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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."

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4th, 2010

I love the readings for this week. All three really mesh together for me. Let's start with Isaiah. The prophet uses the image of a baby nursing. Babies need the best food they can have, the food their mothers' provide. The readings for this Sunday begin with an image that is somewhat embarrassing in modern American society but perfectly natural in most other settings. That is the image of Jerusalem as being a mother nursing her child. In the earthly language of ancient Palestine, the image emphasizes that Jerusalem's breasts are large, filled with milk. We are told to drink fully of the milk of her comfort and nurse with delight at her abundant breasts.

When I read this section of Isaiah, I remembered one of the saddest pictures I have ever seen. It was a picture of a mother and baby in Somalia during one of the horrible famines that plague that section of the world. The mother could not consume enough food for her breasts to produce milk for her baby. She sat there, her eyes glazed over with a suffering beyond imagination. She sat and watched her infant crying and dying of starvation. That dying baby, that's us without the Lord. That starving child is us when we are not consuming the Word of God.

Isaiah exhorts us, "Nurse and be strong. You have a source of all the nourishment you need. Jerusalem provides the food this nourishment." From Jerusalem comes the Word of God, the Word of God in Scripture, the Word of God that has become flesh, Jesus Christ. There are many times in our lives that we all cry out, "I am hungry. I am drained. I am spiritually weak." What do we say to our children when they are hungry? We say, "Eat something." "I am hungry," we complain. "Then eat," the first reading tells us. "Read scripture, let the Word of God work on you." "But I don't know where to start," we cry. We have bibles. We have the Eucharist. We have everything we need. But we don't take advantage of God's gifts. Do you know what we are like? We are like the guy that is really hungry and opens up the refrigerator, full of food, but just stares. You've done that, right. So have I. "Let's see, do I want a piece of last night's fried chicken, or maybe I can make a sandwich, or maybe I should have a piece of pie...." And we just stand there, stare, and stay hungry.

Stop staring, and start eating! A good place to start is to read the Sunday readings to prepare for the Lord's Dinner. There are three readings, start on Monday and read the first reading, the second on Tuesday, the Gospel on Wednesday and then start again Thursday with the first reading. On Sunday read all three. Just ask yourself, "what is this reading saying to me."

In today's Gospel, the seventy-two who had been sent out to proclaim the kingdom return exuberant. You can feel their excitement in the reading. They had such wonderful experiences that they couldn't wait to tell the Lord all about them. Everybody was talking at once. Who were these seventy-two? We don't know even one their names. And there is a reason for that. They are us. We are the seventy-two. We are the ones who have nursed on the Word of God and become strong. We are the ones who have become so strong that other's experience the Word of God within us and we are overwhelmed with joy.

But this joy, this joy is radically different from any other concept of joy we may have. This joy is different in a most shocking way. St. Paul, the original Sultan of Shock, speaks about this joy in today's reading from *Galatians*. His joy, his strength, his boast is our joy, our strength our boast. His joy and our joy is in the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this is not merely a memory of an event that took place two thousand years ago, that is too simple, too convenient. His joy and our joy is in our sharing the Cross of the Lord. St. Paul says, "I bear the marks of Jesus on my body." This can't be relegated to a discussion on whether or not he received the stigmata. That's too easy, too convenient. No, he and we, are afflicted with the result of following Jesus Christ.

So, we avoid that party where there are drugs and drunks, Teens and Adults, and that causes pain from those who mock us for not going, and we gladly bear these pains in union with the Cross. And we happily give up what we want to care for another's needs. Just about every one of you parents are doing this. You happily gave up that boat, that beach townhouse, that top of the line car that you wanted because your children need a college education. Still, it smarts, but you happily make the sacrifice and bear the marks of the Lord on your body. And so, we dare to make the decision to be holy, to be separate for the Lord, and people say to us, "Get real." The girls at work, the guys on the business trip, the kids at school, the neighbors, the relatives, all mock us for wanting to be holy. They say, "Get real, everybody is doing this and that. It is the way the world is. Join it." And we respond, "I am real. I am united to the one true reality, Jesus Christ. He means more to me than anything. His Holiness and His Presence is well worth, infinitely worth, what it costs, your scorn. I gladly bear the marks of the Lord on my body." The readings say to us today, "Drink abundantly from the breasts of Jerusalem. Witness the action of God in your lives. Relish in the Power of the Lord working through you, and boast, boast in your sharing in the Cross of Christ."

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino

Prayer on Independence Day

God our Father, your Son Jesus spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as brothers and sisters. His message took form in the vision of our Founding Fathers, as they fashioned a nation where all people might live as one. This message lives on in our midst as a task for us today and a promise for tomorrow. We thank you, Father, for your blessings in the past, and for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve. Bless our nation and bless each of us. Hasten the day when our nation will be a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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This Week's Events

Mon. July 5th

Charismatic Prayer Group: Brazilian Community
7PM-9PM

Tue. July 6th

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

Fri. July 9th

AACC Youth Group,
Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm
Prince of Peace
Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. July 10th

SBYAG
1pm Scanlan Hall
Couples for Christ
7pm Scanlan Hall
Bible Study Group
Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. July 11th

Charismatic Prayer Group in English
Scanlan Hall, 6:00pm



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 bag of pasta, 1 can of tuna, 1 can of condensed cream of mushroom soup, 1 can of fruit or fruit juice. Pls., no glass items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! Monthly Tagalog Mass at 5:30pm: Come and join us in worshipping and singing in Tagalog. This special Filipino mass is always held on the **first Sunday of each month.**

***Thank you to all the volunteers of the sun -n- fun summer camp:** As another summer camp comes to a close we want to say a big thank you to all the volunteers and all who have made this summer camp possible. We give thanks for all their hard work, time, love and creativity. Everyone agrees that great fun was had by all, kids and volunteers included.

***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.

***AACC Annual Picnic.** Sunday July 11th at Coyote Park, Milbrae. For all the World Cup fans we will have TV screens to watch the match live at 11.30am. Mass will be celebrated after the game. There will be no AACC mass at St. Thomas More on this day.

***Fr Youseff's Silver Jubilee,** Sunday July 25th, Carroll Hall: As a community we are invited to join in giving thanks to God and celebrating with Fr Youseff for twenty-five years of priestly ministry.

There will be no second collection taken today



***Happy July 4th!**

We want to wish you all **Independence Day** a very happy holiday!

Reminder: the office will be closed this coming Monday July 5th.

***World Youth Day:** Newman Club SFSU invites all young people (18-35) to join their group in the pilgrimage with the Pope in Madrid, August 2011 for WYD. All pilgrims need to be registered by August 1st this year. If you would like more information or would like to register please contact Sister Sara at (415) 573-9062.



***Pope Benedict XVI,** has announced that four priests from our archdiocese of San Francisco have been given the title of Monsignor. We extend our congratulations as a parish to Msgr. Talesfore, Msgr. Padazinski, Msgr. Tarantino and Msgr. O'Malley



We welcome with joy our **newly baptized** members of STM family for this weekend: Brianna M. Navarrete and Thomas P. Dela Merced and also those who were baptized last weekend Keanne Vela Bunag.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 27th—July 2nd, 2010

- 7/4 Sun 10:00am Maritess Leonidas (hlg.)
8:00pm People of STM
- 7/5 Mon 8:30am Filomena Medina (Bday.)
- 7/6 Tue 5:30pm Norma Biagini †
- 7/7 Wed 8:30am Souls in Purgatory †
- 7/8 Thu 5:30pm Sara and Collin F. Noguera (hlg.)
- 7/9 Fri 8:30am Veronica B. Naz
- 7/10 Sat 8:30am Joseph Medina (Bday.)
5:00pm Angela Ludé †

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



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

Maritess Leonidas and for all who are ill in our parish.

We remember in our prayers, Maria Theresa Sayson whose funeral mass was celebrated on Thursday July 1st.

We also pray for all the deceased in our parish. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

(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 27th, 2010**

\$ 3,359.35
2nd Collection: Tithing
\$ 886.79

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

