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May 17th, 2009

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Everybody needs love. Man and woman were created to love and to be loved. The burning desire for love in the human heart cannot be extinguished by any earthly power. It is when we look for love "in all the wrong places", as the popular song goes, that unhappiness results. 100% genuine, authentic love comes only from God. The commandments protect us from falling for the counterfeits, the shams and the lies that often pass for love in our world.

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." (Jn 15: 10-11) Joy comes with the moral life lived in love of God and neighbor, not one in which the commandments are kept only out of fear of the fires of hell. There are many souls in the world who wonder why they find no happiness in going to Mass, in living a morally good life, by good works and faithfulness in prayer. All of these things must be done, but if the fire of God's own love is not present in them they will not bring joy, will fail to satisfy. What is needed is the fire of charity. "The practice of the moral life animated by charity gives to the Christian the spiritual freedom of the children of God. He no longer stands before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son responding to the love of him who 'first loved us.'" (CCC 1828)

St. Basil, (c. 330-379), teaches how to do good and find joy in it: "If we turn away from evil out of fear of punishment, we are in the position of slaves. If we pursue the enticement of wages, ...we resemble mercenaries. Finally if we obey for the sake of the good itself and out of love for him who commands...we are in the position of children." (CCC 1828) Children who know they are weak and small find joy in pleasing their parents by doing good. They look to their parents for all that is good.

Loving God is the response of those who believe in God as a loving and faithful Father. St. Therese of Lisieux, whose 100th anniversary of death we recently celebrated, was a master of the spiritual life, now a declared Doctor of the Church, and taught well of the love which is the essence of Faith. She taught the "little way" of childlike simplicity and obedience to God as the way to grow in love. She wrote, "It seems to me that there will be no judgment for victims of love, or rather, the good God will hasten to reward, with eternal delights, His own love which He will see burning in their hearts."

The living of the commandments is the love of God in action for the human person. The commandments were revealed by our heavenly Father so that we might understand the practical implications for us of authentic love in word and action. Those who love God long to be holy as he is holy and so live the commandments by holy thoughts, words and deeds. But they do it out of love and not because of fear of punishment. "In the heart of the Church I will be love," St. Therese exclaimed upon discovering her true vocation. Though bound by the walls of her cloister, she knew unlimited freedom to reach the heights of holiness through courageous devotion to charity. We too are students of the love of God. The commandments are the lessons by which we simple children will master the love of God our Father in thought, word and action.

The love of the Holy Spirit, divine love, burns in the heart of the Body of Christ, the universal Church. Our hearts are warmed and quickened by this fire of love as we live and grow in the way of the Church, the Spirit's beloved Spouse.

- from father cusick, jspaluch co., inc.

Celebrating the Year of St. Paul

“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. **And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.** And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
Colossians 3:11-17

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This Week's Parish

Events

Sunday, May 17th:

San Francisco State University Campus Ministry

End of the Semester Dinner

More info:

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Tue., May 19th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Thursday, May 20th

International Food Festival Committee

Scanlan Hall, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 23rd:

AACC Youth Group Scanlan Hall, 5:30 PM

Bible Study Group,

Alma Via, 7:00 PM

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’s 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 Group, 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) *[Pls call the office for contact numbers.]*

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 adoration

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 box of cereal, 1 can of fruit, 1 canned meat or tuna, 1 box of granola bars/healthy snack item. Pls., No glass items. Thanks.



***May Celebrations.** We celebrate the month of May, the Mary month with two Youth Masses: today's 10 AM Mass & May 17th (next Sunday). We will have the May crowning today. Next Sunday we honor the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians. Thank you to our hospitality and reception sponsors, the FLA (Faith, Love, Action) Youth Group.

***Pastoral Council.** Thank you to all who came to our last Pastoral Council meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 pm. Pls mark your calendars.

***Food Festival.** This year's Food Festival will be on September 27. Next meeting will be on May 21, in Scanlan Hall. More volunteers are welcome. Ideas, suggestions, insight would be most appreciated. Even if you are unable to volunteer, please mark your calendars, come & enjoy what the volunteers will have put together.

***Bathrooms.** Please talk to Father Labib asap or call the office if you are or know of a building contractor. We plan on making our church bathrooms accessible to seniors & the handicapped. We received some bids, but are hoping to get lower ones.

During this Mary Month, please plan on doing something special for her with your family.



***Golf Tournament.** Please mark your calendars. The golf tournament this year will be on June 15th at the Round Hill Golf Club in San Ramon. Please call Bernard Poggi at (650) 576-4767 for more information.



***Sun - n - Fun.** Summer Day Camp for grammar school children: STM Carroll Hall, June 22- July 3,

2009. Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 3:30pm. More information: Abbie Nepomuceno 415-297-4509 basnepo@comcast.net And in our webpage: <http://www.stmchurch.com8>

Campus Ministry

***End of Semester Dinner.** Today, Sunday, May 17th, there will be an "End of the Semester Dinner" for all the students. More info: newmansfsu@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS May 17 — May 23, 2009

05/17 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00pm Carmello Mazza†
05/18 Mon 8:30am Jimmy Bocalbos
05/19 Tue 5:30pm Josephine Ryan†
05/20 Wed 8:30am Bianca Medina
05/21 Thu 5:30pm Bonifacio Geronimo†
05/22 Fri 8:30 am Special Intention
05/23 Sat 8:30 am Sara & Bollin F.-Noguera
5:00 pm Thomas 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 Lina Susbilla, Jane Boyle, Joseph Hoyt, 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, Rosauo Tan, Jean Lu, Bridget Suazon, Rhona Palencia, Annika de Leon and for all who are ill in our parish.

All the deceased in our parish especially Virginia Evangelista.

Weekly Offering



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Sing joyfully to the 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.

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