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## SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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### STM Mission Statement

*"We are a diverse Eucharistic family united in Jesus Christ and His Church. We accomplish our mission to spread the message of God's love through the gifts of the Holy Spirit who guides and inspires us and with the prayers of our Blessed Mother, Mary."*

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2010

### In preparation of the National Catholic Schools Week Excerpt One, Talk One

**Excerpts of the prepared text as released by the Vatican of Pope Benedict's talk with Catholic educators at Catholic University of America April 17, 2008.**

"... Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth (cf. Spe Salvi, 4). This relationship elicits a desire to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Christ and his teaching... The dynamic between personal encounter, knowledge and Christian witness is integral to the diakonia of truth which the Church exercises in the midst of humanity. God's revelation offers every generation the opportunity to discover the ultimate truth about its own life and the goal of history. This task is never easy; it involves the entire Christian community and motivates each generation of Christian educators to ensure that the power of God's truth permeates every dimension of the institutions they serve.

Dear friends, the history of this nation includes many examples of the Church's commitment in this regard. This undertaking has not come without great sacrifice. Towering figures, like Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and other founders and foundresses, with great tenacity and foresight, laid the foundations of what is today a remarkable network of parochial schools contributing to the spiritual well-being of the Church and the nation. Some, like Saint Katharine Drexel, devoted their lives to educating those whom others had neglected - in her case, African Americans and Native Americans. Countless dedicated Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests together with selfless parents have, through Catholic schools; helped generations of immigrants to rise from poverty and take their place in mainstream society...No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation.

A university or school's Catholic identity is not simply a question of the number of Catholic students. It is a question of conviction - do we really believe that only in the mystery of the Word made flesh does the mystery of man truly become clear (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 22)? Are we ready to commit our entire self - intellect and will, mind and heart - to God? Do we accept the truth Christ reveals? Is the faith tangible in our universities and schools? Is it given fervent expression liturgically, sacramentally, through prayer, acts of charity, a concern for justice, and respect for God's creation? Only in this way do we really bear witness to the meaning of who we are and what we uphold."

*(To be continued in next week's bulletin)*

## Reflection on the priesthood ( Year of the Priest 2010)

You must never forget that priests are, and that they remain, men. God does not perform a miracle to wrest them from the human state. The priesthood does not of itself give a person the power to do everything or to excel in everything. It is important to remember this lest you fall into a very old error . . . that of dehumanizing the priesthood and consequently of setting the priest outside of ordinary life. That does great harm for by thus isolating him, as unbelievers do, to the exclusive realm of ceremonies . . . he is deprived in good part of his reason for being. If men refuse to pass through him, he no longer can be, at least fully, their mediator.

**Cardinal Suhard**

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### This Week's Events

**Tue. Jan 26th**

**Legion of Mary,**

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

**Communion & Liberation,**

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

**Wed. Jan 27th**

**RCIA classes**

7pm Scanlan Hall

**Friday. Jan 29th**

**AACC Youth Group**

Scanlan Hall 6:30pm

**Prince of Peace**

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

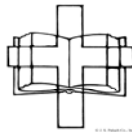
**Sat. Jan 30th**

**RCIC Classes , 9:00am**

in Flower Sacristy

**Bible Study Group**

Alma Via 7:00pm



### 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 2 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; St. Benedict's 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.

**Queenofpeacefoundation.org**, an independent Foundation created to serve the needy.

**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, 8:00 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  
Third 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 pack of pasta, 1 can of beef or chicken, 1 can of tomato sauce, 1 can of fruit or fruit juice. Pls., no glass items. Thanks.



**\*Thank you.** Your generous response to the Haiti disaster relief collection was overwhelming. It is much appreciated. Thank you!

**\*RCIA Classes for Adults:** Preparation for Baptism & Confirmation will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in Scanlan Hall. For information please contact Suzanne Hockel (415) 826-6834.

**\*STM Crab Feed.** We will have our annual STM Crab Feed on **Saturday Feb 6th**. All parishioners and their guests are invited to this family feast! For more info please call the office at (415) 452-9634.

**\*Tax deductible letters.** If you haven't received yours yet at this time, please call the office. Everyone should have received their letters by now. If you feel the amount on the letter is not right, please call the office and we will correct our records and send you a corrected letter.

**\*Archbishop's Annual Appeal.** Please think about setting aside some amount for this fund this year. Our assessment is \$56,600. Giving to AAA is a way of supporting the work of the Archdiocese in the community that are not covered by the parishes: chaplains in the hospitals, assistance to the elderly, help for the homeless, outreach to the youth, young adults and the dissatisfied Catholics.



**\*Registration.** If you registered online in the past and haven't heard from us, **our apologies.** Please go on line and register again. We want to get in touch with you and officially welcome you to our church family.

**\*Mass: World Day of the Sick.** At the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption on Saturday, **Feb. 6, 2010**, at 9:30 AM. Archbishop George Niederauer will be the principal celebrant. Each year, this Mass is celebrated on or near February 11th, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. A special invitation to the sick & their caregivers. The Mass is a "special time of prayer & sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church & of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." - John Paul II

**\*A Solemn Eucharistic Celebration** with renewal of vows for those celebrating their **25th, 50th, or 50+ Wedding Anniversary** will be offered at St Mary of the Assumption Cathedral SF by the Most Reverend William Justice on **Feb 27th, 2010 at 12noon**. Registration forms for couples interested are available by downloading from [www.sffamilylife.com](http://www.sffamilylife.com). For more info please call (707) 552-3394 or email [sfcath@gmail.com](mailto:sfcath@gmail.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Jan 24th — Jan 30th, 2010**

- 1/24 Sun 10:00am Special Intention  
8:00pm People of STM
- 1/25 Mon 8:30am Elpidio del Rosario †
- 1/26 Tue 5:30am Vincent & Margarita Flores †
- 1/27 Wed 8:30am Rodelio M. Punzalan †
- 1/28 Thu 5:30pm Jaime Bocalbos, Jr (Thanksg)
- 1/29 Fri 8:30am Special Intention
- 1/30 Sat 8:30 am Wilfredo Fernando (Sp.I)  
5:00 pm Kathleen Savage †

*Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.*



**All the sick people in our parish, to be read during Masses:**

especially, James Roach, Wilfredo Fernando, Rhona Palencia Jesus Uchi, Anthony Angeles, Tina Bish, Jeff Semelka, Anita Soliz, Cecilia Reyes, Brigit Suazon, Christian Yousef, Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Gordon Lu, Ann, and for all who are ill in our parish.

**We also pray for all the deceased in our parish.**

*(Please call the office for names of people we should pray for. To facilitate this process, names will need to be taken off after 3 weeks, call the office for names to be put back in. Thanks.)*

**Weekly Offering**



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Weekend of  
**Jan. 17th, 2010:**

\$ 4,275

Haiti disaster relief:

\$2,976

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

**REGISTRATION SLIP FOR ST. THOMAS MORE**



*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.