



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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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

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb 18, 2007

**Pastor** Monsignor Labib Kolti  
**Parochial Vicars** Father Andrew Johnson  
Father Richard VanDeWater  
**Deacon:** Khaled Abu Shaer  
**Administrative Assistant** Elvira Garcia  
**Receptionist** Sister Teresa Malave, VMF

### Campus Ministry

Sisters of Verbum Dei (650) 994-6919  
**RCIC:** Kathy Sanford (650) 738-0646  
**RCIA & Music Ministry:**  
Suzanne Hockel (415) 826-6834  
**St. Thomas More School** (415) 337-0100  
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.

### 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



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 18, 2007

*Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.— Psalm 103:8*

### This Week's Parish Events

**Mon. Feb 19—  
Bible Study & Prayer group**  
7:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

**Tues, Feb 20 —  
Communion & Liberation,**  
7 PM, Chapel

**Legion of Mary,**  
7 pm Scanlan Hall

**Wed, Feb. 21 —  
Ash Wednesday Masses:**  
**8:30 AM**  
**12 PM —SFSU**  
**8:00 PM**

**Thu, Feb 22 —  
Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group,**  
7:30 pm, Chapel

**Fri Feb 23—  
Stations of the Cross, 7 PM**

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

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

**Sat Feb 24—  
Bible Study & Prayer Group,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

### Ash Wednesday Begins the Season of Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. Many people do not look forward to this time of the year. If someone were to ask, "What is the happiest liturgical season?" most of us would answer, "Christmas" or "Easter." Lent is usually not considered a happy season because it is a time of giving things up. What is the point? One reason for giving things up during Lent is reparation for sin. This is called "penance." Christ forgives our sins whenever we are truly repentant and ask Him to heal us. His death on the cross for us saves us from the eternal consequences of the sins we confess to Him. At the same time, however, God's justice demands that we make reparation for the temporal effects of our sins, for the disharmony that they have caused in this world. Lent is our special opportunity to make those reparations through the various means the Lord has given us: fasting, prayer and charitable works.

Another valuable aspect of giving things up for Lent is that it allows us to consider just how attached we are to our pleasures and possessions. Sometimes we let them become our prisons. Lent is our yearly opportunity to follow Christ into the desert and really stop and take stock of ourselves and recognize the false gods that we have made of our worldly pleasures. In Lent we can ask ourselves to what false gods (money, immorality, food, drink, substance abuse) we have become addicted. The Lord offers us this special season to help liberate us from whatever might imprison us and return to Him for true security and fulfillment. St. Paul wrote, "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. All the players at the games go into strict training. They do this just to win a wreath that will wither away, but we do it for a wreath that will never wither. That is how I run, intent on winning. I treat my body hard and make it obey me, for, having been a preacher myself, I should not want to be disqualified" (1 Cor 9:26-27). The apostle Paul had no qualms about urging the early Christians to "treat their bodies hard." It is advice that does not go down well in today's soft, materialistic culture. That is one of the reasons why the Church dropped the fish-on-Fridays practice. Instead of this "negative" tradition, we were supposed to do something "positive." But how many people really make an effort to do something positive? The same applies for the season of Lent: it is easier to do something "negative" like fasting than it is to do something "positive" like forgiving others. It is those positive results that really count with our Lord, because they indicate true repentance and a transformed life. Fasting (giving up food), prayer (giving up time) and charitable works (giving up money) can help us reach that goal. The "negative" act of giving up can at the same time be very positive. Gandhi said, "Fasting, if it is a spiritual act, is an intense prayer...it is a yearning of the soul to merge with the divine essence." That is exactly what Christ meant when He said, "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." To give up something we like during Lent can be a very positive act of love for God and reparation for our sins. To go to mass on Sunday mornings means giving up a nice warm bed and time to our selves, but it too is a positive act of love for God. Charity to others is also love for God, as Jesus said, "Whatever you have done for one of the least of these, you have done for me." According to St. Augustine, "A true sacrifice is every work done that we may be united to God in holy fellowship." Lent is our opportunity to look "sacrifice" squarely in the face. Come join us on Ash Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. or 8 p.m. as we begin our Lenten season together. Join us on the Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross. And remember: Happiness is...a Christian living Lent!

### Regular Activities

Parish Council  
Liturgy Committee  
Campus Ministry/Newman Club  
Legion of Mary

4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM  
As Announced  
Tuesday, 12-1PM,  
SFSU Student Center  
1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 PM

Bible Study & Prayer  
AACC Youth Group  
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino  
Prince of Peace

Monday, 7:20 PM  
Saturday, 6:30 PM  
Friday, 6:30 PM  
Last Friday, 7 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. Menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned ham, 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Ash Wednesday** February 21st, is the first day

of Lent, Ash Wednesday. The ceremony of the distribution of ashes will be during our regular Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass, as well as at an extra 8:00 PM Mass for those who can not make it in the morning. At the SFSU campus, distribution of ashes will be at 12:00 PM, in the Rosa Parks Room of the Student Center. Please remember that it is a Day of **Fasting & Abstinence**.

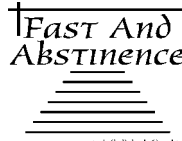
\*Every Wednesday during Lent at 7 PM, all are invited to attend our Lenten **Soup and Scripture** meetings, a sharing of simple suppers during which we will reflect on the weekly scriptural readings for Lent. The first gathering will be on Feb. 28. As an act of penance, please bring your own bowl and spoon. If you can help with preparations, please contact Linda Shah at (415) 218-0401 or the church rectory (415) 452-9634.

\***Many thanks** to all who graciously responded to our plea and filled out and returned their registration and electronic fund transfer authorization forms. If you haven't yet done so, please fill out your forms and return them to the rectory or drop them off in the vestibule of the church. We need your help in updating our files.



**ABSTINENCE:**

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY.**



**FASTING:** Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.** On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking additional food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. when in doubt concerning fast or abstinence, consult a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or your confessor. Fasting is integral to spirit of penance, so we should not lightly excuse ourselves from this obligation.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 18 -Feb 24, 2007

- 02/18 Sun 10:00 am Frances Quinn†  
8:00 pm People of STM
  - 02/19 Mon 8:30 am Judith Cruz†
  - 02/20 Tue 5:30 pm Josephine Ryan†
  - 02/21 Wed 8:30 am Jose de la Pena†  
8:00 pm
  - 02/22 Thu 5:30 pm Teresa Small, Sp. Int.
  - 02/23 Fri 8:30am Con Burns†
  - 02/24 Sat 8:30am  
5:00pm Nilda Sotto, Sp. Int.
- 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, and Fawzi Bajalieh; for all who are sick 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 11:**  
**\$4,134**  
**Thanks for your generosity and support.**  
Next Sunday's second collection will be for **Catholic Charities Appeal.** Please be generous.



\*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, drop by the school for an application form.

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
- Shrove Tuesday: Last day before Lent
- Ash Wednesday: Day of Fasting, Abstinence, Almsgiving
- Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter
- Friday: Abstinence; Way of the Cross; St. Polycarp