



SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 10th 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.



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City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____

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

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Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.— Psalm 85:12

This Week's
Parish
Events

Tue. Aug 12th—
Legion of Mary,
Scanlan Hall, 6:30 PM
Communion & Lib-
eration, Chapel, 7:30
PM

Wed. Aug 13th—
Brazilian Choir Prac-
tice, 7 pm, in Church

Fri Aug 15th—
Holy Day of Obliga-
tion: Masses for the
Assumption 8:30am
&
8pm



Prince of Peace,
Scanlan Hall, 8:30 PM

Sat. Aug 16th—
Bible Study & Prayer
Group, at Alma Via,
7 PM

FESTA JUNINA!
Brazilian Festival in
Carroll Hall at 8pm

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU SAY GOODBYE
– I SAY HELLO!

Priests are servants of Christ, sent to continue His mission. During His earthly ministry, Jesus went about proclaiming the Good News of His kingdom and channeling His life and healing to all. The nature of that mission required that He be continually uprooted. "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20). Jesus expects the same detachment from His servants. He says to them, "anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me" (Matthew 8:37-39).

That is why I answered my bishop's request to come to San Francisco two years ago, and that is why I am again answering my bishop's call to serve the Arab Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. God is working out His plan for His people, and He obviously sees that plan much more clearly than we do. As I have reflected on God's will for my part in that plan, I have recognized what a great grace and blessing the past two years have been for me. Coming back to the United States was a wonderful, but at the same time bewildering experience after 32 years abroad. For me, coming to St. Thomas More Church was like finding an oasis after a long journey in the desert. God gave me a wonderful faith community to help me get my feet on the ground in America. And as I reached my twenty-fifth anniversary in the priesthood, you were all there with a beautiful celebration that I will never forget. I can't thank you enough for that, and for all the friendship, encouragement, and support in so many ways. Thank-you for accepting me for who I am, for pardoning my failings, and for graciously appreciating whatever I had to give. It is an inspiration to see so many gifted people at St. Thomas More Church, worshiping together, serving Christ together, and growing together in Christian fellowship. I commend you for who you are and what you are doing for the glory of God.

Even though I am leaving for Pomona, I certainly will not be forgetting everyone at STM Church. That is why I chose that familiar expression (at least for those of us old enough to remember it) as the title of this word of farewell. I will carry you all in my heart as I go and will keep you in my prayers; I will stay in touch with the news of your progress as a community of faith; and I will look forward to every occasion to see you again, whether in the area of LA or here in SF.

Finally, I want to thank my brothers in the priesthood, Msgr. Labib Kobti and Fr. Andrew Johnson, for the privilege of serving Christ together with them. Your example of generosity, patience and goodwill has been an inspiration to me and will continue to guide me as I begin my new task in Pomona.

God bless you all,
Fr. Rick

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*August 15th (this Friday), is the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a holy day of obligation. Our Masses will be at **8:30 AM and 8:00 PM**. Please mark this date.

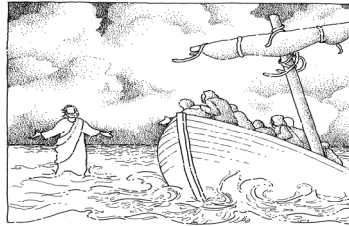
***Fr. Rick** has been reassigned to Pomona effective immediately. He will be leaving tomorrow, Aug. 11th. **Thank you Father Rick, for all you have shared with us in these two short years.**

*Our **sincerest apologies** to everyone for the parking mess we were in last weekend. The situation was unexpected and completely out of our control. We assure you it will not be repeated. Those who were totally unable to find parking and had to leave, please accept our apologies, and **please come back.**

***RCIC** sign up session will be in **Scanlan Hall on Saturday, August 30th, from 9 AM to 2 PM**. Children 7 years old or entering 2nd grade to 18 years old are welcome are invited to sign up for Baptism and/or First Communion. Teen Confirmation sign up session will be in November.

*Please come to the **Festa Junina**, our Brazilian community's annual fundraiser on Saturday, August 16th. The big party will start at 8:30 PM and end at 1:00 AM in Carroll Hall.

*Please pray for the **AACC** children who are leaving today for **summer camp**. We hope they will all have a safe and wonderful time. Keep safe, everyone, and stay with the group always.



It is I; do not be afraid.

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*Donations towards the \$51,200 **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** assessment may be dropped in the collection basket, at the office during business hours, or mailed directly to the Archdiocese. Pls let us know if you decide to do the last, so we may enter it into the system for your tax deductible donation amount at the end of the year. Thanks.

Others

***Banns:** Our **upcoming weddings** in August: Iain Scarr & Kaitlyn Rubenstein; Stephen Butler & Adrienne Mejia; Steven Archuleta & Candace Garrison; Paolo Macabenta & Anne Marie Jazmin; George Petros & Marian J. Nazzal; Cory Thomas Marks & Isadora Diovane Ferreira Pacheco (in Brazil); Murad Bshara & Dina Bader. 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 baby baptized this past week: **Elijah Duque** and the many new members of our Parish. You are all in our prayers.

***Congratulations to the newly-weds** of this week : **Marianne Nazzal and George Petros**. May God bless you !

MASS INTENTIONS

August 10-16, 2008

- 8/10 Sun 10:00am Gladys Brown
8:00 pm People of STM
- 8/11 Mon 8:30am James Wilson Chao(thksgvg)
- 8/12 Tue 5:30 pm Joan Carew†
- 8/13 Wed 8:30 am Victorina de Guzman†
- 8/14 Thu 5:30 pm St. Anthony
- 8/15 Fri 8:30 am Herminia Dolorosa Damirez†
- 8/16 Sat 8:30 am Judy Matray (hlg)
5:00 pm Dorina Romasanta

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



All the sick people in our parish, All the sick people in our parish, especially Carmel Desmond, Filemon Trinidad, Frankie Barabad, John Schulz, Maximo Cabahug, Catherine Moynihan, Patricia Colburn, Marie Paynor-Cia, Sophian Odeh, for all the homebound esp. those battling cancer, blood diseases and kidney problems; and for the special intentions of Vincent Brown.

All the deceased from our parish especially those who perished due to violence.

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