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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."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18th, 2010

Gospel Summary :

Two sisters named Martha and Mary extend hospitality to Jesus as he stops for a visit while on his journey to Jerusalem. Mary sits beside Jesus as a disciple talking with him. Martha, burdened by much serving, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus instead tells Martha that while she is needlessly worried about many things, there is need of only the one thing that Mary has chosen.

Life Implications:

The first reading of this Sunday's Mass is the story of Abraham and Sarah, who offer hospitality to three strangers. Their generosity in meeting the needs of the strangers knows no bounds: rolls made from fine flour, meat from a choice steer, curds and milk. Martha, a true child of Abraham and Sarah, wants to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus by preparing an elaborate meal for him. Jesus tells her that just one thing will be enough--perhaps a dish of yogurt (no need to prepare a tender choice steak). Jesus then uses this simple incident to talk with his two friends about a deeper level of human need and hospitality.

Jesus, also a true son of Abraham and Sarah, certainly would affirm Martha's generosity in meeting his very human need for food. So that we do not miss this point, Luke places the present passage immediately after Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan, who responds with generosity to the needs of a man who had fallen victim to robbers. To be a disciple of Jesus does mean to respond with generosity to people in need of the basic necessities of life. That's what Jesus himself did, and the Good Samaritan parable remains an essential part of his teaching. The incident of Jesus' visit and his conversation with Martha and Mary became part of the gospel tradition, however, for another reason.

Jesus knew from his own experience about the basic human needs to which Martha with traditional hospitality was responding. However, he was also aware of a deeper human hunger that things like food, drink, shelter, and health cannot satisfy. It is the hunger for personal encounter--the hunger to be in personal communion with another in mutual self-giving. This deepest of all human hungers is satisfied to some degree in human friendship; ultimately, only in friendship with God. Saint Augustine prayed, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Julian of Norwich, like so many saints, expressed the same truth, "For by nature our will wants God, and the good will of God wants us. We shall never cease wanting and longing until we possess him in fullness and joy. Then we shall have no further wants." Is it any wonder that Jesus said that Mary had chosen the better part?

How are we to understand the *complementarity* of Martha's generous hospitality in meeting Jesus' need for food and Mary's longing for personal communion with him? In response, we might follow the way of Jesus. He fed the hungry, cured the sick and expelled demons of every kind as an expression of love. In other words, our love must also become incarnate in whatever we do to meet the needs of others. Thus, our good work--whether cooking a meal or voting for a bill in congress--becomes a sacrament or an effective sign of our self-giving love. *Etty Hillesum*, a young Jewish woman who died at Auschwitz, expressed a similar understanding when she wrote that in prayer "God can enter you, and something of 'Love' too...the love you can apply to small, everyday things." Today in our Eucharist we might join in her prayer: "Let me perform a thousand daily tasks with love, but let every one spring from a greater central core of devotion and love" (An Interrupted Life).

Campion P. Gavalier, OSB



St.
Mary Magdalene

PRAYER TO SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.

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This Week's Events

Mon. July 19th

Brazilian Community

Spiritual retreat:

7PM-10PM Carroll Hall

Tue. July 20th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Fri. July 23rd

AACC Youth Group,

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. July 24th

SBYAG

1pm Scanlan Hall

Bible Study Group

Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. July 25th

Fr. Youssef's Jubilee

Mass at 12 noon &

Lunch at Carroll Hall 1:30pm

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

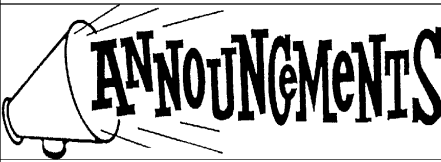
Parish Council
Liturgy Committee
Legion of Mary
Communion & Liberation
Charismatic groups for different ethnics

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 vestibule. Menu items: 1 bag of pasta, 1 can of tuna, 1 can of condensed cream of mushroom soup, 1 can of fruit . No glass items, please. Thanks.



***Our 2010 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. THANK YOU!**

Parish Assessment is \$ 56,600
Received: \$ 8,698.

Still Needed: \$ 47,902.

We thank the families who responded to our **ENVELOPE APPEAL** with an extra \$48 (some donated more & that's greatly appreciated!) donation for the year. Though times are lean, we have been richly blessed, and we give back to God by taking care of the needs of others thru AAA. Thank you all, for your participation. We urge those who haven't responded to send in any amount they can spare as we continue our efforts to reach our goal. May the Lord bless you all.

***Fr Youssef's Silver Jubilee**, Sunday **July 25th**, as a community we are invited to join in giving thanks to God and celebrating with Fr. Youssef for **25 years** of priestly ministry. The Mass will be at 12 noon, followed by lunch at Carroll Hall at 1:30pm. Your \$15 donation will go towards a gift for Fr. Youssef.

***Parish Summer Retreat:** Come join us for our summer retreat, "**The way of the Beatitudes—from powerless to Peacemaking**", Sat **July 31st from 9-5PM & finishing with the Mass.** Please take a flyer from the vestibule of the church for more information.

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord



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 1, 2010. The group will be going from August 5th to 25th. We encourage STM St. Benedict & FLA youth group members to go. Pls. encourage friends from different parishes also. For more info 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.

Congratulations and best wishes:



To newlyweds

Shoushan Kevranian & Fred Araj

And newly baptized

**Dylan Kyle S. Sesaldo,
Jesse James Gonzales and
Yzabelle Mykee Martinez**

Please pray for them. As a parish family we wish them many, many blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 18th—July 24th 2010

7/18 Sun 10:00am Manuela Pimentel †
8:00pm People of STM
7/19 Mon 8:30am Souls in Purgatory
7/20 Tue 5:30pm Geoff Sardella †
7/21 Wed 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)
7/22 Thu 5:30pm Max Cabahug †
7/23 Fri 8:30am Marcial Cariño †
7/24 Sat 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)
5:00pm Carmelo Mazza †

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 who went back to our Creator on July 6th.

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 sick 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: Manawel Bahjat Nazzal: Sunday July 25th at 11:45am.

Weekly Offering



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**Weekend of:
July 11th, 2010**

\$ 3,378.00

**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

