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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."

Second Sunday of Lent February 28th, 2010

Our Lenten Practices

Forty Days:

Early in Christianity the discipline of fasting became associated with the number forty. This gradually determined the length of Lent. Fasting by catechumens, and then by other Christians, was done in imitation of Jesus' forty-day fast in the desert (Matthew 4:2), Moses' forty days on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28), Elijah's forty-day fast on his journey to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8), and the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert. To this day the church's official title for Lent, Quadragesima, is Latin for "forty." These forty days of fasting were originally counted from the beginning of the Easter Triduum (Latin, "three day") that began on Holy Thursday evening. This determined the date of the First Sunday of Lent. Fasting, however, was never done on Sundays, which were always considered weekly memorials of Jesus' resurrection, and therefore as "little Easters." By the 7th century, the six-week season of Lent was anticipated on Ash Wednesday and included Good Friday and Holy Saturday to keep the days of fasting at forty. The Eastern Church excluded both Saturday and Sundays from fasting, and its Lent begins a week earlier.

Sunday liturgies during Lent have always preserved a reference to the ancient process of the adult catechumenate with an emphasis on the journey to baptism. In 1972, the church revived the adult catechumenate with its publication of The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Now once again ceremonies highlight for both catechumens and parishioners the journey to baptism: the rite of election, the presentation of the gospel, the creed, the Our Father, the public scrutinies that replaced exorcisms on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays, and the dismissal of catechumens after the homily to another part of the building for special instruction on the day's Scripture reading, popularly called "breaking open the word." The church's liturgies are not preoccupied with the suffering and death of Jesus as are most popular Lenten devotions, until Holy Week.

Lenten Atmosphere:

The atmosphere of Lent takes on a somber mood. In parish liturgies the joyous Alleluia and Glory to God are dropped. The penitential, color of purple is prominent in vestments and church decorations. The sanctuary is stripped of its usual festive decorations. Musical instruments were at one time discouraged until recent times it was customary to veil prominent statues and crucifixes in church with a purple cloth as a sign of sadness and mourning. In some churches, beginning around 900, one large cloth was hung between the people and the altar from the beginning of Lent. This was done to hide the heavenly glory depicted by statues of saints and crosses with the figure of the triumphant Christ. This custom came to symbolize the exclusion of all sinner from the altar just as public sinners were excluded. Since the 1600s, this veiling was limited to Passiontide, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent, originally called "Passion Sunday." On that Sunday (today only in Cycle B) the final words of the gospel are: "At that they picked up rocks to throw at Jesus, but he hid himself and slipped out of the temple precincts" (John 8:59).

Excerpt from "Catholic Customs & Traditions" by Greg Dues

Prayer for All Priests

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us. Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word & follow your will. O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

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This Week's Events

Mon. March 1st

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community

Scanlan Hall 7PM-9PM

Tue. March 2nd

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Wed. March 3rd

RCIA classes at

7pm Scanlan Hall

Friday. March 5th

First Friday Stations of the Cross & Healing Mass at 7pm

AACC Youth Group 6:30pm Scanlan Hall

Sat. March 6th

Burmese Community

Mass & Day of Recollection

10am Scanlan Hall

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.



***St. Thomas More Society** is the Society of Catholic Lawyers in San Francisco. There are over 150 members. They meet once a month at lunch and listen to a speaker. Msgr. Labib Kobti is the chaplain of this Society. If you are a Catholic Lawyer and would like to be part of this Society, please talk to Abouna Labib.

***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. To sign up pls call the office at (415) 452-9634.

***Enclosed is a printout of the Lenten schedule** of the different parishes in our deanery. A deanery is a group of neighboring parishes that work together to enhance and support the pastors with meeting the spiritual needs of parishioners, collaborating with each other. We are Deanery # 1 which includes: Holy Name of Jesus, St Anne of the Sunset, St Brendan, St Cecilia, St Finn Barr, St Gabriel, St John of God, St Stephen, St & Riordan H.S.

First Friday Stations of the Cross and Healing Mass this Friday, March 5th at 7pm.

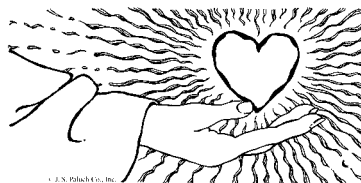


***Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women.** Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903, Sunday, March 14, 2010 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Please call Sr Fintan at (310) 216-8170 or Sr. Linda at (415) 479-8282 for more information.

***Sabeel Conference.** Joining our friends from other churches including members of the Fr. Bill O'Donnell Social Justice Committee of St. Joseph the Worker Church, STM Church will participate in the regional Sabeel Conference: **A Time for Truth and a Time for Action: Palestine/Israel and the US at the Crossroads.** The conference will be held **March 5-6** in San Anselmo. Pick up a flyer or go to www.fosna.org for more info.

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 **Feb 20th,** If you're a student at SFSU & are interested please call Sr. Sufern Khoo at (415) 573-9062.



MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 28th — Mar 06, 2010

- 2/28 Sun 10:00am People of STM
- 8:00pm Nathan Cruz †
- 3/01 Mon 8:30am Laura & Mario Biagini †
- 3/02 Tue 5:30am Lucia Reyes †
- 3/03 Wed 8:30am Abby de Jesus (Thanksg)
- 3/04 Thu 5:30pm Kobti Family †
- 3/05 Fri 8:30am Katherine Magallanes (hlg)
- 8:00pm Kobti Family †
- 3/06 Sat 8:30 am Irene & Russell De Havent†
- 5:00 pm Joseph Samiere †

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. 21st, 2010

\$3,600.32

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