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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."

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

The lawyer in today's gospel is not to be confused with the lawyers of our day. He was a student of the Torah--a word which is more properly translated as "instruction" or "revelation." Today, he would be called a theologian. And he asks the question that is primary in the mind of every theologian, namely, how do we human beings achieve the fulfillment intended by our creator? Jesus gives the classic answer from Deut. 6:5 (love of God) and Lev. 19:18 (love of neighbor). Everything else is secondary.

Jesus moves quickly then to illustrate the practical implications of these commands in the story of the Good Samaritan. The contrast drawn is dramatic: the priest and Levite belong to the class of professional men of religion whereas the Samaritan is a member of that generally despised and uneducated group of Jews who were left in Palestine during the Exile and whose religious "purity" was highly suspect.

According to the Jesus' story, however, it is this religious outcast who has understood the real meaning of the Torah while the professional practitioners of religion seem concerned only about the external, ritual elements of Judaism. As in the case of the Publican and the Pharisee, Jesus is not suggesting that one should become a Publican or a Samaritan. Rather, he insists that we should be authentic persons who know how to observe the spirit of our religion and not just its externals.

Life Implications:

We should note, first of all, that this is only a story. The fact that it never really happened should cause us to focus on its powerful symbolic message. As such, it offers us a sharp lesson about the danger of hypocritical behavior. It is relatively easy to claim an office or a title or hold a membership card, but the only proof of one's religious sincerity and authenticity is the way in which one's religious profession actually changes one's behavior.

In this story, the new behavior is to respond to need regardless of whether we think the one in need deserves our help. Observing religious rituals or even receiving the Eucharist can unfortunately co-exist with self-centeredness and rash judgment. Real conversion demands that our following of Christ include our determination to offer help to others to the best of our ability, which usually means doing all that we think we can...and then a little bit more!

Such Christian behavior does not mean that we should become doormats or must cater to obsessive-dependants. But it does mean that we should be sensitive to the often-hidden needs of others and ready to help in any way we can. Real love will know how to do this wisely and effectively.

We should also note that when obviously Christian persons do not act in accordance with the ideals taught by Jesus, they scandalize others who may well reject Christianity because they are so repelled by those who proclaim themselves Christians. We all recall the challenging words of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha July 14th



Lord God, you called the virgin, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, to shine among the native American people as an example of innocence of life. Through her intercession, may all peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation, having been gathered into your Church, proclaim your greatness in one song of praise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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This Week's Events

Mon. July 12th

Charismatic Prayer Group: Brazilian Community

7PM-9PM

Tue. July 13th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Fri. July 16th

AACC Youth Group,

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. July 17th

SBYAG

1pm Scanlan Hall

Couples for Christ

7pm Scanlan Hall

Bible Study Group

Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. July 18th

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

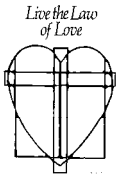
Bible Study & Prayer
AACC Youth Group
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino
Prince of Peace
FLA Youth Group

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

***Parish Summer Retreat:** Come join us for our summer retreat, "The Beatitudes—less to powerless to Peacemaking", **Sat July 5 P M** finishing with the mass. *Live the Law of Love* This day of recollection will enable participants to recognize the invitation of Jesus to become His disciple by beginning to live a deeper call of the Beatitudes. Please call the parish office to register.



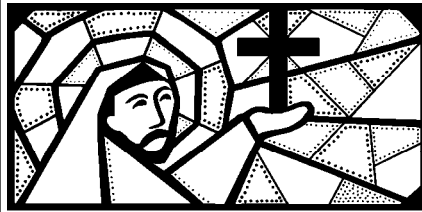
***New Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco:** Pope Benedict XVI has named Monsignor Robert W. McElroy as auxiliary bishop. Bishop Elect McElroy has been serving as Pastor of St. Gregory Church in San Mateo for the past fourteen years. We extend our congratulations and prayers as a community to Bishop Elect McElroy.

***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.

Wedding
Announcement



Congratulations to our newly married **Shoushan Kevranian and Fred Araj.**



*World Youth Day:

The Archdiocese of San Francisco with the Verbum Dei invite all young people (18-35) to join their group in the pilgrimage for **World Youth Day August 21, 2011.** with the Pope in Madrid. All pilgrims (already over 20 are going from San Francisco, 5 of them from STM Newman Club) need to be registered by August 1st this year. The group will be going from August 5th to 25th. We encourage many others from STM St. Benedict or FLA and many others from different parishes to go. For more information or to register please contact Sister Sara at (415) 573-9062.

***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.

We welcome with joy our newly



baptized members of STM family for this weekend: Dylan Kyle S. Sesaldo, Jesse James Gonzales and Yzabelle Mykee Martinez and also those who were baptized last weekend **Brianna M. Navarrete and Thomas P.**

MASS INTENTIONS

July 11th—July 17th 2010

- 7/11 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00pm Pio Jebulan †
- 7/12 Mon 8:30am Gerard J. Balmegino (Bday.)
- 7/13 Tue 5:30pm Joseph Ramos (hlg.)
- 7/14 Wed 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera
- 7/15 Thu 5:30pm Delfin Formoso †
- 7/16 Fri 8:30am Souls in Purgatory
- 7/17 Sat 8:30am Beatrice Bennett-Henry †
5:00pm Wayne & Samiere Family

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 pray for Joseph Lye of the Burmese community whose funeral Mass was celebrated this weekend, July 10th.

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.)

Memorial Mass of Manawel Bahjatnazzal: Sunday July 25th.

Weekly Offering



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Weekend of:
July 4th, 2010

\$ 3,412.60
2nd Collection: Tithing
\$ 612.89

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 and 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