



SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 30th, 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 9:30—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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Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith,
love, patience, and gentleness. — 1 Timothy 6:11

This Week's Parish Events

Mon, Oct 1st —

Campus Ministry: Ta-
bling, 11 am—1 PM,
SFSU

Tue, Oct. 2nd—

Campus Ministry: Ta-
bling, 11 am—1 PM,
SFSU

**Campus Ministry: Prayer
Group,** 12—1 PM

**Communion and Lib-
eration,** 7pm, Chapel

Thur, Oct. 4th—

Campus Ministry: Ta-
bling, 11 am—1 PM,
SFSU

Blessing of Animals
immediately after school
in front of the church.

Fri, Oct. 5th—

AACC Youth Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

**Exposition of Blessed
Sacrament** 7pm

Healing Mass at 8pm in
church

Prince of Peace, 8:30
pm, Scanlan Hall

Sat. Oct. 6th —

RCIC, 9 AM, Sacristy

Burmese Community
—Mass at 10am

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

Most Ancient of Traditions: SUNDAY (2)

(Continued from last week)

First Day of the week

From the very beginning those who believed Jesus was the Christ gathered together weekly on the first day of the Jewish week, the anniversary of his being raised from the dead. This fundamental theme of Sunday as the first day of the week runs counter to our popular cultural thinking that Sunday is part of the weekend, an ending introduced by "Thank God, it's Friday," rather than an all-important beginning.

This special day was reckoned by early Christian from sunset to sunset, as were all days according to Jewish custom. The first Christian assemblies were, therefore, most probably in the evening of the Sabbath Day.

From Sunday Evening...

Soon, however, Christians had their own special day — the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). On Sunday evening of the first day of the week and the end of a regular workday, those who believed Jesus as the Christ would gather in one of their homes, a primitive house-church, for a full meal (1 Corinthians 11:17-22). A ritual of blessing a Eucharistic cup and bread highlighted this meal. In this way Christians kept alive the memory and presence of Christ as he had requested (Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). This ritual was familiar to them because the weekly Sabbath meal, as also the annual Seder meal of the Passover, included a special blessing of bread and cup. The Acts of the Apostles provides a delightful account of one such assembly and meal — and a teenager who fell asleep (20:7-12).

...to Sunday Morning

In the early 2nd century, this Eucharistic ritual was moved to before dawn on Sunday, the first day of the week. This change may have been caused by persecution. A decree of Emperor Trajan forbade suspicious gatherings in the evening. A time before dawn was necessary because Sunday was still an ordinary workday.

This Sunday morning assembly combined features that may have been separate: (1) singing hymns and psalms, prayers, reading of the Hebrew and new Scriptures, some form of preaching or instruction, very possibly some form of testifying, and (2) the Eucharistic ritual. The Service of the Word could now serve as an introduction to the Eucharistic ritual. This new arrangement was possible because the Eucharist had been separated from a regular meal as a result of abuses (1 Corinthians 11:17-22) and because it was transferred from Sunday night to Sunday morning. By the year 165, this Sunday ritual already had a form that would be recognized by Catholics today as Sunday Mass. Afterwards people went about their daily work and chores. During the first centuries of Christianity the notion of resting on this special day was unheard of.

-from *Greg Dues: Revised and 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.

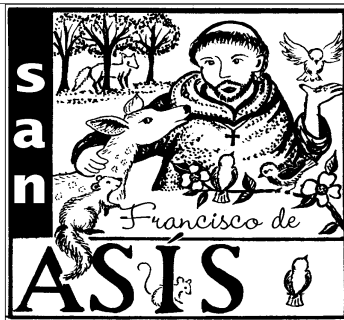


***Please come to the International Food Festival after mass!** There will be live entertainment as well as food from all ethnic communities at STM. Kids of all ages (& kids at heart) are invited.

*As in previous years, we honor our city's patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi with the **Blessing of Animals**. Everyone is invited to bring his/her pet to the front of the church. Pls keep them leashed or in cages. The blessing will be done right after school (about 3:00 PM) on October 4th (Thursday). *Remember the pooper scoopers and/or plastic bags pls.*

*We need **Ministers to Seniors and the Homebound**. We will work around your schedule, all you need to do is take the training. The Archdiocese has scheduled some **trainings** for new **Lectors** and new **Eucharistic Ministers**. Please call the office for schedules.

***Parking:** Recently we have noticed that drivers park on the sidewalks in front of the school, Carroll Hall and the side door of the church even though there are many spaces available in the schoolyard parking lot. **We ask that you go in the schoolyard parking lot first.** Please avoid parking on the sidewalk if at all possible. This will protect the sidewalks from becoming slippery and assure that all, esp the handicapped and elderly, are not hindered in their movement to and from services & meetings.



**Special THANKS to all for last weekend's generous offertory for our retired priests (local).*

***STM School Boy Scout Troop #343** announces a One Time Only "tripleheader" Event! **Saturday October 6th from 5 to 9 PM** in Carroll Hall. Lei greeting, hors d'oeuvres 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.

*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**. From Thursday, October 4th to Sunday, October 7th. **Our very own Mariluz Ragasa and her team, will be in the competition.** No admission fee and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy this floral spread and support Mariluz in the process. Please check your Catholic San Francisco, (Sept. 21, 2007, p. 20) or call (415) 567-2020 for times.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 30th - Oct. 6th

- 9/30 Sun 10:00 am People of STM
8:00 pm Noel & Cristina Masangcay -
(25th Wedding Anniv.)
- 10/01 Mon 8:30 am Dranreb Belleza (hlg)
- 10/02 Tue 5:30 pm Cesar Cortes †
- 10/03 Wed 8:30 am Dimpas Family (Thanksg)
- 10/04 Thu 5:30 pm Flor Benita Sotto †
- 10/05 Fri 8:30 am Irin Mullin (hlg)
8:00 pm Emma & Angela Santos †
- 10/06 Sat 8:30 am Reynaldo Beltran †
5:00 pm Paul & Samiere Family

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

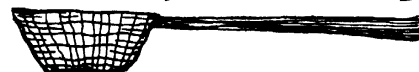


All the sick people in our parish, especially, Irin Mullin, Rhona Palencia, Drunber Belleza, Tony Castorenas, Lindaflor Gatón, Maria O'Donoghue, & Salwa Qare.

All the deceased from our parish. Especially Father James Atkins (Alma Via), and Mary Ann Librojo.

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

Weekly Offering



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Weekend of 9/23/07:

\$3,262

Priests Retirement Fund:

\$ 1,370

This weekend's 2nd collection is for SVDP Society.

Thanks for your generosity.
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So long, Fr. Atkins...

We bid a fond farewell to Fr. James Atkins who moved to Alma Via two years ago. He was ordained a priest in May, 1981. Fr. Atkins passed away last Tuesday, funeral services were held at STM yesterday. Fr. Atkins was 97 years old.