



SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 23th, 2007**

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	Father Richard VanDeWater
<i>Deacon:</i>	Khaled Abu Shaer
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Campus Ministry

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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 9:30—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

7:30 PM Portuguese/Brazilian

Sunday

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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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2007

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth. *1 Timothy 2:4*

This week's

Parish Events

Mon, Sept 24th —
Campus Ministry:
Tabling, 11 am—1
PM, SFSU

Tue, Sept. 25th—
Campus Ministry:
Tabling, 11 am—1
PM, SFSU

Campus Ministry:
Prayer Group, 12—1
PM

**Communion and
Liberation**, 7 pm,
Chapel
Parish Council, 7:30
PM, Scanlan Hall

Thur, Sept. 27th—
Campus Ministry:
Tabling, 11 am—1
PM, SFSU

Fri, Sept. 28th—
AACC Youth Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Sat. Sept. 29th —
**RCIC, 9 AM, Sac-
risty**

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

Sunday, Sept. 30th—
**International Food
Festival, 11 AM —7
PM, Carroll Hall**

SUNDAY: Most Ancient of Traditions

The celebration of Sunday goes back to the very earliest years — and even possibly months and weeks — of Christianity. It is the oldest and most fundamental of all Christian activities. It is sad, therefore, that this most basic of all religious traditions is being dropped by almost half of Catholic families. At the same time it is understandable. Parishioners' motives for assembling on the Lord's Day are in transition. Before the mid-1960s a very powerful motive was the common teaching — or threat— that an unexcused absence was tantamount to serious sin. This was accompanied in previous generations by social or community pressure in smaller, self-contained, ethnic parishes. The original motive of the early Christian is yet to be recovered in the case of many parishioners today.

Sundays evolved around assemblies on the weekly anniversary of Christ's resurrection. They were called the weekly Pascha, a weekly commemoration of the Paschal Mystery. Sundays kept alive his memory and presence. They are the foundation and nucleus of what would become the church year, serving eventually as pivotal points for the unfolding of the tradition-rich seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Sunday traditions feature an assembly for Eucharistic worship with a cycle of Scripture readings, official prayers, and seasonal themes. They also keep alive a special respect for the holiness of the day, usually by way of some kind of resting from ordinary work.

The first followers of Jesus were Jews. For a while they continued to observe Sabbath (Hebrew shabbat, to "leave off" or "to rest") traditions. They dedicated this seventh, or last, day of the week to the one God, Yahweh, in accord with the Genesis creation story (Genesis 2:1-3) and the Third Commandment: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8). The Jewish Sabbath provided regular rhythm to life with traditions that emphasized rest or absence of work and physical activities. It was also a day of assembly and a feastday. Special sacrifices were offered in the temple at Jerusalem. During the centuries preceding Christianity, attendance at local synagogues, which had come into existence during the Exile, became a popular practice. There the people prayed and listened to readings of holy writing, or Scriptures, and instruction. This one day of the week also sanctified the home life of the Jews with detailed ceremonies surrounding the Sabbath meal.

-from: Greg Dues, *Revised & Updated Catholic Customs & Traditions*

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 bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.

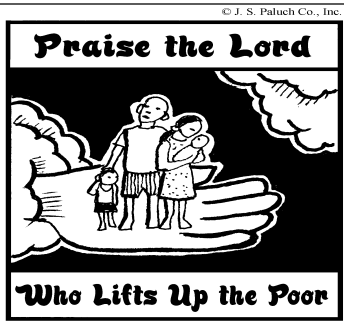


***Eight days to our first International Food Festival!** Preparations are in full swing! We need volunteers, people to come & enjoy our efforts. There will be live entertainment as well as food from all ethnic communities at STM. Kids of all ages (& kids at heart) are invited.

***Raffle tickets** will be sold during the festival. Please support this fundraiser by selling tickets to your friends and officemates. They will be sent to your homes soon.

***Mark your calendars:** We will again host the **Neighborhood Emergency Response Training (NERT)** in Scanlan Hall on Thursday, Nov. 1, 8, 15, (skip Thanksgiving week), 29, Dec. 6 & 13; from 6:30—9:30 pm. NERT trains the residents of San Francisco to be self sufficient in a major disaster situation by developing multi-functional teams, cross-trained in basic emergency skills. Please plan on coming to this very important training. What you learn here may save our lives and our community!

*For those who are interested, the Archdiocese has scheduled some **trainings** for new **Lectors** and new **Eucharistic Ministers**. Pls check with your specific Mass Coordinators for the dates and locations. Although we have a bunch of them now, we could always use more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, especially Ministers to the Homebound. Please consider becoming one.



***STM School Boy Scout Troop #343** announces a One Time Only "tripleheader" Event! **Saturday October 6th from 5 to 9 PM.** Lei greeting, hors d'oevres and hosted Mocktail hour 5-6 PM. 5-course Hawaiian luau feast with whole roasted pig; raffles, art auction, and many more. Tickets: under 12, \$20; senior (over 60), \$30; adults, \$40. RSVP by October 2nd. Free raffle ticket included with adult dinner. Proceeds to benefit our Boy Scout Program. Please call Bob Archer at (415) 333-9243 or email Love2Luau@sbcglobal.net for tickets.

*Everyone is invited to the **10th Annual Holy Spirit Conference "Come to the Waters"** on **Sept. 28-30** at Riordan high School on 175 Phelan Avenue (across from City College). Please call (415) 468-1346 for questions and more info.

*The **Cathedral Festival of Flowers "All things bright and beautiful"**, featuring floral arrangements by Bar Area Floral Artists and inspired by the art and architecture of San Francisco's landmark Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption will be from Thursday, October 4th to Sunday, October 7th. There will be no admission fee and everyone is invited. Pls. call (415) 567-2020 for times. Plan on enjoying this floral display!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 23 - Sept 30

- 9/23 Sun 10:00 am People of STM
8:00 pm Milagros & George Escolta
- 9/24 Mon 8:30 am Richard Knadler (B'day)
- 9/25 Tue 5:30 pm Pascuala Santos †
- 9/26 Wed 8:30 am Joanne McKillop †
- 9/27 Thu 5:30 pm Jillian Elizabeth (new baby)
- 9/28 Fri 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory
- 9/29 Sat 8:30 am Esther Williams †
5:00 pm Louis Fernandez

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

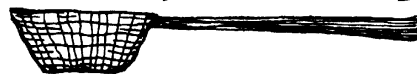


All the sick people in our parish, especially, Rhona Palencia, Drunber Belleza, Tony Castorenas, Lindaflor Gaton, Ruby Jimenez, Maria Piedad Sanchez, Carmen Medina, Maria O'Donoghue, Salwa Qare, Mary Quinlan, & Mary Anne Librojo

All the deceased from our parish, especially Musadeh Dudum & Manuel Daguman.

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

Weekly Offering



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Weekend of 9/16/07:

\$4,220

*This weekend's 2nd collection will be for **Priests Retirement Fund (Local)**.*

*Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for **SVDP Society**.
Thanks for your generosity.*

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*The Brazilian community have moved their Mass time from Sunday, 8 AM to **7:30 PM Sat.** as of yesterday.*