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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb 4, 2007 World Day for Consecrated Life

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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:

Anyone who is ill and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion may call the office to schedule a visit.

Anointing of the Sick:

Any time upon request. If a parishioner is seriously ill at home, please inform the parish office regarding a visit for anointing.

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) _____

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2007
**I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all
 my heart, for you have heard the words
 of my mouth. — Psalm 138:1**

**This
 Week's
 Parish
 Events**

Mon. Feb 5—
**Bible Study &
 Prayer group**
 7:30 pm, Scanlan
 Hall

Tue., Feb 6—
Legion of Mary,
 7 pm Scanlan Hall

**Communione
 Liberazione, 7 PM,**
 Chapel

Wed, Feb 7—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
 pm, Carroll Hall

Fri Feb 9—
AACC Youth Grp,
 6:30 pm, Scanlan
 Hall.

Prince of Peace,
 8:30pm, Scanlan
 Hall

Sat Feb 10—
**Bible Study &
 Prayer Group,**
 6:30 pm, Scanlan
 Hall

Preaching the Gospel

In today's gospel reading, Luke recounts the story of the miraculous catch of fish at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. John, the only other evangelist to record this story, places it after the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Unlike Matthew and Mark, who write that the disciples immediately follow Jesus at his summons, Luke seems to know that his listeners will comprehend the call to discipleship better if it follows a miraculous sign. But whether it's Luke describing the beginning of the disciples following Jesus in mission, or John's depiction of the risen Christ preparing his followers for the mission facing them after his return to the Father, the point is the same – and remains the same for us today. Paul expresses it best. It does not matter who preaches the gospel, or where or when, but only that it is preached and believed, through the grace of God in us.

God Is Calling

When God calls you to preach that gospel, what will be your response? Do you feel you have what it takes to love and serve? God knows your gifts and your goodness, even where the only things you may see are your faults. Despite these flaws, or perhaps even because of them, God wants you just as you are. God assured Isaiah, Paul, and Peter and strengthened them in spite of their fears. As Paul said, God wants me, even if "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle" (1 Corinthians 15:9). God wants to give you power, as the psalmist said, "When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me" (Psalm 138:3). Remember, too, that Peter finally obeyed Jesus' call, saying, "At your command I will lower the nets" (Luke 5:5).

Today's readings offer a clarion call to each of us to live the vocation to which God has called us. Through our baptism, we have been invited to live out God's vibrant love each day, making some hard choices along the way. God's word offers food for the journey as we strive to leave *everything* and follow Jesus.

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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, 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.



*Parish registration sheets may be returned by way of the basket provided at the vestibule of the church. Please use the envelopes next to it to ensure confidentiality of your information. The registration may also be done online via our website: www.stmchurch.com

***Tax deductible** letters were mailed out this past week. If you feel the amounts posted were not accurate, feel free to call the office. Our staff would gladly review their records with you & send you another letter reflecting the correct amount of your tax deductible donations for 2006.

***Church Contributions:** "Due to recent changes in the tax laws, beginning with contributions made in 2007, parishioners who itemize deductions on their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish (or any other non-profit or charity) unless they maintain a bank record or written contribution statement from the parish or other charity. If you wish to ensure deductibility of your contributions to the parish, please use a check or maintain a copy of a statement showing a direct deposit taken from your account and provided to the parish. You can also use our parish envelopes. The parish will track contributions made using those envelopes and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during a given tax year. Canceled checks and other bank records are also sufficient documentation. The parish cannot track cash contributions not made via envelopes."



Archdiocesan trainings

***Trainings** have been scheduled at St. Charles Church, 880 Tamarack Avenue in San Carlos. For new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on February 24 from 9am-3pm. For new Lectors on March 24 from 9am-3pm. Please call the rectory if you wish to attend.

*There will be an Archdiocesan training on **Church Art and Decoration** on Saturday, February 10th from 10am-12pm at St. Stephen Church, 601 Eucalyptus Drive in San Francisco. Please call the rectory if you wish to attend.

school news

*Everyone is invited to the school for **Open House** after 10am Mass today. It begins at about 11:30. There will be a Bake Sale, Book Sale and Science Fair in Carroll Hall. Open House will end at about 12:45. You are also invited to visit the **Scholastic Book Fair** in Carroll Hall. The Fair will be open 'til 2pm and profits will go towards the purchase of books for STM School's new library. Everyone is welcome!!

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 4 —Feb 10, 2007

- 02/4 Sun 10:00am Nualar McCarthy, Sp.Int.
8:00pm People of STM
- 02/5 Mon 8:30am Napoleon Flores, Sp. Int.
- 02/6 Tue 5:30pm Zenaida de Guzman, Sp.Int.
- 02/7 Wed 8:30am Irene & Russell de Havent†
- 02/8 Thu 5:30pm Laura & Mario Biagini†
- 02/9 Fri 8:30am Martin Bogdan†
- 02/10 Sat 8:30am
5:00pm John Kostorou†

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, Lily Santos, Martha Panaszewicz, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal, Fawzi Bajalieh; for those recently deceased in our parish especially Marina Lavarias and all deceased children and victims of abortion.

(To keep these names on the list, please notify us every 2 weeks.)

Your offerings for:
The Weekend of Jan 28
\$4,126

Thanks for your generosity and support.

Our second collection today is for tithing. Pls be generous.

PLANNING

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.

—Chinese Proverb

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life;
- Monday: St. Agatha
- Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and his companions
- Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
- Saturday: St. Scholastica