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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."

Third Sunday of Easter April 18th, 2010

Gospel Summary :

Simon Peter and his companions after fishing all night catch nothing. At dawn as they approach shore, someone on the shore whom they do not recognize directs them to cast out their net. When the net is filled with a large catch, the "beloved disciple" recognizes Jesus, now risen from death, and says to Peter, "It is the Lord." When they reach shore, they see a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus invites them to eat with him. He takes bread and gives it to them and in like manner the fish. Jesus then asks Peter three times if he loves him, and says to him in turn, "Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep." Jesus then speaks of the kind of death Simon Peter will undergo, and says to him, "Follow me."

Life Implications:

Friendship with Jesus is the one essential thing of life, regardless of any other circumstance—sickness or health, poverty or wealth, low or high position in society or church. That is the supreme truth John wants to tell us in his gospel. The good news is that Jesus desires our friendship, and offers it to all who welcome him in faith. We can identify with many of the persons Jesus encounters in the gospel—the Samaritan woman, Martha and Mary, Lazarus (at whose death Jesus wept), Peter, Mary Magdalene, the beloved disciple. The gospel also warns us not to identify with those who reject friendship, and even betray friendship with Jesus. Jesus can also call us his friends because he has told us everything he has heard from his Father (Jn 15:15). The titles that we use to address Jesus (Messiah, Lord, Son of God), however orthodox and exalted they may be, are inadequate to express the full meaning of Jesus for us unless they include "Beloved Friend."

A personal, loving relationship with the Risen Lord clearly was a distinguishing characteristic of John's community. Sad experience, however, soon revealed that individual relationships with Jesus were not sufficient to hold the community together. We can see from the First Letter of John that various individuals, claiming to speak with the Spirit of Jesus, began to teach false doctrines. Eventually they formed splinter groups that separated people from the community. In our gospel passage today, John shows us that individual friendships with Jesus must be complemented by authority within the community. The Risen Lord commissions Peter to serve that function.

That authority that Jesus gives, however, must be exercised out of deep friendship with him. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks Peter the crucial question three times as he commissions him to tend and to feed his sheep. The principle, of course, applies not only to the successor of Peter, but to everyone who exercises authority in the church, from the family to the chancery. Only in this way does human authority become an expression of the authority of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

In today's gospel passage, John also links friendship with Jesus with his real presence at our Eucharistic meal. The meal Jesus shares with his disciples together with the feeding of the large crowd (John 6) and the Last Supper Discourse reveal the meaning of the Eucharist for us. Jesus, the Risen Lord, truly is with us at our sacred meal—speaks to us, prays with us, leads us in self-giving to the Father, gives himself to us as our bread and wine. He calls us his disciples and his friends: the life implications remain the same. Jesus also says to us: "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). The way we will fulfill his request to follow him as disciples in service of others is unique and particular for each of us. We can count on the Spirit of Jesus to guide us in discerning what that service will be.

Campion P. Gavalier, OSB

A Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption. O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

(By J. J. Cardinal Carberry)

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This Week's Events

Mon. April 19th

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community

7PM-9PM

Tue. April 20th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 21st

International Food Festival Meeting

7:30pm Scanlan Hall

Thursday, April 22nd

FLA Group Meeting

7pm Scanlan Hall

Friday April 16th

AACC Youth Group

6:30pm Scanlan Hall

Prince of Peace 8:30pm Scanlan Hall

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 Thu, 2nd & 4th Sat, 7 PM

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.

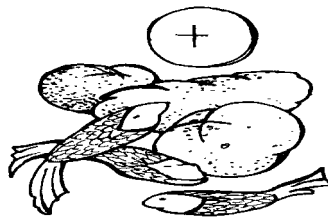
ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **We give a warm welcome to Father Youssef Keikati.** We are happy to see him back once more at STM Church and are very grateful for his help to minister to our needs and assist our pastor for another six months and his work with the AACC community.

* **The Golden Gate Boy's Choir & Bellringers,** a regional & Catholic Choir for boys will present a special concert of voices and bells, "A Bell Spectacular" **on Sunday April 25th at 2pm** in the church. All parishioners are welcome, especially our friends at Alma Via, for this special event!

* **Easter Flowers Offerings:** Thank you to all those who participated in our Easter Flower Offering to remember their loved ones for this Easter season. Please see the flyer inserted with names to be remembered. Also thanks to our very special flower arrangement team "**Blessed Mother Flower Group**" from our Burmese Community who have done our STM family a wonderful service in meeting our decoration needs for the church!

* **Our Annual Golf Tournament** will take place in May 2010. We are looking for a **chairperson and a team** to help us organize it. Please call our office (415) 452-9634.



Special Prayer for Earth Day April 17-18, 2010



O GOD, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, and rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers.

GRANT US a heart opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory. **Amen.**

***Mass Intentions:** 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 18th— April 24th, 2010

- 4/18 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00pm Soriano Family (thanks)
- 4/19 Mon 8:30am Sherri Asche †
- 4/20 Tue 5:30am Sara & Collin Noguera (hlg)
- 4/21 Wed 8:30am Patricia Ann Paraiso (b'day)
- 4/22 Thu 5:30 pm Gabriel Monique Listania
- 4/23 Fri 8:30am Sherri Asche†
- 4/24 Sat 8:30am Marilyn Overton (hlg)
5:00pm Sara & Collin Noguera (hlg)

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish, to be read during Masses:

Pray for... 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



Mass Collection

April 11th, 2010

\$3,957.33

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