

SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time **November 2, 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.

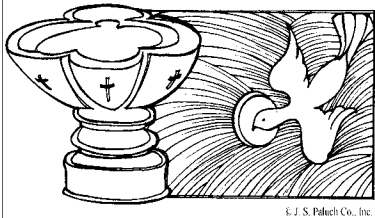
Name _____ Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____

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

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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed November 2, 2008

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

— Romans 6:8

This week's Parish Events

Tue. Nov 4th—
Legion of Mary,
Scanlan Hall, 6:30 PM

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

Wed. Nov 5th —
Brazilian Choir Prac-
tice, 7 pm, Church

Fri. Nov 7th—
Prince of Peace,
Scanlan Hall, 8:30 PM

Nov. 1st—
RCIC Classes,
Flower Sacristy,
9am.

Teen Confirmation
Classes, 10:30 AM,
Flower Sacristy

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

Campus Ministry,
check schedule for
Masses & meetings
on church board at
the entrance.



Five years of Alma Via at St. Thomas More

By Abouna Labib Kobti

Sunday June 30th, 2002, I spent my first night at St. Thomas More Church Rectory; that was over six years ago. It was my first day as pastor at St. Thomas More Church. Monday, July 1st I witnessed the tearing down of the old Convent at the corner of St. Thomas More Way and the uprooting of trees on the following days. It was the start of construction for the Alma Via project. I realized later that I arrived just in time for the groundbreaking and the wonderful vision of an elderly assisted living complex for our beloved seniors.

After five years of this great project I can say that the vision of the Archdiocese, in collaboration with the Lutheran Church, the Sisters of Mercy, and Elder Care Alliance is a great and wonderful success. I witness an active exchange of love and thoughtful caring in Alma Via. They add to our church, to the Brotherhood Way faith communities and to San Francisco at large a home for the elderly badly needed in our area.

Our Seniors contribute to our faith community at St. Thomas More in many ways, through: **a)** their presence at our daily and Sunday Masses, **b)** the opportunity of service they provide for our young people and children, **c)** their participation on the justice and peace committee, **d)** a vibrant weekly Bible study that Alma Via hosts and brings our church family and the residents together studying the Word of God. Pope Benedict the XVI has called Bishops from all over the world to a synod in Rome, the purpose of which is to promote and encourage the study of the Bible.

I am grateful for the support of the retired priests residing in Alma Via. Their willingness to help with confessions and Masses whenever we need them has been a tremendous help both to Father Andrew and to me. Thanks so much for that.

As Pastor, I am honored to be their neighbor and at their service. We have worked and collaborated together as one beautiful family. Fathers Francis Tiso and Rick Van De Water felt the same way and now Fr. Andrew Johnson does too. I am so grateful for and to every single staff member and resident of Alma Via .

On behalf of Fr. Andrew and the faithful of St. Thomas More, I present to Alma Via Directors, staff and residents all our love, support and gratitude for their kindness, cooperation and the sharing of their facilities with the Church. As a token of that love and gratitude, we also present to you the suspension flowers now lining the way to your facility from the back of the church, a part of the vision Jeffrey Dillon, Director and I had about making our little area into a village. There's only three for now, another two are forthcoming, to honor the five years of our working together. We hope you like them.

We wish you many, many years of service, congratulations for five successful years! Ad multos annos!

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

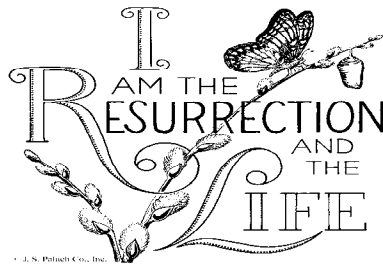
***Young Adults Group.** Kickoff social on Saturday, Nov. 8 in Scanlan Hall from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Come have some free food, win free raffle prizes and learn what the new STM Young Adults Group is about... Everyone between the ages of 18 to late 20's is invited. Please call Bernice at stmyoungadults@googlegroups.com.

***Teen confirmation.** Classes started yesterday at 10:30 AM and will be held 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.

***Beloved Departed.** November is the month we dedicate to our faithful departed. Please get your list together and drop off either in the rectory during office hours, or drop in the offertory basket during Mass. This book will be placed next to the altar & will be included in our prayers at Mass during the month of November.

***Missalette donations.** We have posted the tentative list of names for the back of our Missalettes in one of the bulletin boards in the vestibule of the church. Please check for typos and misspelling of names of the people you have honored, & call the office with corrections. Thank you for your support and assistance.

***Diaconate program:** Men who are considering becoming a permanent deacon are invited to an informational meeting about the vocation Nov. 3 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the archdiocesan Pastoral Center, at One Peter Yorke Way in San Francisco. For more info about the permanent diaconate, please see Deacon Khaled, Deacon Candidate Joseph or Msgr. Labib.



***NERT.** The SF Police Department has again offered a Neighborhood Emergency Response Training session in **Scanlan Hall from at 6:30—9:30 Wednesday nights.** This session started this past Wednesday, **Oct, 29, and will run to Dec.10,** skipping Thanksgiving Week. Attendees will earn certificates. It is not too late to come. Make up classes from other approved locations are accepted. Please refer to flyers at the church entrances.

***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.**

**The issue before us with Proposition 8 is "marriage" — an ancient, yet modern, human institution which pre-exists both Church and government. Marriage, history shows us, is intrinsic to stable, flourishing and hospitable societies. Although cultural differences have occurred, what has never changed is that marriage is the ideal relationship between a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation and the continuation of the human race. We must support traditional marriage as the source of our civilization, the foundation for a society that can be home to all human beings, and the reflection of our relationship with God.*

***Never block the Golf Course** passageways or your car will be towed!

MASS INTENTIONS

November 2– 8, 2008

11/02 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00 pm Vicente Nepomuceno†
11/03 Mon 8:30am Remedios Librojo†
11/04 Tue 5:30 pm Josephine Ryan†
11/05 Wed 8:30 am Marcelino & Juana Reyes†
11/06 Thu 5:30 pm Laura & Mario Biagini†
11/07 Fri 8:30 am Irene & Russell De Haven †
8:00 pm Remedios Librojo†
11/08 Sat 8:30 am Gregorio & Isabel Librojo†
5:00 pm Pantaleona Santos†

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



All the sick people in our parish, especially Collin & Sarah Fernando-Noguera, Rhona Palencia, 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 especially Gerald E. Guay (Alma Via).

Weekly Offering



**Weekend of 10/26/08:
\$3,553.25**

**(Thanks for your generosity.)
Today's 2nd collection is for
Tithing.**



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Please go out and vote....
[responsibly]
on Tuesday,
November 4th.

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 guest-houses. Pilgrimage in March. Call the office to make reservations. Visit www.holylandinstitute.org for details.