

## 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."*

## Second Sunday in ordinary Time January 17, 2010

### Gospel Summary:

There are several unusual features about this story in today's gospel. First of all, it is not customary for Jesus to perform a miracle merely to help friends avoid embarrassment. Secondly, this is the only time in John's gospel that we see the mother of Jesus intervene to ask a favor of her Son. Finally, Jesus addresses his mother as "woman," which is not the way one addresses one's mother, then or now.

All of these features warn us to be alert for symbolic meaning in this story. This should not surprise us, for symbolism has always been the language of religion. It gives wings, as it were, to earth-bound words so that they can rise to the level of divine meaning. Thus, contrary to what many suppose, symbolic interpretation is not opposed to what is "real" or "historical;" it is opposed to what is spiritually meaningless!

And so, when Jesus calls his mother "woman," he is recognizing in her the role of new Eve, "mother of all the living" (Gen 3:20), because she is his mother and he represents a new creation. When Jesus resists her request because his "hour has not yet come," we are reminded of the only other place in John's gospel where Jesus addresses his mother as "woman," and that is when his "hour" has in fact arrived (19:26-27). At that time, Mary, suffering now with her son on Calvary, becomes mother of all who are inspired by the new life of faith and who accept the wisdom of Jesus about unselfish living.

### Life Implications:

We can accept as historical fact that Mary gave birth to Jesus. However, she bore him again on the spiritual level when she stood by his cross and became the spiritual mother of the whole Church, whose members are united with him in faith and in the Eucharist, sacrament of love. Thus, although Jesus is willing to respond to the family crisis at that wedding feast, John needs also to remind us that Jesus did not really come to make wine out of water but to save us by the kind of love that includes suffering and death. And his mother will be forever our model as she stands by her Son's cross and embraces his wisdom.

This new life is symbolized by zesty wine and is therefore so much better than the colorless and "watery" life that we experience before conversion. Faith enables us to begin already to experience this new life as we embrace the wisdom of Jesus and Mary. This will mean embracing the cross also because unselfish love is always a little dying, just as it is also learning to live in a "divine" way. When the gospel tells us the "the disciples began to believe in him," it means that they began to see that Jesus alone could offer them the new life that is symbolized by the "good wine" that is saved till the end of the feast. In fact, Jesus has come in these latter days to save us all from the embarrassment of a meaningless existence as he offers us the secret of a truly festive life of gentle sacrifice and generous trust.

- Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.

## Prayer to Discern God's Call

Heavenly Father, Your call never comes to us in a vacuum; It comes to us in the circumstances of our ordinary lives. Therefore our response cannot be given only in the privacy of our own minds; it must overflow into our daily lives. You call us through our family, through our community of Church, and through the world Help me to see that when I say no to the legitimate requests of my family, my community, or my world, I say no to You. You have ordained that whatever advances the true progress of self of the Church and of the world, is my way of saying yes to your call. May I take advantage of the daily opportunities that You place at my disposal to answer your call affirmatively.

*New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book*

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### This Week's Events

**Tue. Jan 19th**

**Legion of Mary,**

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

**Communion & Liberation,**

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

**Wed. Jan 20th**

**RCIA classes start**

7pm Scanlan Hall

**Thurs. Jan 21st**

**Parish Council Meeting**

7:30pm Scanlan Hall

**Friday. Jan 22nd**

**AACC Youth Group**

Scanlan Hall 6:30pm

**Prince of Peace**

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

**Sat. Jan 23rd**

**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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*STM Parish Office** will be closed this coming Monday, Jan. 18th in honor of Martin Luther King's Birthday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 19th; Hours: 9am to 4pm.

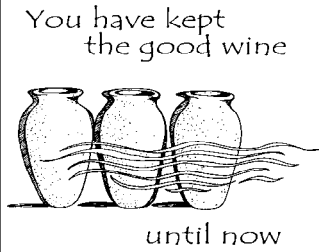
**\*RCIA Classes for Adults:** Preparation for Baptism & Confirmation will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in Scanlan Hall. For information please contact Suzanne Hockel (415)826-6834.

**\*Sto. Nino celebration.** We will celebrate Sto. Nino Fiesta on January 23 at the 5 PM Mass. **Everyone is invited** to join us for this annual celebration of the Holy Child. A dish to share would be appreciated.

**\*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. They were mailed early this week and should all have been delivered 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.

**\*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.



**\*Walk for Life-West Coast 2010!** Join the 6th annual pro life walk on Sat Jan 23rd, to peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women & we all deserve better. To volunteer or arrange buses, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or contact us at (415) 586-1576, or email [info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com).

**\*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 the couples interested are available by download at [www.sffamilylife.com](http://www.sffamilylife.com). For more info please call (707) 552-3394 or email [sfcatch@gmail.com](mailto:sfcatch@gmail.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Jan 17th — Jan 23rd, 2010**

- 1/17 Sun 10:00am Delfina Pelayo (B'day)
- 8:00pm People of STM
- 1/18 Mon 8:30am Pepito Paraiso †
- 1/19 Tue 5:30am Aurora Formoso †
- 1/20 Wed 8:30am Ana Balmemino (B'day)
- 1/21 Thu 5:30pm Marco Ocbena †
- 1/22 Fri 8:30am Joe Elsbernd †
- 1/23 Sat 8:30 am Special Intention
- 5:00 pm Jake Espinueva (hlg)
- Santo Nino celebration

*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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Sunday Collection

Jan. 10th, 2010

\$ 3542.20

**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.