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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."

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion March 28, 2010

Gospel Summary:

The gospel for this Sunday is Luke's version of the passion and death of Jesus. It begins with the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist and then continues with the betrayal, the trials before Caiphias and Pilate, and ends with the crucifixion. We recognize this account as the climax of the mission of Jesus and yet it is almost too much to comprehend. Moreover, the homily will need to be short in view of the blessing of palms and the length of the gospel; hence the need to look for the essential kernel of this story.

It is clear that the suffering of Jesus is the most prominent feature of the passion story. However, it is necessary to insist that this story is not primarily about suffering: it is about loving. It was Jesus' love for us that brought him to his passion and early death, and it was his love for us that opened the way for our redemption. The suffering was a consequence of his loving. There are many kinds of suffering, but only the suffering that comes from loving and remaining faithful is redemptive.

Jesus insists on this when he "defines" himself at the Last Supper as "body-broken-for-us" and as "blood-poured-out-for-us." And in the verses that follow he separates himself from his bickering disciples with the simple and profound statement, "I am among you as one who serves" (22:27).

Life Implications:

As Christian disciples of Jesus, we all need to pay close attention to his wisdom and to guide our lives accordingly. Since we tend to be repelled by images of suffering, there is a real danger that we will become too selective in seeking that wisdom. In this way, we may miss the whole point of the passion story.

Today's gospel is a clear reminder that the heart and soul of the wisdom of Jesus is found in this story of his passion and death. Since his suffering came from his unselfish loving, it follows that we must try to discern the causes of our own suffering. Not all suffering comes from loving. Indeed, it is far more likely to come from frustration or disappointment because we cannot have everything we want.

To walk with the suffering Christ is to feel the pain that inevitably accompanies the kind of love that sacrifices for the sake of others. Good parents do this for their children and good children love and obey their parents, even when it means giving up something they want. Good teachers sacrifice for their students also. Loving presence can easily mean a change of personal plans, so that a loving person is often justified in saying, "My life is no longer my own".

The amazing thing about this kind of loving is that, though it is often very painful, there is a joy in it also. This should not surprise us because, after all, we were created to become free through the love of others and then to convert that precious freedom into loving service. Nothing is more compatible with our true nature as God's children than this kind of loving...and nothing is finally more successful than the resurrection victory that follows such generous and faithful concern for others.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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This Week's Events

Mon. March 29th

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community

7PM-9PM

Fr. Andrew's Birthday

Scanlan Hall 6pm

Tue. March 30th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Wed. March 31st

RCIA classes, 7pm Scanlan Hall

Holy Thursday April 1st

Masses of Our Lord's Supper

7PM (English) & 9PM (Arabic)

Good Friday. April 2nd

Way of the Cross— Coit Tower, 9-11 AM

Stations of Cross 12noon, STM outdoors

Liturgy of Cross

1PM (English) & 9PM (Arabic)

Holy Saturday April 3rd

Easter Vigils: 7pm (English)

10pm (Arabic)

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, Knights of Columbus, Holy Land Institute.org
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.



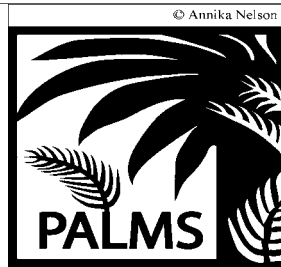
***Temporary Liturgical Modifications lifted:** Effective 4 pm, March 27th, the temporary modifications on our Liturgical practices in consideration of the pandemic H1N1 have been lifted. Please refer to the attached memo from Archbishop Niederauer for more information.

***The Annual Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday, **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.

***Paschal Triduum:** Please refer to our schedule sheet for our Triduum schedule. Please bear in mind that our usual Thursday, Friday and Saturday schedules are replaced by this Triduum schedule. Please note that we will not have our usual First Friday services this Friday (being Good Friday).



***Live Stations of the Cross.** Please remember that we will have the outdoor live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12 noon. We hope you will join us for this prayerful re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion.



***Fast & Abstinence.** Please remember that Good Friday is a Fast & Abstinence day. Fasting means eating only one full meal for the day, (for those b/w 18 and 60 years old) and Abstinence means abstaining from meat (for those between the ages 14-60 years old).

***Visita Iglesia:** You are invited to continue the ancient tradition of visiting churches on Holy Thursday. A list of churches that will be available to visit & pray and the times they close are in the front entrance of the church.



***Easter Egg Hunt:** [In anticipation of Easter Sunday]: Parents, please plan on joining your young children at the Buffano Peace Statue on Easter Sunday, after the 10 AM Mass.

***Have you been counted?** By now, households across the country should have received their Census packages at home. Data collected will shape the future of our country for the next 10 years. Future representation, resources and services available to our children and their children will be determined by the data collected. Everything is confidential. Packages are available at the vestibule if you have not received your package in the mail.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 28th— April 3rd, 2010

- 3/28 Sun 10:00am People of STM
- 8:00pm Benedict Aguas †
- 3/29 Mon 8:30am Jackie Hiatt (hlg)
- 3/30 Tue 5:30am Father Andrew (B'day)
- 3/31 Wed 8:30am
- 4/01 Thu 7:00 pm Salvacion Bocalbos (Sp. Int)
- 4/02 Fri (No Masses offered)
- 4/03 Sat 7:00pm

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish, to be read during Masses: especially, Jackie Hiatt, Ruby Jimenez, 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
Weekend of: March 21, 2010

1st Collection: \$4,425.29

Catholic Relief Services:
\$941.29

Thank you for your Generosity!

REGISTRATION SLIP FOR ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH



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