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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."

Pentecost Sunday May 23rd, 2010

Gospel Summary:

There seems to be a contradiction between the coming of the Spirit as recorded in this gospel and in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. In the gospel, the Spirit is given by Jesus himself on Easter day, whereas in Acts the Spirit comes upon the disciples at the Jewish feast of Pentecost which occurred fifty days after Passover (2:1-4). This dilemma appears to be resolved when we recall that the Spirit was also given to the prophets of the Old Testament. After the resurrection of Jesus, it is the fullness of the Spirit that is offered to us, and this can happen in various ways and on many occasions.

What matters most is to understand the implications of this out-pouring of God's Spirit. This is clearly presented in today's gospel where the new presence of Jesus in the Spirit is expressed in terms of peace, mission and forgiveness. The risen Lord addressed his disciples with the greeting, "Peace." However, this is no longer just a wish, as is the case when we use it as a greeting; it is now a GIFT. Living in the Spirit of Jesus will provide us with a deep confidence that can withstand even the most tragic experiences.

To live in the Spirit of Jesus means also to accept the mission of making the love of the Father evident in our world and thereby to continue and to extend the presence of Jesus in human history. The love of Jesus is made present in our world most effectively through the loving presence of his followers.

Jesus then breathes upon the disciples, just as God had done in the creation story (Genesis 2:7), making clear that the new life in the Spirit will be a challenge to us just as it was to Adam--a challenge that will lead to life or death. Some will accept the message of Jesus with joy and be converted and experience forgiveness. Others will resist the good news as they cling to selfish ways and thus remain in sinful rebellion.

Life Implications:

Many years ago, I heard one of our older monks say about a young novice, "That one has the Spirit." What he seemed to suggest was that this novice was imbued with such a spirit of quiet, confident joy that he was able to go about his work and prayer in a way that seemed so natural and so spontaneous that it could almost be called instinctive. He was reveling in life, not enduring it.

That novice had, of course, the great advantage of being young and healthy. But we all know older persons also who have experienced the sorrows as well as the joys of life and who still seem so peaceful and confident. This cannot be simply a matter of personal disposition. This can only happen when we open ourselves fully to the Spirit of God.

When we live in this positive and loving way, we are fulfilling the mission of Jesus in our world. We may seem to be warming and redeeming only the small, chilly space that we happen to occupy in life but our kindness radiates in fact in wonderful ways to touch the whole world. This loving concern will also include the precious gift of forgiveness--a gift that heals and reconciles and liberates. To be a follower of Jesus is a blessing; to "have the Spirit" is the fullness of that blessing.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Saint Augustine of Hippo

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
 Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
 Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
 Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

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This Week's Events

Mon. May 24th

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community
7PM-9PM

Tue. May 25th

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

Thursday, May 27th

FLA Youth Group 7pm Scanlan Hall

Friday May 28th

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

Saturday May 29th

Charismatic Prayer Group
8am-1pm Scanlan Hall
SBYAG Meeting
1pm Scanlan Hall
Flores de Mayo at 5pm Mass
Bible Study Group, 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 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

**Special thanks to all who helped with our Novena and Flores de Mayo this past Sat. It was our first Flores de Mayo, a special May tribute to our Mother Mary.*

*Congratulations to our recent Confirmandi: The RCIA group who were confirmed the weekend before last at the Cathedral by Archbishop Niederauer. Our 7th graders at the STM Archdiocesan School received the gift of the Holy Spirit yesterday, May 22nd, with Bishop William Justice officiating. Our thanks to both Archbishop Niederauer and Bishop Justice for celebrating with them this very special moment in their lives.



*We thank the members of the **Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council** for their dedication in serving the Church and its people. Last Wednesday we had the Finance Committee meeting & the Pastoral Council on Thursday, as usual they were very successful meetings. We also thank the **Food Festival Committee** [composed of many from the both finance and Pastoral Council members] for their love and continued support of the Church. May the Lord bless all these families. Please think about your schedule. If you have some time to spare and would like to help, please call our Pastor, Monsignor Labib. Thank you.



*By now, everyone should have received a letter about this year's **Archbishop's Annual Appeal of \$56,600**. A very sincere thank you to all who have responded with their contribution. Everyone else is encouraged to do the same.

*We remind and urge everyone to **pray the Rosary** every day during this special month of May dedicated to the Holy Mother.

*June 2-4 at Crown Plaza Hotel Conference Center of Foster City (1221 Chess Dr., Foster City) you are invited to the **18th San Francisco International Marian Conference: QUEEN OF PEACE**.

*We urge the families to send their children to join the **different youth and young adult groups**. It is our way as the Church of St. Thomas More to serve the Catholic education of your Children.

***We welcome newly baptized members of STM family in the past few weeks:** Sage Loren Urucuyo, Noor Mariam Elbandak, Mathias Mauricio Vega, Dennis Russ Domingo, Carl Edward Larosa, & Gabrielle Larosa, Bryan Alexander & Byron Manuel Ehlerman Borges and Rayya Mary Bazlamit.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 23rd— May 29th, 2010

- 5/23 Sun 10:00am Angela Ludé †
8:00pm People of STM
- 5/24 Mon 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera
- 5/25 Tue 5:30am Souls in purgatory
- 5/26 Wed 8:30am Fernando Tantuan †
- 5/27 Thu 5:30 pm Pureza Flor Gaerlan †
- 5/28 Fri 8:30am Pepito Paraiso †
- 5/29 Sat 8:30am Maximo Racelis †
5:00pm Thomas & Jane Samiere & Family

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish, to be read during Masses: especially, Jackie Hiatt, Ruby Jimenez, Joseph Charles, 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 16th, 2010**

\$3,922.04

**2nd Collection: Catholic
Communication Campaign**

\$1158.82

**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