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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 5, 2009**

*[Christ Jesus] Humbled himself, becoming
obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

- Philippians 2:8

The Passion in the Gospel of Mark: The Death of the Noble One.

The woman in Simon's house recognized what was happening. A King had come to dinner. He was anointed with costly perfume in respect. Some said it was a waste of money. The Noble One said it was a preparation for his burial.

Judas Iscariot, the traitor, the thief, dishonorable and dishonest, would not pay the price following the Noble One would demand. Instead he gladly took a payment to betray Him. The Noble One allowed the ignoble to profit from Him.

Peter, the well intentioned braggart, declared his devotion to the Noble One and pledged his protection. He didn't last twelve hours. But the Noble One saw his fear and his contrition, and forgave him and strengthened him to embrace a cross.

The Chief Priests, elders and scribes could not find a liar creditable enough to condemn the Noble One. So they asked Him for the truth, and could not bear it.

The Roman Procurator was not about to let justice inconvenience him. So he gave a criminal back to the crowd and condemned the Noble One to death.

And the Noble One mounted his throne on the hill of Golgotha. Where some saw shame, where others gave scorn, a centurion saw the Son of God.

It began with a woman who recognized the Noble King. It ended with a pagan who bowed before the Noble Son of God.

Let us pray:

O Noble Jesus, reigning from your cross, give us your people the courage to accept your death as the eternal gift of the Father. Protect us from all that is ignoble in our own lives. Help us fight off our selfishness, our materialism, our cowardice, and our lust for power. We begin this week of intense prayer, we begin this Holy Week, asking you to raise our lives from the mud and muck of this world to the Nobility of truly being the Sons and Daughters of God.

-Homily from Father Joseph Pellegrino

Celebrating the Year of St. Paul

Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1;).

This provides a key to what it means to imitate Paul; in the final analysis, it is the imitation of Christ. Matthew underlines this for his community when he recalls the words of Jesus: "Do not be called 'Rabbi.' s... Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah" (Mt 23:8, 10). What does Paul think of the imitation of Christ? Does he have in mind the imitation of the earthly Jesus? From his letters, Paul tells us so little about the earthly life of Jesus that it is difficult to see how he could have presented him before his converts as a model. But Paul certainly knew Jesus Christ. He defends his ministry as an apostle because he has seen Jesus the Lord. (1 Cor 9:1).

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This Week's Parish

Events

Tue., April 7th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Holy Wednesday, April 8th—

Reconciliation Service:

Church 7pm

Thursday, April 9th to

Saturday, April 11th:

**Check our schedule from the flyers
In the vestibule of the church.**

Campus Ministry

Regular meeting:

Thursday 7:00pm

at Burk Hall 252

**Busy Student Retreat - Preparation
for Easter, for more info contact Sr. Su**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM Portuguese/Brazilian;

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 us 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.

For Children and Youth: Under 6 years old, STM offers a "Crying Room" where parents can follow Mass, while children play away from the community. Over 6 years old, we have the "Children Liturgy", RCIC and RCIA and FLA groups and Summer Camps

For Adults: English Charismatic group, Sundays 6:00 PM: young adults group (18-late 20's) 2nd and 4th Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM; Arabic Youth groups, Fridays 6:30 PM; Brazilian Charismatic group, Mondays 7:00 PM; Burmese Youth group, Sundays 2:00 PM; SFSU Campus ministry, Thursdays 7:00 PM (on Campus)

For Families: Bible Study, Saturday at 7:00 PM; Couples For Christ: Saturday 5:00 PM; Legion of Mary, Communion Liberation, Perpetual Novena to the Sto. Nino; Prince of Peace and Friday adorations

Holy Land Museum & Shroud of Turin Exhibit

Open 9-4:30 Monday-Friday

Regular Activities

Parish Council

Liturgy Committee

Legion of Mary

Communion & Liberation

Charismatic groups for different ethnics

To Be Announced

As Announced

Tuesday, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, 7:30 PM

See schedule

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 container of 100% juice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned meat, 1 bag of rice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

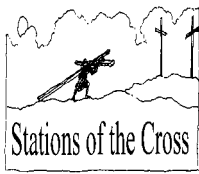
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Everyone is invited to the **Chrim Mass at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 7 at St. Mary's Cathedral.** The Chrim Mass is when the oils used for Baptism, Confirmation & Anointing of the Sick are blessed. If you can, please go and represent our parish.

*Everyone is invited to come to a **job and networking event** on Wednesday, April 8th in Scanlan Hall at 7 pm.

*Our **Holy Week schedules** are available in the vestibule of the church. Please pick up a copy if you need one.

*Communion and Liberation will again sponsor the **Stations of the Cross** in the city on Good Friday. It starts from Coit Tower at 9 am, wind down the hill and end at the steps of the Shrine of St. Francis, 601 Vallejo (@ Columbus). Those who work in the city are especially invited to join us. A group may also form to go to the city together, and be back in time for our Liturgy of the Lord's Passion here at STM. Remember to **dress warmly.**



*Please be reminded that on Good Friday: Everyone 14 years or older is bound to **abstain from meat** and all persons 18 years and older but under the age of 60 is also bound to **fast.** The law of fast allows **only one full meal**, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast & abstinence? Please talk to one of our priests.

***QoP Donation.** Please print up a coupon from our website before going to H&R Block to have your taxes done there. Hand it to your tax preparer for a \$25 donation to our Queen of Peace Foundation. Q of P Foundation was set up to help people in need. As we all well know, every little bit helps. Any H&R Block office will take the coupon. Robert Archer, a parishioner works at 5109 Mission Street at Geneva and would be more than happy to serve you. His phone number: 415 334 4362 ext. 229.

MASS INTENTIONS April 05 — April 11, 2009

04/05 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00pm Ismaelito Sotto (sp. int.)
04/06 Mon 8:30am Victoriano P. Mercados, Jr
04/07 Tue 5:30pm Victoriana d Guzman †
04/08 Wed 8:30 am Alice Ravetti (hlg)
04/09 Thu 5:30pm Valentino Alfonso †
04/11 Sat 8:00pm Helen Racellst †

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

All the sick people in our parish, especially Patricia Colburn, Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Collin & Sara Fernando-Noguera, Catherine Moynihan, Mac Nuqui, Marie Paynor-Cia, John Schulz, Lourdes Tam, Filemon Trinidad, Alejandro Villavicencio, Ruby Jimenez, Gordon Lu, Rosauro Tan, Jean Lu, Bridget Suazon, Rhona Palencia, Annika de Leon and for all who are ill in our parish.

All the deceased from our parish especially Albert Lawson (Alma Via).

Weekly Offering



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**Weekend of 03/09: \$4,251.82
Second Collection: \$1,339.79**

**Thank you
for your generosity!**

Good Friday:



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 use the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, please _____ No, thanks. _____ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: stmchurch@aol.com