

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

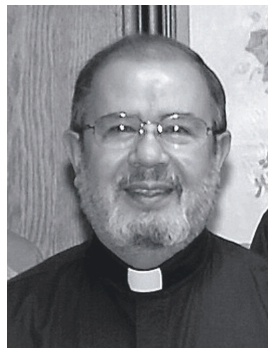
O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through tsunamis and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing.

ADIOS!

A **good-bye party for Father Jeronimo Gutiérrez** will be held this Sunday, June 28 from 10:30 am – 1 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary. It will be a picnic potluck. The Hispanic community will barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers.

Our Community Life and Hispanic Ministry groups are planning the party together, and would like parishioners to bring to bring a picnic item like salad, chips, cookies to share at the party. All the parish is invited to say thanks and wish Fr. Jeronimo well in his new parish, Christ the King in San Jose.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 28:

12:00 pm STA ... Celina Felsch †

Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Monday, June 29: St. Peter and St. Paul

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30 am OLR ... Antonio Bozynski †

Readings: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 1: Blessed Junípero Serra

12:15 pm STA ... Felicísimo Fuentes Jr. †

Readings: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 2:

8:30 am OLR ... Jack Morrisroe †

12:15 pm STA ... Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 3: St. Thomas

8:30 am OLR ... Agnese Cortopassi †

12:15 pm STA ... Arturo Mercado †

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday, July 4: St. Elizabeth of Portugal; Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm STA ... James Joseph Kinsella †

5:00 am SAG ... Epifanio Rodriguez †

Readings: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

You changed my mourning into dancing;

O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

— Psalm 30:13

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday July 4 & 5, 2009

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. Marini

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Aranha

Sun 12 noon Fr. Cweikowski

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) .. Fr. Geris

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Geris



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Cypress Winters, Fr. Charlie Macedo, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Carson Enghardt, Bill Belcher, Tony Artero, Jim Chinn, Bobby Kerrigan, Frankie Briggs, Theodore Strotman, Barbara Franceschi, Norman Swope, Robert Jordan, Virginia Jordan, Laura Simeone, Alan Shpalo

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Kirk Martin, Elayne Doyle, Jack Morrisroe, Rowena Ramires, John Ruhm, Maria Nieves Pedron, Irene Placone, Ed Paczkowski, Alden Erickson, Chet Maksim, Antoni Bozynski, Gilbert Huesca, Rosalie Martin-Veque

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
Jul 12 **Thu** Jul 2 noon
Jul 19 **Thu** Jul 9 noon



Our Weekly Offering

May 31 \$ 9,536.50
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 4,800.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD .. \$ 576,249.26
Budget YTD.. \$ 602,583.82
Variance - 4.37%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 pm Hispanic Young Adults (OLRH)

Monday, June 29:

6:00 pm Women's Personal Safety (OLRH)

7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, June 30:

Wednesday, July 1: Canada Day

6:00 pm Women's Personal Safety (OLRH)

7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, July 2:

Friday, July 3: First Friday;

Pastoral Office Closed

7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, July 4: First Saturday;

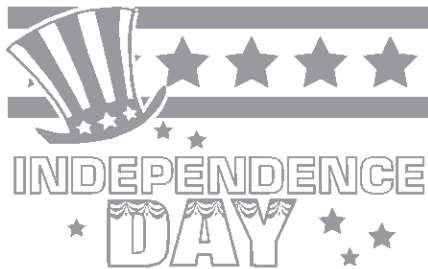
Independence Day

Second Collection this weekend:

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PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Come and pray the Patriotic Rosary for our country on July 3rd after the 8:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary. We will pray for every branch of government - federal, state, and municipal as well as for everybody in the 50 states.

AGE OF AQUINAS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 – TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP Transitions is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couplehood to single-hood. If you or someone you know has suffered the breakup of a marriage or significant relationship, this group may be helpful. The meetings are informal and unstructured, confidential and safe. You don't need a reservation, and there are no age boundaries. Cost: There is no charge. Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, 94306. If it's nice, we may meet in the Garden around in back of the building. Email: Randy, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org, or call 408.739.2881.

EVERY SATURDAY – SHORELINE PARK HIKE AND COFFEE (YES! We're hiking on the Fourth of July!) Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park near the breezeway between the café and the Aquatic Center at 9 am. This is a hike on mostly level, mostly paved paths. Afterwards gather at the café around 10:00 for coffee or brunch. We always hike, rain or shine, holiday or no! More information: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org

SATURDAY, JULY 11 – EDGEWOOD HIKE NO Edgewood hike this Saturday due to the holiday... But NEXT Saturday, July 11, meet in the INNER parking lot of Edgewood Park at 9 am. Look for the "Age of Aquinas Gather Here" sign. Time: 9:00 am, Saturday, July 11. Email: Randy, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or call Josephine, 650.619.4024. Hikes are normally on the 1st Saturday of the month.

TEA WITH THE SAINTS

Anne Grycz, Director of the Institute for Leadership in Ministry in our Diocese, and one of our parishioners, published her essay, "Tea With the Saints" in America Magazine, June 8-15, 2009, Vol. 200, No. 18. In her essay, Anne shares her daily prayer practice of conversing with the saints in a creative and life-giving way. Visit www.americamagazine.org and search for "tea with the saints".

POPE ON HUNGER

Pope Benedict XVI prayed in St. Peter's Square (June 14) that "absolutely unacceptable" world hunger will be overcome. This preceded a U.N. meeting to consider the economic/financial crisis and how it will affect development support for vulnerable populations. The pope prayed for measure and decisions "to ensure that everyone in the present and the future, will have basis nourishment and a dignified life." – *Human Concerns Committee*

POPE ON FREE MARKET ECONOMY

Pope Benedict XVI warned (June 13) that a market economy is only a path to progress it is oriented to the common good. [Common good = "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals to reach their fulfillment more easily." (Gaudium et Spes, n. 26)] The pope called on the economic sector to respect the needy and the rights of the weak. – *Human Concerns Committee*

June 28, 2009

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION 



As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the “Military Vicariate.” In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the “Archdiocese for Military Services, USA.” Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.

In 1824 a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a “schoolmaster,” but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit priests to serve in the army as chaplains. At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the “Nuns of the Battlefield” (several orders of sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.