



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Respect Life Sunday)**

**October 5th, 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.



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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***“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” —Philippians 4:6***

This Week's  
Parish Events

**Tue, Oct. 7th—  
Our Lady of the  
Rosay**



*Pray the rosary with your family always, esp. this month.*

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

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

**Wed. Oct. 8th —  
Brazilian Choir** Prac-  
tice, 7 pm, Church

**Fri. Oct. 10th—  
Prince of Peace,**  
Scanlan Hall, 8:30 PM

**Sat . Oct. 11th—  
RCIC Classes, Sac-  
risty, 9am.**

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

**Campus Ministry,**  
check new sched-  
ule for Masses and  
meetings on church  
board at the en-  
trance.

**I am proud of you**

*By Abouna Labib Kobti*

A father or a mother when they say: "I am proud of you, son or daughter, for an accomplishment," they say it with great love, joy, and honor. It comes from the father's or mother's deep heart, and usually it comes with tears of joy.

This is exactly what I feel as pastor and Father of St. Thomas More Church and School. I am so proud to be the father of a wonderful family. I thank God for all that you have done and given to me, to the church, to the members of our church, and to the many people who came from everywhere to celebrate with us the Second International Food Festival.

It was the first time that we had the festival for two days, and I saw your dedication and your sacrifices of love. It was the first time that we had a shuttle to bring people from Brotherhood Way Communities and stations. It was the first time that we did a special 2008 Festival book that spoke about our history and our success as one family. It was the first time that Christians, Buddhists, and Muslims from the Burmese community came to feel as family. It was the first time that we made provisions for people with disabilities at a festival.

Children of different ages found themselves in a little Disneyland of mechanical and electronic games and rides for the first time, and they enjoyed for hours and hours. Young adults came from different places to enjoy the feeling of belonging to a church in a safe and wonderful environment. The elderly felt young and danced with the 12 different entertainment groups who came to sing and to share their ethnic dances.

I saw the volunteers from different ethnicities white, Asian, Latino, African American Middle Eastern, crying with joy although they were so exhausted and unable to stand on their swollen feet because they had given their time for days and nights to prepare and work at the festival. I heard people singing, dancing, and praising God that they belong to this same family of St. Thomas More. People were hugging each other, holding hands with each other, and thanking each other for the great opportunity to work and sacrifice for the church.

You gave items, money, and time, and you volunteered for hours, days, and nights. But mostly you gave your hearts and love. People from different parts of the Bay Area came despite the many other occasions in the City to support the Church and enjoy a time of relaxation and friendship.

You were all and you are so beautiful, so great and so important for our Church and family. Our Second International Food festival was a great success.

May the Lord bless you all. I am sure that God is proud of you; the Church is proud of you. Fr. Andrew our Parochial Vicar and I are proud of you.

I am sure that you are proud yourself. Thank you again and again.

**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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*International Food Festival.** Thank you very, very much to all who came and made our Food Festival a success. A very sincere and special thank you to all the volunteers, esp. those who labored long into the night (wee hours of the morning actually) to make everything happen. A special thank you too, to Duggan's Serra Mortuary for co-sponsoring our event.

**\*Lay Ministers Wanted.** We are always looking for new altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, hospitality staff to help serve at all the asses. If you are interested please call the rectory. Training is provided and we'll work around your schedule!

**\*Couples for Christ.** We will be starting a CFC group here at St. Thomas More. If you are interested to help, serving as a mentor couple, or becoming a part of the group, please call the rectory or send your contact info to [stmcfc@gmail.com](mailto:stmcfc@gmail.com).

**\*Safety.** Please be very careful **never** to leave anything of value visible in your car and never leave your car unlocked. Keep an eye out for someone acting strangely or for a suspicious looking character in our premises. If you find anyone who fits these descriptions, please take their picture with your cell phone or alert either the office or the pastor. **This is your (church) home, together let's make it safe for all.**

**\*What does our Faith tell us about Marriage?** It comes from the living hand of God, fashioned both male & female in the divine image. It is both a natural institution and a sacred union because it is rooted in the divine plan for creation. The Church teaches that the valid marriage of baptized Christians is a sacrament, a saving reality. Jesus Christ made marriage a symbol of His love for His Church. This means that a sacramental marriage lets the world see, in human terms, something of the faithful, creative, abundant and self-emptying love of Christ. A true marriage in the Lord will bring the spouses to holiness. Their love makes known God's love in their family, community & society. This meaning confirms & strengthens the human value of a marital union.



**\*Parking:** Please cooperate with parking attendants, and/or heed the signs, and **never, ever block the Golf Course** passageways. These are emergency exits, cars parked there will be towed.

**\*Dinner, Immaculate Heart Radio.** Come join Immaculate Heart Radio for the "Light on the Hill" Benefit Dinner!. Featured speaker: apologist Tim Staples. It will be on October 22, St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center, at 1111 Gough St, SF. Reception at 6 PM, dinner at 7. Tickets: \$55 per person. We at STM are putting a table together. Pls call the office if you would like to come and join our STM group.

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—Bishop Gerald Banres, San Bernardino

## MASS INTENTIONS October 5th– Oct. 11th 2008

10/05	Sun	10:00am	Annie Meyers (Thanksg)
		8:00 pm	People of STM
10/06	Mon	8:30am	Trevor Roberts, Jr. †
10/07	Tue	5:30 pm	Reynaldo Beltran †
10/08	Wed	8:30 am	Irene & Russell De Havent
10/09	Thu	5:30 pm	Josephine Ryan †
10/10	Fri	8:30 am	Rolando M. Concepcion †
10/11	Sat	8:30 am	Special Intention
		5:00 pm	Dorina Romasanta †

### All the sick people in our parish,



especially Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Filemon Trinidad, Frankie Barabad, John Schulz, Catherine Moynihan, Maximo Cabahug, Patricia Colburn, Marie Paynor-Cia, Sophian Odeh, for all the homebound.

**All the deceased** from our parish especially those were victims of violence in one form or another.

## Weekly Offering



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**Weekend of 9/28/08**

**\$4,227**

**This week's 2nc collection is for tithing.**

**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 guest-houses. Pilgrimage in March. Call the office to make reservations. Visit [www.holylandinstitute.org](http://www.holylandinstitute.org). For details.