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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."*

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7th, 2010

### Catholic School and Church Talk Four By Abouna Labib Kobti, Pastor February 14th

The three previous excerpts on our bulletin from the Pope's talk to the Catholic educators at Catholic University of America, April 17, 2008 set the tone. We find that a Catholic School without the support of the Church is a failing entity. It can give an academic excellence but lacks what is most important that stays for ever: religious education and faith. In fact, the Pope says: "The case that any appeal to the principle of academic freedom in order to justify positions that contradict the faith and the teaching of the Church would obstruct or even betray the school and university's identity and mission; a mission at the heart of the Church's munus docendi and not somehow autonomous or independent of it."

The Catholic Church speaks about the Catholic Schools' teaching as an apostolic activity as the Church is in mission to give the good news to the world. The teachers are mandated by the Church then, in every Church with School by the Archbishop through the pastor in mission to the students. In the history of the Church we find always that the Church where ever she preached the good news had founded schools and hospital. It is then from its beginning the Church is the School and the School is the Church because teaching is one of her first missions and it continues till now and will continue for ever.

You cannot imagine in the past a Catholic School, College or University without a Church where there was an Order or Congregation of brothers or sisters taking care of the Catholic teaching. And the teaching usually was not in the class rooms but at the respective churches. Many of us remember the good Jesuits, Benedictines, Franciscans, Dominicans, Brothers of the Christian School, Sisters of Mercy, Dominican Sisters, Salesian Sisters etc. Still today in our San Francisco Archdiocese and everywhere in the USA, the Church and the School work together. St. Thomas More was an exception for some time but it should return to its origin as a Church and School together one day, as all the Schools at the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

In fact, the Catholic Church sees the teachers as educators of the faith and missionaries sent by the Archbishop of the Diocese through the respective pastor to serve the community. The Catholic Church does not see them as a separate entity that should work alone. The teachers need the teaching of the Church to fill them with zeal and love. They need the Sacraments of the Church and, in a special way, the Holy Mass and the Holy Communion to sanctify the people of God. They need the social and moral example of the Church that tells the story of its saints to give to the faithful good examples to follow in their daily life. They need the priests to say mass, to bless, to preach, to help the School for religious education and for the different sacraments in a special way for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation, to heal, and to visit the sick.

**A Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament for the Increase of Priestly and Religious Vocations**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal Father, Son of the Virgin Mary, we thank you for offering your life in sacrifice on the Cross, and for renewing this sacrifice in every Mass celebrated throughout the world. In the power of the Holy Spirit we adore you and proclaim your living presence in the Eucharist. We desire to imitate the love you show us in your death and resurrection, by loving and serving one another. We ask you to call many young people to religious life, and to provide the holy and generous priests that are so need in your Church today. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, Amen.

(by Archbishop Justin Rigali, St. Louis)

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**This Week's Events**

**Tue. Feb 8th**

**Legion of Mary,**

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

**Communion & Liberation,**

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

**Wed. Feb 10th**

**RCIA classes**

7pm Scanlan Hall

**Friday. Feb 12th**

**AACC Youth Group**

Scanlan Hall 6:30pm

**Prince of Peace**

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

**Sat. Feb 13th**

**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 should be registered in the parish. 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:** Registered couples contact us at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**Communion to the homebound and the ill:** Anyone who is ill and would like to receive Communion 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Renewal of marriage vows.** All married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows at the 10 AM Mass on February 14th. Couples are invited to process in with the Celebrant and be seated at the front pews of the church. The renewal of marriage vows will be done during the Mass. All married couples are invited to come to this special occasion.

**\*Question:** *I have an 18-year-old who does not want to attend Mass every week. She has nothing against going, but she wants to be able to make that choice. She attends college out of town, & I told her when she is home, she has to go to Mass every week-end. I need to know when the responsibility of going to church shifts from the parent to the child. This has caused a lot of stress in the family.*

**Answer:** Adult children are responsible for themselves when they assume complete responsibility for themselves. In other words, if your daughter is dependent upon you for education, shelter, and (potentially) health and auto insurance, she is not fully independent, no matter her biological age. So long as she is your dependent, you have the right to insist that she meet her religious obligations.

That said, I think your daughter has a false notion of "freedom." She seems to think that adult practicing Catholics are free to skip Mass whenever they want. Technically, that is true: There are no Catholic police who will cite absentee Catholics for skipping Mass.

They left everything and followed him.



But skipping Mass on Sundays and holy days without just reason is **grave matter**; when done with adequate knowledge and deliberate consent, it is a mortal sin.

What your daughter needs to realize is that becoming an adult does not "free" her from religious obligations; what it does is to free her to assume full adult responsibility for her religious obligations.

## STM School News

**\*The 6th Scholastic Book Fair** continues today in the library. Come and check out the wonderful selection of books available. Profits will again be used to buy more books for the new library & for the classrooms. This will be your final opportunity to shop. Thank you for supporting the Book Fair!

**\* Open House at STM School:** All day today, Sunday after the 10am Mass, enjoy goodies at our bake sale & see our Science Fair displays as we conclude National Catholic Schools Week!

## Campus Ministry

**\*Spring Semester has started!** Student Mass: Feb 14th at STM 8pm Mass!. **Ash Wednesday Mass:** Jack Adams Hall (Student Center) at 12 noon, Feb 17th. A reception will follow. For info call Sr. Su at (415) 573-9062.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 7th — Feb 13th, 2010

2/07	Sun 10:00am	People of STM
	8:00pm	Francisco Borrromeo †
2/08	Mon 8:30am	Special Intention
2/09	Tue 5:30am	Sara & Collin F-Noguera
2/10	Wed 8:30am	Special Intention
2/11	Thu 5:30pm	Remedios Librojo †
2/12	Fri 8:30am	Sara & Collin F-Noguera
2/13	Sat 8:30 am	Msgr John P. Heaney †
	5:00 pm	Francisco Borrromeo †

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, 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, especially Rose Albina Cresci (Alma Via)**

*(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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### Sunday Collection

Jan. 31st, 2010

\$4,963.41

2nd collection \$627.45

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.

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