



## SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Third Sunday of Easter  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

"The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses." This weekend we continue to bask in the light and the glory of Easter. Our Psalm response this weekend says, "Lord let your face shine on us." The wildest dreams of Jesus' disciples came true. The greatest nightmare of the Romans and those who plotted to build and hold onto power came true as well. Christ is risen from the dead. The power of the Resurrection is unleashed. Nothing will ever be the same again.

How do you think you would have felt if you were a close disciple of Jesus and came to believe that he rose from the dead? If you were a person of power and influence who wanted to hold onto that power? If you had stood there on Good Friday and cried "Crucify him. Crucify him?"

How fortunate we are that our God is a loving God. As we hear in this weekend's Scriptures, "Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." The forces of evil, death and darkness had given in to the good, light and life Jesus brought.

In our Gospel Jesus disciples are troubled. They don't know what it means to rise from the dead. They don't understand the Scriptures.

They'll need some time. They'll need some work. So we begin to see Jesus appearing to them, clearing up their thinking and preparing them to carry on. He had chosen them because of their potential. That potential would be strained as they became the bearers of the Good News. But their witness, in their humanity, would convince others that the Resurrection was real. They couldn't help but see the changes in their lives. Something incredible was happening, that's for sure.

As Jesus' disciples today we too are sent forth to bring the Good News to others. Most of us won't get on a plane or a boat and bring the Good News to those who have never heard of Jesus. We'll spread the Good News among our own family members and friends. How powerful would it be if we'd pay such close attention to the Commandments that we'd never gossip again? If we'd truly honor our parents, listen to them and seek their guidance? If we'd be happy with our own lives and possessions without craving more? If we'd live respectfully and honestly? If we'd share freely of our possessions, thinking of others first? What if we'd leave the hurts of the past behind and never mention them again? Wouldn't that set a powerful example for our children, our family members and friends, our community?

It's up to us now, to spread the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. This week we can take the message of the Scriptures seriously. We can accept our responsibility to bring our husband or wife, our children, our friends and family members to heaven. We can do that if we don't shrink from speaking about our faith ... and if we summon the courage to truly live it. When our First Communicants were baptized, we promised to bring them to Church on Sundays and Holy Days and to teach them about Christ's love by our example. Let's be faithful to that call. Have a good week!

—Father Pat Umburger

**Celebrating the Year of St. Paul**

“For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.” **1Corinthians 1: 21-29**

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**This Week's Parish**  
**Events**  
**Tue., April 28th**  
**Legion of Mary,**  
 Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm  
**Communion & Liberation,**  
 Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm  
**Wednesday, April 29th**  
 International Food Festival Committee  
 Scanlan Hall, 7:00 pm  
**Saturday, May 1st:**  
**Bible Study Group,**  
**Alma Via, 6:30 PM**  
**Campus Ministry**  
*Regular meeting:*  
 Thursday 7:00pm  
 at Burk Hall 252  
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**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**

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| Parish Council                           | To Be Announced  | Bible Study & Prayer        | Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via |
| Liturgy Committee                        | As Announced     | AACC Youth Group            | Friday, 6:00 PM            |
| Legion of Mary                           | Tuesday, 6:30 PM | Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino | Last Friday, 7 PM          |
| Communion & Liberation                   | Tuesday, 7:30 PM | Prince of Peace             | Friday, 8:30 PM            |
| Charismatic groups for different ethnics | See schedule     | FLA Youth Group             | 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.



**\*Congratulations** and best wishes to our RCIC students who are receiving Holy Communion at the 10 AM Mass for the first time today! We wish you many, many blessings on this momentous event!



**\*STM School First Communion:** Please keep our STM School second graders in your prayers. They are preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time this Saturday, May 2nd. Our gratitude to the parents and their teachers for their good example, their dedication as well as their perseverance in imparting the basics of our Catholic faith to these young children. A special prayer for their parents [and other mentors] as they accompany these children on their life-long journey of faith.

**\*Mothers Day Brunch:** All families are invited to treat their mothers to something special at a minimal cost. Our church community will honor our mothers with a Brunch (after our morning Masses) in Carroll Hall next Sunday **May 3rd**. Please plan on it.



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**\*Newman Club Inter-faith Peace and Social Justice Concert:** at S.F.State Malcom-X Plaza, **Friday May 1st, 2009, 12:30PM-2:00PM.** If you would like to help or participate, please, contact Sr. Su Fern 415-573-9062.

\*Next week we start the month of May, the **month of Mary**. Make plans to do something special for Mother Mary with your family.

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## Weekly Offering



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Weekend of  
**April 19, 2009:**

\$4,434.59

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

### MASS INTENTIONS April 26 — May 2, 2009

04/26 Sun 10:00am Divina Pastor†  
8:00pm People of STM  
04/27 Mon 8:30am Emilio L. Zught  
04/28 Tue 5:30pm Laura & Mario Biagni †  
04/29 Wed 8:30am Irene & Russell De Havent†  
04/30 Thu 5:30pm Simon Siniora †  
05/01 Fri 8:30 am All Souls in Purgatory †  
8:00pm Peter Espinueva †  
05/02 Sat 8:30 am Jose de la Pena †  
5:00 pm Carolyn Samiere & Family

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 Suzon, Rhona Palencia, Annika de Leon and for all who are ill in our parish.

**All the deceased** from our parish especially Leovigildo & Hermelina Noble.



**Live as Witnesses to the Risen Lord**



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.  
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