



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan 28, 2007

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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.



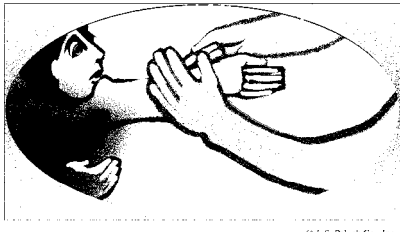
If you are new to the area and not yet registered at Saint Thomas More Parish, we invite you to fill this out, cut it out and return it to the parish office/rectory or drop in the collection basket.

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 contribution. Yes, please \_\_\_\_\_ No, thanks. \_\_\_\_\_  
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January 28, 2007

***Faith, hope, and love remain,  
these three; but the greatest of  
these is love.***

**This  
Week's  
Parish  
Events**

**Mon. Jan 29  
Bible Study &  
Prayer group**  
7:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

**Tue., Jan 30—  
Comunione e  
Liberazione, 7 PM,**  
Scanlan Hall

**Wed. Jan 31—  
Liturgy Cttee Mtg, 7  
pm, Scanlan Hall**

**Fri Feb 2—  
First Friday,  
7 pm Adoration  
of the Blessed  
Sacrament;  
8 pm Mass (Feast  
of the Presenta-  
tion of Our Lord)**

**AACC Youth Grp,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall.

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

**Sat Feb 3—  
Bible Study &  
Prayer Group,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

**Come Celebrate Jesus Presented in the Temple**

*by Father Rick VanDeWater*

This coming Friday is the first Friday of the month of February. It is also the fortieth day after Christmas, the day on which the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Our holy hour at 7 p.m. and Mass for healing at 8 p.m. will focus on this important feast. It marks the day on which the Virgin Mary carried her newborn son from Bethlehem to the temple in Jerusalem. There he was consecrated, according to the law of Moses, which stated, "every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord" (Numbers 8:17). The Blessed Virgin's action was in obedience to two Mosaic laws concerning childbirth. The first was to help mothers not to forget the original sin of Eve, the mother of all the living. Because of her disobedience, she would have to suffer in childbirth (Gen 3:16). The law of Moses provided all mothers with a reminder of the lesson of Eve's disobedience: a period of 40 days after childbirth for "purification" (Lev 12:3-4), during which they could not enter the temple.

The second law concerned every first-born son, who was to be consecrated to the Lord at the end of the 40 days. The law was a reminder that at the time of Moses, every first-born son in Egypt had been destroyed as punishment for the refusal to release Moses' people from slavery there (Exodus 22:29). In every family that obeyed the Lord's command and marked the doorposts with the blood of a lamb, however, the first-born son would be spared. The consecration of the first-born son would thus be another reminder of the importance of obeying God and of the saving grace bestowed upon those marked with the blood of the lamb.

When the Virgin Mary arrived in the temple with her first-born, the priest Simeon greeted her. When he saw the baby, he somehow knew that he had seen the long-awaited Messiah. In his beautiful hymn of praise, he proclaimed Christ to be the Light to enlighten the nations. He also expressed his readiness to leave this world, since he had finally achieved his lifelong goal. An eighty-four year old woman named Anna was also in the temple, for she spent all her time there in fasting and prayer. When she saw the baby Jesus, she too began to praise God and speak of the child. These two saints, Simeon and Anna, remind us of the abundant blessings of old age. They remain an example of faith and piety to all our dear senior citizens, whom we will honor in a special way during the February Family Mass next Sunday. The kindergarten class of St. Thomas More School will be there to do the honors. Please help us by inviting all your loved ones who are advanced in years!

**Regular Activities**

|                             |   |                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Parish Council              | 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM                    | Bible Study & Prayer        | Monday, 7:20 PM   |
| Liturgy Committee           | As Announced                            |                             | Saturday, 6:30 PM |
| Campus Ministry/Newman Club | Tuesday, 12-1PM,<br>SFSU Student Center | AACC Youth Group            | Friday, 6:30 PM   |
| Legion of Mary              | 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 PM                 | Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino | Last Friday, 7 PM |
|                             |   | Prince of Peace             | 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. Menu items: 1 bag of rice, 1 can of meat, 1 can of mixed fruits, 1 fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



\*This Friday is the **First Friday** of the month. You are invited to join us at the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm (with novena to the Sacred Heart) and at the Mass at 8pm.** As it is also the feast of Our Lord's Presentation, readings will be for that feast. Everyone is invited to bring candles from home to be blessed at the end of the Masses.

\*Everyone is invited to our **First Saturday Mass** at 8:30am on Feb. 3rd, also the feastday of St. Blaise, who is traditionally invoked for ailments of the throat. Everyone is invited to this special blessing.

\***Anniversary Mass 12 Noon February 10, 2007:** Bishop John J. Wester cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 12 Noon (*not 10 AM as previously announced*) at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, SF. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries. Short reception immediately following Eucharist. Pls RSVP by Wednesday, the 31st. Registration forms are available at the parish office or at [www.sf catholic.com/cfm](http://www.sf catholic.com/cfm).

**LOVE IN OUR WORKS**

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.—*Teresa of Avila*

Presentation of the Lord



school news

\*Next week is **National Catholic Schools Week.** This is the time when we celebrate the good work being done in the Catholic Schools all over the country and especially here at St. Thomas More School. It also marks the time applications are accepted from those who would like to have a child newly enrolled in the school. A complete list of all the activities of National Catholic Schools Week is available at the vestibule of the church. Please join us for as many of these activities as possible.

\***Mark your calendars:** Scholastic Book Fair Jan 30-Feb 4 at our school. The Fair, in Carroll Hall will be open everyday before and after school during National Catholic Schools Week, as well as after Family Mass on Sunday, Feb. 4th. Everyone is welcome to check out the wonderful selection of quality books for sale. Profits from the Fair will be used to purchase books for the School's new library, currently under construction. Contact Joan Cuddihy at (650) 270-6335 or [jcuddihy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcuddihy@sbcglobal.net), for details.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Jan 28—Feb 3., 2007

- 01/28 Sun 10:00 am Maria Muzio, Sp. Int.  
8: 00 pm People of STM
- 01/29 Mon 8:30 am
- 01/30 Tue 5:30 pm Josephine Ryan†
- 01/31 Wed 8:30 am
- 02/01 Thu 5:30 pm Delia Cruz, Sp. Int.
- 02/02 Fri 8:30 am Special Intention
- 02/03 Sat 8:30 am  
5:00 pm Pietro Muzio, Sp. Int.

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 especially Greta Hurtubise and all deceased children and victims of abortion.**  
(To keep these names on the list, please notify us every 2 weeks.)  
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Your offerings for:  
The Weekend of Jan 21:  
**\$3,594**

Your response to the appeal for assistance to typhoon victims in the Philippines:  
**\$630**

Thank you very much for your generosity!  
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\*Your tax deductible letters will be sent out by the end of the month. Thanks for your patience.

**SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Wed: St. John Bosco
- Fri The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Friday
- Sat: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary