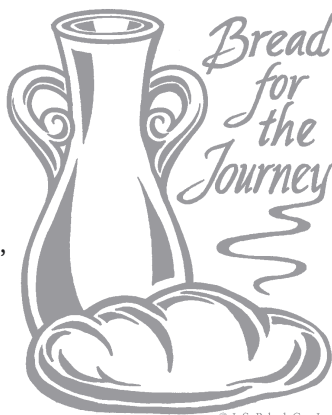


Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 9:
 9:00 am SAG . . . Vince Giovannotto †
 10:30 am OLR . . . Florencio & Maria Nieves Pedron †
Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Monday, August 10: St. Lawrence
 12:15 am STA . . . Arlen & Mary Lee Hagen (anniversary)
 8:30 am OLR . . . Francesco Poggesi †
Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11: St. Clare
 8:30 am OLR . . . Ronald Short †
Readings: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Readings: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13: St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus
Readings: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday, August 14: St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
 8:30 am OLR . . . Evelia Ponce de Leon †
 12:15 pm STA . . . James & Edith Dubbs
Readings: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:00 pm SAG . . . Mendez - Lee Family (thanksgiving)
Readings: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

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 Knights of Columbus 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! *Editors note: St. Vincent de Paul was erroneously placed last week as the annual BBQ contributors which should be Knight of Columbus.*

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday August 15 & 16, 2009

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Geris
 Sun 9:00 am Fr. Allen

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. Ramalow

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

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, Anthony Thalmann

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 23 . . . **Thu** Aug 13 noon
 Aug 30 . . . **Thu** Aug 20 noon



Our Weekly Offering

July 12 \$ 8,841.31
 thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 17,309.51
 Budget YTD . . . \$ 18,840.21
 Variance — 8.13%

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 pm Young Adult Retreat – Encuentro (OLR)

Monday, August 10:

7:30 pm Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, August 11:

6:00 pm Baptism Class (PC)

7:15 pm YA Bible Study (SAGC)

Wednesday, August 12:

No PSC Meeting in August

Thursday, August 13:

7:00 pm Thomas Merton (SAGC)

Friday, August 14:

7:00 pm Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, August 15:

9:30 am PIA (OLRH)

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!

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.

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. Training is available through the Diocese or one on one. 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

STAYOUTH

STAYouth Ministry; MS (6-8th grade) and HS (9-12th grade)

Mark your calendars. The STAYouth Ministry program will be hosting a Back to STAY BBQ and Mass on Sunday September 13, 2009, from 6:00-8:30pm at OLR. All interested MS and HS youth, returning or new, and their families are invited to attend. All MS/HS Youth, if you would like to participate in the Mass, please contact Kristy at kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com.

Information regarding the STAY program and Confirmation sessions for 2009-2010 will be emailed to returning families during the month of August. Attachments will include the STAY Registration form, Commitment Contract, Parent Volunteer Form, and STAY calendar. Information and forms will also be available on the STAY website at <http://www.paloaltocatholic.org/stay>. New families, please contact Kristy Rozsnyoi at kristyrozsnyoi@hotmail.com to be added to our list.

MONTHLY SUMMER STAR PARTY

Bring your telescope and/or binoculars (if you have them) and a picnic dinner. 7:30 pm gathering at the Park'n'Ride till ~10:30 pm. Meet at the Park'n'Ride at I-280 and Page Mill Rd west of Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. From there we'll carpool to Foothills Park. Any car with a telescope or a Palo Alto resident aboard gets in free. Or you can just tell them at the gate that you are an amateur astronomer participating in the public star party. Email: Carrie, ckarnos@yahoo.com, or call Randy, 408.739.2881.

HEALING PRAYER TRAINING

Healing of the whole person is a vital component of The Good News, the Gospel message of Jesus. Scripture instructs us to "pray for one another so that you may be healed." Even though the many difficulties we face are often beyond our understanding, each of us is called to intercede in faith for one another and to pray for one another's healing.

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.

August 9, 2009

PENINSULA INTERFAITH ACTION

Peninsula Interfaith Action (PIA) Draws 400 for Healthy, United Families

On Saturday, July 18, PIA leaders, including St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners, succeeded in communicating clear messages on two complex issues--affordable health care and comprehensive immigration reform--to four hundred who attended the PIA action for healthy, united families; to thousands who read or saw media pieces about it; and to quite a few public officials.

The program was lively, passionate, informative, and motivating. Every PIA leader on the agenda, including parishioner Walt Lundin who presented some of the research information PIA had developed, rose to the occasion.

We strengthened our public relationships with two elected officials -- Ira Ruskin and Jim Beall, who each spoke in strong support of particular aspects of our agenda. Anna Eshoo was busy in Washington D.C. but sent a video saying she has been a long-time supporter of both immigration and health reform issues and State Senator Joe Simitian sent a staff member. About 27 of PIA's 31 faith community members were represented and there was a big group from the Mountain View Day Worker Center.

Finally, we succeeded in deepening levels of understanding and trust among various groups within PIA -- which strengthens us as an organization for the long haul.

DIALOGUE FOR CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Join us on Wed, 8/12, for snacks followed by a dialogue/discussion focused on the following question: How can local parishes better address the spiritual and social needs of Catholic Young Adults? Young Adult leaders from local parishes will be there to listen and respond. We need to hear from our Young Adults -20's and 30's, single or marrieds, active Catholics or not so active Catholics. Fr. Doyle Hall, St. Joseph's Church, 582 Hope Street, Mountain View. Adam, atmoerschell@gmail.com, (650) 969-6609. Wednesday, 12 Aug, 2009 Time 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Faith and Intimacy: Talk by Fr. Carl Schlichte, OP, parochial vicar of the Catholic Community at Stanford.

Young Adult Speaker Series, Thursday, 8/20, 7:30pm, St. Albert the Great, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto. Looking for love but settling for less? We'll take a look at finding real intimacy in the appearance-obsessed modern world.

Part of the the Circle Summer Speaker Series 2009. Bios of the speakers and more info are on our site www.YoungAdultCircle.org. Contact Larry, hudat@stanfordalumni.org