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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."

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20th, 2010

Jesus, the Unique One

"Who do people say that the Son of man is?" Jesus asked his disciples. "Some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah or one of the prophet." "But, who do you say that I am," Jesus asks. "You are the Messiah of God," Peter replies. Jesus is not just a famous preacher. He is not one of many famous people who have lived. He is wholly different than Buddha or Mohammed. He is unique. He is the Messiah of God, the Son of God.

A fantastic explanation of this point is given by Pope John Paul II in his 1994 book *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*. I want to quote a section of this to you: *"If Jesus were a "prophet" like Muhammed, if he were "enlightened" like Buddha, without any doubt he would not be what he is. He is the one mediator between God and humanity. He is the mediator because he is both God and Man. He holds within Himself the entire, intimate world of divinity. But he is also so human that the entire world of mankind, the entire history of humanity finds in him its expression before God. And not before a distant, unreachable God, but before a God that is in Him, that indeed He is. That is not the focus in any other religion, much less any philosophy. Christ is unique. Unlike Muhammad, He does more than promulgate principles of religious discipline to which all God's worshipers must conform. He is even less similar to Buddha with Buddha's denial of all that is created. Buddha is right when he does not see the possibility of salvation in creation, but he is wrong when he claims that for that reason he denies that creation has any value for humanity. Christ does not do this. He is the eternal witness to the Love of the Father for his creation from the very beginning. The creator saw Good in creation. He particularly saw it in man made in his image and likeness. The Good was seen in its highest expression in his Incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. The Good would be confirmed at the Resurrection, Easter, which is the beginning of a new creation, a rediscovery of all creation in God. Christ does not resemble Muhammad or Buddha. He is totally original and unique."*

Unlike Josiah at the First Battle of Megiddo, Jesus will conquer. But his conquest will come after his suffering and death. First all will look upon the one whom they have thrust through and mourn for him. His disciples will conquer, but first they will have to follow in their Master's steps and lose their lives for his kingdom.

We will conquer with Jesus but first we have to deny ourselves that which would destroy his life with us. We have to actively oppose immorality in our country, our families and our lives. We have to get rid of the concept that we should close an eye to immorality in the world. We cannot allow ourselves to fall into the hole created by the media and politicians that morality is nothing more than an expression of a particular religion and thus should not be applied to the laws of the country. We oppose immorality not just because this is a teaching of the Church, but because the natural law, reason tells us that immorality is wrong and is leading to the total degradation of mankind.

All this demands real suffering. We have to have an attitude which is diametrically opposed to the mind set of the world. We have to be more concerned with others than with ourselves. We have to put our children and our spouses needs before our needs. We have to put the needs of the poor and the powerless before our needs. We have to join the Lord in dying for others.

It is serious business being a Christian. The Second Battle of Megiddo is being waged even as we speak. We are part of the forces of the mountain, the forces of God. The enemy is the egocentricity of the world that has no need of a Redeemer and has therefore rejected the Work of God. The enemy is within us. But we go to battle with the Messiah of God as our leader. More than just with the Lord, we are in the Lord, sons and daughter of Christ. And we are winning.

So when we look at the world with all its difficulties, we don't give up hope. We don't give up faith. There is much beauty and much good in our world. It is impossible for the new Josiah to lose. The final victory belongs to the Lord and to us.

Father Joseph Pellegrino - jspaluch.com

Prayer to Conclude the Year of the Priest on June 19th, 2010

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray the Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

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This Week's Events

Mon. June 21st

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community

7PM-9PM

Tue. June 22nd

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Friday, June 25th

AACC Youth Group,

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Saturday June 26th

SBYAG

1pm Scanlan Hall

Couples for Christ

7pm Scanlan Hall

Bible Study Group

Alma Via 7:00pm



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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

***We thank our Brazilian Community for their support and for their hard work in this year's "FESTA JUNINA".** Thank you for your efforts in helping STM church by sharing your uniqueness in culture in such a colorful and flavorful way!

***As we close the year of the Priest:** Thank you for celebrating the year of the priest. Your prayers have helped your pastor get his kidney working. He is off dialysis and is recovering faster than we thought thanks to your prayers.

***Holy Land Pilgrimage:** Please check our website (www.stmchurch.com) for more information on our Holy Land Pilgrimage on **October 3-19, 2010**. To sign up or for more details, call Claudia Devaux at (805) 544-9088. Space is limited, so call soon.

***Advertisement:** If you would like to advertise your business in the parish newsletter please put your business card in the offering basket next week and someone will contact you.



We welcome **newly baptized members of STM family for this weekend:** Clarck Erick O. Roque and those who were baptized last weekend **Matt Jasper S. Vela** and **Kenneth Padua Eusebio**.



***Sun -n- Fun Summer Day Camp:** Our STM Faith, Love & Action Youth Group & STM Church will be sponsoring this event for children starting on **June 21st to July 9th, Monday to Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm**. The fee is \$160/week for care & camp materials (not including field trips). Afternoon extended care is available from 3:30pm-6:30pm at an additional fee. Please register as soon as possible. For info please contact Maria Tanedo at (650) 296-0376. Email: [iyatano@gmail.com](mailto:iyata-nedo@gmail.com) or Catherine Nepomuceno at (650) 303-1232 email: catapps@gmail.com.

Campus Ministry

***Hiking Retreat.** A one-day hiking retreat for all family members has been scheduled for Sunday, June 27th, from 9 am to 6 pm. Please call Sister Sara at (415) 573-9062 for more details.



***World Youth Day, Madrid August 2011:** Newman Club SFSU is organizing a group to attend this event. If you would like more information please contact Sister Sara.

***Congratulations to the Newly Married.** Kevin Zeidan and Melissa Haave

MASS INTENTIONS

June 20th—June 26th, 2010

6/20 Sun 10:00am Daniel Marbibí †
8:00pm People of STM
6/21 Mon 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)
6/22 Tue 5:30am Corazon Alvendia †
6/23 Wed 8:30am Uldarico Valmorida †
6/24 Thu 5:30 pm Joaquin Cortez †
6/25 Fri 8:30am Marco Ocbena †
6/26 Sat 8:30am Souls in Purgatory †
5:00pm Katherine Kostouros †

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



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

cially, Msgr. Labib Kobti, Jackie Hiatt, Ruby Jimenez, Joseph Charles, James Roach, Joseph Ramos, 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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**Weekend of:
June 13th, 2010**

\$ 4,261.14

2nd Collection: St. Patrick's Seminary
\$789.19

(Next Weeks' 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence)

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