

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged fulltime in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This year, Saturday, August 15, 2009 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because this feast falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a holy day of obligation this year, although the faithful are still encouraged to mark the day with some form of prayer and thanksgiving for the gift and model of Mary in the life of the Church. The normal Saturday mass schedule will prevail.

HOLD THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, PARISH PICNIC

We could write a good bit about how nice it is to spend time relaxing with parishioners, taking time to catch up in ways we often can't do after mass, and how fun it is to see how many different kinds of potato salad are arrayed on the pot-luck table, and how tasty a freshly BBQ'd hot dog or hamburger (by the famed St. Vincent de Paul BBQ and Drill Team!) can taste, but really all we need to tell you is that our annual parish picnic is planned for Sunday, September 13 at Our Lady of the Rosary, and that we'd love for you to hold that date and plan to join us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 2:

8:45 am STA. . . . Thanksgiving for Short Family

10:30 am OLR. . . . Ambrose & Winnie Tan

10:30 am STA. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Chartier (special intention)

Readings: *Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35*

Monday, August 3:

8:30 am OLR. . . . Jim Early †

12:15 am STA. . . . John Ricci †

Readings: *Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21*

Tuesday, August 4: St. John Mary Vianney

12:15 pm STA. . . . Giovanni Pennisi †

Readings: *Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or*

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

Readings: *Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28*

Thursday, August 6:

Readings: *Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97;*

2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Friday, August 7: St. Sixtus II and his companions; St. Cajetan

12:15 pm STA. . . . Maria & Vicente

Mercado †

Readings: *Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28*

Saturday, August 8: St. Dominic

5:00 pm SAG. . . . Juana Centeno

Readings: *Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 8 & 9, 2009

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Aranha

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Geris

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am. Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am. Msgr. Boyle

Sun 10:30 am. Fr. Geris

Sun 12 noon Fr. Nahoe

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Aranha

Sun 10:30 am. Fr. Aranha



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, Virginia Jordan, Laura Simeone, Alan Shpalo, Sarah Clear, Eva Leung, Jane Bahr

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Maria Nieves Pedron, Irene Placone, Ed Paczkowski, Alden Erickson, Chet Maksim, Antoni Bozynski, Gilbert Huesca, Rosalie Martin-Veque, Benjamin Antonio Sr., Jim Chinn, Robert Jordan, Nancy Condon

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 16. **Thu** Aug 6 noon
Aug 23. **Thu** Aug 13 noon



Our Weekly Offering

July 5 \$ 8,468.20
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD \$ 8,468.20
Budget YTD. . . . \$ 9,420.21
Variance - 10.11%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 am OLR Site Committee (KC)

2:00 pm Reception (SAGH)

Monday, August 3:

7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, August 4:

Wednesday, August 5:

7:00 pm Comm. Life (PC)

7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Friday, August 7: First Friday

7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 8:

9:00 am Liturgy Board Mini-Retreat (SAGC)

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles. —Anonymous



OLR SITE COMMITTEE MEETING

The OLR Site and Liturgy Committee invites new volunteers to share their talents and time to help plan and support OLR vibrant liturgies and our various ministries.

Our next Meeting will be Sunday, August 2nd after the 10:30 Mass in Kerry's Korner. Generous, creative parishioners are needed and welcome - even if you're interested in serving for just one annual event, please come and share your ideas and suggestions.

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

JUSTFAITH CLASSES BEING FORMED FOR FALL

JustFaith is a life-changing experience which examines the themes of common good; shared rights and responsibilities; value of human dignity, solidarity, respect for creation; grassroots wisdom and energy; and the call to stand with the poor. These principles invite us to some remarkable possibilities in the name of love and compassion. The vision of JustFaith speaks to life-giving choices on behalf of a world that struggles to survive

Ecumenical and Catholic JustFaith classes are being formed at churches in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, and Campbell. More information at: www.sanjosepby.org/JustFaithclassesFall09.htm

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GARDEN PARTY

Sunday, August 9: St. Thomas Aquinas Garden Party, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

How about a sunny afternoon in the wonderful garden at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and a chance to visit with parishioners? The four mass communities at St. Thomas are planning a summer get-together and would love for you to come!

Champagne and strawberries! Apple juice and cookies! Paul Proschaka will provide us with garden party-appropriate music. Fr Thierry and Fr. George are both looking forward to being present. Please put this on your calendar, and we look forward to seeing you!

HEALING PRAYER TRAINING

Would you like to know more about hands-on-healing prayer? Those interested are invited to join Jean Ramacciotti and a few others on the healing prayer team for a teach-in on the history and update of this form of prayer. Attendees will participate in laying on of hands and praying over each other for healing.

Our Lady of the Rosary Hall--Sunday August 16 at 11:45am.

St. Albert the Great Center--Sunday August 23 at 10:15am.

TRANSITIONS

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday – Transitions Support Group 7:30 pm at the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. Transitions is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couplehood to single-hood. More info: www.paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408-739-2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org

August 2, 2009

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Our belief is that if you are thinking about becoming Catholic, you are already being called in some way by God to inquire about the Tradition. Our prayer is that you respond!

WE the RCIA Team, through the process of The Rite of Christian Initiation, help adults learn how to respond to that call, not just towards the Initiation sacraments, but towards their every day living as Christians.

Another way to respond is ongoing participation in the life of the Church, and we expose the Candidates to the many ways of being connected and involved with our parish community. Parish sponsors help us in our mission and join us in this initiation ministry.

The best way to learn about Catholicism is to actually do what Catholics do. So the process of becoming Catholic is not so much about learning things as in a classroom, but learning a way of life as an apprentice learns from a master and that master's community. That community is the people of St. Thomas Aquinas parish.

IF you have been moved by some experience to inquire about the Catholic Church and would like to explore issues of faith, or if you have any questions about Catholicism please contact one of us. Consider joining the Inquiry group which is now meeting informally in homes of parishioners. Gatherings for catechesis begin on Wednesday, September 16 at the Pastoral Center.

The RCIA Team: Jean Ramacciotti, June Harmon, John McNeel, Donna Pellizzari, Susan Adams, Florence deBretagne, Thibaut deBretagne, Jim Davis, Linda Gargiulo. and Fr. George and Fr. Thierry.



BOOK DONATIONS FOR ELMWOOD JAIL

Beginning this 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.

– Human Concerns Committee