

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of “liturgical detour.” We have been listening to Saint Mark’s Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John’s Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord’s statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, where Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of life.” Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord’s body and blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

PARISH POSITION OPENING

Our parish is currently seeking a Coordinator of Youth Ministry to oversee the middle and high school youth ministry and Confirmation programs. This position is part time (30 hours a week) and includes benefits.

Interested applicants should be able to develop and lead catechetical and developmentally appropriate sessions for the youth. Applicants must have proven experience in working with youth and have an understanding of and the ability to work with the demands placed on the region’s middle school and high school students. Bachelor’s degree or equivalent, and experience and training in Youth Ministry required. To see a more detailed job description and learn how to apply, visit the Diocese of San Jose website at www.dsj.org, About Us, Career Opportunities, Parish Openings.

Interested applicants, please send your resume no later than July 31, 2009 to: Chuck Tully, Parish Administrator 3290 Middlefield Road Palo Alto, CA 94306 E-mail: Chuck.Tully@sbcglobal.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 26:

9:00 am SAG Vince Giovannotto †
 10:30 am OLR Ambrose & Winnie Tan †
 10:30 am STA Rosalie Martin - Veque †
*Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6;
 Jn 6:1-15*

Monday, July 27:

8:30 am OLR Francesco Poggesi †
Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28:

Readings: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29: St. Martha

Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus

Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

12:15 pm STA Michael McCarthy †
*Readings: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
 Mt 13:54-58*

Saturday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori

12:15 pm STA Justina & Baldomero
 Rodriguez †
Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Second Collection this weekend:

..... St. Vincent de Paul

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 1 & 2, 2009

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Geris
 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. Nahoe

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, Ritu McAlester, Carson Enghardt, Bobby Kerrigan, Frankie Briggs, Theodore Strotman, Barbara Franceschi, Norman Swope, Robert Jordan, Virginia Jordan, Laura Simeone, Alan Shpalo, Sarah Clear, Eva Leung

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Rowena Ramirez, John Ruhm, Maria Nieves Pedron, Irene Placone, Ed Paczkowski, Alden Erickson, Chet Maksim, Antoni Bozynski, Gilbert Huesca, Rosalie Martin-Veque, Benjamin Antonio Sr., Jim Chinn

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
 Aug 9 **Thu** Jul 30 noon
 Aug 16 **Thu** Aug 6 noon



Our Weekly Offering

June 28 \$ 7,578.94
 Holy Father \$ 2,446.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 621,672.79
 Budget YTD . . \$ 645,443.00
 Variance - 3.68%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 27:
7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, July 28:

Wednesday, July 29:

Thursday, July 30:

Friday, July 31:
7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 1: First Saturday
all day Young Adult Retreat -
Encuentro (OLRH)
1:00 pm Memorial Service (SAGC)

HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be taking food to the homeless guests who will be staying at the Christian Reformed Church during the month of August. We will be donating the food from August 16th thru August 31st. I will be rotating from church to church during the month of July to give parishioners an opportunity to sign up to bring food. If you miss signing up at Mass, please call Ruth Chippendale at 856-6350. Thanks for your help.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LECTURE

Catholic Charities and its ecumenical partners invite you to a lecture at Santa Clara University by Jack Jezreel on Thursday, August 6, 7-9 pm at the SCU Recital Hall, Franklin and Lafayette, Santa Clara. Jack Jezreel tells the biblical stories of Jesus' ministry to announce the kingdom of God and inspires his audience to carry on this mission today. He is the founder and director of JustFaith Ministries. There is free parking off Lafayette Street. Suggested donation: \$5-10. For more information contact Pat Plant 408 279-0220 or pat@sanjosepby.org.

STAYOUTH MINISTRY IS RECRUITING CORE TEAM MEMBERS

Both the Middle School and High School Youth Ministry programs are in need of core team members to help plan and facilitate the STAY sessions on Sunday evenings. We are primarily looking for young adults, or adults who are young at heart. The year long commitment will include 2 hours on Sunday evenings for STAY sessions and an additional once a month core team member meeting. MS will be utilizing the Edge curriculum. Interested individuals, who share a love of Christ and an interest to minister to either MS or HS youth, should contact Kristy Rozsnyoi at kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sylvia came to us with her two pre-school children, Jimmy and Patty. She has another child who is in grade school. She has recently left her husband who is addicted to prescription drugs. She moved to Palo Alto from Portland to the family owned house. Unfortunately the home is in foreclosure and she does not have a job. Her money has run out-she only has \$103.00 left. Her automobile insurance runs out in 10 days. She has no family available to her. St. Vincent de Paul referred her to the South Palo Alto Food Closet and to other agencies where she can be helped.

The St. Vincent de Paul collection will be on Sunday July 26. Especially in these very difficult economic times, there are many people like Sylvia who have dire needs. Imagine if you were in this position and please be generous when the collection plate for St. Vincent de Paul is passed.

CHILDREN NEED A RIDE TO SUMMER CAMP

It's July already and Hidden Villa Camp has been operating for 3 weeks. Day Camp for 27 East Palo Alto children relies on volunteer drivers. The morning drive is 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday, leaving East Palo Alto (from the child's home) around 8 am. The afternoon pick up is 3 days a week, Monday thru Wednesday, leaving Hidden Villa at 4pm plus a pick up at 11:45 am on Friday. The Day Camp children stay overnight on Thursday.

Forty overnight campers also rely on volunteer drivers for their transportation to/from the camp on Mondays and Fridays. The Monday departures from East Palo Alto are at 9 am, 11 am and 1:30 pm depending on the camp. The Friday departures from the camp are at 9:45 and 10:45 am. For more info and to schedule a time to drive, please call George Chippendale, 856-6350.

YOUNG ADULT MASS

Tues, 7/28 7:30PM Small Chapel, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos Young Adults(20's to 30's, single or married): Our Mass this month is Tues. 7/28. And an important change for the summer: we will be holding the Mass in the Chapel at St. Simon Church, Los Altos. Our presider this month is Fr. Randy of St. Simon. Come join young adults of this and neighboring parishes for our monthly celebration of the Eucharist and fun fellowship afterwards. Those interested in participating in the choir for our Masses are asked to report at 6:30PM to the Chapel, or contact Adam, atmoerschell@gmail.com A map is posted on the front page of our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org

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THE GLOBAL HUNGRY

It's horrible. The UN Food and Agricultural Organization reported that hunger now affects one in six people - about a billion hungry people. Drought, war, high food prices and poverty are "a deadly combination for the world's most vulnerable."

The Group of Eight [Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Russian Federation, U.K. and U.S.] met in Rome in June and will meet again in July.. Their dilemma: To try to continue a decent level of financial support to developing nations during a lengthy recession. There are humanitarian concerns and also a fear of social unrest. (Hungry people rioted in 30 countries last year.) Said a speaker from the UN's World Food Program, "Without food people have three options: they riot, they emigrate or they die. None of these are acceptable options." Pope Benedict XVI echoed these concerns (May 29): ". . . desperation" leads people to undertake "individual or collective acts of violence that can further destabilize already weakened societies." Concurrently, (June 22) bishops' conferences of the Group of Eight endorsed quick action.

Most recently (June 26) the Vatican's UN Observer said, "We must not forget that it is poor people both in developed and in developing countries who suffer most and who are least able to defend themselves against the impact of this crisis." He urged prompt and continuing "people-centered" relief measures aimed at the poorest developing countries.

[Parishioners will recall that our May 2009 Offering of Letters urged Congress to enact measures to make our financial foreign aid more efficient and targeted to reach the hungry.]

– Human Concerns Committee

BOOK DONATIONS FOR ELMWOOD JAIL

Beginning next weekend and ending August 22-23 we will welcome donations of paperback - they must be PAPERBACK - books (in any language) for the library of Elmwood Jail. Look for boxes in the vestibules: OLR - near Kerry's Corner; SAG - near the wagon by the entrance; STA - in the annex past the bathroom. These four weekends only. Questions: Walt 493 3578.

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