



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2007

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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



## Third Sunday of Lent - March 11, 2007

### The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.

— *Psalm 103:6*

#### The Week's Parish Events

**Mon., Mar 12—  
Bible Study & Prayer group**  
7:20 pm, Scanlan Hall

**Wed, Mar 14—  
Soup & Scripture For Lent, 7 PM,**  
Scanlan Hall

**Fri., March 16—  
Stations of the Cross, 7 pm**  
Film: Our Lady of Lourdes, following the Stations

**AACC Youth Grp, 6:00 pm,**  
Scanlan Hall

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

**Sat., Mar 17  
Bible Study & Prayer Group,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

#### Fast from Noise – Feast on Silence (Fr. Rick Van De Water)

Lent is a time of fasting. In essence, fasting is an act of self-denial. It can go far beyond mere fasting from food, to encompass all our attitudes and actions. In the wilderness, Christ joined fasting to prayer, showing us the importance of communing alone with the heavenly Father. On Ash Wednesday, He said to us: "When you pray, go to your private room and, when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place." This focus on the personal aspect of communicating with God applies, not only to our daily prayers at home, but also to the attitude we bring with us to Sunday worship. Some timely words from the Vatican summarize the atmosphere we need to create at Sunday mass:

"The Liturgical Celebration must have a homogenous phonic balance and therefore in chant and prayer a soft voice is best. It is consonant with the attitude of humility and discretion that we should have before God. Hence the need to avoid tones which are «shouted» and use quieter tones proper to prayer in 'secret' (see Matt 6,5). Thus there is silence in the Liturgy, fundamental to allowing our hearts to listen to God who speaks. The soul is made for recollection rather than noise and chatter. The fact is that noise distracts us. So we must first restore to the church building the dignity of a holy temple, where no one raises his voice, beginning with the priest and other ministers who set the example. The church is the place where we speak to God in humble silence or in a soft voice. This attitude reflects our identity as worshippers of the Majesty of God, so different from the deafening din of daily life and from all that distracts our attention from the mystery of His real presence among us."

How can we put this message into practice on Sundays? First, we can all cooperate in creating an atmosphere of silent adoration before the mass begins. We need the opportunity to prepare our hearts for our encounter with the living Lord. The same applies after the mass. If very few remain in church for silent prayer, it could be that the atmosphere there after mass is not conducive. We have ample opportunities to speak with each other in the vestibule of the church and outside. In the spirit of Lent, as an act of self-denial, let us try to refrain from speaking with each other inside the sanctuary. This will bring to fulfillment the words of the psalm: "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

As you continue your Lenten fast, remember: Silence is Golden!

#### 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, 12-1 PM, SFSU Student Center	AACC Youth Group	Friday, 6:00 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 & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Everyone is invited to join us for the **Stations of the Cross** at 7 pm this Friday and all Fridays during Lent.

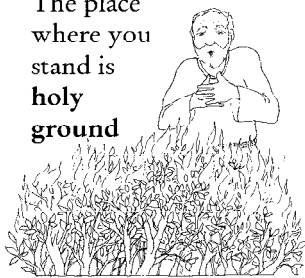
\*During Lent we will have showings of religious films. Our film this Friday will be on **Our Lady of Lourdes**. This film will reinforce the message of God's love and concern for us, communicated to us through the Blessed Mother. Come and watch this film with our priests and the rest of our STM parish family, immediately following the Stations.

\*Lent offers a special opportunity for reconciliation with God. Our **Lenten Reconciliation Service** will be on March 28th at 7 PM. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to be here.

\*Everyone is invited to the **Chrism Mass** on Tuesday, April 3rd, 5:30 PM at Saint Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough (& Geary). A special invitation is extended to the candidates for confirmation, along with their sponsors and families. At this Mass the holy oils used to confer the sacraments are blessed. Car-pooling is recommended as parking will not be easy.

\***Soup and Scripture Suppers**, during which we reflect on the Lenten scriptural readings, are every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Scanlan Hall. We will not have the Soup and Scripture Supper on Wednesday, March 28, due to the Reconciliation Service. As an act of penance, please bring your own bowl and spoon. Please contact Linda Shah at (415)218-0401 if you can help with preparations.

The place where you stand is holy ground



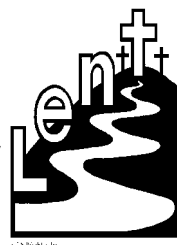
School News



\*The next **Family Mass** for students and their parents will take

place next Sunday, the 18th. At these Family Masses you may have seen blue offertory envelopes, provided by St. Thomas More School, so that anyone from our community may make a donation. The envelopes are available at the entrance of the church whenever there is a Family Mass. You may use them during the Family Mass or at any other time you wish to make an offering to the school. Please remember to make a regular, generous offering to the parish as well.

\*A Lenten series of **radio retreats** is available online ([www.radioretreat.org](http://www.radioretreat.org)) in Spanish and English. These retreats are sponsored by the Catholic Communications campaign. One of the speakers is our Archbishop George Niederauer.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 11 -March 17, 2007

- 3/11 Sun 10:00am Vincent & Margarita Florest 8:00 pm People of STM
- 3/12 Mon 8:30 am Andresa Pastor (hlg)
- 3/13 Tue 5:30 pm Sergia Sansalian †
- 3/14 Wed 8:30 am Helena R. Vasquez †
- 3/15 Thu 5:30 pm Rufino Santos †
- 3/16 Fri 8:30 am Nora Magallanes (hlg)
- 3/17 Sat 8:30am 5:00pm Philip Gracias

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



**all the sick people in our parish**, especially Andresa Pastor, Leo Carew, Elias Santizo, Tony Castorena; John Silva, Lily Santos, Flor Sotto, Rhona Palencia and Fawzi Bajalieh; for all who are sick and homebound and are unable to join us for Holy Mass; and for those recently deceased in our parish.

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

### Weekly Offering



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Weekend of **Mar 4:**  
**\$4,398**  
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**\$1,472**

Thanks for your generosity and support.

## ALMA VIA

\*Alma Via invites STM parishioners to a **Lenten Morning of Reflection with Bishop Ignatius Wang** on March 24, 10:30 to 12:30. Lunch is included. See flyer on church bulletin board for details. RSVP by March 12 to (415) 337-1339.

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent
- Friday:** Abstinence; Stations of the Cross
- Saturday:** St. Patrick