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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 Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) April 11, 2010

### Gospel Summary:

It is surely an understatement to say that the disciples were filled with joy as Jesus appeared to them, alive and well, on that first Easter day. It will take years for them to draw out all the wonderful implications of this dramatic moment in their lives but for now it is sheer joy. Jesus then gives them a mandate to bring peace to the world by translating their happiness into the difficult but rewarding gift of forgiveness.

The story of "doubting Thomas" is presented as a warning to those of us who have trouble trusting the spiritual side of life. Thomas is called the "twin," possibly because he had a striking physical resemblance to Jesus, but he discovers that this does not give him any advantage at all. What counts now is a spiritual relationship. We often assume that those who knew Jesus in the flesh had a great advantage over the rest of us and we may even envy them. In fact, however, the risen Lord is far more present to us now in the Spirit than he ever was in the flesh.

Finally, the author of the gospel reminds us that everything he has written is intended, not primarily to give us information about Jesus, but rather to bring us to faith in him and thereby to lead us to real "life in his name."

### Life Implications:

The last verses of this gospel passage are among the most challenging passages in the entire gospel. In the first place, we are told that the whole gospel of John is intended to bring us to "believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God." This does not mean simply that we accept the fact that Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's hopes and, much more than that, the very Son of God, equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit. To believe in Jesus means also that we accept the message, found in his words and in his example, of total self-giving for the sake of others. When we truly accept this message, we pledge ourselves to live and love as much as possible Jesus did.

What is the consequence of such a radical way of living? It enables us to participate in the very life of Jesus. As the gospel puts it, the whole purpose of believing is that "you may have life in his name." This statement is far more daring and revolutionary than we may think. For it means that, through love of others, we begin to participate in the love and life of God. To love unselfishly is to love as God loves, and that means sharing in God's life, insofar as mere creatures can do so.

In other words, we are invited to share in a life that is far superior to the fragile, uncertain life of our mortal existence. This new life is given in baptism but it must be nourished by our commitment to loving service and by our participation in the Eucharist, the ultimate sacrament of love and concern for others.

St. Paul expresses the same conviction when he writes those wonderfully consoling words: "Therefore, we are not discouraged; although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16). This inner renewal is nothing less than the growth of God's life within us.

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

**"Today bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind."**

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard -- upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen. **(Prayer from Divine Mercy Novena-St Faustina Kowalska)**

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## This Week's Events

### Mon. April 12th

**Prayer Group: Brazilian Community**

7PM-9PM

### Tue. April 13th

**Legion of Mary,**

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

**Communion & Liberation,**

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

### Wednesday. April 14th

**Baptism preparation Class**

Rectory 6:30pm

**IFF Meeting 7:30pm Scanlan Hall**

### Friday April 16th

**AACC Youth Group**

6:30pm Scanlan Hall

**Prince of Peace 8:30pm Scanlan Hall**

**3rd Friday Adoration 8pm**

### Saturday April 17th

**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, Knights of Columbus, **Holy Land Institute.org**, Pilgrimage ministry. **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

**\*3rd Friday Adoration:** As we continue to celebrate Easter, please join us for adoration Friday April 16th at 8pm.

**\*Earth Day:** Pope Benedict focused his 2010 World Day of Peace Message on the **care of creation** & has called leaders to respond "to the great ecological challenge" presented by the climate crisis. In solidarity & in support of the many efforts already taking place within the U.S. Catholic community, Earth Day Network is encouraging parishes across the country to commemorate Earth Day during the Sunday Mass on April 18th, 2010. **Let us pray that our public officials find an equitable solution to climate change & that each of us has a responsibility to care for Creation.**

**\*AAA Assessment.** We into April now, and it is time to think of the \$56,600 assessment on our parish. There are about 1500 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. Thank you to all who have been generously contributing in whatever means possible. As we celebrate this Easter, let us continue in our efforts as a family to meet our goal.

*This is the day*



*the Lord has made*

**\*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.

**\*International Food Festival "An Evening Around the World"** Mercy High School of SF Parents Guild presents an event on Thursday April 29th at McAuley Pavilion 5pm. Tickets \$10 adults, students & seniors \$8 if purchased before April 20th. At the door- \$15 adults, students & seniors \$10. Great food, silent Auction & entertainment are a part of this special event. For info call 415-334-7941, events@mercyhs.org.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**April 11th— April 17th, 2010**

4/11 Sun 10:00am People of STM  
8:00pm All Souls in Purgatory †  
4/12 Mon 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)  
4/13 Tue 5:30am Max Cabahug (hlg)  
4/14 Wed 8:30am Amacorito Pelayo †  
4/15 Thu 5:30 pm Max Cabahug (hlg)  
4/16 Fri 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)  
4/17 Sat 8:30am Kobti Family †  
5:00pm Cely Lara †

*Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.*

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.**

*(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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## Holy Week Collections

**March 28th: \$ 9,432.04**

**April 4th: \$8,726.50**

**Tithing: \$3,254.16**

**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