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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 of Lent March 7th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

The gospel passage refers to two recent tragedies that were on people's minds. Pilate had ordered the massacre of some Galileans who had come to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices in the temple. And eighteen people had been killed when a tower at Siloam fell on them. Jesus comments that the victims of these tragedies were no greater sinners than other people were. He then says: "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he tells them the parable about the person who had planted a fig tree that did not bear any fruit. When the owner ordered it to be cut down, the gardener asked for another year of cultivation to see if the fig tree would finally bear fruit before it was cut down.

Life Implications:

Jesus uses the experiences of the worst possible human tragedies in order to reveal the possibility of even a greater spiritual tragedy. We are all in a state not only of physical death, but of spiritual death as well. Unless we turn to God to be saved from our condition of spiritual death, Jesus warns us, all of us will remain in it and perish. Saint Paul particularly in his Letter to the Romans clearly spells out the reality of the death-culture to which Jesus alludes: "all, both Jews and Gentiles, are under sin" (3:9). And this condition of Sin (alienation from God, the source of life) Paul equates with Death.

The human condition of Sin/Death, initiated by the first humans, pre-exists the sins of individuals and is not their responsibility, even though they have added to it by their own personal sins. Without God's liberating grace, human beings would remain helplessly mired in a state of enslavement to Sin/Death. Jesus says: Realize the truth of the state you are in. Accept the liberated life of God's kingdom that I now offer you, or you will all perish. It is easy to see why Jesus is distressed by the illusion of self-righteousness that makes repentance and liberation from Sin/Death impossible. I can think of no better illustrations of this most fundamental teaching of Jesus than the fiction of Flannery O'Connor. Her short stories have the power to awaken us to the truth that we are all inextricably involved in evil, and are all in dire need of God's liberating, saving grace.

After the warning about perishing in our sinful state unless we repent, Luke adds Jesus' parable about the fig tree. We may be liberated from our fallen state of Sin/Death and stand in freedom like a fig tree. However, if we choose evil and do not bear the fruit of good work, we will be cut down like a useless fig tree. In the second reading of today's Mass (1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12), Paul forcefully emphasizes the warning of Jesus' parable. Paul writes that his ancestors were liberated for new life with God from their condition of death-slavery in Egypt. However, under pressure of their trials they succumbed to evil desires and thus reverted to a state of enslavement. "God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert."

The experience of the liberated slaves in the desert, Paul tells us, is meant to serve as an example for us so that we will not desire evil things. If we do, we would revert to our original enslavement to Sin/Death as idolaters, seeking life where it cannot be found. Paul's warning is an apt comment on the teaching of Jesus' parable: "Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." At the same time, in the Spirit of Jesus, he offers us a word of comfort: "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor 10:13).

Campion P. Gavaler, OSB

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS DURING LENT

Have you ever considered adopting in prayer a Priest? • Ask Mary to assign him to you. • Love him like a real brother. • Daily pray and sacrifice for him. • Shield him from temptation. • Beg God that he avoid giving scandal. • Call him back to fervor. • Become a saint that he may become one. • Pray that Mary be a tender Mother to him and find him good friends.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.
(By J. J. Cardinal Carberry)

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This Week's Events

Mon. March 8th

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community

Scanlan Hall 7PM-9PM

Tue. March 9th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Wed. March 10th

RCIA classes at

7pm Scanlan Hall

Friday. March 12th

Friday Stations of the Cross

at 7pm

AACC Youth Group

6:30pm Scanlan Hall

Prince of Peace

8:30pm Scanlan Hall

Sat. March 13th

STM Spiritual Retreat

RCIC Classes , 9:00am

in Flower Sacristy

Bible Study Group at

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

***Blessing of Irish Shrine:** We will be blessing our Irish Shrine on Mar 14th in honor of the feast of St. Patrick. It will happen after the 10AM Mass.

***Lenten Spiritual Retreat:** There will be a Lenten Spiritual Retreat from 9 AM to 5 PM on **March 13, 2010 in English, March 20 in Arabic.** Pls. clear your calendars and spend a day with the Lord on this solemn season of Lent.

***Volunteers are needed for the "Living Stations of the Cross"** on Good Friday Apr. 2nd at 12 noon. We need men, women, children,, musicians, choral readers, production crew, extra hands, etc. Rehearsal/workshops are scheduled for March 12th, 26th, & April 1 at 8pm. For signing up please call the parish office at (415) 452-9634.

***The Annual Chrism Mass** will be celebrated **March 30th** at St Mary's Cathedral at **5:30pm**. All are encouraged to attend, especially those who will be receiving the sacraments in which these holy oils will be used in the coming year, as well as their catechists & family members.

***Unable to attend Mass?** The Catholic Television Mass is aired in the Bay area every **Sunday morning at 6 to 6:30am**. If you live in SF, Bay Area, tune to KTSF channel 26 over-the-air, DIRECTV & Dish network or Comcast channel 8. In the Sacramento area, tune to KTXL channel 40 over-the-air, DIRECTV & Dish network or Comcast channel 8.

Reminder: Daylight saving time begins March 14th. Turn your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night.



***Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women.** Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903, Sunday, **March 14, 2010** from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Please call Sr Fintan at (310) 216-8170 or Sr. Linda at (415) 479-8282 for more information.

Campus Ministry

***A Lenten One Day Student Retreat on Campus** will be from 9am -5pm **March 13th**. If your short on time, the **Lenten Busy Student's Retreat** has started. If you're a student at SFSU & are interested please call Sr. Sufern Khoo at (415) 573-9062.

***Rediscover Your Marriage: Retrouvaille** simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, & a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. *Retrouvaille* is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential info about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Apr23-24 call (415) 586-1526 or email Andy & Cathy at sf_retrovaille@earthlink.net.



MASS INTENTIONS

March 7th— Mar 13th , 2010

3/07 Sun 10:00am	People of STM
8:00pm	Ramiro Apolonio †
3/08 Mon 8:30am	Trevor Roberts †
3/09 Tue 5:30am	All Souls in Purgatory †
3/10 Wed 8:30am	Fr. Bill Wornert †
3/11 Thu 5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory †
3/12 Fri 8:30am	Fr. Bill Wornert †
3/13 Sat 8:30 am	Kobit Family
5:00 pm	Fr. Bill Wornert †

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, Iluminada Sotto 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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Sunday Collection

Feb. 28th, 2010

\$4,552.03

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