



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 10, 2006

### Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?—James 2:5



#### Welcome to St. Thomas More

By Fr. Labib Kobti

We, as your priests of St. Thomas More church, want to welcome all of you back as the fall season comes after the summer vacations.

**Welcome for all parishioners** who came back after a visit to their country of origin or took some vacations here and there. So "Welcome!" to all old and new friends and members of different ethnic groups at St. Thomas More: The Arabs, the Brazilians and the Burmese. We welcome the Parish Council, the finance committee, the organists, the choirs, the children liturgy, the RCIC and RCIA, all the new and old members.

**Welcome back to the faculty of St. Thomas More Archdiocesan school**, to the staff, to the children and to the parents. Welcome to the new teachers, new students and parents. May the Holy Spirit bless the teachers with the gift wisdom, the children with the gift of understanding and the parents with the gift of love as role models. We as priests of STM want to serve you for the best as your pastors. The parents chose a Catholic school, thank you for choosing us to pastor your children at the service of the One God of Love and help you in the spiritual education of your beloved children. Do not hesitate to come to us should you need anything. We are here for you – at any time. We welcome with love all who want to register as members of St. Thomas More Church. We hope to have enthusiastic monthly Sunday school mass. We hope this year, at last, to be able to create a youth group so as to help in the spiritual growth of your dear children.

**Welcome to the students of the State University**, we, the priests at STM and the Sisters of Verbum Dei renew our commitment to serve you as your Catholic Campus ministry/Newman Center. This school year we will celebrate Mass once a month at the University: at 12:00 (noon) every third Tuesday. There will be confessions and different activities. We will continue our sharing of the Bible every Tuesday at the campus as we have done these past years. This year Fr. Rick VanDeWater is teaching the Arabic Language at the University, hopefully will meet and get to know more of you. I will serve as his substitute. We want to do the best for you. Please let us know how we can help you to grow in your faith. We are here for you.

**Welcome to all our friends at Alma Via**, the staff, the new and old residents and the visitors, we will continue to serve you for the best. Please do not hesitate to tell us your needs and we will be there immediately for all of you.

**We tried always to form a beautiful big family.** In fact many people tells us that, at St. Thomas More, they feel a family. They smile to each other, they care for each other and they feel happy to come to our church. The priests with their assistants, of deacon, of lectors, of Eucharistic ministers and different ministers to the children, youth and families have become one family, thanks to your efforts and good will. We want always to form one family with each one of you. Please feel welcome always and be a part of our STM family. when you come to St. Thomas More.

#### Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Sept 11—  
**Bible Study & Prayer Group**,  
7:30 pm, Chapel

Mon—Thurs.  
Campus Ministry  
Open House,  
SFSU

Fri. Sept 15—  
**AACC Youth Grp**,  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, Sept 10:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: **The Most Holy Name of Mary**; 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

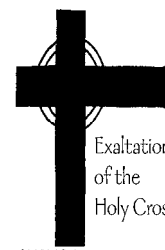
Wednesday: **St. John Chrysostom**; 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**; Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: **Our Lady of Sorrows**; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: **Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian**; 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49;

**Sunday, Sept 17:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



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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. September 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.



\*In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the events of **9/11**, you are invited to join in A Prayer for Peace at the Cathedral of **St. Mary of the Assumption** tomorrow, **Monday, September 11, 2006 at 7:30 PM.** Bishop John C. Wester will be presiding.

\*We thank all who participated at the **Annual Family Camp at Occidental.** This year we had a lot of people with their children, and as usual, loads of fun.

\***BE A PEACEMAKER:** We hosted at our rectory three participants at the Peacemaker dialogue in Tawonga Camp. They came from Israel and Palestine for the **annual Palestinian-Israeli dialogue**, between Jews, Christians and Muslims. We had **two Muslims and one Jew at our rectory**, in the past they were combatants against each other; they have now become peacemakers willing to join thousands and thousands to build understanding and sharing. Our STM church wanted to contribute to this mission of love and peace. This year Fr. Rick represented our church for the four days of camping, Fr. Labib participated last year. Please continue to pray for peace and justice in the World, especially in the Middle East.

THE LORD RAISES UP  
THOSE WHO WERE  
BOWED  
DOWN



\***RCIC:** Classes are in the **Sacristy on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00.** If you have a child ready for RCIC, please call Kathy Sanford at (650) 738-0646.

\***RCIA:** Adult classes for preparation for **Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation** are offered at STM. **If you would like to become Catholic** or have been baptized but not made your 1st Communion or your Confirmation, pls call **Suzanne Hockel at (415) 8266834** or e-mail or call the parish for more information.



I have chosen to become a member of St. Thomas More and **commit myself** to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active and consistent presence at worship each week and will respond consistently by my financial giving even when I cannot be present.

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I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution. Yes, pls \_\_\_\_\_ No, thanks \_\_\_\_\_

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sept 10—Sept 16 2006

- 9/10 Sun 10:00 am People of STM  
8:00 pm Victorio Escolta†
- 9/11 Mon 8:30 am Enpen, Billy, Wilma Nabong†
- 9/12 Tue 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory†
- 9/13 Wed 8:30 am Vincent Duc Luu†
- 9/14 Thu 5:30 pm Josephine Rodriguez†
- 9/15 Fri 8:30 am Special Intention
- 9/16 Sat 8:30am Anita & Jose Lacaba†  
5:00pm Samiere Family (Sp. Int.)

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



**All the sick people in our parish especially**

Zenaida Salamat,  
John Silva,

Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, Florentino Sotto, Jr., Rolando Pineda, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous, Issa Barakat, Jamileh Massis, and Nazzal Nazzal.

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

Your offerings for the weekend of **Sept 3rd:**  
**\$3,148**  
**2nd Collection: \$839**  
**Second collection** this week is for Catholic Communication Campaign.  
**Thanks** for your generosity.



**Actual Construction & Repairs Money in Bank is: \$112,672**

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!**