



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 1, 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



## *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 1, 2007*

**The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced. — Isaiah 50:7a**

### *This Week's Parish Events*

*Mon., Apr 2 —  
Bible Study &  
Prayer group  
7:20 pm, Scanlan  
Hall*

*Tues. Apr. 3—  
Chrism Mass at  
the Cathedral,  
5:30 pm*

*Fri. Apr 6—  
Stations of the  
Cross, 12 noon  
Liturgy of the  
Lord's Passion,  
1 pm*

*Sat., Apr 7—  
Easter Vigil  
Mass, 7 pm*

*April 8—  
Easter Sunday,  
Easter Egg  
Hunt on Broth-  
erhood Way  
(by the Bufano  
Peace Statue)  
After the 10 AM  
Mass— Please  
stay with your  
children*

*No 11:45 AM  
Mass*

### Join Us For Holy Week!

Holy Week is the week that precedes the great celebration of the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. It commemorates the Passion of Christ, and the events that immediately led up to it. The observance of Holy Week is an ancient tradition that goes back to the beginnings of Christianity. Palm Sunday comes first in order, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Its central feature is the procession of palms, as the faithful chant, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." A second noteworthy feature is the reading of the entire Gospel account of Jesus' Passion.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus held with his apostles, during which He instituted the sacrament of His body and blood, as well as the sacrament of the priesthood. A special feature during the mass is the washing of the feet, commemorating Jesus' giving of the new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." The "Gloria in excelsis" is sung, accompanied by the ringing of bells. After this the bells remain silent, in expression of the Church's bereavement during the time of Christ's Passion and burial, until Holy Saturday, when the Gloria is sung again. Extra communion hosts are consecrated on Holy Thursday, to be consumed on Good Friday. These are borne in solemn procession to an "altar of repose," in commemoration of the repose of Christ's exodus from Jerusalem to the garden of Gethsemane. The hymn, "Pange lingua gloriosi corporis mysterium" is traditionally sung on the way. In every cathedral church, the bishop blesses the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick. Following the Mass, the altars are stripped of all adornments, commemorating Christ's arrest in the garden.

On Good Friday, three cantors sing the Passion according to the Gospel of John, impersonating the evangelist and the other speakers in the gospel account. This is followed by the "Adoration" of the Cross, with which are associated Christ's "reproaches." Prayers are said for all humanity, for whom Christ died. The Good Friday celebration ends with a communion service, in which the consecrated hosts preserved at the altar of repose are distributed to the faithful.

The Holy Saturday vigil has lost much of the significance and importance that it enjoyed in the early Christian centuries, owing to the irresistible tendency to advance the hour of its celebration. Originally it was the great Easter vigil, or watch-service, held only in the late hours of Saturday and lasting through the night. The vigil begins with the consecration of the new fire, with a view to lighting the paschal candle, symbol of Christ's resurrection. This is followed by a focus on baptism, the sacrament through which Christ imparts his resurrection life. The reading of the biblical prophecies of Christ's work of redemption is followed by the blessing of the baptismal font and prayer for the intercession of the saints. This leads up to the baptism of the catechumens, who have been preparing themselves during Lent. All the faithful renew their own baptismal vows at this time. Finally the Easter Vigil mass proclaims the resurrection of Christ as an accomplished fact, with its joyous Gloria, ringing of bells, and triumphant Alleluias.

Holy Week is your opportunity to relive the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. This is your opportunity to be raised with Him to new life. Check out the schedule for our Holy Week celebrations and make it your priority to join the family of St. Thomas More parish as we proclaim that "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!"

### 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.

\*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.

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

\***ABSTINENCE:** Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on GOOD FRIDAY (this Friday).

**FASTING:** Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on GOOD FRIDAY. 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 the spirit of penance, so we should not lightly excuse ourselves from this obligation.



**STATIONS of The Cross**

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**Why go to church?**

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunda; "I've gone for 30 years now and in that time I must've heard 3000 sermons, and for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them, so I think I am wasting my time, and the pastor's his." This started a real controversy in the "letters to the editor" column, until a few weeks later someone wrote: "I've been married for 32 years now, in that time my wife must've cooked 32,000 meals, bur for the life of me I can't remember the entire menu for a single one of those meals, but, I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If she hadn't given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I hadn't gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today." **When you are down to nothing, God is up to something. Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!** Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment. When Satan knocks, ask Jesus to answer the door.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

April 1—April 7

- 4/01 Sun 10:00 am People of STM  
8:00 pm Sotto & De Guzman Families
- 4/02 Mon 8:30 am Nora Law†
- 4/03 Tue 5:30 pm Bonifacio Marti†
- 4/04 Wed 8:30 am Roy Auzenne Sp. Int.
- 4/05 Thu 7:00 pm **Cena Domini**
- 4/06 Good Friday—**Communion Only**
- 4/07 Sat 7:00 PM Knadler & Muzio 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 Albert Nathan.

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

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**Collections**  
**Weekend of**  
**Mar 25:**  
**\$4,682**

**Thanks for your generosity and support.**

\*A Lenten series of **radio retreats** is available online ([www.radioretreat.org](http://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** Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- Thursday** Paschal Triduum begins
- Friday** Fast & Abstinence— Good Friday of the Lord's Passion