



SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 28th, 2008**

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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

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.

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 should 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.



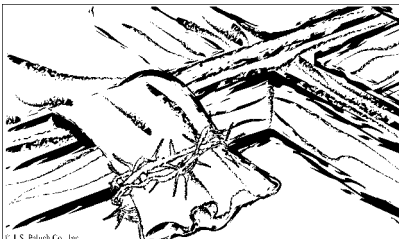
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“Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.” —Philippians 2:5

This Week's Parish Events

Tue, Sept 30th—
Legion of Mary,
 Scanlan Hall, 6:30 PM

Communion & Lib-
eration, Chapel, 7:30
 PM

Wed. Oct. 1st —
St. Therese of the
Child Jesus
Brazilian Choir Prac-
tice, 7 pm, Church

Thu. Oct 2nd—
The Guardian Angels

Fri. Oct. 3rd—
Prince of Peace,
 Scanlan Hall, 8:30 PM

Sat. Oct. 4th—
Saint Francis of As-
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RCIC Classes, Sac-
risty, 9am.

Bible Study & Prayer
Group, at Alma Via,
 7 PM.

Campus Ministry,
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God's Will or Your Will?

By Joseph Ramos
STM Permanent Diaconate Candidate
 (Matthew 21:28-32)

In today's gospel, we heard the story of two sons and how they both disobeyed their father. Their father provided everything they needed – food, clothing, shelter. At the very least, he expected his sons to do their share of work in the vineyard. The “rebellious” son initially refused to help, but changes his mind. He ends up helping out. The “good” son agrees to help, but doesn't carry through.

Who was really the good son in this story? Whose will are they carrying out? The “rebellious” son disobeyed his father, but repented and worked according to the will of his father. The “good” son who promised to help had wonderful intentions. However, he instead carried out his own will by not doing any work at all.

The message of today's gospel is that our good intentions are not good enough. The promises we make in life “don't count” unless they are performed. God wants us to show by our speech and our actions that we wholeheartedly respect, accept and agree to His will.

Here's a question to ask ourselves: Whose will are we carrying out? Ours? Or God's?

Many often ask, how do I know what God's will is?

First off, through prayer and daily conversation with Him. With the busy lives that we live, how can we understand what He is trying to tell us when we forget to give thanks or even say a simple hello?

How is your relationship and dialogue with God? How well do you know Him? As with anyone, you'll get to know Him better through daily conversation. Remember, that He is with us always – all the time, and everywhere we go. How would you feel if you were with someone all day long, and they didn't even take a moment to acknowledge you?

Second, understand that God uses the events and people in our lives to convey His message. Open your eyes, ears, arms heart, and mind to what God is trying to tell you. **Are you listening?**

Regular Activities

Parish Council
 Liturgy Committee
 Legion of Mary
 Communion & Liberation

To Be Announced
 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
 1st & 3rd Wed. at 6:30pm

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 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.



***Our second annual International Food Festival is still going on today.**

Please come across the street on Carroll Hall and enjoy the food and cultural presentations offered by the different ethnic groups in our church family. Please park on Brotherhood Way if you can not find parking here. **The Armenian Church** have also very graciously allowed us to use their lot, and there will be a **shuttle** bus to take you to STM and back to your car after. We hope you will not be disappointed.

***Parking:**The parking situation in our church is getting out of hand. Please help us by cooperating with the parking attendants when they are present, and **never blocking** the Golf Course passageways or 280 Free Way. These are emergency exits and **cars parked illegally will be towed, without further notice.**

***PLEASE: Never leave anything of value visible in your car.** There has been a rash of thefts and cars smashed in our premises lately even during the day, then the thief runs to 280 Free Way. The priest's car was smashed also. Should you however, notice anyone acting strangely, or chance on somebody doing something illegal, **please take their picture with your cell phone**, the pastor will take it to the police. **With your assistance, we can put a stop to all this.**



*Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament*

**This coming Friday.
Adoration at 7 PM,
Mass at 8 PM.
See you then.**



Will be on **Friday, October 3, at about 3 PM**, after school lets out in front of the church.

Please bring plastic bags with you, just in case they are needed.

*We are still a long way from our goal of \$52,900 for the **AAA assessment** this year. We appreciate the generosity of those who sent in donations to this fund and hope others will be as generous. Thank you

***Banns:** Our coming weddings in September: **Nathan Bosia & Juliana Salfiti** and **Ihab Shquair and Sara Marrar** Please pray for them as they prepare to form a family of their own. May the Lord bless them and help us as a church to welcome them as new members of our church/family.

From the Archdiocese ...

***Mass for those affected by crime, abuse or violence. October 26 at 3:30 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral.** Archbishop George H. Niederauer, Presider. This is a Mass for those of all ages who have been victimized in any way thru crime, abuse & violence. It is also for secondary victims, the families and friends of those traumatized and voiceless. Please contact Patricia Ribeiro at ribeiro@sfarchdiocese.org or (415) 614-5570 for additional information.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 28th– Oct. 4th 2008

- 9/28 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00 pm Juan A. Soriano (Thanksg)
- 9/29 Mon 8:30am Frank Cogan †
- 9/30 Tue 5:30 pm Lucila David Tanedo
- 10/01 Wed 8:30 am Irene Dyangko †
- 10/02 Thu 5:30 pm Irene & Russell De Havent
- 10/03 Fri 8:30 am Laura & Mario Biagini †
8:00pm Josephine Weber (hlg)
- 10/04 Sat 8:30 am Special Intention
5:00 pm Paul 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 Carmel Desmond, Filemon Trinidad, Frankie Barabad, John Schulz, Catherine Moynihan,

Patricia Colburn, Marie Paynor-Cia, Sophian Odeh, for all the homebound esp. those suffering from bone diseases, cancer, blood diseases and kidney problems.

All the deceased from our parish especially those honored in the Missalette insert.

Weekly Offering



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Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women

**Nazareth House,
245 Nova Albion Way
San Rafael, CA 94903**

Sunday, October 12, 2008 from 9 am to 4 pm

Call:

**Sister Fintan: (310) 216-8170 or
Sister Margaret: (415) 470-8282**

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