

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."

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is shorter than the more familiar version found in Matthew's gospel. However, all the essential elements are there. We are asked to address God as "Father" because that word, in normal circumstances, suggests to a child both strength and love. This leads us to the rather astounding conclusion that God's supreme power is made available to us through his love. We are then told to pray for the coming of God's kingdom--the fulfillment of God's loving plan for us--which comes only at the end of time. In the meantime, we will need daily spiritual nourishment so that we may be strong enough and free enough to forgive others as we await in trust the final challenge of faith at the moment of death.

Jesus then makes all this even more explicit by offering us examples of the power of prayer, especially when it is fervent and persistent. We should note, however, that what God promises in response to our earnest prayers is not necessarily that answer that we seek, but rather the "holy Spirit." This reminds us that the best answer to all prayers is the powerful gift of the Spirit who enables us to love and trust in the most difficult situations of life.

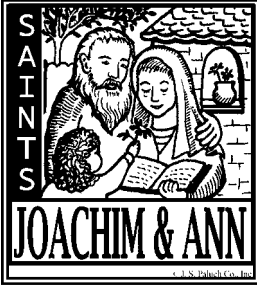
Life Implications:

We do not usually find it too difficult to acknowledge the power of God. Creation is proof enough of that. Jesus now asks us to address this all-powerful God as One whose irresistible power is completely in service of his love. This is difficult for us because we experience power so often as domination and violence. Nonetheless, we must continue to call God our loving Father with the sure conviction that eventually our experience will match our words. For we cannot remain hopeful unless we hear, with Jesus, that God's love offers us all of his immense power for our salvation and happiness.

Praying for the coming of God's kingdom does not mean asking God to come and "shape up" all those other folks who are not as upright as we are. Rather, it means that we trust God so much that we want his dream for us to be fulfilled--something that will come about only at the end of time. It is therefore the victory of God's love for which we pray...and that may very well mean forgiveness of our own self-righteousness. We are asked to pray also for our daily bread. We are on a journey and, like all travelers, we need sustenance. Mostly we need the nourishment of courage and hope, lest we succumb to cynicism and despair. Then we ask our heavenly Father to lift from our shoulders the burden of sinfulness and guilt so that we may make this spiritual journey with wings on our feet. This petition is followed by a solemn pledge to turn our sense of confidence and joy into forgiveness for all our fellow travelers. For only those who are willing to forgive can expect to be forgiven.

The Lord's Prayer is so central to our Christian experience that St. Teresa of Avila is supposed to have said, when asked how to be a true contemplative, You must simply say the Lord's Prayer...but you must say it very, very slowly! The implication is that we will never exhaust the wisdom found in this wonderful prayer which is so special because it was given to us by Jesus himself.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.



Prayer to St Anne and St Joachim

Great and glorious patriarch, St Joachim, and good St Anne, what joy is mine when I consider that you were chosen among all God's holy ones to assist in the fulfillment of the mysteries of God, and to enrich our earth with the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. By this singular privilege, you have become most powerful with both the Mother and her Son, so as to be able to obtain for us the graces that are needful to us. With great confidence I have recourse to your mighty protection, and I commend to you all my needs, both spiritual and temporal, and those of my family, & all families. Amen

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This Week's Events

Mon. July 26th

Charismatic Prayer Group: Brazilian Community
7PM-9PM

Tue. July 27th

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

Fri. July 30th

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

Sat. July 31st

STM Parish Retreat
All day in Church & Scanlan Hall

Bible Study Group

Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. August 1st

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

August 2010						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 25th—July 31st 2010

7/25 Sun 10:00am Rodolfo Yamba†
8:00pm People of STM
7/26 Mon 8:30am Amparo Gonzalez de Vanta †
7/27 Tue 5:30pm Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)
7/28 Wed 8:30am Souls in Purgatory
7/29 Thu 5:30pm Ethel Henry Gales †
7/30 Fri 8:30am Geoff Sardella †
7/31 Sat 8:30am Ludy Racelis †
5:00pm Edwin J. Balgemino †

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Parish Retreat:** Refresh your soul and come to the parish retreat on Saturday, **9 AM to 6 PM with Mass at 5 PM.** It will enable participants to recognize the invitation of Jesus to become His disciple by living the Beatitudes more deeply. Suggested donation of \$15 includes lunch.

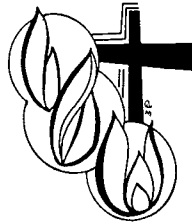
***Looking for a Job?** We will start a **Parish job support network** here at STM. Please come to Scanlan Hall on Thursday, August 19th, from 7-8pm. Please take a flyer for more information.

***Are you looking to gain new customers for your business?** Try to advertise in the Church bulletin and let fellow parishioners support your business. This is family supporting its own Church members: To place an ad in our bulletin call JS Paluch at 800-675 5051.

***Holy Land Pilgrimage:** Please check our website (www.stmchurch.com or www.holylandinstitute.org) 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 thank** all who had helped to make the 25th priesthood jubilee of Fr. Youssef Keikati and successful event.

***You are civilly married?** Let us help you to validate your marriage and make it a Sacrament. Call the Church office at (415)452-9634.



Ask and you shall receive

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

Parish Assessment is \$ 56,600

Received: \$ 8,698. by 7.18.10

+ Three envelopes \$146 by 7.20.10

Still Needed: \$ 47,756.

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. May the Lord bless you all.

***As you may have noticed we started to paint the Church.** We thank the families who had voluntarily sent a donation to support our work to paint the House of the Lord. May the Lord bless you. You have noticed how many things we did so far for this house of all of us: wood, church restrooms upgrade,



sound system, shrines, sidewalk painting, landscape, Scanlan hall upgrade and flowers.

***Separated and Divorced Catholics of the bay Area Ongoing Support Groups** meet at St. Bartholomew Parish, 600 Columbia Dr. San Mateo, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 PM, in the Spirituality Center (650) 591-8452.



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

Masses: Maritess Leonidas, Capone

Garrick and for all who are ill in our parish.

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 people we should pray for. put back in. Thanks.)

Weekly Offering



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Weekend of:
July 18th, 2010
\$ 3494.26

Second Collection
\$487.45

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