



SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13h 2008

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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 at least 6 months prior to 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
Followed by Mass for healing at 8:00 PM

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 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.

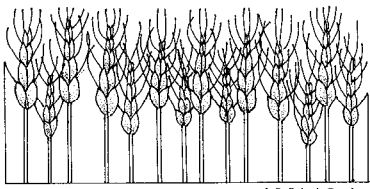
I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship each week & will respond consistently by my financial giving even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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13th, 2008

"You have crowned the year with bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest." —Psalm 65:12

This Week's
Parish
Events

Tue. July 15th—
Legion of Mary, at home of Louie Totah, 6:30 PM

Communion & Liberation, Chapel, 7:30 PM

Wed. July 16th—
Brazilian Choir Practice, 7 pm, in Church

Fri July 18th—
AACC Youth Group 6pm-8:30pm in Scanlan Hall

Prince of Peace, Scanlan Hall, 8:30 PM

Sat. July 19th—
Bible Study & Prayer Group, at Alma Via, 7 PM



Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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Gospel Summary

This parable about the sower of seeds is the first of seven parables that Matthew placed in the center of his gospel. Each of the parables adds a specific dimension to the reality that Matthew has described in the previous two chapters: although there are disciples who have begun to believe in him, Jesus is experiencing much rejection.

In the parable, the sower goes out and sows a great amount of seed. For various reasons much of the seed does not come to fruition. However, some of the seed that fell on rich soil produces an extraordinary amount of fruit.

The disciples then ask Jesus why he speaks in parables. Jesus, quoting a prophecy of Isaiah, enigmatically replies that parables both reveal and conceal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Many, even though they hear the words of a parable, refuse to recognize the voice of divine wisdom calling them to conversion of heart and to healing.

Matthew concludes this section by having Jesus amplify the parable of the sower by transforming the meaning of the seed from the word which initiates life in the kingdom, to the person who is called to life in the kingdom. Some persons hear the word without understanding its deeper meaning; some receive it, but fall away when tribulation comes; some hear it, but worldly anxiety and greed choke off the life it gives; some hear the word, understand it, and bear an extraordinary amount of fruit.

Life Implications

Jesus tells us the good news that the seeds of God's kingdom have been abundantly sown everywhere in the world. Despite all the violence and despair that threaten us, we can live in hope. God's kingdom has already come, will continue to grow, and will ultimately triumph. Henry David Thoreau remarked: "Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders."

The human-divine mystery of God's kingdom means that we cannot grasp its meaning as we do the realities of this world. It is only in the humble attitude of prayer that we may receive the gift of faith's understanding and conversion of heart. ". . . although you [Father] have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike" (Mt 11:25).

Jesus warns us that even if we have heard his word, worldly anxiety or greed can destroy our Christian life. Today, in our celebration of the Eucharist we pray that the Spirit will grant us faithful perseverance in living according to Christ's word so that God's kingdom will flourish beyond measure.

-Campion P. Gavalier, O.S.B., from jspaluch

Regular Activities

Parish Council
Liturgy Committee
Legion of Mary
Communion & Liberation

4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM
As Announced
Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Bible Study & Prayer
AACC Youth Group
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino
Prince of Peace
FLA Youth Group

Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via
Friday, 6:00 PM
Last Friday, 7 PM
Friday, 8:30 PM
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, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 box cereal, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

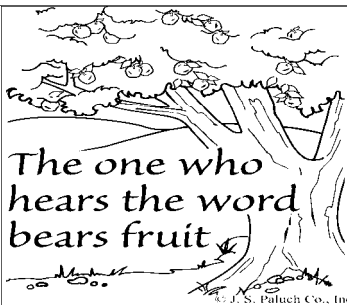
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A **hearty thanks** to all the members of our **parish council**, especially to those who have been on it for many years. They have been helpful to our parish and to our priests. **The Parish Council has been dissolved**, we look forward to reorganizing with fresh energies in September. The new members should be registered parishioners and in good standing with the church. The **other committees** however, are very much in action.

*Starting this week, we will announce **the bans for people who have scheduled weddings at STM**, three weeks before their weddings here in this bulletin. We will also announce the names of newly baptized & those who were married during the past week. Let us pray for them, may the Holy Spirit guide them every step of their spiritual journey.

*Bans: Our **upcoming weddings** for July: Robert Morris & Carolina Ludo, Jihad Shamieh & Denise Halteh, Paul Mathew Schway & Diovanna Bastos Teixeira. May the Lord bless you and help us as a church to welcome you as new members of our church/family. We invite everyone to pray for them.

*We welcome the many new members of our Parish and in a special way the one of the last week; the **new baptized**, Gianna Bongalan Basco, Daran Mikael Garcia, Roni Iyad Altwal, Christopher Fadi Soudah, Jonathan Fadi Soudah, Rio Anderson Escolta and congratulate **newly weds** Kumar Sourabh & Clara Resurreccion, Firas Zawaideh & Zena Nino. You are in our prayers.



*A quick reminder to those going on vacation that unfortunately bills still have to be paid in the summertime. Please **mail** your donations to STM Church before leaving, or from wherever your vacations take you. They may also be **dropped off** at the church, the rectory office is open Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

*We are still quite a ways from our \$51,900 **AAA assessment** this year. Checks (or cash) may be sent to the office, dropped in the collection basket or **mailed directly to the Archdiocese**. Please let us know should you do this so we know how much we still have to cover. Thanks.

Other churches' AAA compared to St. Thomas More are:	
St. Thomas More	\$51,900
Cathedral	\$48,500
St. Anne's of the Sunset	\$51,500
St. Emydius	\$41,100
Holy Name of Jesus	\$50,300
St. Patrick	\$50,500
St. Cecilia	\$ 125,900
St. Stephen	\$69,900
St. Brendan	\$ 119,800

Please check the church bulletin board for more information on other churches' AAA, which is one of the indicators of the success of a church. The Archdiocese takes usually 17-18% of our gross income. Ours at STM went up over 120% in just a few short years, thanks to your support. **Congratulations.** Please, continue to support your parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 13th—July 19th

7/13 Sun	10:00am	Sylvia Moreno †
	8:00 pm	People of STM
7/14 Mon	8:30am	Dorina Romasanta †
7/15 Tue	5:30 pm	Letecia De Guzman†
7/16 Wed	8:30 am	Delfin & Aurora Formoso†
7/17 Thu	5:30 pm	Tish Railton †
7/18 Fri	8:30 am	Carlos San Agustin Baxter Jr.†
7/19 Sat	8:30 am	Herminia Dolorosa Damirez†
	5:00 pm	Carolyn 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 Filemon Trinidad, Frankie Barabad, Rhona Palencia, Raul Hernandez, John Schulz, Annie Meyer, Maximo Cabahug, Pauline Lee, Maria O'Donoghue, Mary K. McKown, Patricia Colburn, Marie Paynor and all the homebound esp. those battling cancer, blood diseases and kidney problems.

All the deceased from our parish especially Juanita Castillo.

Weekly Offering



Weekends of:

06/28/08: \$3,974
Needy of the Parish: \$1,791

07/06/08: \$3,195
Tithing: \$1,328

Thanks for your generosity!

Read the Bible in the Land of the Bible, STM's 16-day pilgrimage in the Holy Land visiting Biblical sites — Old and New Testaments — and meeting local Christians. See Petra, one of the new "Seven Wonders of the World" [where the Magi would have procured frankincense]. Daily liturgy. Small groups. Private room with bath in Christian guesthouses. Pilgrimages in November, January, and March. Call the office to make reservations. Visit www.holylandinstitute.org for details.