



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,** **November 11th, 2007**

*Pastor* Monsignor Labib Kobti  
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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.

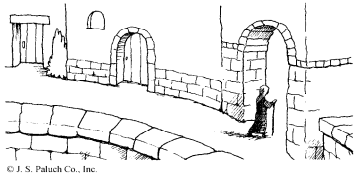
I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship each week & will respond consistently by my financial giving even 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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*My steps have been steadfast in your paths,  
my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will  
answer me, O God.— Psalm 17:5-6a*

This Week's  
Parish Events

Tue. Nov 13th—

**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**

Thur, Nov 15th—

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

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

Fri, Nov. 16th—

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

Sat. Nov 10th —

**RCIC, 9 AM, Sacristy  
Confirmation Group,  
10:30, Sacristy**

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

Most Ancient of Traditions: SUNDAY (6)  
(Continued from last week's bulletin)

**Sunday Assembly**

*Qahal Yahweh* was translated into Greek as *Ikklesia*. This term, which translates as “church,” was used by the followers of Jesus to describe their own community assemblies devoted to prayer, instruction, singing of hymns, breaking of bread, and sharing of cup. Just as in the assemblies of old, God spoke to the people through anointed leaders. During the first generations of Christianity there were apostles, elders, and presbyters. God continues to speak today through bishops, priests, deacons, other specially assigned preachers, and lectors. There is evidence that in some early church communities, God spoke to the people also through extraordinary gifts of prophecy, tongues, and interpretation of tongues by participants under the influence of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14). God also spoke through sacred writings inherited from the old covenant and through new holy writings passed from assembly to assembly, writings that would become the Christian Scriptures.

When persecution of Christians stopped in the early 4th century, and even earlier during lulls in persecution, it became customary to hold these religious assemblies in a fixed place or building instead of in house-churches of community members. In the Greek language this fixed building was called *Kyriake*, or “(house) belonging to the Lord.” This Greek term appeared in Anglo-Saxon as *circe*, in Germanic tongues as *kirche*, in Middle English as *chirche*, and finally as our church. The term points to the mystery of a holy place, but always first of all to the holy community of believing people who meet there.

**Sunday Obligation**

For the first three centuries no particular church discipline enforced participation in the Sunday assembly, or Mass. Enthusiastic weekly assembly was motivated by deep devotion to Christ's resurrection and expectation that this Christ would return shortly in glory. This motivation eventually waned. Already in the Letter to the Hebrews, about 96 of the Common or Christian era (C.E.), there is mention of this: “Let us hold unwaveringly to our profession which gives us hope. ...We must consider how to rouse each other to love and good deeds...We should not absent ourselves from the assembly, as some do, but encourage one another; and this all the more because you see the Day draws near” (Hebrews 10:23, 25).

At the beginning of the 4th century in Spain, even the midst of a final persecution of Christians, the Council of Elvira declared that persons were to be excommunicated for a short time if they lived in the area and yet neglected Mass for three Sundays. This tendency to view presence at Sunday mass as a serious matter seems to be connected to an identification of the Christian Sunday with the Jewish Sabbath.

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

**Regular Activities**

Parish Council	4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM	Bible Study & Prayer	Saturday, 6:30 PM
Liturgy Committee	As Announced		
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

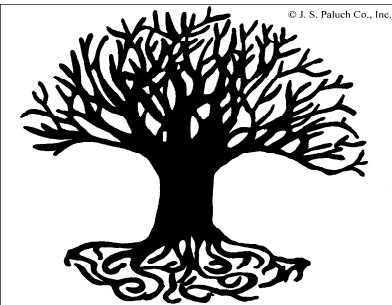
**Full Plate Program:** Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 can of chili or stew, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.

\*If you missed the first three sessions of **NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) Disaster Preparedness Training** in Scanlan Hall, do not despair. It is still possible to come to the training, although the missed sessions will have to be made up for at another location. Sessions will be at 6:00—9:00 in Scanlan Hall on Thursdays: Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 6 & 13.

\*We are still taking lists of beloved departed for our **Book of Names of the Dead**. Please use the envelopes at the vestibule & the side entrances of the church & drop off either in the offertory basket or in the office. Your list will then be transferred to the book which is placed close to the altar. **We will pray for those listed there during the month of November.** A small offering would be appreciated.

\***Fun for the Holidays!** 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to join a **Christmas Caroling Group**. Weekly practice at 3 PM Sundays at the STM Chapel. Practice started last Sunday but everyone is still welcome. Come with your friends. Snacks will be provided. This is sponsored by our Faith & Love in Action Youth Group.

\***A big Thank you!** to all who have returned their stubs & money. Your support of **our annual raffles** is much appreciated. Pls send your stubs and payment in if you haven't done so yet. We hope to hold the drawing on schedule. Pls 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 & 3rd Prize: \$500



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**God is God of the living**

\*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 & Ecumenical communities free of charge.** While the seminar will be presented in Spanish, English translation services will be provided. You may RSVP 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. Email Father Francis at tiso@northcoast.com or call his cellphone: 415-420-5442 for more info.

\*Listed below 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)

\*[stmchurch@aol.com](mailto:stmchurch@aol.com) (our website) has some links too & pictures of our STM activities.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Nov 11th—Nov 17th*

- 11/11 Su 10:00 am People of STM  
8:00 pm Gifford & Michelle Law
- 11/12 Mon 8:30 am Maurilo & Gloria Torres J†
- 11/13 Tue 5:30 pm Maria Rodriguez†
- 11/14 Wed 8:30 am Special Intention
- 11/15 Thu 5:30 pm Lou Mendiatta (Sp Int.)
- 11/16 Fri 8:30 am David Patrick Arceo (Sp Int)
- 11/17 Sat 8:30 am Carmen de la Paz (Sp Int.)  
5:00 pm Joseph&Maria Fernandez†

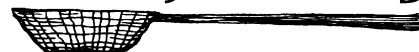
**Please call the office to schedule your Mass. Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.**



**All the sick people in our parish**, especially, Maria O'Donoghue, Irin Mullin, Drunber Belleza, Tony Castorenas, Salwa Qare, Randy Im-ler, Gunter & Annie Meyer, Dahir Dudum, Bernardo G. Rivera Jr, Elias Nazzal and those who are afflicted with cancer, mental illness and drug addiction.

**All the deceased** from our parish, esp. Josefina Olivas, Charles O'Donnell, (Alma Via) and Panteleona Santos.  
*(To keep these names on the list, pls notify us every 2 weeks.)*  
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**Weekly Offering**



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**Weekend of 11/04/07:**  
**\$4,565**  
**Tithing Offertory:**  
**\$1,115**

*Next week's 2nd collection will be for Campaign for Human Development.*  
**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!**