



First Sunday of ADVENT

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Sacrament of Baptism (infants):

Parents and godparents must attend Baptism Preparation Class. Call the office for Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sundays 9:15—9:45 AM; Saturday 4:30 PM
 Any time upon request.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Contact a priest at least six months prior to planned wedding date.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM Portuguese/Brazilian
 10:00 AM English
 11:45 AM Arabic
 8:00 PM English

Weekdays:

8:30 AM (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.)
 5:30 PM (Tue., Thu.)

Holy Days:

8:30 AM & 8:00 PM
 First Saturdays:
 10:00 AM Burmese

First Fridays:

8:30 AM
 7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 PM Mass for healing

Communion to the homebound and the ill:

Please call the office if you know of anyone who is ill and unable to come to Mass so we could bring Communion to them.

Anointing of the Sick:

Any time upon request.
 If any parishioner is ill at home, please inform the parish office regarding a visit and Communion.

Funeral arrangements:

Funeral Director will contact us. If relative dies elsewhere, contact Parish Office.



If you are new to the area and not yet registered at Saint Thomas More Parish, we invite you to fill this out, cut it out and return it to the parish office/rectory or drop in the collection basket.

I choose 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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1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2006

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15

Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Dec. 4—
Bible Study & Prayer Group,
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tue. Dec 5—
Legion of Mary in
Scanlan Hall 7pm

Wed. Dec. 6—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
pm. Carroll Hall

Fri. Dec 8—
**Feast of Immacu-
late Conception**
Masses at 8:30am
& 8pm
AACC Youth Grp,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Sat Dec 9—
RCIC, 9 am, Sac-
risty
**Teen Confirma-
tion**, 10:30, Sac-
risty

Prayer Group,
Scanlan Hall
6:30pm

Advent and Christmas

From the Desk of the Pastor, Monsignor Labib Kobti

The title of Monsignor that Pope Benedict XVI has bestowed me is the fruit of the love, sharing and support that people like you have given me in my life at the service of the People of God. This title therefore does not belong to me only but it belongs to you all as well. Thank you for your love and support.

Advent is the time that the Church gives us to prepare ourselves for Christmas. Without timely preparation, the Lord will come and go and we may not feel that He has visited our hearts, homes or touched our lives. The amount of our preparation for the coming of the Lord is how we will be able to feel the love that Christmas brings to us and to our family. Christmas is not so much about Santa Claus and surprises for our children as it is about the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want, as I do every year, to urge you to put all your energy at the service of God, of your families and of the church as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. We are trying to put some programs in place for you and your children during this new season, the beginning of the new Church year:

1. **Venturing:** On Thursday, Nov. 30 we presented a video at 7:00 PM for you and your **teenagers 14-18 years old**. These are difficult ages for many parents and STM church wants to help you in educating your children in the faith by creating social and civil activities while they are having fun. "Venturing" is an association that will guide and teach our teenagers how to make the right choices and how to have fun that's productive and helpful. We hope you and your children liked what you saw and what we are planning for them.
2. The **First Friday of the month** is consecrated for the Sacred Heart of Jesus: we have put in place: Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Healing Mass at 8:00 PM. You may need a certain spiritual, psychological or physical healing; it is also a way to change something in our lives.
3. With Father Rick, we started a **Children's Choir** hopefully, to sing at our Family Masses, perhaps sing some Christmas carols and in the future, sing at other church activities.
4. As we have announced, we will start a **Youth Group** for children below 14 years old. Please support this project – we are doing this for our children and families.

Regular Activities

AACC Youth Group	Friday, 6:30 PM	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Monday, 7:20 PM
Campus Ministry/Newman Club	Tuesday, 12-1PM, Student Center	Legion of Mary	Saturday, 6:00 PM
Liturgy Committee	To Be Announced	Parish Council	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 PM
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino	Last Friday, 7 PM	Prince of Peace	4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM
			Friday, 8:30 PM

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. Dec. menu items: 1 bag of mashed potatoes, 1 can of meat gravy, 1 can of cranberries, 1 canned turkey (or chicken meat), 1 fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



***Friday, December 8th** is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a **holy day of obligation**. Please remember to come to Mass — our Masses are at 8:30 AM and 8:00 PM.

*As in past years, the **giving tree** has been set up at the vestibule of the church. Please take a tag and help make this Christmas warmer, happier and more memorable for that needy person that SVDP has earmarked that tag for. As usual, we count on your generosity to make this a truly joyful Christmas for those less fortunate than us.

*The **mini-affle drawing** has been moved to after the 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day. Prizes are: 1st prize: the bronze sculpture of The Last Supper (in the vestibule of the church); 2nd prize: weekend in Napa Valley (for up to 6 persons); 3rd prize: \$250.00 in cash. There is still time to get your tickets!

***Thanksgiving Once A Month** is asking our help to collect macaroni & cheese and cans of mushroom soup during Advent to help feed the needy at Christmas. Boxes will be in the vestibule for your donation. Please call Linda Shah at (415) 218-0401 if there is any question.

*As you may notice, there are more **"No Parking"** signs on the golf course driveway which is the only path for emergency vehicles **going** into or leaving the golf course. Please, please heed those signs! Vehicles parked there will be towed immediately.



From the desk of the Pastor
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5. We are also happy that for the fourth year our annual **Christmas Children's Mass** is in place. Please respond to the flyers that were sent to you in previous envelopes. We also hope to do something special and memorable for our children for Easter.
6. On December 15th through December 23rd, we will have our annual **International Christmas Novena**. Masses will be at 7:00 PM, this is a marvelous way to prepare ourselves and our families for Christmas.
7. We have started putting together an **STM Church Christmas Party** on December 22nd, after the Novena, for everyone, at the Irish Cultural Center on Sloat Boulevard. Please plan on coming; join in the fun! We will sing lots of Christmas Carols in different languages; we will eat and dance until after midnight.
8. During the Advent season everyone is invited to come and visit the **Museum at the STM Rectory**. Visit in pictures the Real Bethlehem and see where Jesus was born.

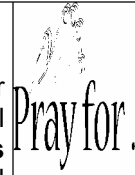
We have prepared all of the above programs for you and your families in hopes that we can assist with preparation for a more spiritual and faith-filled Christmas. We look forward to sharing these programs with you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 3—Dec.9 2006

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| 12/3 | Sun | 10:00 am | Jose de la Peña, Sr. † |
| | | 8:00 pm | People of STM |
| 12/4 | Mon | 8:30am | Felida Mairena † |
| 12/5 | Tue | 5:30 pm | Laura & Mario Biagini † |
| 12/6 | Wed | 8:30am | Irene & Russell De Haven † |
| 12/7 | Thu | 10:00 am | Joe Mairena † |
| 12/8 | Fri | 8:30 am | Souls in Purgatory † |
| | | 8:00 pm | Corazon Alvendia † |
| 12/9 | Sat | 8:30 am | Lito Silverio |
| | | 5:00 pm | Hughes Family |

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



All the sick people in our parish especially John Silva, Zenaida Salamat, Martha Panaszewicz, Rhona

Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal; for those recently deceased in our parish especially Eddie Bernal and for all the poor souls in purgatory.

Your **offerings** for the weekend of **November 26th:**
\$ 3,879

Thank you for your contributions.

**Thank you very much for your donations to our 2007 Missallettes. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and your support. Attached as an insert to this bulletin is the list of donors and the persons they wish to honor. Please do us the favor of going through this list. Pls call the office if the names you sent are not spelled right or inadvertently left out. As much as we try to do our best, your office staff are after all, only human and liable to make mistakes. Please help us. Thanks.*

