

# 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."*

## Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Hope

April 4, 2010

It is finished. His passion is over. *Almighty and Eternal God, on the edge of sadness when all seemed lost, You restored to us the Savior we thought defeated and conquered. Help us, we beg you, to empty ourselves of self concern that we might see your hand in every failure and your victory in every defeat.* We will always remember the Passion, but we are not people of suffering, and torture and death. We are people of life and of hope. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead.

On October 22, 1978, Pope John Paul II began his pontifical ministry with these words: "Be not afraid. Be not afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power." The world, he reflected, was afraid of itself and its future. To all those who were afraid, to all those who were caught up in the great loneliness of the modern world, the Holy Father said, "I beg you, let Christ speak to you. He alone has the words of life, yes, eternal life."

We celebrate Easter this year full of fear for the future. Our young people are dying in a war in a distant part of the world. Sadly, more will probably die there. We Americans are engaged in a war with terrorists who are looking for opportunities to kill us. Within our country morality is presented as an option. A higher percentage of Americans are suffering from sexually transmitted diseases than ever before. The porn industry is dominating cyberspace. The tupper-ware model of sales through neighborhood parties has moved from plastic containers to plastic like faces to that which, St. Paul says, should not be mentioned among us. And then there is the economy. It is no wonder that we also have reason to fear for the future.

We come to Church this Easter full of fear, but seeking hope. Hope is here. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. All is not lost. All is won. He has won. We have won. Death has been conquered. The new world has begun. United with Christ, nothing can destroy us. The worst pains of life cannot rob us of the hope of Christ's life.

The celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord is the celebration of our hope, our joy, our sharing in the New Life of Christ.

*Almighty and Eternal God, on the edge of sadness when all seemed lost, You restored to us the Savior we thought defeated and conquered. Help us, we beg you, to empty ourselves of self concern that we might see your hand in every failure and your victory in every defeat.* Perhaps we should not be so concerned over all the negatives of the world and be more concerned over the one overwhelming positive which we celebrate today. Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead.

Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead, and so are we! The first Christian reading of the Easter season is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. It proclaims our hope. "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection."

At our baptism we accepted the New Life of Christ. Our washing was itself a symbol of dying to a dead world and rising to a new life. We took upon ourselves the commitment to live this new life. We took upon ourselves the responsibility to spread this new life. We took upon ourselves the obligation to allow Christ to use us to transform the world.

Jesus has called us out of this darkness and death and given us each the ability to make his presence real for others. If we just allow God to work through us, if we just strive to be that unique reflection of his love he created each of us to be, then we will come out of the tomb with Him and live eternally. Our lives have meaning, and purpose and beauty when they are united to His Life.

The deaths in Afghanistan & Iraq, the dissipation of our society, the negatives of our world, all tell us that we must fight for the kingdom of God. We must fight to allow the New Life of Jesus Christ to destroy the powers of death within each of us as well as within our society. We must fight for the Lord.

The tomb is empty, Mary. But the world is full. The Savior Lives. May His Life change the world. May we let His Life change the world. "Do not be afraid," John Paul II asserted. There is great reason to hope. Jesus Christ, our hope, has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

**Father Joseph Pellegrino**

## An Easter Prayer

*May the light of the Risen Lord break the darkness in your lives! May it remove from you your shroud of sorrow as you encounter the Risen Lord! May it remove from you the discouragement, the confusion, the tiredness, the tenacious hold on you of sin! May it give you deepened insight into the awesome death and resurrection of Jesus, and new appreciation of being baptized yourselves into his suffering, death and resurrection! May it give you deepened love of the Lord who took bread and wine and said, "Take and eat. This is my Body given up for you. Take and drink. This is my Blood shed for you." Because you are children of the Light, may it give you new hope! Because you are called to hope, may you be witnesses of the Risen Lord in all that you are and all that you do. And may the Risen Lord grant you his unending Peace! Amen. Happy Easter!!*

- Father Joel Tabora, S.J.

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### This Week's Events

**Mon. April 5th**

**Prayer Group: Brazilian Community**  
7PM-9PM

**Tue. April 6th**

**Legion of Mary,**  
Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm  
**Communion & Liberation,**  
Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

**Thurs. April 8th**

**FLA Group** Scanlan Hall 7pm

**Friday April 9th**

**AACC Youth Group**  
6:30pm Scanlan Hall

**Saturday April 10th**

**RCIC Classes** , 9:00am  
in Flower Sacristy  
**FLA Group** Scanlan Hall 7pm  
**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, 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

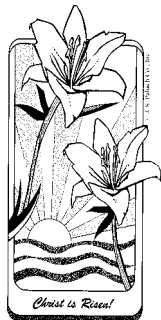
**Full Plate Program:** Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 pack of pasta, 1 can of beef or chicken, 1 can of tomato sauce, 1 can of fruit or fruit juice. Pls., no glass items. Thanks.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**April 4th— April 10th, 2010**

- 3/28 Sun 10:00am Benito Baluyut †  
8:00pm People of STM
- 3/29 Mon 8:30am John M. Jimenez †
- 3/30 Tue 5:30am Laura & Mario Biagini †
- 3/31 Wed 8:30am Irene & Russell de Haven †
- 4/01 Thu 5:30 pm Josephine Ryan †
- 4/02 Fri 8:30am Victoria Marbibi De Guzman†
- 4/03 Sat 8:30am Helen Racelis †

*Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.*



**HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!**

*\*The priests and staff wish each member and friend of our parish family a Happy & Blessed Easter!*

**\*Salubong:** One of the Easter practices unique to the Phils and other countries influenced by the Spaniards is the celebration of the "Salubong" or "Sugat" in the Visayan language. The word refers to the act of meeting someone who is arriving, as the word connotes, the celebration is a reenactment of the first meeting of Christ and his mother, Mary. This is not written in the Bible, but our natural affinity to our mothers tell us that if there is someone to whom Christ will show himself first after his resurrection, it must be to his mother who loved him so much. Please come and join us for this very traditional celebration at the Filipino Mass on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**\*AAA Assessment.** We are going into April now, and it is time to think of the \$56,600 assessment on our parish. There are about 1200 families registered in our parish family. If everyone chipped in, we would only need \$4.00/family/month (for each of the twelve months of the year) for us to cover this assessment. While we still need your regular offertory to defray our regular expenses, this additional amount does not seem so steep if we all carried this responsibility.



**\*Temporary Liturgical Modifications lifted:** Effective 4 pm, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**\*Mass Intention:** We still have some Masses available to remember a deceased loved one, to honor a special occasion or to bless a special someone with. We usually ask for a stipend of \$10 which goes directly to the priest presiding at the Mass. Please call the office for dates that are still available.

**\*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. Representation, resources and services available to our children & their children will be determined by the data collected by this Census. Everything is confidential. Packages are available at the vestibule if you did not receive your package in the mail, & please mail it back after filling it out.



Pray for ...

**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 esp. Isabelle Muzio.**

*(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**



**Sunday Collection**

*( Due to the Easter Holiday, this bulletin is transmitted early. The total for Mar 28th will appear in next week's bulletin)*

**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.  
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