



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## **31th Sunday in Ordinary Time,** **November 4th, 2007**

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<i>Deacon:</i>	Khaled Abu Shaer
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Elvira Garcia
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### **Campus Ministry**

Sisters of Verbum Dei (650) 994-6919

**RCIC:** Kathy Sanford (650) 738-0646

**RCIA & Music Ministry:**  
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.

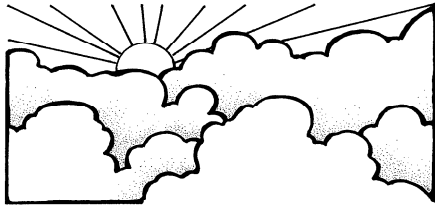
I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship each week & will respond consistently by my financial giving even 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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## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2007

*The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.*

— *Psalm 145:14*

### This Week's Parish Events

Tue, Nov 6th —

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

**Campus Ministry:  
Prayer Group, 12—1  
PM, Rosa Parks Bldg,  
SFSU**

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

Wed, Nov 7th—

**Brazilian Community  
Holy Spirit Seminar in  
Church 7pm**

Thur, Nov 8th—

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

**NERT Training in  
Scanlan Hall 6:00pm-  
9:00pm**

Fri, Nov. 9th—

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

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

Sat. Nov 10th —

**RCIC, 9 AM, Sacristy**

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

## Most Ancient of Traditions: SUNDAY (5)

(Continued from October 28th bulletin)

### Sunday Assembly

Believing and assembling go together. It is unheard of in the recorded history of religion that believers worship only privately as individuals. The religious needs of humans are no different from their other needs. Social creatures need contact with one another to accomplish tasks and to fulfill needs. It was natural, therefore, that from the beginning, and still today, Christians joined one another in a group ritual. In assembly they faced the age-old questions of life and death, and handed on religious values, memories, stories of religious experiences, and beliefs. In the assembly they experienced themselves as a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people God claims for God’s own to proclaim the glorious works of the One who called you from darkness into God’s marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Christians felt a need, therefore, to meet with God as a group on a regular basis or according to some kind of calendar.

Followers of Jesus took it for granted that all the baptized would participate in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly. In the earliest years, while they were still considered a sect within the broader Jewish tradition, this separate assembly identified them. Later, after the church became gentile in membership, this weekly coming together on Sunday continued to be expected of the baptized. As early Christian writing (*Didache, c. 100*) says: “On the Lord’s day come together and break bread and give thanks, after confessing your sins that your sacrifice may be pure”

This kind of holy assembly, evident in all religions of recorded history, was very pronounced in the tradition of the Hebrew people, from whom Christianity developed its earliest liturgical traditions. Assembling also gave to Christianity its word “church.” It happened in this way: The Hebrews called their assemblies *qahal Yahweh or edah Yahweh*, in English, an “assembly of God” in the sense of being called together by God. There were extraordinary assemblies, for example, those called by God through Moses. Others, in later history, were assemblies according to regular calendar festivals. Some of these called pilgrim festivals, required that the population journey to the holy city of Jerusalem (see Luke 2:41ff). During these assemblies God spoke through anointed leaders and through reading the holy writings, which would become the Hebrew Scriptures of our Bible. These channels of God reminded those assembled of the great things done for them by God, encouraged them to greater faithfulness, and persuaded them to know themselves as a special people in covenant with God...

-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

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 can of chili or stew, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.

\*Did you feel the earthquake last Tues night? **Free Disaster Preparedness Training** in Scanlan Hall has already started on Thursday evenings from 6:00—9:00; 4 sessions are left :Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6 & 13. Please plan on coming to this **NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)** training. *You may still register, but must make up for the 1st session if you missed it.* Kindly take a flyer (at the vestibule of the church) and register either with the office or [sffdner@sfgov.org](mailto:sffdner@sfgov.org) or call (415) 970-2024.

\* It is still not too late to give the names of your beloved departed for our **Book of Names of the Dead**. Please use the envelopes at the vestibule & the side entrances of the church for your list of names & drop off either in the offertory basket or in the office. Your list will then be transferred to the book. **This book will be placed close to the altar & we will be praying for those listed there during the month of November.** A small offering would be appreciated.

\*Alma Via is inviting all seniors to a **free lunch and entertainment** at on Monday, November 12, 2007 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Please **RSVP** (needed) by calling 337-1339 or email [namire-shani@eldercaralliance.org](mailto:namire-shani@eldercaralliance.org).

\*Here are some religious web sites that are helpful for information about the Catholic Church:

- [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)
- [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)
- [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)
- [www.catholic-forum.org](http://www.catholic-forum.org)
- [www.strafqa.org](http://www.strafqa.org)
- [www.radiocharity.org](http://www.radiocharity.org)



**\*Thank you!** to all who have returned their stubs & money. Your support of **our annual raffles** is very much appreciated. If you and your family have not yet done so, please send your stubs and payment in. We hope to hold the drawing on schedule (November 24th). Please support our church by buying the tickets yourself or selling them to your friends and officemates. This year we have cash prizes: 1st Prize: \$2,000, 2nd Prize: \$1,000 and 3rd Prize: \$500

\*There will be a **Day of Reflection dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe as the Protector of Life** at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Sun Nov. 25th**. It begins with Mass at 1pm. Presentations & workshops will follow from 3pm to 4:30pm with dinner being served at 6pm. **It is open to all Catholic & Eumenical communities free of charge.** While the seminar will be presented in Spanish, English translation services will be provided. You may RSPV to 415-614-5572.

**\*Fr. Francis Tiso**, formerly parochial vicar of STM is now working at the USCCB in Washington. He is organizing a **10 day off the beaten path tour of central Italy from Dec. 28th to Jan 8th**. Plans are to explore sacred sites, some thermal spas, culinary adventures, excursions, & more. For info email Fr. at [tiso@northcoast.com](mailto:tiso@northcoast.com) or cell-phone: 415-420-5442

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Nov 4th—Nov 10th*

- 11/04 Sun 10:00 am People of STM  
8:00 pm Katherine Kostouros †
- 11/05 Mon 8:30 am George Knadler Jr.(B'day)
- 11/06 Tue 5:30 pm Max Cabahug (hlg)
- 11/07 Wed 8:30 am Roy Knadler †
- 11/08 Thu 5:30 pm Laura & Mario Biagini †
- 11/09 Fri 8:30 am Irene & Russell de Haven †
- 11/10 Sat 8:30 am Max Cabahug (hlg)  
5:00 pm Samiere Family (Sp. Int)

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



**All the sick people in our parish**, especially, Maria O'Donoghue, Irin Mullin, Drunber Belleza, Tony Castorenas, Salwa Qare, Randy Imler, Gunter, Max Cabahug, & Annie Meyer, Dahir Dudum and Elias Nazzal and those who are bed-ridden and afflicted with debilitating illnesses.

**All the deceased** from our parish, **(To keep these names on the list, pls notify us every 2 weeks.)**

**Weekly Offering**

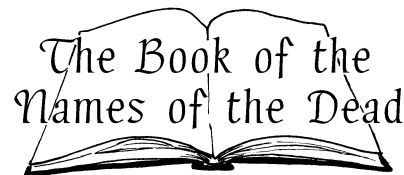


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**Weekend of 10/28/07:  
\$4,716**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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**It will be at the altar the whole month of November. Get your list in to the office as soon as possible.  
Thank you!**