand how we live this gospel message. When we reach out to others, especially those who are difficult to love, they learn by our example what Jesus asks us to do in showing our love to one another just as he shows his love to us.

Congratulations! To our 5th Graders who are Crossing Over into Youth Ministry today. It's been a journey of learning and experiencing your faith that will continue through your Pre-Teen years and beyond. May God grant you all of His blessings on you as you begin your new adventure. Jessica Amalraj, William Barnett, Lucas Batties, Nicole Berry, Danielle Bisbee, Kylie Bitler, Sophia Campbell, Luke Coleman, Clara De Martel, Montserrat Diaz, Bobby English, Lauren Graf, Jeffrey Herr, Nicholas Hopple, Sean Jawetz, Anna Kemmer, Clare Kemmer, Ethan Khoe, Christian Laurence, Alex Legenhausen, Dominik Lucha, Reed Merritt, Kate Moley, John Priestly, Ryan Reed, Melanie Reilly, Isabella Saliba-Long, Natalie Snyder, Peter Valbuena and Reid Walters.

Mark Your Calendars:

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

For information on any of the items listed, please contact Susan Clingingsmith, Dir. of Rel. Ed. at youth@paloaltocatholic.org or 650-494-2496 x25.