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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."

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2010

In preparation of the National Catholic Schools Week
Excerpt Two
Talk Two

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.

(Continued from the previous bulletin) "From this perspective one can recognize that the contemporary "crisis of truth" is rooted in a "crisis of faith". Only through faith can we freely give our assent to God's testimony and acknowledge him as the transcendent guarantor of the truth he reveals. Again, we see why fostering personal intimacy with Jesus Christ and communal witness to his loving truth is indispensable in Catholic institutions of learning. Yet we all know, and observe with concern, the difficulty or reluctance many people have today in entrusting themselves to God. It is a complex phenomenon and one which I ponder continually. Yet we all know, and observe with concern, the difficulty or reluctance many people have today in entrusting themselves to God. It is a complex phenomenon and one which I ponder continually. While we have sought diligently to engage the intellect of our young, perhaps we have neglected the will. Subsequently we observe, with distress, the notion of freedom being distorted. Freedom is not an opting out. It is an opting in - a participation in Being itself. Hence authentic freedom can never be attained by turning away from God. A particular responsibility therefore for each of you (teachers and educators), and your colleagues, is to evoke among the young the desire for the act of faith, encouraging them to commit themselves to the ecclesial life that follows from this belief. It is here that freedom reaches the certainty of truth. In choosing to live by that truth, we embrace the fullness of the life of faith which is given to us in the Church.

Clearly, then, Catholic identity is not dependent upon statistics. Neither can it be equated simply with orthodoxy of course content. It demands and inspires much more: namely that each and every aspect of your learning communities reverberates within the **ecclesial life** of faith... With regard to the educational forum, the diakonia of truth takes on a heightened significance in societies where secularist ideology drives a wedge between truth and faith. This division has led to a tendency to equate truth with knowledge and to adopt a positivistic mentality which, in rejecting metaphysics, denies the foundations of faith and rejects the need for a moral vision. Truth means more than knowledge: knowing the truth leads us to discover the good. Truth speaks to the individual in his or her entirety, inviting us to respond with our whole being. This optimistic vision is found in our Christian faith because such faith has been granted the vision of the Logos, God's creative Reason, which in the Incarnation, is revealed as Goodness itself."

(To be continued in next week's bulletin)

Morning Offering, Prayer for Priests by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P

Divine Savior Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of your redemption, the welfare, and salvation of the world to priests as Your representatives, through the hands of your most holy Mother and for the sanctification of your priests and candidates for the priesthood, I offer you this present day wholly and entirely, with all its prayers, works, joys, sacrifices, and sorrows. Give us truly holy priests who, inflamed with the fire of Your divine love, seek nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of our souls. And you, Mary, good Mother of priests, protect .all priests in the dangers of their holy vocation and, with the loving hand of a Mother, also lead back to the Good Shepherd those poor priests who have become unfaithful to their exalted vocation and have gone astray.

Amen.

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This Week's Events

Tue. Feb 2nd

Presentation of the Lord

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Wed. Feb 3rd

Feast of St. Blaise

RCIA classes

7pm Scanlan Hall

Friday. Feb 5th

First Friday, Adoration @ 7 pm;

Healing Mass @ 8 pm

AACC Youth Group

Scanlan Hall 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. Feb 6th

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

***Presentation of the Lord. Tuesday, February 2nd** is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** It is also **World Day of Consecrated Life.** It is not a holy day of obligation but everyone is invited to come and celebrate these two occasions in the best way we know how: coming to Holy Mass!

***St. Blaise.** There will be blessing of throats on **Wednesday, February 3rd at the 8:30 Mass,** the feast day of Saint Blaise. Legend has it that while in prison, a mother came to him with her son who had a bone lodged in his throat. At St. Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone. Our church recognizes St. Blaise as the Patron Saint of throat ailments.



***First Friday.** This Friday, February 5th will be the **First Friday** of the month. Everyone is invited to come for the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 pm,** and stay for the healing **Mass at 8 pm.**

***Novena.** Last Thursday, Jan. 28th we started a parish novena (**rosary and Liturgy of the Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament**) for the people of Haiti, for peace, for unification and harmony of families and for whatever personal intentions that one may have. Novena is at 7:30 PM in the church. It will end on the First Friday, February 5th. Everyone is invited.



***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 have only one week left before 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.

***Behind the Wall:....**The Fr. Bill O'Donnell Social Justice Committee and Carol Sanders of Jewish Voice for Peace invite you to "Behind the Wall: Emerging Strategies of Palestinian Nonviolent Resistance" 7 pm, Friday, February 5, 2010, at St. Joseph the Worker, in the Chapel 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. Free admission. For more info, call (510) 499-0537.

***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 is extended to the sick & their caregivers.



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 31st — Feb 6th, 2010

1/31	Sun 10:00am	People of STM
	8:00pm	All souls in purgatory
2/01	Mon 8:30am	Laura & Mario Biagini †
2/02	Tue 5:30am	Irene & Russell de Haven †
2/03	Wed 8:30am	Ceferina Baluyut †
2/04	Thu 5:30pm	Special Intention (hlg)
2/05	Fri 8:30am	Special Intention
2/05	Fri 8:00pm	Special Intention (hlg)
2/06	Sat 8:30 am	Fr. Denis McManus †
	5:00 pm	Roy & Agnes Simon †

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. 24th, 2010

\$ 5,474.60

2nd collection \$ 1,207.35

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.