



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Mission Sunday**  
**October 19th, 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 financial giving even when I can't be present.

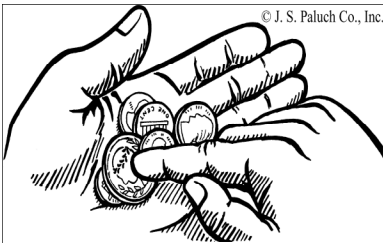
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution. Yes, please

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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

— Matthew 22:21

### This week's Parish Events

**Tue. Oct. 21st—**  
**Legion of Mary,**

Scanlan Hall, 6:30 PM

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

**Wed. Oct. 22nd —**  
**Brazilian Choir Prac-  
tice, 7 pm, Church**

**Fri. Oct. 24th—**  
**Prince of Peace,**  
Scanlan Hall, 8:30 PM

**Sat. Oct. 26th—**  
**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.

Sing to the Lord  
A new song



### Our responsibility as Campus Ministers

by Abouna Labib Kobti

At the entrance of the church we have a board that gives us the schedule of the monthly ministry with the State University, the Newman Campus. Thanks to Fr. Foley, our pastor until 2002, to Fr. Francis Tiso, with us until 2004, Fr. Rick Van De Water, who taught Arabic Language at SFSU and was at STM until 2008, and especially thanks to the hard work of the Sisters of Verbum Dei, I can say honestly that we have one of the best ministries for SFSU in the City.

Regarding what we have done thus far in the University fall semester, that is from September to October, our parishioners should feel proud of our work and support it with their prayers and love: Spaghetti night Sept. 4th, Interfaith prayer and dinner during the day and movie night on 9/11, Mass at the University on Sept. 12, film night at Dolores Park on Sept. 20, Mass of St. Francis at the University on Oct. 3rd, hiking retreat on Oct. 5, Interfaith Concert for Peace Oct. 8th, outreach serving the needy Oct. 12. Besides all that, we do "tabling" two days a week where we are present at an information table on campus to inform students about our ministry and to invite them to our weekly Thursday dinners and prayer meetings.

Recently we received the donation of a van for 7 passengers that will be used to bring the students to the Holy Mass at 10:00 AM and provide transportation for outreach activities, field trips, visits, and retreats. The van soon will bear a sign indicating the Newman Center Ministry at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. It will be by itself a way to tell people about our ministry and church family.

**What is my responsibility as a parishioner of St. Thomas More toward this ministry of my church?** Think about it! Ask yourself what you can do to help. We need to engage our energies of love and service. These students are after all our children--future healthcare professionals, lawyers, architects, business leaders, teachers, engineers, and social workers. We should do our best to make a difference in our church for them; this ministry is also my ministry; it is not the ministry of the priest or the sisters only. We are all campus ministers.

#### **Some ways parishioners can help our Campus Ministry:**

1) When you see university students at the Church, greet them, welcome them, try to talk to them, show your love and appreciation. 2) Ask them about how they see their future; tell them how you are holding them in your prayers. 3) Encourage them and tell them your appreciation when during Mass you shake their hands at the sign of peace. 4) - Let them meet with your children if they are at the University. 5) If you find a student from a different city or state, invite them to your home. 6) Let them feel that you are a father, mother, sister, or brother for them and the Church is our one family of love. 7) Share with them your experience when you were a university student and advise them. 8) Be a friend to them and, when they do not come to Mass, let them know them that you miss them. 9) Try to find a work for them if they need to make extra money to pay for their studies. 10) Encourage the priests and the sisters and ask them what they need to make the ministry even more effective. 11) Support the ministry with your prayers, donations, or items.

REMEMBER that you are in mission with your parish, with your priests, with the sisters, and with all the people of God. We are all at the service of the Newman ministry.

*Be a missionary with us!*

### **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 vegetables, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*The International Food Festival netted STM over \$20,000 thanks to the hard work and devotion of many.

\*NERT. The SF Police Department will again be offering Neighborhood Emergency Response Training session in Scanlan Hall from at 6:30—9:30 Wednesday nights. This training will run from October 29th to December 10, except Thanksgiving Week. Attendees will earn certificates. Please refer to flyers at the church entrances.

\*November list. As in the past years, we will compile a book of names of your beloved departed and place it at the altar in this month of November. Please drop your list in the offertory basket or in the rectory during office hours. A small donation would be much appreciated.

\*Missalette donations. We are still accepting names and donations for the Missalettes. Each time the Missal is opened for prayer and/or song our benefactors and loved ones will be in our thoughts and will share in our participation at Mass. Please send in the name of a person (deceased or living) that you would want to honor with a donation of \$100.

\*Parking: Never, ever block the Golf Course passageways. These are emergency exits and cars parked there will be towed.



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\*Teen confirmation. Classes start on November 1st at 10:30 AM on Saturdays in the Flower Sacristy. Teens grade 7 and above or 12 to 18 years old who have not yet been confirmed are invited to come.

\*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. Alert the office of pastor. **This is your (church) home, together let's make it safe for all.**

*\*Marriage Initiative Calls us to be Countercultural. We are called to participate in the civic process as a means of witnessing the Gospel values of love, compassion and respect for all life. If we do this, the world will be a better place for all. That is why our Church has taken such a strong position on the upcoming state ballot measure that will decide how marriage is defined in California. Like St. Paul, our care and concern extend beyond our existing Catholic communities. This is where the true importance of Proposition 8 lies — in the precedent it would set for society. With the validations of law, this new definition of marriage will take root in our society, undermining God's plan for creation.*

*-Bishop Gerald Barnes  
San Bernardino*

**R**emember:  
October is the month of  
the Holy Rosary.

### MASS INTENTIONS

October 19th– Oct. 25th 2008

10/19 Sun	10:00am	People of STM
	8:00 pm	Agelio Altares†
10/20 Mon	8:30am	Severino Arguelles†
10/21 Tue	5:30 pm	Rafael Gonzales†
10/22 Wed	8:30 am	Horacio orellana†
10/23 Thu	5:30 pm	Leonard Brannum†
10/24 Fri	8:30 am	Pedro Paguntalan, Sr.†
10/25 Sat	8:30 am	Estanislao Rescordado†
	5:00 pm	Crispin Cortes†

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



**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 and for all the homebound.

**All the deceased** from our parish .

## Weekly Offering



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**Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the offertory count will be posted next week. Thank you for your patience.**

**This week's 2nd collection is for World Missions. Pls be generous.**

**Read the Bible in the Land of the Bible**, STM's 15-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. Pilgrimage in March. Call the office to make reservations. Visit [www.holylandinstitute.org](http://www.holylandinstitute.org) for details.