



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2008

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**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.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

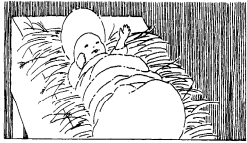
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution. Yes, please

\_\_\_\_\_ No, thanks. \_\_\_\_\_ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: stmchurch@aol.com



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## They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -- Matthew :11b



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### This Week's Parish Events

Tues. Jan. 8th—

**Campus Ministry:** Tabling: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, SFSU

**Legion of Mary,** Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm

Communion & Liberation, Chapel, 7:30 pm

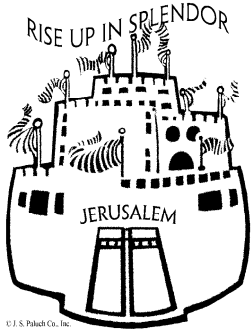
Fri Jan 11th—

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

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

Sat. Jan 12th—

**Bible Study & Prayer,** Alma Via, 7 pm



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### Pastor's resolution for St. Thomas More on 2008

By Abouna Labib Kobti, Pastor

I would like to thank the Lord for all that we have accomplished during my 5 years as Pastor. The Lord had blessed us all as a parish with many graces and blessings.

**I bless the Lord for the Parish Council and the Finance Committee** who worked hard hand in hand and accomplished a lot for the betterment of the parish, the last of which (among others) has been the most successful International Food Festival. Thank you Lord.

**I bless the Lord for the ethnic groups** who work hard for their different communities. They work with us as one family for the good of the whole parish. Thank you Lord.

**I bless the Lord for the choirs;** many people come from different places and volunteer to sing. Our choirs are helping our people to pray and to feel united. Thank you Lord.

**I bless the Lord for the work of the RCIA and RCIC.** We have more and more children for First communion and Confirmation, more people are asking to become Catholics and commit themselves to the service of the Lord and the church. Thank you Lord.

**I bless the Lord for the Bible Study Groups,** the Liturgy Committee, the Legion of Mary, the Communion and Liberation group, the Prince of Peace, the Santo Nino, the First Friday Adoration and Mass, the Saint Vincent of Paul Society and the different Youth Groups who try to build spirituality and social life for our people in the parish. Thank you Lord.

**I bless the Lord for the Sisters of Verbum Dei,** who help us with Campus Ministry at the State University. We now celebrate a monthly Mass at the Campus. Thank you Lord.

**I bless the Lord for the formation of the FLA (Faith, Love in Action) Young adult group** who have organized different activities and specially for the Young Adult Choir. They sang for the first time at the Christmas Children's Mass. Thank you Lord.

**I thank the Lord for the gifts of Fr. Andrew & Fr. Rick,** with them we could now have a priest for confession during the liturgies. Thank you Lord.

**I bless the Lord for each and every parishioner, for volunteers and for Alma Via** who come voluntarily to help us or who give us suggestions to improve our pastoral mission. Thank you Lord.

**We are blessed to have been able to form the Brotherhood Way Organization** for all the Communities at Brotherhood. Our hope is to work more closely together to serve our children, adults, families and seniors. Thank you Lord.

**Our parish is becoming more and more family oriented.** Thank you Lord

**My resolution for 2008** is to empower the links between the different spiritual, social and educational activities and strengthen the parish family more than ever, where everybody would feel at home with each other, no matter what the ethnicity, as one Catholic entity.

**I hope** to be able to respond to many requests of families in need by creating a fund to support the education of their children at Catholic Schools and specially at our Archdiocesan St. Thomas More School.

**I hope** to be able to have a permanent Campus Minister who would help us at the University and take care of the spiritual life of our students at the schools.

**I hope** to form more youth groups at the service of our children and a Children's choir. I hope one day to be able to have in our church a special Sunday Mass for the children and the youth organized and sang by our Youth Groups.

### 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Congratulations** to all who persevered, passed and earned their certificates for the **Neighborhood Emergency Response Training**. We hope we will never need to ask for your expertise, but that knowledge could certainly be a lifesaver should calamity or other disasters happen.

**\*Archbishop George Niederauer** cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and beyond, to a solemn **Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows** on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 10 am at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries. Reception immediately follows the Eucharist. Registration forms are available at the parish office, or by downloading at [www.sffamilylife.com](http://www.sffamilylife.com). Pls call (707) 552-3394 for more info.

**\*Mercy Volunteer Corps**, a lay volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy provides opportunities for men and women over 21 years old to give a year of service to those in need. The program's emphasis is **service, community and prayer**. Volunteer possibilities include teaching or nursing, working in homeless shelters, clinics and social service agencies in urban and rural settings throughout the U.S. Room, board, medical insurance and a small stipend provided. Loan deferments also available. Call Mercy Volunteer Corp Office: (215) 641-5534 or Shiela Deveaux, RSM (415) 751-9574.



**\*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):** You are invited to a **Priesthood Discernment Retreat Weekend** where you can reflect on your call in life & diocesan priesthood on the Weekend of **February 1-3, 2008 at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park**. Contact the Vocations Office at 415-614-5683 for a registration form. Register asap to be guaranteed a spot.

**\*Tune in to 1260 AM**, whenever you can. Immaculate Heart Radio, the only Catholic Radio in the Bay Area is on the air 24 hours a day.

A presentation for parents, teachers, students and all concerned Catholics

**"Why did it take the Incarnation to save us?"**

**INSPIRING A WHOLE-HEARTED FAITH IN A HALF-HEARTED AGE**

**Gil Bailie:** National lecturer, author, and President of the Cornerstone Foundation.

St. Mary Cathedral, Wednesday, **January 9, 7:00 pm**

*Presented by St. Mary Cathedral and the Catholics for the Common Good Institute.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 6 — Jan 12

- 1/06 Sun 10:00 am Luisa a. Altares†  
8:00 pm People of STM
- 1/07 Mon 8:30am Laura & Mario Biagini†
- 1/08 Tue 5:30 pm Luisa a. Altares†
- 1/09 We 8:30 pm Severino A. Arguelles†
- 1/10 Thu 5:30 pm Josephine Ryan†
- 1/11 Fri 8:30 am Irene & Russell De Havent
- 1/12 Sat 8:30 am Helen Racelis†  
5:00 pm 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, 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, Demetra Stone 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!**

**Weekend of Dec 22nd: \$4,806**  
**Christmas Offertory: \$10,239**

**Second collection for Tithing**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**to the Raffle Winners,**  
**(Take a flyer for the list of winners)**

## THE WISE MEN COME TO BETHLEHEM

Today the Wise Men see the little child and Mary his mother. **With them, Lord, we wish to discover you in the midst of our brothers and sisters.** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today they prostrate themselves before you and adore you. **With them, Lord, we wish to adore your holy will for us.** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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