



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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### Campus Ministry

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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.

### 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 a parishioner is seriously 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.*

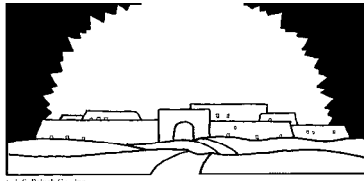
I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship each week & will respond consistently by my financial giving even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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribu-

tion. Yes, please \_\_\_\_\_ No, thanks. \_\_\_\_\_ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: [stmchurch@aol.com](mailto:stmchurch@aol.com)



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# The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 7, 2007

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. —*

*Isaiah 60:1*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

### Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Jan 8  
**Bible Study &  
Prayer group**  
7:30 pm, Chape

Tue. Jan 9—  
**Legion of Mary,**  
7pm, Scanlan Hall

Wed Jan 10—  
**Boy Scouts,** 7:30  
pm, Carroll Hall

Fri Jan 12 —  
**AACC Youth Grp,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall.

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

Sat Jan 13—  
**Prayer Group,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “20 + C + M + B + 07.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

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### 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. January menu items: 1 bag of rice, 1 can of meat, 1 can of mixed fruits, 1 fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Presentation of the catechumens:** Let us welcome the 2nd & 7th grade baptized Catholics of our parish who will be formally presented to the parish community as candidates for the reception of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist & Confirmation at the 10 AM Mass today. Let us keep them in our prayers.

\*If you are reading this bulletin this morning (Sunday) and you are a **resident** of San Francisco, you may want to know that most if not all SF facilities are free today. Refer to the attached flyer.

**\*The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** The deadline for making reservations has been extended to **Jan 10**. Call Oasis Travel at: 415-664-8400. We need 20 pilgrims, otherwise the pilgrimage will be canceled.

**\*Winners for the mini Raffle are:** 1st Prize (Last Supper frame): *Raquel Garcia*; 2nd Prize (weekend in Napa Valley [for up to 6 persons]): *Ken and Myrna Lew*; 3rd Prize (\$250 in cash): *Elias Salameh* (Thank you for donating your winnings back to STM!) We made \$2100. Thanks for your support!

\*We want to thank all the dear people who offered \$1000 to our church for Christmas. We posted their names under "Donors" at the Vestibule. May the Lord bless them and their families. We also thank all who have signed up to give their church donations through electronic giving.

\*Your tax deductible letters will be sent out soon. Thank you for your patience.



## Baptism of the Lord

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**\*Mark your calendars: WALK FOR LIFE on January 20, 2007** starts at 11:00 AM, Justin Herman Plaza, at the Embarcadero and ends at the Marina Green. Join thousands of pro-life women, men, friends and families as we take our message to the streets proclaiming "women deserve better than abortion"! Walk to proclaim that Life is the best choice for women.

**\*Single Catholic men, 21 years of older:** *Do you think God might be calling you? Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic Priest?* You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat, 4 pm on Friday, Jan 26 through 1 pm on Sunday, Jan 28, 2007 at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Retreat will include prayer, discussion and presentations about the priesthood, group interaction & following the daily routine of a seminarian. For more info, pls see one of our priests.

\*Heads up: All **married couples** in the SF Bay Area are invited to join Bishop John Wester on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 10:00 AM for the annual anniversary Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage, to renew your vows, and to show your support and encouragement for all married couples. Pls. go to [www.sfcatholic.com/sfm](http://www.sfcatholic.com/sfm) email [info@sfcatholic.com](mailto:info@sfcatholic.com).

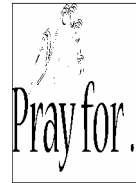
## MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 07—Jan 13, 2007

01/07 Sun 10:00am Cynthia Anclote†  
8: 0pm People of STM  
01/08 Mon 8:30am Severino Arguelles†  
01/09 Tue 5:30 pm Placido Tongol†  
01/10 Wed 8:30am Kobti Beloved Departed†  
01/11 Thu 5:30 pm Lito & Nilda Sotto, Sp. Int  
01/12 Fri 8:30 am Kobti Beloved Departed†  
01/13 Sat 8:30 am Duyet Nguyen†  
5:00 pm Hardin Villanueva

*Please call the office to schedule your Mass. 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, Abdallah Bajalieh; for those recently deceased in our parish esp. Mary Margaret McAuliffe and Lewis Nolan, both residents of Alma Via.



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Your offerings for:  
**The Weekend of Dec. 24th:**  
**\$4,101**  
**The weekend of Dec. 31st:**  
**\$4,476**  
**Your Christmas Offerings:**  
**\$9,726**  
*Thank you very much for your generosity!*

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**\*Heads up:** *Our second collection today is for tithing. We will have a second collection for the victims of the typhoons in the Philippines on the third Sunday of January. As usual, we count on your generosity. Thank you.*

## GOOD DISPOSITION

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end. —Ovid