



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## **4th Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2007** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*Pastor* Monsignor Labib Kobti  
*Parochial Vicars* Father Andrew Johnson  
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***Campus Ministry***  
Sisters of Verbum Dei (650) 994-6919

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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

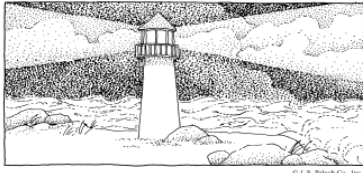
respond consistently by my financial giving even when I can't be present.

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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



## Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 29, 2007

*“I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth.” — Acts 13:47b*

### This Week's Parish Events

Mon, April 30—  
**Bible Study & Prayer  
Group**, 7:20 pm,  
Chapel  
**Communion & Libera-  
tion**, 7:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

Tue, May 1—  
**Legion of Mary, 7 pm  
Practice, Confirmation  
Class**, 7 pm, Church

Fri, May 4—  
**First Friday:  
Eucharistic Adoration**,  
7 pm, Chapel  
**Holy Mass**, 8 pm,  
Church

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

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

Sat, April 28  
**Bible Study & Prayer  
Group**, 6:30 pm,  
Scanlan Hall

**Please** let us know  
about any event in our  
church or at the halls  
two weeks before so as  
to put them in the bulle-  
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### Vocation Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and it is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The scripture lessons for this morning are about the vocation to shepherd God's flock in the Church. Each year, on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock, leading, feeding, nurturing, comforting, correcting, and protecting us. The story in today's gospel took place in the temple in Jerusalem. The people who were gathered around him were not sure whether Jesus was the promised Messiah because there were many such wandering preachers and healers in those days. Hence they asked a direct question whether he was the Christ. Instead of giving them an equally direct answer, Jesus claimed that he was the Good Shepherd and explained to them what that means. The book of Exodus represents God several times as a shepherd. The prophets likewise compare his care and protection of his people to that of a shepherd. Isaiah says, "He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against His breast and leading the mother ewes to their rest" (Is. 40:11). Ezekiel represents God as a loving shepherd who searches diligently for the lost sheep. Psalm 23 contains David's famous statement: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack...in green pastures he lets me graze, to safe waters he leads me. Introducing himself as the Good Shepherd of his flock, Jesus makes three claims in today's gospel: 1) Because he is God, he knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice. Jesus knows our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and he expects us to return his love by keeping his words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Scriptures, through our pastors, through our parents, through our friends and through the events of our lives. 2) He gives us eternal life. That happened when we received the Holy Spirit at baptism. He strengthens that life in us in the sacrament of confirmation. He nourishes that life by giving us the Holy Eucharist. He supports our life vocations by the sacraments of matrimony and the priesthood. 3) He protects his sheep by placing them in the loving hands of his Almighty Father. Without him to guide and protect us, we are easy prey for the spiritual wolves of this world. In the first part of chapter ten of John's Gospel, Jesus adds two more roles to those of the good shepherd. He goes in search of stray lambs and heals the sick ones. Jesus heals the wounds of our souls by the sacrament of reconciliation and strengthens us in illness and old age by the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Jesus dies for his sheep: Just as the shepherds of ancient days protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their own lives, so Jesus died in expiation for the sins of all.

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### Regular Activities

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

4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM  
As Announced  
Tuesday, 12-1 PM,  
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, 6:00 PM  
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 bag of rice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat), 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*First Communion: Congratulations and best wishes** to our children of the RCIC class who are taking their First Communion at the 10 AM Mass today. **Congratulations and thank you** too, to their families as well as to Kathy and her crew for their time and for sharing their faith with these beautiful children.

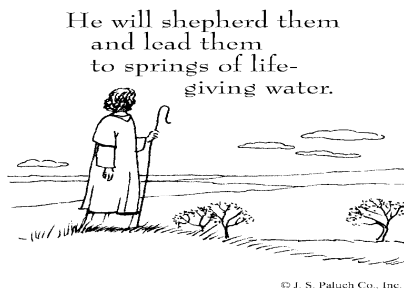
\*Please remember that this coming Friday is **the First Friday of the Month**. We will have Eucharistic Adoration at 7 PM and Mass at 8 PM. Everyone is invited.

\*On **Saturday May 5**, the daily Mass will be moved from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

\*Our STM School 2nd graders will receive their **First Communion on Saturday, May 5** at a special 10:00 AM Mass. Since this is the regular schedule for the Burmese Mass, the Burmese Community will be in attendance. Everyone is invited as well.

\*A **Bone Marrow Drive** will be held in Scanlan Hall on May 13th at 1:00 PM. Please stick around for a simple test and consider the rewards of saving a life. Be a potential bone marrow donor!

\*A **6-day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** with Father Rick is in the works, \$1410 includes everything! Travel dates are **June 6—11**. Please call Kamel Totah at (650) 949-4891 if you are interested in going.



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On vocation Sunday, we are reminded that the Good Shepherd continues to call shepherds to help him lead his flock. Today's first reading describes how Paul and Barnabas listened to the Good Shepherd's voice and followed him in sharing the good news of salvation. They were on their first missionary journey to Asia Minor (present day Turkey). Though rejected by their own Jewish people there, they remained faithful to their mission and continued to proclaim the good news to the Gentiles. The mission of the church is indeed a continuation of the ministry of salvation begun by Jesus. The seed of the gospel is still being sown to the ends of the earth. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, depicts Jesus as both the glorified Lamb and the Shepherd. John assures his readers that every person who has followed Christ and led others to him, and who has suffered rejection and persecution, will also know the unending joy of victory and a share in everlasting life. Jesus, the victorious Lamb, will shepherd them, providing them with shelter, protection & eventually, safe passage to the life-giving waters of eternity.

Vocation Sunday reminds us that everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc. are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially diligent in their duties as shepherds of their children. Let us pray for them today. Let us also pray for our young people, that their hearts may be open to hear God's call to whatever mission he has for them in this life. Let us pray especially for vocations to priestly and religious life so that we may

## MASS INTENTIONS

*April 29 — May 5*

- 4/29 Su 10:00 am John Kostouros†  
8:00 pm People of STM
- 4/30 Mo 8:30 am Simon Sinora†
- 5/01 Tu 5:30 pm Harry Wong†
- 5/02 We 8:30 am Frank McAulay (Sp.Int.)
- 5/03 Th 5:30 pm Jose de la Pena†
- 5/04 Fr 8:30 am Special Intention
- 5/05 Sa 8:30 am Melba Delute (hlg)  
5:00 pm Carolyn & Samiere Family

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



**All the sick people in our parish**, especially Melba Delute, Victor Totah, Tony Castorena; John Silva, Lily Santos, Flor Sotto, Rhona Palencia, Albert Bajalia and Fawzi Bajalieh; Joseph & Pauline Lee and **all the deceased** from our parish especially Crispin Cortez.

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

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**Your Offerings:**  
for the weekend of  
04/22/07:  
\$3,556

Offertory for Church in Latin America: \$1,014

**Thanks for your generosity & support!**

have more good shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community.



*(adapted from Fr. Tony, aka-davil@bellsouth.net)*