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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome November 9th, 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.

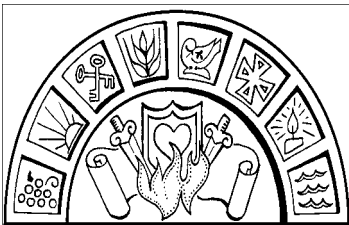
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City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____

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

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“The LORD of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.”
— Psalm 46:8

This Week's
Parish
Events

Tue, Nov 11th—
Legion of Mary,
 Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm

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

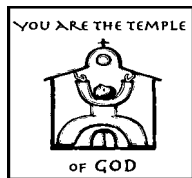
Wed. Nov 12th —
NERT, Scanlan Hall,
 6:30 pm
Brazilian Choir Prac-
tice, Church, 7 pm

Fri. Nov 13th—
Prince of Peace,
 Scanlan Hall, 8:30 pm

Sat. Nov. 15th—
RCIC Classes,
 Flower Sacristy, 9 am
Teen Confirmation
Classes, Flower Sac-
risty, 10:30 am

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

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



Feast of the Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica in Rome

In order to celebrate the annual festival of Passover, Jesus goes up to Jerusalem. After he enters the temple area, he drives out those who are selling oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers, saying, "Stop making my Father's house a market place." When challenged to defend his outrageous action, Jesus replies, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." His hearers think he is speaking of the temple in Jerusalem, which had been under construction for fort-six years. Only after Jesus rose from death, did his disciples realize that he had spoken about the temple of his body.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome symbolizes a crucial turning point in the long and remarkable history of the Catholic Church. The basilica was once a palace belonging to the Lateran family, dating back at least to the time of the persecution of Emperor Nero (A.D. 54-68). Emperor Constantine made a gift of the building to Pope Melchiade about the year 311. Before Constantine's rule, Christians were a persecuted sect struggling for survival within the hostile Roman Empire with its temples dedicated to the worship of many gods. The Lateran palace became the papal cathedral and the papal residence for over a thousand years, despite being ravaged by the Vandals, by fires, and by earthquakes. Our parish churches may rightfully look to this cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome as their mother church. Its feast of dedication also may remind us of our spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters in many countries where Christians may not worship in public and are persecuted as an outlawed sect.

In today's gospel Jesus refers to the temple in Jerusalem as "my Father's house." That the invisible God manifests his presence in visible signs recognizable by faith is at the heart of biblical revelation. The opening hymn of Genesis celebrates the creation of the entire universe as the construction of a beautiful temple in which God dwells and may be glorified. God continues the revelation of divine presence not only in the universe and in the events of history, but in human structures -- in the ark of the covenant leading the Jewish people through the wilderness, and in the temple Solomon built in Jerusalem.

In Jesus, revelation that God lives among us in visible signs reaches its climax. Jesus is the temple in which "the whole fullness of the deity dwells" (Col 2:9). The theme of the divine presence in the universe, in the events of history, in human structures, and in Jesus is extended as in a rich tapestry even further. Jesus identifies his body with the new temple promised in messianic times, and in turn his body is identified with the Church and with each individual member of the Church. "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Cor 3:16, also read Eph 2:19-22).

The Book of Revelation completes the theme of "temple and divine presence" to the fullest imaginable depth. In the end time of eternity, all earthly temples will be no more because God will be the temple. "I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb" (Rev 21:22). Now we are temples because God lives in us. Then, God will be the temple because we will live in him. Annie Dillard once remarked, "Home is the name of God." Because this is true, our faith can also help us have a new name for dying -- Going Home.

-Father Campion P. Gavalier, O.S.B., jspaluch

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

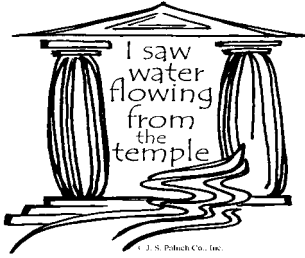
***IMPORTANT.** We will be moving our 10 AM Sunday Mass to 10:30, and the 11:45 AM Mass will be moved to 12:00 noon, starting on Nov. 30th, the first Sunday of Advent. This will give our children a chance to be up on time for the Mass as well as to ease the parking situation around the church. Please mark your calendars and spread the word.

***Teen confirmation.** Please call Kathy Sanford at (650) 738-0646 if you missed the start of classes last weekend. They are held on Saturdays in the Flower Sacristy from 10:30 AM to 12 noon. Teens grade 7 and above or 12 to 18 years old who have not yet been confirmed are welcome to come.

***Beloved Departed.** November is the month we dedicate to our faithful departed. Please drop your list off either in the rectory during office hours or in the offertory basket during Mass. You may also write the names on the little cards on our little tree of life next to the altar. These names will be included in our prayers at Mass during the month of November. A little donation is much appreciated.

***Missalette donations.** Please check the list on one of the bulletin boards in the vestibule for typos and misspelling of names of the people you have honored. Get your corrections to the office. The list will be finalized on the week of the 16th and will be pasted on the back of the Missalettes that same week.

***Safety. Never, ever** leave anything of value visible in your car and never leave it unlocked. Please remember, desperate people will do anything in this current economic situation.



***Neighborhood Emergency Respons Training (NERT).** It is not too late to come to this series of sessions offered by the SF Police Department. Venue is right here in **Scanlan Hall from at 6:30—9:30** Wednesday nights. Make up classes for the past two sessions are available from other locations. This session **will run to Dec.10**, skipping Thanksgiving Week. Please refer to flyers at the church entrances.

***St. Vicent de Paul Society's Ozanam Conference** would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners of St. Thomas More Church and the children and parents of St. Thomas More School for your monetary, food and clothing contributions for the poor and homeless. Your generosity has enabled our conference to help carry the cross of approximately 350 of Christ's poorest children and provided clothing, food and furniture for them. If you would like to continue to help the poor and homeless, please contact our conference at (415) 337-0100.

***Jubilee Year of St. Paul Prayer with Archbishop Niederauer.** To commemorate the dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Rome and as a special celebration of the jubilee year honoring the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul, all are invited to join Archbishop Niederauer for Evening Prayer on Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00 pm at Saints Peter & Paul Church at 666 Filbert Street, San Francisco. For more information, call (415) 614-5586.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

November 9th– 15th, 2008

11/09 Sun 10:00am Marcos Cobillas, Sr. †
8:00 pm People of STM
11/10 Mon 8:30am Lutgarda Briones †
11/11 Tue 5:30 pm Collin & Sara Noguera
11/12 Wed 8:30 am Joan Carew †
11/13 Thu 5:30 pm Zenaida A. Allas †
11/14 Fri 8:30 am Alfredo & Rizalina Vallejo †
11/15 Sat 8:30 am Herminia & Romeo Real †
5:00 pm Leonard Brannum †

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



All the sick people in our parish, especially Frankie Barabad, Patricia Colburn, Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Collin & Sara Fernando-Noguera, Catherine Moynihan, Mac Nugui, Marie Paynor-Cia, John Schulz, Lourdes Tam, Filemon Trinidad and Alejandro Villavicencio and for all who are battling cancer of whatever form in our parish.

All the deceased from our parish.

Weekly Offering



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Weekend of 11/02/08:

\$5,075

Tithing:

\$1,420

Thank you for your generosity

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.