



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2006

You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God,
forever will I give you thanks.— *Psalm 30:13*



More on the wisdom and spirituality of our Patron Saint, St. Thomas More:

The Joyful Duty by Kevin Perrotta

Reflecting on his own experience, Thomas recommended that a busy person should find some quiet spot, “as far from noise and company as possible,” where he or she could be alone with God every day. More himself found that quiet time rising at two in the morning for personal prayer, then followed study, desk work, and daily Mass. (He did go to bed at nine in the evening and took a nap after lunch). When possible, he would spend the whole of Friday praying alone before a crucifix.

Thomas insisted that the children work hard. While away on business, he expected that they write him daily letters— in Latin, with attention to style. At the same time, he lavished praise and encouragement on them, with occasional humor. In one letter, he mentioned their progress in astronomy, marveling that they could not only point out “the polar star or the dog star, or any of the ordinary” - but had even learned “to distinguish the sun from the moon!”

By educating them and helping them to marry well, Thomas prepared his children for success in the world. But he also taught them to resist the world when it might threaten to lead them away from God. Real achievement, he told them, is to “stand fast and firmly stick to God ... in a time when no one will give you good counsel nor anyone give you good example.”

Thomas pictured the world of business and politics as a vast circular maze in which people rush around trying to get rich and powerful, giving no thought to their ultimate destination. So many work hard for the wrong reasons, he observed, that they bring such worry and weariness on themselves: “I truly think that many a man buys hell with so much pain that he might have bought heaven at less than half the cost.”

Thomas himself labored deep inside the maze. He worked hard — one historian rates him as the finest government administrator of his generation. He undoubtedly experienced temptations as he navigated through the world of the rich and powerful. But he was able to stay on guard against pride, greed, and envy by constantly reminding himself that life is short and eternity awaits us. In prayer, he asked for help to see his efforts, problems, and successes from the point of view of God’s judgment. He took Scripture’s advice and thought about the inevitability of death: “In all you do, remember the end of your life, and then you will never sin.” (Sirach 7:36).

-from: the Word among us, June 2006 issue

Upcoming Parish Events

**Mon. July 3—
Bible Study &
Prayer Group,**
7:30 pm, Chapel

**Tues. July 4—
Independence Day
Holiday, church office
closed.**

**Wed. July 5—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
pm. Carroll Hall**

**Thurs. July 6—
NERT Training,
6:30pm-9:30pm,
Scanlan Hall**

**Fri. July 7 —
AACC Youth Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall**

**Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, July 2— 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: **St. Thomas;** Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: **St. Elizabeth of Portugal;** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:2-27
Wednesday: **St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria;** Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: **St. Maria Goretti;** Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: **First Friday;** Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary;** Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. July menu items: 1 box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Name A Way**!** Some areas in our premises (the walkway between the church and the rectory, by the fountain, by the benches on the left and right sides at the front of the church) are up for bids. Winning bids will have **nam-ing rights** for an area for a month, names will be changed on the first of each month. Everyone is invited to make a bid. Bidding starts at \$200. Choose your month, choose your area!

*This weekend's second collection will be for the **Maryknoll missions**. Pls. be generous. Thank you!

***Electronic Fund Transfers** will be available in our church starting in August. Pls. call the office for details and to sign up. Thanks.

***Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT): Congratulations to those who will receive their certificates this Thursday!** If you missed a session or two, please check with the instructors on locations to take the make-up classes.

RAFFLES

*Two weeks to drawing! Check out the TV at the vestibule of our church! You could win that (or convert it to cash!) from our raffles to cover our parish's assessment of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Tickets are \$50 each. Odds are 1:150!

*We'd appreciate getting **unsold tickets back in the office** so we can redistribute them. Thanks..



*Please remember to **drop off or mail** your church donation to the office if you plan to be away in the summer. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Italy

*Fr. Andrew and Fr. Govindu are organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy** from **November 12-22**. The 11-day Pilgrimage to the Shrines in Rome (including an audience with the Holy Father), Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciaio (Miracle of the Eucharist), Assisi, Florence, Venice & Milan runs to about \$2,680, including airfare. Pls register your names asap. Contact Fr. Andrew or Elvira, our Parish Secretary, for further info & registration.

OTHERS

*Join the Little Sisters of the Poor on **Saturday, July 8** for an evening of **Lectio and Adoration for Discernment** — a time of contemplative and guided reading of Scripture before the Eucharistic Presence at 4:30 pm and concluding with Evening Prayer at 5:15. Young women open to discerning their vocation are also invited to join the Little Sisters in serving the evening meal for the elderly Residents of the home followed by a brief introduction to their life of prayer, work and community. Pls. call Sister Caroline at **St. Anne's Home on 300 Lake Street**, San Francisco, 415-751-6510.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 02 — July 8 2006

- 07/02 Su 10:00 am People of STM
8:00 pm M. Escolta, F. Medina
- 07/03 Mo 8:30 am Agapita P. Livelot†
- 07/04 Tu 5:30 pm Merly Escolta, (Sp. Int.)
- 07/05 We 8:30 am Filomeno Medina, (Sp. Int.)
- 07/06 Th 5:30 pm Vincent Duc Luut†
- 07/07 Fri 8:30 am Brea C. Aguas, (Sp. Int.)
- 07/08 Sat 8:30 am Jenalyn Sotto (Sp. int.)
5:00 pm Joan Carew†

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is preferred.

Pray for...

All the sick people in our parish especially Florentino Sotto, Jr., Orlando Pineda, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous. We also pray for **all the deceased members of our parish** especially Jacob Reyes and Ed Benedict.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be deleted and/or added as needed.

Weekly Collections

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your offerings for the weekend of Father's Day,
June 25th:
\$2,891

Peter's Pence
offertory: **\$399**

Building Fund

Actual Construction and Repairs Money in Bank is \$109,372

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall. Thank you!