



SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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5th Sunday of Lent, March 25, 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:

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.

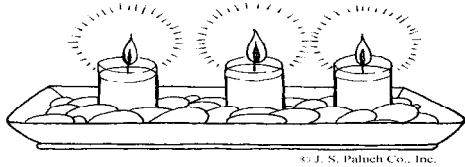
I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship each week & will respond consistently by my financial giving even 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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**I consider everything as a loss because of
the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. — *Philippians 3:8***

*This
Week's
Parish
Events*

*Mon., Mar 26—
Bible Study &
Prayer group
7:20 pm, Scanlan
Hall*

*Wed, Mar 28—
Reconciliation
Service, 7 PM,
Church
**Everyone is
invited!***

*Fri., March 30—
Living Stations
of the Cross, 7
pm*

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

*Sat., Mar 31
Bible Study &
Prayer Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall*

The First Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary

by Father Andrew Johnson

We know quite a bit about Our Lord's suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane from the Gospels. We know that He was so very stressed that the blood came through His pores. He knew what was going to happen to him in the next twelve hours and the torture and pain that he was to endure. As He prayed with great intensity, Jesus interrupted His agony three times to speak to His Apostles. He felt abandoned by them as He found them sleeping in the Garden. He was looking to them for support in His extremely agitated condition.

At one point, He asked God Our Father to spare Him from the imminent ordeal. He finished His prayer with, "Not my will, but Thy will be done." He freely accepted all of the suffering He knew was coming to Him because He knew it was necessary for the redemption of all people. It was the only way to show to the world God's powerful, eternal, divine LOVE for all of us. There is no greater love than that where a person lays down his life for his friends!!! Jesus did what He had to do out of love for us and to show us His love. In spite of that, many of the people did not understand and refused to accept His sacrifice or His message.

In the medical records, there are a few cases where someone became so stressed that blood came out of their pores. In each case they died of a heart attack. But that was not to be the fate of Jesus. Three times He interrupted His suffering and that staved off the heart attack. It probably weakened His heart and he may have died on the cross from a heart attack.

Another thing happens to the victim of this extreme stress. Their body becomes super sensitized all over and the slightest touch anywhere on the body causes excruciating pain all over the body. Those suffering from gout or shingle may experience this in a much smaller way. That was the condition Jesus was in when He was beaten almost to death at the pillar, in pain so great, we cannot even imagine it.

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 Prince of Peace	Last Friday, 7 PM 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.

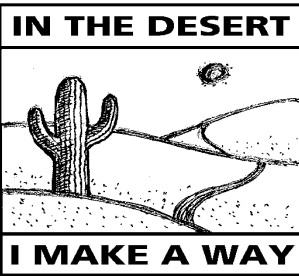
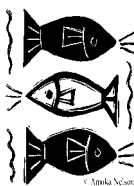


***Mark your calendars: Everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass** on Tuesday, April 3rd, 5:30 PM at Saint Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough (& Geary). A special invitation is extended to candidates for confirmation, along with their sponsors and families. The holy oils used to confer the sacraments are blessed and priests of the Archdiocese are invited to renew their ordination vows during this Mass.

***Our Living Stations of the Cross** will be on Friday, at 7pm. Come experience this moving representation of the Passion of Christ by our Community. We will be showing slides of the very place of each Station. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

***Please pick up a copy of our Holy Week schedule** if you don't have it yet. They are at the vestibule of our church.

***Reminder that on all Fridays of Lent, everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat.** In the spirit of penance, please do not excuse yourself lightly from this obligation. The money that you fast off is your donation to the poor.



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school news

***The Ozanam Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society** is sponsoring a **book drive**. Paperback and hard cover books are acceptable. Pls leave the books in the container in the church or they may be dropped off at the school. Thank you for your support of this collection.

others

***Hope for the Bereaved,** a prayer service sponsored by Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on Holy Saturday, April 7th, at 11am in All Saints Mausoleum Chapel, with Msgr. Harry G. Schlitt. Come to remember and be comforted as you share time with others who are grieving. **Mass will not be offered.**

***World Youth Day Pilgrimage, 2008.** Young adults 18-35 are invited to an information meeting on April 17th at 7-8pm at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Ctr (1 Peter Way), 1st Floor Conf. room. Pls. call 614-5596 for details.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 25—Mar 31

- 3/25 Sun 10:00 am People of STM
8:00 pm Ricky Guarin
- 3/26 Mon 8:30 am Harry Wong †
- 3/27 Tue 5:30 pm Samiere Family (Sp. Int.)
- 3/28 Wed 8:30 am Alexander Cortes (Sp. Int.)
- 3/29 Thu 5:30 pm Roy Auzenne (Sp. Int.)
- 3/30 Fri 8:30 am Margaret Synan †
- 3/31 Sat 8:30 am Ollie Knadler †
5:00pm John & Samiere Family

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



all the sick people in our parish, especially Leo Carew, 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 especially Andresa Pastor & Maria Guadalupe Anguiano

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

Collections

Weekend of

Mar 18: \$6,324

10:00 AM Collection: **\$1,291**

Catholic Relief Services: **\$1,120**

School collection: **\$1,215.88**

Thanks for your generosity and support.

***A Lenten series of radio retreats** is available online (www.radioretreat.org) in Spanish and English., sponsored by the Catholic Communication campaign. Archbishop George Niederauer is one of the speakers.



SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent: Third Scrutiny
- Monday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Friday:** Abstinence; Stations of the Cross