



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 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.

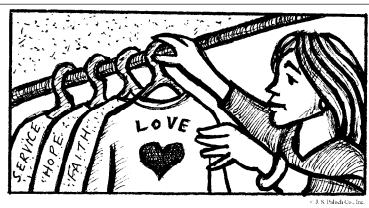
I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship each week & will respond consistently by my financial giving even 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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Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is,  
the bond of perfection. — *Colossians 3:14*

### This Week's Parish Events

Mon. Dec 31st—

**STM new Year' Eve  
party** in Carroll Hall  
7pm-1am

Tues. Jan. 1st—

**Special Mass in  
Honor of Blessed Vir-  
gin Mary at 10am &  
regular schedule 5:30  
pm**

**Parish Office will be  
closed on this day**

Brazilian Community  
Mass at 4pm.

Fri Jan 4th—

**Exposition of Blessed  
Sacrament** at 7pm fol-  
lowed by benediction  
and **First Friday Mass**  
at 8pm

Sat. Jan 5th—

7 pm, Bible Study &  
Prayer, Alma Via

January 2008						
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### “SINCE THEY WERE NO MORE”

It is hard for us to imagine the ruthlessness of King Herod. Today's Gospel pas-  
sage omits the section in which Herod orders the massacre of all boys under two years of  
age in the vicinity of Bethlehem. Out of jealousy that a rival king had been born, Herod  
resorts to the worst kind of violence imaginable. That particular Gospel passage quotes  
Jeremiah the prophet:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
sobbing and loud lamentation;  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
and she would not be consoled,  
since they were no more” (Matthew 2:18).

“Since they were no more.” Each day across our planet children die of starvation, disease,  
and the violence of war. We might be tempted to think that the day after Christmas is  
probably not the best time to bring this to mind. Or is it? The very fact that God became  
flesh and dwelt among us in the form of a tiny helpless child should give us pause to con-  
sider how well our world treats children.

### A STRANGE BLESSING

When I was growing up there was a custom that my dad's family observed on New  
Year's Day. Each of the three children in his family would kneel before my grandfather  
and ask for his blessing for the year. I remember as a little child watching my big strong  
father kneel before his own father and bow his head. My grandfather, of French-Canadian  
descent, would say a prayer in French and touch the head of each of his children in a ges-  
ture of blessing. This all seemed so strange and wonderful to me.

### SO MUCH LOVE

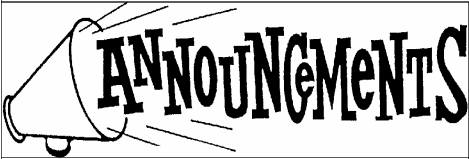
Today, like my dad, my aunt, and my uncle, we come before God to ask for bless-  
ings upon this new year. We do this not only for ourselves, but for our families and for a  
world in dire need of blessing. We, like the shepherds, make haste to visit the Lord, made  
present in our churches through the celebration of word and sacrament. Saint Paul reminds  
us today that when the Spirit of the Lord Jesus was sent into our hearts we became God's  
children. This is a great way to begin this new year, reveling in the fact that we are the  
adopted children of a loving God. We also have a loving mother in the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, who, as she did with the events surrounding her Son's birth, reflects on our own  
lives in her heart. Let us drink of the comfort and blessing that are God's free gifts as this  
new year unfolds.

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### Regular Activities

Parish Council	4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM	Bible Study & Prayer	Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via
Liturgy Committee	As Announced	AACC Youth Group	Friday, 6:00 PM
Campus Ministry/Newman	Tues, 12-1 PM SFSU Student Center	Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino	Last Friday, 7 PM
Legion of Mary	Tuesday, 6:30 PM	Prince of Peace	Friday, 8:30 PM
Communion & Liberation	Tuesday, 7:30 PM	FLA Youth Group	As announced

**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 box of cereal & 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



\*Our priests, Fathers Labib, Andrew & Rick, with the Parish Council and the Finance Committee offer their **best wishes for the new year 2008** to each and everyone in the parish. They look forward to another year of loving collaboration and praying together here at STM.

\***Thank you** to all the Choirs from the different Masses during the Novena and Christmas, especially for the FLA Choir during the Children's Mass. Without doubt we are becoming one of the best choirs in San Francisco.

\***A big thank you** to all who dedicated their time, energy, money and offered food for our International Christmas Novena, for the very successful Children's Christmas Mass and for all our Masses and events.

\* A new year is a new beginning for married couples. Make your plans to start with a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Call Paul & Yvonne at 650-366-7093 or go to [sf.lovemoredeeply.org](http://sf.lovemoredeeply.org). The next SF-wwme Weekend: April 18-20

\*Our STM church community is having **New Year's Eve party** on the 31st of Dec. from 7pm-1am. Space is limited, first come first serve! Donation \$20. adults/\$10. young adults/ children 5th grade & under free! No host bar **RSPV by Dec 26th** call the STM FLA Youth Group at 650-273-2849 or email [STMFLAYouthGroup@yahoo.com](mailto:STMFLAYouthGroup@yahoo.com).

Let  
the word  
of Christ  
dwell  
in you

\* **Please note** that on New Year's Day our Masses will be at 10 AM and the regular **Tuesday schedule at 5:30 PM**. Try to start your New Year 2008 with a Mass. It is also the feast of Mary, Mother of God and World Peace Day. **Dedicate your family** at the beginning of the year to the Holy Mother.

\* Thank you to all who have sent donations for the **Missalette**. The list has been finalized and in the process of being attached to the books. If you have time and would like to help us with that task, please call the office. We would be glad to hear from you. Thanks.

\*Join the **4th Annual Walk for Life on Sat. Jan. 19th, 2008** The event starts at 11am at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero 7 ends at the Marina Green San Francisco.

\*Attention: Young Adult Men (21-40) an invitation to a **Priesthood Discernment Retreat Weekend** where you can reflect on your call in life & diocesan priesthood. The Discernment Weekend is **February 1-3, 2008 at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo park**. Interested? Contact the Vocations Office at 415-614-5683 for a registration form. You need to register soon for availability.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Dec 30th—Jan 5th*

- 12/30 Sun 10:00 am Roy Knadler (B'day)  
8:00 pm People of STM
- 12/31 Mon 8:30am The Law Families (Thanksg)
- 1/ 01 Tue 10:00 am Lydia Mosuela (B'day)  
5:30 pm Kobti Family Deceased
- 1/ 02 Wed 8:30 pm Mr. Hanley †
- 1/ 03 Thu 5:30 pm Mary Kay McKown (hlg)
- 1/ 04 Fri 8:30 am Charly-Ann Daniels †  
8:00 pm Annie & Gunter Meyer(hlg)
- 1/ 05 Sat 8:30 am Balthazara Gonzales†  
5:30 pm Joseph Small †

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



**All the sick people in our parish**, especially, Carmen O'Keefe, Pauline Lee, Maria O'Donoghue, Irin Mullin,

Tony Castorenas, Salwa Qare, Randy Imler, Dahir Dudum, Bernardo G. Rivera Jr, Elias Nazzal, Mary K. McKown and those afflicted with ailments resulting from addiction to drugs, alcohol and other restricted substances.

**All the deceased** from our parish, esp. those who fell victims of violence and senseless taking of human life. **(To keep these names on the list, pls notify us every 2 weeks.)**

**Weekly Offering**



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**Thank you for your generosity!**

**December 23rd & Christmas Offertory will be posted next week. We appreciate patience.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 1st is ...**



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