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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."

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 2010

The Spirit is action

By Abouna Labib Kobti

In today's Readings the message is: The Spirit is action in us to change things. Please read with me the different readings. **The First reading**, Acts 15:1-2,22-29 puts the work of the Holy Spirit in this way: *"It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and us..."*. The Apostles, which means the Church of the first century, works with, through and in the Holy Spirit. The decision comes through the Holy Spirit pronounced by the Apostles to the whole Church. It continues from that time to today through the Pope, Bishops, priests and deacons. If they do not work with, through and in the Holy Spirit, then from their fruits, the tree will be known if it is good or bad.

The Second reading puts the work of the holy Spirit in a different way: *"The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain..."* To be at a high mountain means to be with the Holy Spirit that will reveal things [to John]. In fact, when you continue reading this Second Reading from Revelation 21:10-14,22-23 you discover the great work of the Holy Spirit in the life of St. John the Apostle. These revelations continue in the heart of believers. The Holy Spirit guides the believer to discern the work of God from the work of the devil and guides the believer to reject Satan.

The Gospel John 14:23-29 then tells us all what the Holy Spirit will do in our lives. Listen and read carefully and thank God with me for this great work of the Spirit in you and me: *"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I (Jesus) told you."* In fact, the Holy Spirit received by the Apostles was dormant, by their denial, betrayal, misunderstandings and fears of the mission. The Holy Spirit in them was rendered inactive. They needed something big that turned all their intentions and blew their minds up in a big way: Pentecost. That day their minds were opened, the Holy Spirit became active, they remembered, they got strong and fearless, they were ready to begin the mission. They saw their mission as Apostles, as the center of their existence. They understood why they were called by Jesus a few years ago. They realized why Jesus taught them in a special way, why he performed miracles, why he sent them, why he asked them to follow him to the end and how they are called to witness, even if they were persecuted and killed. They embraced this mission with great love and understood that this was what they were called to do and they accepted it with great love. Do you see with me the work of the Holy Spirit in the Apostles?

The Holy Spirit is still working in you through your Baptism and Confirmation. He may have become dormant since then. You need to make it active through your prayers and acceptance of the Will for God for you.



**"Priests are called to personify the living,
saving presence of Jesus in His Church,
offering His life and mercy
in and through the Sacraments."**

Archbishop Timothy Dolan



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This Week's Events

Mon. May 10th

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community
7PM-9PM

Tue. May 11th

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

Wednesday, May 12th

Baptism Preparation Class
Rectory 6:30pm

Friday May 14th

AACC Youth Group,
Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm
Prince of Peace, Scanlan Hall, 8:30pm
Novena to Our Blessed Mother
Church, 7:30pm

Saturday May 15th

Legion of Mary, Scanlan Hall, 5pm
Bible Study Group, Alma Via 7:00pm

Sunday May 16th

Charismatic Group English (6:00 PM)

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 Fridays: 8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Followed by Mass for healing at **8:00 PM**

First Saturdays: 10 AM Burmese Mass

First Sundays: 5:30 PM Tagalog Mass

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

* **Happy Mother's Day:** we wish all mothers present in all Masses this weekend a very special blessing !

***Life & Dignity Sunday on May 16th:** The bishops of California have established the **Catholic Legislative Network (CLN) to develop a strong, clear, moral voice for life & justice in our state** during a very difficult time. Next weekend all parishioners will have an opportunity to register for this newly created network. *Enclosed is a description of the newly created network in our Archdiocese.* Read it, pray about it, (and for it!) and come prepared next week to register for this important new effort.

* **School & RCIC First Communion:** We congratulate all children who have received their 1st Communion, yesterday from the School and today RCIC.

***Dedication of the African American Mural:** Please join us on **Sun. May 16th** as we gather to bless and dedicate our mural commemorating all African American peoples **after the 10am Mass**, followed by refreshments in Scanlan Hall.

***Monthly Baptism Preparation Class** will be on **Wed. May 12th** at 6:30pm in the rectory. All parents & godparents, interested in baptizing their child(ren) are *required* to attend a class prior to the baptism. For info & for scheduling baptisms please call the office (415)452-9634.

Whoever loves me
will keep



my word

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***Flores de Mayo at STM Church:** Come and celebrate a traditional devotion of offering flowers to our Blessed Virgin Mary, who is recognized by many different titles. **A Novena** will start May 14th at 7:30 PM ends on Sat. May 22nd at 5pm with the Flores de Mayo. **All First communion & Confirmation children** are invited to the process in their white dresses please contact Lourdes Tanedo at (650) 273-2849.

***Spring Cleaning.** Please go through your closets and donate gently worn clothes to our Brotherhood Way Community's Clothing Drive. Bins are in the vestibule of the church until May 16th. Flyers are posted on the church bulletin boards.

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

***STM Pastoral Council Meeting** will be on the third Thursday of the month, **May 20th.** Our Food Festival meeting is every two weeks. We welcome new ideas and we thank all who are helping our Church to grow always in love and family.



MASS INTENTIONS

May 9th— May 15th, 2010

- 5/09 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00pm All Souls in Purgatory †
- 5/10 Mon 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera
- 5/11 Tue 5:30am Salud de la Peña †
- 5/12 Wed 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera
- 5/13 Thu 5:30 pm Mildred Grimes †
- 5/14 Fri 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera
- 5/15 Sat 8:30am Kathleen De Martini †
5:00pm Balthazarah Gonzales †

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, Max Cabahug 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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**Weekend of:
May 2nd, 2010**

\$ 3,949.29

Tithing

\$1,044.73

(next weekend second collection: Catholic Communication Campaign)

**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

