



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb 11, 2007**

**World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day**

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### **Campus Ministry**

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Principal Joe Elsbernd

### **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.*

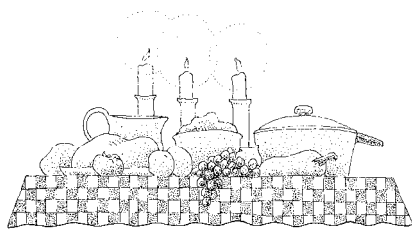
I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship each week & will respond consistently by my financial giving even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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution. Yes, please

\_\_\_\_\_ No, thanks. \_\_\_\_\_ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: stmchurch@aol.com



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**“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”**

— Luke 6:20-21a

**This  
Week's  
Parish  
Events**

**Mon. Feb 12—  
Bible Study &  
Prayer group**  
7:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

**Tue. Feb 13 —  
Communion &  
Liberation, 7 PM,**  
Sanlan Hall

**Wed, Feb 14—  
Boy Scouts, 7:30  
pm, Carroll Hall**

**Fri Feb 16—  
AACC Youth Grp,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall.

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

**Sat Feb 17—  
Santo Niño cele-  
bration, during 5  
pm Mass**

**Bible Study &  
Prayer Group,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

**Join us on Saturday for the Feast of the Santo Niño**

**Santo Niño de Cebú** literally means "holy child of Cebu." It refers to a representation of the Child Jesus that was brought to the Philippines during Ferdinand Magellan's travels. In 1521, it was given to Hara Amihan of Cebu, who was later baptized into the Catholic faith (as Queen Juana), along with her husband, Rajah Humabon (as King Carlos). After the Spaniards turned against the Cebuanos, they burned a good part of Cebu, and the image was caught in the blaze. In 1565, however, when the Spanish conquistadors arrived, the image was found relatively unharmed. It was quickly acknowledged as miraculous, and a church was later constructed on the site of the discovery. At this time, native Cebuanos were not fully Christianized and continued to believe in their native, animistic, gods, recognizing the Santo Niño only as another "anito" (idol). Many myths and legends surrounded the image. It resided in a local chapel where parish women would tend to its fine apparel, making sure that the Santo Niño's shoes were clean and bright. Often they would arrive in the morning, however, to find that the Christ Child's shoes, which were so clean the day before, had become soiled overnight. Grass stains could also be found on his clothes. This sparked speculations that the Santo Niño took long walks at night. There were never any official accounts of these stories and they were often dismissed as local superstitions, but this did not lessen the number of devotees to the Santo Niño. Spanish clergy heard the pilgrims' tales and went to witness the road-beaten shoes. They soon declared the Holy Child was miraculous and the Santo Niño's fame spread around the world.

Today, the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño is an important historical and religious landmark in Cebu, with devotees lining up to pay their respects to the Holy Child. Although the Santo Niño was long considered to be the patron "saint" of Cebu, it is not a saint, but a representation of Jesus Christ as a child. With this in mind, the Archbishop of Cebu, Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, made an important decision in 2002. He declared Jesus' mother Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to be the principal patroness of Cebu. This upset some Santo Niño devotees, who felt that the declaration "demoted" the Holy Child. It is consistent, however, with the requirement of Catholic faith that a patron saint be a human saint who has gone to his or her heavenly reward and who prays to God on behalf of the living. Since the Holy Child is a representation of Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, He cannot, as God, be considered a patron saint. Cardinal Vidal thus established the Blessed Virgin as the patron saint of Cebu, in keeping with the popular devotion to her son. The Feast of the Santo Niño and its traditional street festivities, known as the Sinulog, are now more popular than ever.

The Catholic Church in the Philippines venerates the image of the Holy Child as a celebration of the Incarnation and as an example of humility. Many Cebuanos do not consider the Christmas season over until the Feast of the Santo Niño, which, in the Philippines, falls on the third Sunday of January. Here at St. Thomas More Church, we will celebrate the Santo Niño this coming Saturday, February 17, at the weekly vigil mass (5 pm). Bring your statues of the Santo Niño to be blessed, and join in the procession!

**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. Niño	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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**\*Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** Please make this day significant by thinking of and praying for all the sick people that you know. Visit and let them know you are thinking about them, especially this week.

**\*Today is also World Marriage Day:** Congratulations and best wishes to all the married couples in the parish. Marriage is a sacred union between a man and a woman. Your children are God's greatest blessing on the marriage and are the ultimate reflection of your love for one another. Cherish them and love them, bring them up as true disciples of Jesus.

**\*Sacrament of marriage:** If you (or someone you know) are living together outside the Sacrament of Marriage, please make your marriage vows in the church. Contact the rectory or talk to one of our priests.

**\*Parish registrations:** Everyone (including those who are already registered) is urged to fill out the parish registration sheets. They may be returned to the basket provided at the vestibule of the church. The envelopes there will ensure confidentiality of your information. The registration may also be done online via our website: [www.stmchurch.com](http://www.stmchurch.com)

**\*Santo Nino celebration:** Everyone is invited to our celebration this Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 5 pm. See the attached flyer.



**\*Tax deductible letters:** Please call the office if you feel that the amounts posted in the **tax deductible** letters were not accurate. Our staff will gladly review the records with you & send you another letter reflecting the correct amount of your tax deductible donations for 2006.

**\*The Way of St. Francis:** Free copies of this magazine are at the vestibule of our church. Please take one home, read it, and send in a donation or sign up for a subscription if you would like to receive more issues of this wonderful magazine. Information is attached to the inside cover of the magazine.



**\*Our STM school is still taking applications for this upcoming school year.** If you have a child who is ready for kindergarten or might want to move to our school, please drop by the school during school hours for an application form. Please spread the word to appropriate families.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 11 -Feb 17, 2007

- 02/11 Sun 10:00 am People of STM  
8:00 pm Remedios Librojo†
- 02/12 Mon 8:30 am John Lucas, Sp. Int..
- 02/13 Tue 5:30 pm John Philpott, Sp. Int.
- 02/14 Wed 8:30 am Guiseppe Muzio †
- 02/15 Thu 5:30pm
- 02/16 Fri 8:30am William Cooke†
- 02/17 Sat 8:30am  
5:00pm Edwin Vitugt

Call the office to schedule your Mass. Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.

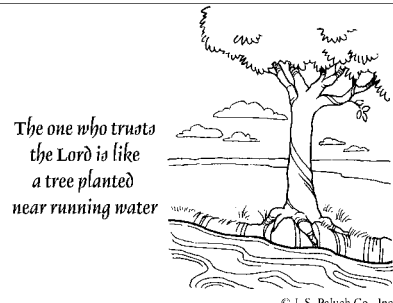


**All the sick people in our parish,** especially John Silva, Lily Santos, Martha Panaszewicz, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal, Fawzi Bajalieh; for all who are sock and homebound and are unable to join us for Holy Mass; for those recently deceased in our parish.

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

**Your offerings for:  
The Weekend of Feb 4:  
\$4,069  
Tithing Offertory: \$996**

**Thanks for your generosity and support.**



## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day.
- Monday: Lincoln's Birthday (government holiday)
- Wednesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentines' Day.
- Saturday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites; Blessed Virgin Mary